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## **Viewpoint: Do you trust Henry?**

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“The illegal we do immediately. The unconstitutional takes a little longer”

—Henry Kissinger

President Bush has just given the independent inquiry into 9-11 the Kissinger of death. Naming Henry to head the investigating commission is like appointing Adolf Hitler to determine if the Nazis were guilty.

As author Gore Vidal wrote in his article, “The Enemy Within,” “11 September, it is plain, is never going to be investigated if Bush has anything to say about it.”

Christopher Hitchens, author of *The Trial of Henry Kissinger*, asked, “Why is a proven liar and wanted man in charge of the 9-11 investigation?”

That question was succinctly answered by Maureen Dowd, editorial writer for *The New York Times*. She wrote: “If you want to get to the bottom of something, you don’t appoint Henry Kissinger. If you want to keep others from getting to the bottom of something, you appoint Henry Kissinger.”

Larry Klayman, chairman of *Judicial Watch*, a public interest legal firm in Washington, commented: “The appointment of Kissinger to head the September 11th commission is the next closest thing to not having an investigation at all. The American people deserve the truth, not Nixonian cover-ups and double talk.”

Kissinger, of course, promised a full and thorough investigation. “We are not restricted by any foreign policy considerations. We are under no restrictions, and we would accept no restrictions,” he said.

The president, who has been saying for months that he did not want any public inquiry into the attacks, only recently reversed his official stance and named a 10-member panel, charging them to “follow all the facts wherever they lead.”

But it’s an almost certain bet that they won’t lead to any public enlightenment as to who took over those four airplanes and smashed three of them into major U.S. buildings.

What a slap in the face to the families and relatives of the more than 2,800 victims of the World Trade Center attacks!

As the Associated Press noted, "Bush did not set as a primary goal for Kissinger to uncover mistakes or lapses of government that could have prevented the Sept. 11 attacks."

The president instead directed the commission to help his administration discover the tactics and motives of the enemy. Does that mean they are supposed to churn out more scare stories to keep a mesmerized public marching behind "Der Shrubber" as he draws a bead on Iraq?

One neat provision of the commission's organization is that it can only issue subpoenas if the Republican members agree. Swell!

The 79-year-old Kissinger's bloody trail is well documented. A few of the highlights are: he kept the Vietnam War going for years after he knew we probably would not win; he encouraged the illegal bombing of Cambodia; he backed the murderous regime of Augusto Pinochet in Chile; he wiretapped journalists and his own staff trying to uncover "leaks" on the Cambodian bombing and he egged on Richard Nixon in trying to prosecute newspapers publishing the Pentagon Papers.

Walter Isaacson's biography, Kissinger, repeatedly uses words like "deceitful," "paranoid," "insecure," "disingenuous," "two-faced," "secretive," and "flatterer."

Kissinger is very familiar with the date of Sept. 11. That was the date of the CIA-engineered coup that overthrew the elected government of Chile and put Pinochet in power.

As a direct result of that event, some 3,000 Chilean civilians were assassinated or "disappeared." On Sept. 11, 2001, a federal lawsuit was filed against Kissinger by relatives of one of his victims.

In 1973, Kissinger, still in the Nixon administration, joined Zbigniew Brzezinski, and David Rockefeller, brother of Nelson, in founding the Trilateral Commission, a group of billionaires, businessmen, academics and politicians dedicated to advancing the cause of a one-world, centralized government.

This is not the first Kissinger commission, by the way. In the early 1980s, he led a panel supposedly investigating U.S. policy in Central America. Henry and company managed to do a fine job of whitewashing the death squads that America had armed and trained in El Salvador and Honduras, and for the Contra operation that was organized by the CIA to invade Nicaragua.

Today, Kissinger is a consultant; most recently a paid apologist for the Chinese government and defender of a host of dictators. He refuses to disclose the identities of his clients and client-states. It's widely held that he is collecting substantial money from interests in the Persian Gulf.

Kissinger is prominent on the Defense Policy Board operated by Paul Wolfowitz at the Pentagon, along with Richard Perle and Newt Gingrich. This is the group pushing hard for war with Iraq.

National Security Archive founder Scott Anderson believes Kissinger's past will make it impossible for him to lead any kind of credible investigation.

“He has so many clients whose interests are so completely tied up in the results of this investigation,” Anderson said. “The minute you start talking about clerics in Saudi Arabia, it's in no way in the interests of his clients for the whole truth to be told.”

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