

Your Taxpayer Dollars

(hard at work)

The Ultimate Strategic Investment

Prologue

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New York Times Wire Service

"BAGHAD - Four western oil corporations are in the final stages of negotiations on, unusual for the industry, no-bid contracts to service the country's largest oil fields. Exxon Mobil, Shell, Total, BP, Chevron and some smaller companies would have the advantage with these no-bid contracts as a start in a country that many experts consider the best hope for a large-scale increase in oil production. The Bush administration has said the war in Iraq was necessary to combat terrorism, however, American advisors to Iraq's Oil Ministry said the U.S. had gone to war in Iraq to secure the oil wealth these contracts seek to extract."

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FAREWELL TO THE DEAD

On March 19, 2003 the United States and Coalition Forces invaded Iraq.

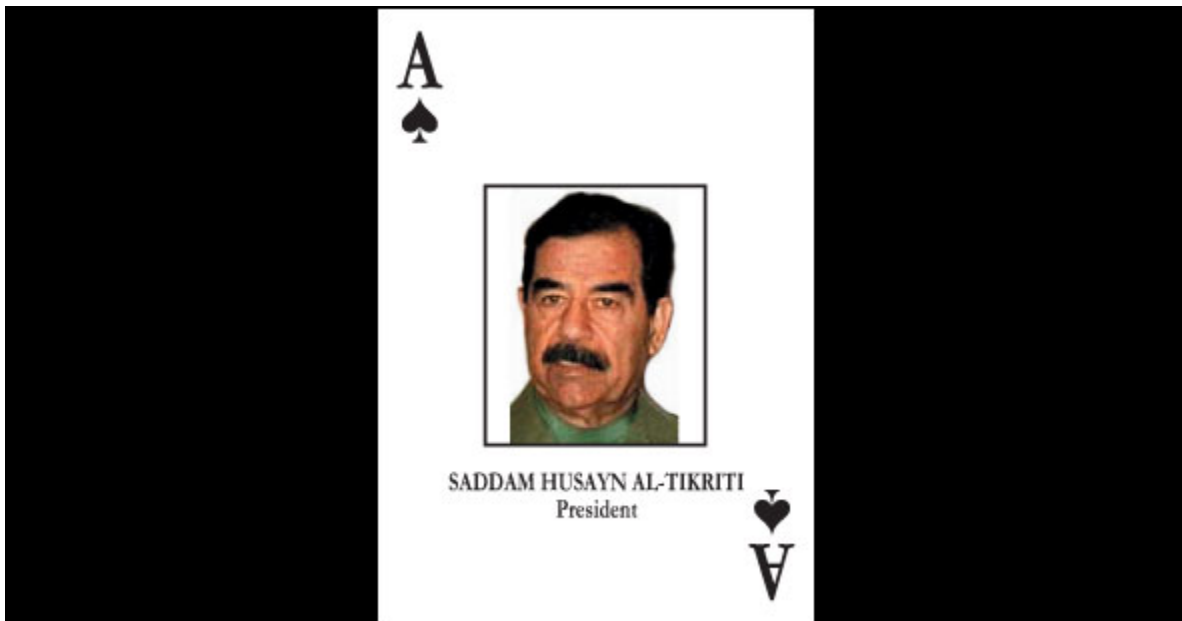
There is discussion and debate throughout the world as to the "WHY" of this military operation.

The New York Times article, as paraphrased above, supplies the basic answer to that most important question.

One question left to be answered is: "How much, in monetary terms, will this criminal quest for oil eventually cost the American taxpayer?"

While the conflict and costs are ongoing as of this date, June 22, 2008, we must begin at the beginning of the equation, to find the sum of the total.

Do you recall the 'Wanted Posters' that were printed on decks of cards that were passed out all over Iraq during the early stages of the invasion? Remember this one?



(Photo courtesy of CNN)

And, the reward for the capture of this individual was - \$25 MILLION DOLLARS. That's right, \$25,000,000 in cold, hard cash - United States of America cash.

Where did President George W. Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld get that kind of cash?

Did they pay it out of their pocket? Write a check?

No. They got it from the American Taxpayer. Do you remember being asked permission to fund that reward from your hard-earned paycheck? Did anyone ask you if it was alright to use your tax dollars for such an expense?

Of course, that wasn't the first bucks spent on this military operation; there were troops to arm and feed and transport, and bombs to deliver by priority mail and other such costs, but this was truly, one of the most unwise of the early expenses.

Who got that money? Who was the recipient of that United States Taxpayer generosity?

To answer that question we have to go the night of December the 13th, 2003 at about 8:30 PM Baghdad time, outside the city of Tikrit. An American patrol 'discovered' Saddam hiding like a rat in a hole in an underground bunker and his capture was filmed by a television crew who just 'happened' to be accompanying that patrol on their rounds that evening.

Was this event, the capture of the tyrant Saddam, just luck, good detective work, or what?



If you don't believe me, just ask this guy why the TV crew 'just happened' to be there that night.

(Photo courtesy of CNN)

The fact of the matter is the patrol was led to Saddam's hiding place by an Iraqi citizen who wanted to claim that reward.

Who was that person?

The fact is that he was one of Saddam's most trusted and loyal servants; the person who brought him food, water

and news of the invasion every night. And, who was supposedly making arrangements for Saddam's escape.

Apparently, loyalty only goes so far when there is \$25 MILLION DOLLARS in hard, cold cash waiting to be claimed.

This trusted servant sold out his boss, leading the troops to Saddam's hideout and when he was captured, trussed like a chicken and his identity was confirmed, that loyal servant and his family were on a US military transport headed for the good ole USA.

This loyal servant, whom we will name Judas, since his name is very hard to spell, used some of his newly found wealth to buy a \$2,500,000 mansion in Santa Monica California, overlooking the Pacific Ocean where his family now lives in luxury and comfort. He has a full-time guard of United States law enforcement personnel (on U.S. taxpayer funded salaries) patrolling his estate to insure his family's safety.

The remainder of the reward money, \$22,500,000 has been wisely invested and Judas earns a cool \$1,000,000 per year after tax in interest income while the principal rests safely in government insured FDIC (American taxpayer funded) bank accounts.

Was this a good use of your hard-earned taxpayer dollars? If you had known that GW, Dick and Donald were blowing your cash like drunks at the casino, would you have agreed with the expenditure?

When your generous \$300 taxpayer rebate check arrives in the mail purchase some of your favorite beverage and drink a toast to the disloyalty and good fortune of Judas.

I ask you again: Was this **\$25,000,000** a good investment of your hard-earned taxpayer dollars?

George W. Bush, Dick Cheney, Donald Rumsfeld and the Big Oil companies think it was: They think it was the **Ultimate Strategic Investment**.

Oh yeah, after you purchase your favorite beverage, use the rest of the \$300 rebate check to fill up your vehicles gas tank. And don't worry about an oil shortage, there's lots of oil in Iraq.

Shoot, it's been so much fun; let's go do it again in Iran!