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Top U.S. official: British-Obama lies on Syrian chemical weapons 'preposterous'

The same apparatus which knowingly lied in 2002-2003 that Iraq had planned to use "weapons of mass destruction", in order to justify an invasion of Iraq and the overthrow of Saddam Hussein, is at it again. This time, however, not everyone is willing to be suckered by the British-orchestrated lies. The former chief of staff to U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell, Col. Lawrence Wilkerson (US Army-ret.), for instance, has just denounced as "preposterous" the present British and U.S. claims that Syrian President Assad is preparing to use chemical weapons against his own people.

Wilkerson was Powell's chief of staff when Powell was set up to present to the U.N. on 5 February 2003 the fraudulent "evidence" of Iraq's alleged weapons of mass destruction (Wilkerson prepared the graphics Powell used in his presentation to illustrate the claims later revealed to be entirely fabricated, by a source called "Curveball"). Powell later called his presentation—based upon evidence supplied by Tony Blair's government—"the worst mistake of my career."

In an interview with *Russia Today* 8 December Col. Wilkerson sharply rebuffed the charges that Syria is preparing to use chemical weapons against its own population¹⁾. Wilkerson's remarks appeared as U.K. Foreign Secretary William Hague escalated the WMD propaganda about Syria in comments to reporters on the sidelines of the International Institute for Strategic Studies' 8th Annual Regional Security Summit in Manama, Bahrain (which was also attended by Australia's Kevin Rudd, himself a veteran of the WMD lies from 2002-03).

Replaying the two-card trick that Tony Blair and George W. Bush played in 2002-03 to "confirm" each other's "intelligence", aka lies, that Saddam had WMD, Hague backed up Obama's 3 December histrionics on Syria's chemical weapons, by telling reporters that he and the Obama administration had seen proof that the Syrian regime is assembling chemical and biological weapons.

When pressed on the specifics of the evidence, Hague resorted to the same well-worn ruse from 2003—"intelligence sources": "We absolutely cannot be specific about that because clearly those are intelligence sources that these things come

from," he blustered. "But we have seen enough evidence to know that they need a warning and they have received that warning."

Col. Wilkerson told *Russia Today*, "I would be highly sceptical of any of the intelligence rendered by the \$140 billion-plus U.S. intelligence community as to weapons of mass destruction in possession of another country. Period. ... We have known for years that Syria has chemical weapons stockpiles. ... the fact that President Assad will be moving them around and preparing for use against his own citizens within his own territory, I frankly find preposterous. ..." Wilkerson denounced as "politicised intelligence" the charge that the Syrian government is contemplating the use of chemical weapons, and warned that this is "preparing the ground to intervene in Syria". He also raised the prospect of impeachment of President Obama in this context. Colonel Wilkerson appeared on a panel Sept. 21, with U.S. Congressman Rep. Walter Jones and *Executive Intelligence Review* magazine's counterintelligence editor Jeffrey Steinberg²⁾, to discuss Jones' House Concurrent Resolution 107, which reasserts the Constitutional authority of Congress alone to declare war unless the United States is itself directly attacked, and states that any President who illegally circumvents Congress—as Obama did in Libya and seeks to repeat in Syria—will face an article of impeachment.

Also on 8 December, U.S. statesman Lyndon LaRouche, the founder of *Executive Intelligence Review* magazine, observed the glaringly obvious, that it makes no sense for Assad to use chemical weapons in an "internal" conflict, against an enemy that, although largely foreign, is dispersed to a significant degree within the Syrian population itself: "There is no reason why, and no advantage, no purpose, for Syria to be sucked into that sort of thing," he said.

The Citizens Electoral Council's October-December 2012 *New Citizen* newspaper³⁾ exposes the Brits and Obama's larger war agenda against Russia and China, to which end Syria and Iran are proxies. The *New Citizen* also profiles Kevin Rudd's ally in pushing WMD lies in 2002-03 to convince the Australian Labor Party to support the Iraq war, federal MP Michael Danby, and Danby's connections to the most rabid neo-con warmongers in Britain, the U.S. and Israel.

Footnotes:

- 1) <http://rt.com/news/syria-chemical-weapons-us-intelligence-574/>
- 2) http://cecaust.com.au/main.asp?sub=media&id=2012_09_21_pconf.html
- 3) http://cecaust.com.au/main.asp?sub=pubs&id=NC_07_08.html

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Stop the carbon capture madness

Carbon capture and storage (CCS) or geosequestration is a multibillion dollar energy disaster in the making and would be better described as an oxygen burial program.

CCS aims to pump and compress carbon dioxide emitted from point sources such as power stations, to deep underground cavities in the earth's crust. As any high school chemistry student knows, carbon dioxide is a chemical compound comprised of one part carbon and two parts oxygen. By mass, carbon dioxide is 72.7 per cent oxygen—all of which is to be pumped deep underground!

This oxygen burial exercise is nearly as insane as extracting sumbeams out of cucumbers as per Jonathan Swift's *Gulliver's Travels*—and it's incredibly expensive.

An April 2012 CSIRO report, *Assessing Post-Combustion Capture for Coal-fired Power Stations in Asia-Pacific Partnership Countries*, estimates that installing this technology on just half of Australia's coal-fired power stations would cost \$52 billion upfront and another \$5 billion per year in operating costs. This is an increase in the cost of electricity generation of \$60/MWh.

CCS is so expensive because for every tonne of fuel combusted, several tonnes of gases must be processed and compressed. For example, each tonne of coal burnt at a power station requires about 10 tonnes of air, largely because the atmosphere is comprised of mostly nitrogen gas. This means the CCS system must process several tonnes of flue gases and separate out about 2.6 tonnes of carbon dioxide gas (depending on the carbon content of the coal) for each tonne of coal that is burnt. Then enormous power is required to pump the carbon dioxide underground to a depth of typically two or three kilometres.

This enormous power required demands around 30 per cent of the power station's output. This is called the "energy penalty" and means that there is a 30 per cent drop in electricity production for the same tonnage of combusted fuel. The above referenced CSIRO report states that "[t]he additional investment required to cover the energy penalty resulting from the introduction of PCC [post-combustion capture] appears to equal the investment related to PCC process." This means that in addition to the enormous PCC cost, an equal amount of funding is required to build more power stations to make up for the massive energy penalty. And naturally, power stations will be burning much more fuel for the same power output!

The Australian Government has allocated funding of \$1.68 billion dollars to a CCS Flagships program which supports the construction and demonstration of large-scale integrated CCS projects in Australia. CCS has bipartisan support from Labor and the Liberal/National Coalition. The Coalition's \$3.2 billion Direct Action Plan to reduce carbon dioxide emissions by five per cent by 2020 based on 1990 levels and their longtime championing of CCS demonstrates they are just as shamefully pushing this carbon madness.

The Howard government established the \$500 million Low Emissions Technology Demonstration Fund in 2005 to support projects such as the Gorgon Carbon Dioxide Injection Project—the largest CCS project in the world. The plan is to inject up to



3.3 million tonnes per annum of carbon dioxide into a geological formation more than two kilometres beneath Barrow Island. The carbon dioxide injection project was granted approval by Liberal Premier Colin Barnett on 14 September 2009.

In May 2007, Nationals leader then Trade Minister Warren Truss stated: "I urged China [when he was in Beijing the previous month] to work closely with us on emerging technologies such as carbon capture and storage. These technologies will be key to reducing future emissions while still allowing use of abundant coal supplies in China."

Prime Minister Kevin Rudd helped set up the Global Carbon Capture and Storage Institute in 2008 and while it has faced criticism for enormous spending on offshore consultants and plush hotel rooms, the real crime is that this so-called technology is a complete farce, will help to further destroy our economy and it seeks to deny nature the life-giving gas—carbon dioxide.

By contrast, the CEC calls to expose the climate fraudsters and increase our carbon footprint, as we clearly declared last year in our media release of 5 August 2011.

Join the CEC to help increase our carbon footprint.



To find out more on the fraud of global warming, please go online: http://cecaust.com.au/main.asp?sub=global_warming&id=main.html