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*(*Editors Note |The selection of Henry Kissinger by the Bush Administration to oversee the investigation of the events leading up to the September 11th attacks has done little to allay concerns about what the Administration knew prior to the attacks. To the contrary Kissinger with all his baggage appears to represent an almost desperate desire on the part of the Bush Administration to keep the events leading up to the attacks hidden from public view. Remember as you do the math; this a man who cannot travel freely in Europe and many other parts of the world for fear of being detained by local authorities. Kissinger is a very risky appointment. One cannot help but wonder what would prompt the Bush Administration to take so great a risk. -- ma)*

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Quotes from Former US Secretary of State Henry Kissinger

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Famous Quotes by Henry Kissinger

"The US must carry out some act somewhere in the world which shows its determination to continue to be a world power."

-- Henry Kissinger, post-Vietnam blues, as quoted in The Washington Post, April 1975

"Today Americans would be outraged if U.N. troops entered Los Angeles to restore order; tomorrow they will be grateful. This is especially true if they were told there was an outside threat from beyond, whether real or promulgated, that threatened our very existence. It is then that all peoples of the world will plead with world leaders to deliver them from this evil. The one thing every man fears is the unknown. When presented with this scenario, individual rights will be willingly relinquished for the guarantee of their well being granted to them by their world government."

-- Henry Kissinger speaking at Evian, France, May 21, 1992 Bilderburgers meeting. Unbeknownst to Kissinger, his speech was taped by a Swiss delegate to the meeting.

"I don't see why we need to stand by and watch a country go communist due to the irresponsibility of its people. The issues are much too important for the Chilean voters to be left to decide for themselves."

-- Henry Kissinger, Secretary of State under Richard Nixon, about Chile

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prior to the CIA overthrow of the democratically elected government of socialist President Salvadore Allende in 1973



"Why should we flagellate ourselves for what the Cambodians did to each other?"

-- Henry Kissinger - who (with Richard Nixon) was responsible for the massive bombing of Cambodia in 1973, which killed three-quarters of a million peasants and disrupted Cambodian society, setting the stage for Pol Pot to come to power and ultimately kill another one-and-a-half million people

"Covert action should not be confused with missionary work."

-- Henry Kissinger, commenting on the US sellout of the Kurds in Iraq in 1975

"The illegal we do immediately. The unconstitutional takes a little longer."

--Henry Kissinger



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