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Lies: Weapons of Mass Deception

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After months of complete US military occupation, our government has yet to produce a single shred of evidence to show that Iraq possessed a single "Weapon of Mass Destruction". However, Not In Our Name has uncovered these weapons of mass deception that were used in an attempt to justify the immoral, unjust, and illegitimate invasion of Iraq.

"Simply stated, there is no doubt that Saddam Hussein now has weapons of mass destruction."

- Dick Cheney, August 26, 2002

"I don't want to be quoted on this, so don't quote me. [Winston Churchill] said 'sometimes the truth is so precious it must be accompanied by a bodyguard of lies.'"

- Donald Rumsfeld, U.S. Secretary of Defense, September 25, 2001
Pentagon briefing

"CBS News has learned that barely five hours after American Airlines Flight 77 plowed into the Pentagon, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld was telling his aides to come up with plans for striking Iraq-- even though there was no evidence linking Saddam Hussein to the attacks."

- CBS News, September 4, 2002

'Right now, Iraq is expanding and improving facilities that were used for the production of biological weapons.'

- George W. Bush, September 12, 2002

'There is no reliable information on whether Iraq is producing and stockpiling chemical weapons, or whether Iraq has -- or will -- establish its chemical warfare agent production facilities.'

- Defense Intelligence Agency report, September 2002 (summary obtained by Bloomberg News)

'Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said today that American intelligence had 'bulletproof' evidence of links between al-Qaida and the government of President Saddam Hussein of Iraq.'

- New York Times, September 27, 2002

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'[Saddam Hussein is] a man who loves to link up with al- Qaida, a man who is a true threat to America.'

- George W Bush, New York Times, September 28, 2002

'We've also discovered through intelligence that Iraq has a growing fleet of manned and unmanned aerial vehicles that could be used to disperse chemical and biological weapons across broad areas. We are concerned that Iraq is exploring ways of using UAVs for missions targeting the United States.'

- George W. Bush, October 7, 2002

'If he declares he has none, then we will know that Saddam Hussein is once again misleading the world.'

- Ari Fleischer, December 2, 2002

'The President of the United States and the Secretary of Defense would not assert as plainly and bluntly as they have that Iraq has weapons of mass destruction if it was not true, and if they did not have a solid basis for saying it.'

- Ari Fleischer, Bush spokesman, December 5, 2002

'[Iraq's government has] an advanced nuclear weapons development program had a design for a nuclear weapon and was working on five different methods of enriching uranium for a bomb.'

- George W. Bush, State of the Union speech, January 28, 2003

'The British government has learned that Saddam Hussein recently sought significant quantities of uranium from Africa.'

- George W. Bush, State of the Union speech, January 28, 2003

'Our intelligence officials estimate that Saddam Hussein had the materials to produce as much as 500 tons of sarin, mustard and VX nerve agent ... upward of 30,000 munitions capable of delivering chemical agents ... materials sufficient to produce more than 38,000 liters of botulinum toxin.'

- George W. Bush, January 7, 2003

'There can be no doubt that Saddam Hussein has biological weapons and the capability to rapidly produce many, many more.'

- Colin Powell at the United Nations, February 5, 2003

'We have firsthand descriptions of biological weapons factories on wheels and on rails ... In a matter of months, they can produce a quantity of biological poison equal to the entire amount that Iraq claimed to have produced in the years prior to the [1991] Gulf War.'

- Colin Powell at UN, February 5, 2003

'My colleagues, every statement I make today is backed up by sources, solid sources. These are not assertions. What we're giving you are facts and conclusions based on solid intelligence.'

- Colin Powell at UN, February 5, 2003

'If Donald Rumsfeld is now admitting the weapons are not there, the truth is the weapons probably haven't been there for quite a long time.'

- Former British foreign secretary Robin Cook, CBS News, May 29, 2003

'For bureaucratic reasons, we settled on one issue, weapons of mass destruction, because it was the one reason everyone could agree on.'

- Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz, Vanity Fair, July 2003

'Consider the case of the production of contracts for a presumed Iraqi purchase of enriched uranium from Niger. This was a crude lie. All false. The information was provided to the International Atomic Energy Agency by the U.S. intelligence services.'

- Hans Blix, head of UN weapons inspections, El Pais interview, April 9, 2003

'My guess is that most Americans believe we have found WMD's. Each potential find gets blaring coverage on TV; how many people catch the later announcement -- if it is ever announced -- that it was a false alarm? It's a pattern of misinformation that recapitulates the way the war was sold in the first place.'

- Howard Kurtz, Washington Post, April 30, 2003

'Not one illegal warhead. Not one drum of chemicals. Not one incriminating document. Not one shred of evidence that Iraq has weapons of mass destruction in more than a month of war and occupation.'

- The British Independent, May 18, 2003

'We've been to virtually every ammunition supply point between the Kuwait border and Baghdad, but they're [WMD's] simply not there.'

- Lt. Gen. James Conway, commander of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, May 30, 2003

'We know for a fact that there are weapons there.'

- Ari Fleischer, January 9, 2003

'We know that Saddam Hussein is determined to keep his weapons of mass destruction, is determined to make more.'

- Colin Powell, February 5, 2003

'Well, there is no question that we have evidence and information that Iraq has weapons of mass destruction, biological and chemical particularly . . . all this will be made clear in the course of the operation, for whatever duration it takes.'

- Ari Fleischer, March 21, 2003

'There is no doubt that the regime of Saddam Hussein possesses weapons of mass destruction. As this operation continues, those

weapons will be identified, found, along with the people who have produced them and who guard them.'

- Gen. Tommy Franks, March 22, 2003

'We know where they [WMD] are. They are in the area around Tikrit and Baghdad.'

- Donald Rumsfeld, March 30, 2003

'I think you have always heard, and you continue to hear from officials, a measure of high confidence that, indeed, the weapons of mass destruction will be found.'

- Ari Fleischer, April 10, 2003

'I am confident that we will find evidence that makes it clear he had weapons of mass destruction.'

- Colin Powell, May 4, 2003

'Our intelligence officials estimate that Saddam Hussein had the materials to produce as much as 500 tons of sarin, mustard and VX nerve agent.'

- George W. Bush, State of the Union address, January 28, 2003

'We have sources that tell us that Saddam Hussein recently authorized Iraqi field commanders to use chemical weapons -- the very weapons the dictator tells us he does not have.'

- George W. Bush, February 8, 2003

'Intelligence gathered by this and other governments leaves no doubt that the Iraq regime continues to possess and conceal some of the most lethal weapons ever devised.'

- George W. Bush, March 17, 2003

'We are learning more as we interrogate or have discussions with Iraqi scientists and people within the Iraqi structure, that perhaps he destroyed some, perhaps he dispersed some. And so we will find them.'

- George W. Bush, April 24, 2003

'We'll find them [WMD's]. It'll be a matter of time to do so.'

- George W. Bush, May 3, 2003

'I'm not surprised if we begin to uncover the weapons program of Saddam Hussein -- because he had a weapons program.'

- George W. Bush, May 6, 2003

'But for those who say we haven't found the banned manufacturing devices or banned weapons, they're wrong, we found them.'

- George W. Bush, May 30, 2003

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