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CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL AGENTS IN IRAQ

Iraq has weapons of mass destruction!

How can any sane person deny that? The Bush administration is staking its political reputation on that fact, and the purposes of the war are to free the Iraqi people and to rid Iraq of weapons of mass destruction. Hussein has them, whether or not we ever find them.

Most experts believe that Hussein has built up a terrible arsenal of chemical and biological weapons. The maniac has unleashed them against his own people. Some 100,000 Kurds were slaughtered by the use of chemical weaponry. Hussein, if he is alive, would have no qualms in using such weapons against coalition soldiers and civilians, and even his own people. Not only must the coalition forces find and destroy these weapons, but they must rid Iraq of Hussein and all others who would dare to use them.

Experts say that Hussein has the chemical agent Mustard Gas. That is a potent and insidious weapon which causes skin burns, blisters, eye irritation, respiratory problems including coughing and Bronchitis. There is no antidote although, fortunately, Mustard Gas disables far more often than it kills. Some units of the Iraqi army are believed to be equipped with Mustard Gas.

Hussein has Ricin. That is a poison made from castor beans which can be inhaled or ingested, and produces nausea, breathing difficulties and aching muscles followed by internal bleeding and organ failures. Death occurs in 48 hours and there is no cure.

Hussein has Sarin, a nerve toxin which can be absorbed through skin or eye contact, inhalation or ingestion of poison water. The poison produces convulsions, paralysis and death from respiratory failure. There are, fortunately, antidotes but they must be applied immediately in order to prevent death.

Hussein also possesses what is known as VX, which is thought to be the most potent nerve agent of all. Once contacted, that agent can kill in the shortest period of time. US military officials believe that some of Saddam's Republican Guard Units are equipped with VX-filled munitions.

Hussein also has Biological Agents. The first is Aflatoxin which can cause Cancer, especially in the liver.

Hussein has Anthrax, to which we Americans have been exposed. When contacted, it produces flu-like symptoms followed by shock and respiratory failure. Our soldiers have been vaccinated against it and antibiotics, if applied immediately, can be effective in treatment.

Hussein has the nerve toxin that causes Botulism. The initial symptoms are followed by paralysis and death.

Hussein has Ebola that causes Ebola Hemorrhagic Fever which produces internal and external bleeding, and more often than not, death. There is no cure.

Hussein has the Small Pox Virus. It is the most frightening of all biological agents. Small Pox will kill one third of the unvaccinated people it infects. Post exposure inoculation is the only effective treatment.

Nice man! The man is a killer, bent on genocide, far worse than Hitler. There would never be a safe world with Saddam Hussein and his two sons in power in possession of these incredible chemical and biological weapons of mass destruction. We need to find these weapons and the means of producing them, and destroy this scourge from top to bottom. There is, there was no other alternative.

Bush was right! There can be “no outcome but victory.”