

**Statement to the Committee On The Judiciary pertaining
to my appearance before a Committee hearing on “Executive Power
and its Constitutional Limitations” on July 25, 2008**

Within the pages of my book, *The Prosecution Of George W. Bush For Murder*, I present evidence that proves, beyond a reasonable doubt, that Bush administration officials took this nation to war in Iraq under false pretenses, and therefore, under the law, they are guilty of murder for the deaths of over 4,000 young American soldiers who have died so far in Iraq fighting their war. And let's not forget the over 100,000 innocent Iraqi men, women, children and babies who have died horrible, violent deaths because of their war.

I am fully aware that the charge I have just made is an extremely serious one. But let me tell you that at this stage of my career I don't have time for fanciful reveries. I never in a million years would propose this prosecution if I didn't believe there was more than enough evidence to convict administration officials and that I was standing on strong, legal ground.

What is some of that evidence? Although there is much other evidence in my book, because of the press of time, I am only going to mention one piece of evidence in this paper. I have documentary evidence that when George Bush told the nation on the evening of October 7, 2002, that Saddam Hussein was a “great danger” to America who might give his weapons of mass destruction to a terrorist group “on any given day” to attack us (meaning, the threat was imminent), he was telling millions of unsuspecting Americans the exact opposite of what his own CIA had told administration officials just six days earlier, in a classified report on October 1, that Hussein was not an imminent threat.

But it gets worse. On October 4, the Bush administration put out an unclassified, summary

version of the classified report so they could give it to Congress and the American people. This unclassified version, as you know, came to be known as the White Paper. And in this White Paper, the conclusion of U.S. Intelligence that Hussein would only be likely to attack us if he feared we were about to attack him was completely deleted. So Congress and the American people never saw any of this. Since we're talking about a matter of war and peace, with the safety and lives of millions of human beings hanging in the balance, and with Congress about to vote in one week on whether it should authorize President Bush to go to war, what could be worse than administration officials keeping this all-important conclusion from Congress and the American people?

Directly because of this administration's war, there are well over 100,000 precious human beings who are in their cold graves, right now, as I am writing these words. Speaking metaphorically, I want Congress to hear, as I do, their cries for justice.

If we want this nation to become the great nation it once was, widely respected around the world, we can hardly do this if we don't take the first step of bringing those responsible for the terrible war in Iraq to justice. I would ask the House Judiciary Committee to take whatever measures that are available to them to further this objective.

Respectfully submitted,

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