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THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION was a public sounding-board for the much-touted failures of the Republican Party. He ran against a disgraced president and his policies; he ran in the aftermath of an unpopular war on a platform of “human rights;” and he won. His theme was “change,” and that is what America and the world got. He kept his word, and change began. No, not Barack Obama, Jimmy Carter!

The first four years (2009-2012) of Barack Obama’s presidency will likely be dominated by debate between the Republican and Democratic parties over Middle East policy, as it relates to the entire Middle East and especially the Persian Gulf states. It is there, in Israel, Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, and Pakistan, that the epicenter of the War on Terror may be found, and it is from there that its ripples will continue to spread across the globe.

Jimmy Carter: The Liberal Left and World Chaos is immensely relevant and critically important in today’s political climate. Why? The groundwork for this current miasma in the Middle East was laid while the Democratic Party, led by former President James Earl “Jimmy” Carter Jr., was in control. Jimmy Carter rejected the Nixon Doctrine and established the Carter Doctrine. It was all brought about in the name of change and hope and in response to Watergate and the Vietnam War.

Jimmy Carter: The Liberal Left and World Chaos outlines the failures of his administration in the Middle East. It contains substantive information gleaned from interviews with former French President Valéry Giscard d’Estaing, Harvard Law Professor Alan Dershowitz, and former Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. I included a rare personal interview with the widow of the late

Shah of Iran, Her Majesty Farah Pahlavi, in her home outside Washington, D.C., former Iranian Ambassador Ardeshir Zahedi, members of the Shah's personal staff, and with Charles Villeneuve, one of the journalists on the Air France charter that carried the Ayatollah Khomeini back to Tehran following the Shah's departure. These are only a few of the individuals interviewed. They provide new insight into the Carter persona and how his policies had a profound effect on terrorism worldwide.

As I began to research details for *Jimmy Carter: The Liberal Left and World Chaos*, it became clear how the book would not only outline the life and times of the man who rose from peanut farmer to president; it would also give an overview of how Carter's policies have affected Barack Obama and the Liberal Left in America. One thing quickly becomes crystal clear: James Earl Carter Jr. is truly the epitome of the Liberal Left, the godfather of world chaos, and the ultimate enigma; Barack Obama is following closely in his footsteps.

Since his early days of politicking in the Deep South, Carter alternately cozied-up to and then excoriated the likes of Lester Maddox and George Wallace. It became impossible to determine if Carter espoused full-blown segregation or championed integration. More recently he has denigrated the policies and undermined the effectiveness of Republican presidents Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, and George W. Bush. Is Mr. Carter pro-life or pro-abortion? Does he support the United States of America or the united organizations of terrorism that help fund his Carter Center and Library? His actions defy easy answers. *Jimmy Carter: The Liberal Left and World Chaos* provides the tools and insight to help understand his worldview and formulate an educated assessment both of his presidency and its consequences.

Is Carter perceived as liberal or conservative? The answer depends on the day and the circumstances. What day is it, and what are the circumstances? He set the bar early on even in his campaign for governor of Georgia with his penchant for straddling the fence, hopping down only as long and as often as it fit his own agenda.

It was Jimmy Carter who modeled for Barack Obama the intricate steps to the political “flip-flop hip-hop”—the mating dance of an aspiring Liberal Left president.

After his election Carter quickly distanced himself from the long-time Washington movers and shakers of his own party, replacing them with a cadre of like-minded “Good-Ole-Boys” from the South. Carter seems to have wanted a one-man presidency, where he carried all the weight of the country on his shoulders, eschewing the need for delegating authority. As a result, he was buried under the mountain of detail and triviality that surround the office of the nation’s chief executive. On the one hand Carter has engendered the appearance of the smiling, good-natured Southern gentlemen; on the other, he has on multiple occasions reached for the sharp knife of rebuke; bullying and manipulating people and events to suit his purposes. Recently Carter ignored the wishes of Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and met with HAMAS leader Khaled Mashaal.

To define the presidency of Jimmy Carter, one must look only at his legacy and the state of a nation inherited by Ronald Reagan: minor strongmen and clerics held the U.S. in derision; communism was proliferating in Syria, Angola, Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Vietnam, and in our own backyard...Cuba, El Salvador, Nicaragua, and Peru. In America inflation was rampant, interest rates were astronomical, gasoline was at a premium, abortion was legal, and prayer and Christmas celebrations on school campuses were illegal. Americans were being held hostage in Iran, and our armed forces had been decimated by Carter’s policies. It is critical that Americans and newly-elected President Barack Obama take a look back at Carter’s policies in order not to make the same devastating mistakes Mr. Carter made while in the White House.

While the Liberal Left in America screams that the mess in Iraq and the War on Terror have been caused by the Republican presidency of George W. Bush, the truth is that the entire nightmare can be traced back to the liberal Democratic policies of the ultraliberal leftist Jimmy Carter. It was he who created the firestorm that

destabilized our greatest ally in the Muslim world, the Shah of Iran, in favor of a religious fanatic, the Ayatollah Khomeini.

The chief of staff to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, William Miller, suggested that the U.S. openly support Khomeini and his Islamic revolution. Miller was convinced that Khomeini would progressively pursue human rights reformations in Iran. A former naval intelligence officer and CIA operative during the Carter administration, who has asked to remain anonymous, related to me that the U.S. government wrote checks to Khomeini in increments of approximately \$150 million. (This operative was directly involved in the operation of funding the cleric.) According to this gentleman, Khomeini's French operation was paid for by the U.S., including the Air France flight that returned the fanatical Islamic cleric to Tehran. He fully believes Khomeini left France for Iran because Carter stopped giving the cleric money. It is his opinion that Jimmy Carter should have been tried for treason for aiding and abetting an enemy of the United States.

Carter perceived Khomeini more as a religious holy man in a grassroots revolution than the founding father of modern terrorism. Carter's ambassador to the UN, Andrew Young, said, "Khomeini will eventually be hailed as a saint." Carter's Iranian ambassador, William Sullivan, said, "Khomeini is a Gandhi-like figure." Carter adviser James Bill proclaimed in a *Newsweek* interview on February 12, 1979, that Khomeini was not a mad mujahid, but a man of "impeccable integrity and honesty." Just as Carter administration officials pursued a relationship with Khomeini, so has Barack Obama stated that he wants to sit down without preconditions for talks with Iran's president and leaders from other rogue states.

In the midst of the turmoil in Iran or perhaps because of it, President Carter called for a summit on the French Republic island of Guadeloupe in the Caribbean. Invited to meet with Carter in January 1979 were French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, and British Prime Minister James Callaghan. In his memoir, *Answer to History*, the Shah wrote:

“Giscard said they hoped to ‘evaluate the situation of the world,’ with special emphasis on events in the eastern Mediterranean and the Persian Gulf. I believe that during those meetings the French and West Germans agreed with the British and the American proposals for my ouster.”

It was at Guadeloupe, according to D’Estaing, that Carter showed his hand in favor of the ouster of the Shah.

When Carter later sent General Robert Huyser to Iran as his special emissary to persuade the Iranian military leaders to acquiesce to the Shah’s exile, Huyser represented not only the U.S. but the entire Western alliance. His counterparts in Iran agreed to the exile of Pahlavi only after Huyser produced copies of the record of the meeting in Guadeloupe.

Before General Huyser’s death in 1997, I met with him in his home. During the meeting the general told me, “Jimmy Carter was responsible for the overthrow of the Shah.” Huyser maintained Carter had “deceived not only the Shah, but me also.”

On April 1, 1979, Khomeini declared the first day of the “Government of God.” In July of that year President Jimmy Carter inked a top-secret document launching America on the path that would lead to the deaths of 2,974 innocent American civilians on September 11, 2001; another twenty-four individuals are still listed as missing. What was the document? It was the first order to send aid to the Afghanistan rebels fighting against the Soviet invaders. The aid would provide the weapons and know-how to train the rebels in terror tactics, lead to the creation of the Taliban, and give rise to the scion of a Saudi prince, a ruthless young man named Osama bin Laden, founder of the vile and violent al-Qaeda.

The Soviets wasted no time in seizing a golden opportunity to take advantage of the destabilization in Iran. On December 25, 1979, the USSR invaded Afghanistan. In 1980 Carter infused \$30 million into the Afghan rebel cause. The ante was raised in 1981 to \$50 million. It was generally thought that U.S. aid to the Afghanistan Mujahadeen was initiated in 1980 under the

Republican administration of Ronald Reagan. Not so. According to a document declassified on March 4, 2004, President Jimmy Carter signed a directive on July 3, 1979, approving covert assistance to anti-Soviet rebels in Kabul. The directive from President Carter favored supporting insurgent propaganda and other psychological operations in Afghanistan, establishing radio contact with the Afghan people through a third country, and providing appropriate support either in funds or non-military supplies.

Jimmy Carter has long exemplified the policies of the Liberal Left. This book chronicles Carter's rise from obscurity in Plains, Georgia, to become the most influential man in the world: President of the United States. It outlines how the man who admonished the American people not to speak ill of their country has become its most harsh and vocal critic. This book also reveals Carter's metamorphosis from "human rights advocate" to champion of some of the world's most murderous dictators.

Carter's policies and doctrines come into focus in terms of abandoning the Shah, ignoring warning signs of an imminent and disastrous revolution in Iran, bowing to Ayatollah Khomeini's demands for the release of the hostages, and allowing rampant inflation to plague the U.S. As president, Carter deserted not only the Shah to radical Islamic revolution, he abandoned long-time ally Anastasio Somoza and Nicaragua to the Sandinista Guerillas and gave away the Panama Canal.

Despite their obvious differences in ideology, both the French and the Israelis were convinced the Shah would be overthrown, and the fanatical Ayatollah Khomeini would spell doom for the Iranian people. Cavalierly, the U.S. intelligence community rejected both reports as exaggerated. To further exacerbate matters, the CIA failed to investigate Khomeini's radically fanatical diatribes. Apparently, Khomeini's threats were not even taken seriously by the CIA, which had to scramble to even find copies of Khomeini's writings when the volcano of revolution erupted in Iran.

This book defines Carter's meteoric rise in national politics, his ability to portray himself as one who always sought the high ground while nursing a spitefully mean streak, and his skillful political demeanor based on hyperbole, insincerity, and sometimes utter sham.

President Jimmy Carter's ill-advised execution of human rights guidelines not only directly resulted in the ouster of the Shah of Iran but ultimately caused the loss of more than 600,000 lives during the Iran/Iraq War. These guidelines implemented rule by the mullahs and ayatollahs, were eventually responsible for Iraq's attack on Kuwait and *Desert Storm*, and spawned the Soviet incursion into Afghanistan, the rise of the Taliban, al-Qaeda, and Osama bin Laden. Finally, they led to the destruction of the two World Trade Center towers on September 11, 2001, with the deaths of nearly 3,000 innocent civilians.

According to leaders both in Israel and Iraq, the jihadists are looking for any microscopic evidence of weakness on the part of an American president. "If Islamic jihadists see weakness in the White House," they said, "the jihadists will strike us and the United States. The jihadists believe they ran the USSR out of Afghanistan, causing the fall of the Soviet Union through the power of Allah." Once the U.S. has been run out of Iraq, the jihadists opine, it too will fall. It would be the last "evil empire" to fall and would be the key to fulfilling the final prophecy of the Ayatollah Khomeini by establishing a worldwide caliphate, an Islamic global order.

These leaders are concerned that the world could slide into total chaos under the leadership of the Liberal Left in America. The Soviet Union would be motivated to reestablish itself as a world power, China would be emboldened to invade Taiwan, and Iran might be persuaded to launch an attack against Israel. Who would have the backbone to stop such aggression?

In the name of hope and change Liberal Democrat Jimmy Carter believed then, and still does, that evil really does not exist. Terrorist organizations are simply human rights movements, people

are basically good, and America should embrace the perpetrators and castigate the victims. Here we now encounter the worst of Jimmy Carter's failed presidency: as a result of those above-mentioned shortcomings, the doors of worldwide terrorism sprang open.

Former President Jimmy Carter released yet another book on the Middle East on January 20, 2009, *We Can Bring Peace to the Holy Land*. The truth is, Carter's Liberal Left plan simply will not work. It is a prescription for chaos and will become yet another rallying point for radical Islamists. It is reminiscent of the former president's plan to remove the Shah of Iran from power. Consider the chaos that caused. Today the Iranians still feel they are under no compulsion to heed calls for a halt to nuclear activities because America has proven to be weak and ineffectual.

This latest Carter plan is no more and no less than the old Road Map for Peace Plan and the Shelf Agreement dressed up in "The Emperor's New Clothes," and every bit as transparent. It is not a "new" plan at all; it is the same, tired, "old" plan to force Israel to return to 1967 borders, give Judea and Samaria to the Palestinian Authority, divide Jerusalem, and present East Jerusalem to the terrorists as the new capital of the Palestinian state.

Just as Carter ascribes altruistic acts to Hamas and Hezbollah, so his plan legitimizes terrorism and those who carry out such heinous attacks. It is reminiscent of the former president's plan to remove America's greatest Muslim ally, the Shah of Iran, from power. The Middle East today suffers from Carter's political machinations during his presidency.

Examine Carter's assessment of the problems in the Middle East. The finger always points to Israel. Carter has declared:

- » Israel is an apartheid state that denies equal rights to Palestinians. (Over one million Palestinians enjoy equal rights under Israel's governance.)
- » Israel wants to colonize Palestine. (Israel has annexed only those lands from which rocket attacks were launched against Israelis.)

- » Israel is the obstacle to peace. If Israel would only return to its 1967 borders, the Palestinians would embrace peace proposals. (Carter’s demand is ludicrous at best. Neither the treaty he co-authored at Camp David in 1979 nor UN Resolution 242 demand that Israel return to the 1949 Armistice line.)
- » The West Bank clearly belongs to the Palestinians. (It is, in fact, a parcel of disputed land whose ownership is to be determined through negotiations between both parties, again according to UN Resolution 242.)
- » Groups such as Hamas and Hezbollah are “freedom fighters” not bloodthirsty terrorists. He believes rocket attacks are not terror attacks and are justified by Israel’s actions. He is the spokesman for the most radical of Islamists, and has continually fawned over such terrorists as Yasser Arafat, Khaled Mashaal, Bashar al-Assad, and others.

Furthermore:

- » Carter is deaf to the fact that terrorist organizations and Arab countries repeatedly call for the destruction of Israel, which is specifically outlined in the Hamas Charter.
- » Carter supports Hezbollah and meets with its leaders at every opportunity. (Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah has said, “If the Jews gather in Israel, it will save us the trouble of going after them worldwide.”)
- » Carter believes the security fence erected by Israel is to keep the Palestinians within their territory. (In actuality, it was built to keep Palestinian terrorists out of Israel. Terror attacks have been reduced by 90 percent since its completion. Mr. Carter would have the fence torn down.)

- » Carter supports the “right of return” for all Palestinians to Israel. (If that were to happen, Israel would become simply another Arab state, effectively wiping the nation off the map.)
- » Carter barely gives basic lip service to the terror attacks against Israel. Jewish complaints are trivialized and anti-Semitism and bigotry ignored.
- » Carter purports that pro-Israel supporters dominate the U.S. media. (The European media draws his approval for being “highly critical” of Israel.)

Mr. Carter has set the standard and provided the training for today’s Liberal Left when it comes to shifting the focus away from terrorists and their deadly activities onto America’s perceived wrongs. After all, if the former president appears in concert with terrorist leaders in the Middle East, it must surely appear to make their activities acceptable.

Jimmy Carter is among the number clamoring to change the worldview of these terrorists from that of mass murderers of the innocent to “insurgents” or “liberation movements.” He is quick to indict the U.S. at every opportunity and equally quick to champion the downtrodden suicide bombers as—to be in sync with the Liberal Left—“martyrs.”

While Carter’s domestic policies—remember long gas lines and inflation?—were abysmal, consider his foreign policies. According to D’Estaing, it was Carter’s wish that the Shah of Iran be forced to abdicate and flee his country. America lost a vital ally and Iran lost a leader who, we now understand, did much to hold the mad mullahs at bay, those who now daily plot the downfall and destruction of our nation. Once Jimmy Carter had abandoned the Shah, America’s staunchest ally in the Persian Gulf region, Pandora’s Box was opened and the demon of terrorism escaped. Islamic fanaticism inarguably has become one of the most important issues with which the West has to contend.

Once democracy was sought by the multitudes as the panacea for all ills. Now Islam appeals to the masses with its seemingly unlimited resources due to oil money, its global spread, and its message of world domination through intimidation. Khomeini's success against the Shah and the resulting Islamic revolution became a model for other terrorists worldwide.

Now we face the likes of Osama, Hamas, and the specter of a nuclear holocaust that has spread around the world and stops at our shores. It is a battle that we fight in one form or another to this very day and perhaps will continue to fight for decades down the road. It might be added here that Mr. Obama was openly endorsed by the terrorist organization Hamas during his presidential campaign. In a radio interview by John Batchelor with Aaron Klein of *World Net Daily*, Hamas political advisor Ahmed Yousef said that he liked Mr. Obama and hoped that he would win the election.

Why does the life and presidency of Jimmy Carter matter in the twenty-first century? The same Liberal Left which accepted Carter's substance-starved campaign also bought into Obama's equally ambiguous rhetoric. Philosopher George Santayana said, "Those who cannot learn from history are doomed to repeat it." The United States paid an exceedingly high price for the years Carter practiced being presidential; what will President Obama cost Americans as he, like Carter, does his on-the-job training?

This book offers a brief review of the early years of Jimmy Carter and the events that shaped his liberal worldview, as well as a preview of how Liberal Left Democratic policies could create international chaos as did those of President Jimmy Carter.