

Netanyahu's "False Flag" Is a "Copy and Paste": The Pentagon's Secret "Operation Northwoods"(1962) Directed Against Cuba. "Casualty Lists Would Cause a Helpful Wave of Indignation"

The Northwoods 1962 document was titled "Justification for U.S. Military Intervention in Cuba". "

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Author's Introductory Note

*Early Saturday October 7, 2023, Hamas **launched "Operation Al-Aqsa Storm."** On that same day, Netanyahu confirmed a so-called "State of Readiness For War." A complete blockade on the Gaza Strip was initiated on October 9, 2023 consisting in blocking and obstructing the importation of food, water, fuel, and essential commodities to 2.3 million Palestinians. It's an outright crime against humanity. It's genocide.*

Was "Operation Al-Aqsa Storm" a "surprise attack"?

Was it a "False Flag" Attack by a faction within Hamas (supported by Mossad and US intelligence) which was intent upon justifying Netanyahu's all out war against Palestine? That Hamas faction was co-opted and bribed by Mossad.

In the words of Netanyahu:

"Anyone who wants to thwart the establishment of a Palestinian state has to support bolstering Hamas and transferring money to Hamas, ...this is part of our strategy - to isolate the Palestinians in Gaza from the Palestinians in the West Bank."

(Benjamin Netanyahu, statement to his Likud party's Knesset members in March 2019.
"quoted by [Haaretz](#), October 9, 2023, emphasis added)

At this stage we have scanty evidence regarding who was behind the Hamas attack. False flag agendas are carefully planned intelligence operations.

The following article, which is of relevance to the Hamas Al Aqsa Storm attack, examines the logic of a "false flag agenda" formulated in 1962 by the US Joint Chiefs of Staff as a means to justify an invasion and all-out war against Cuba.

The fundamental premise of Operation Northwoods was to trigger civilian deaths in the U.S. as a justification for military intervention ("on humanitarian grounds"). That same diabolical "false flag" premise largely characterizes Netanyahu's all-out war against Palestine.

Operation Northwoods was prepared by the Joint Chiefs of Staff with the support of US intelligence. The logic of this false flag plan was

"to kill innocent people and commit acts of terrorism in U.S. cities to create public support for a war against Cuba".

"Casualty Lists Would Cause a Helpful Wave of Indignation".

President John F. Kennedy refused to carry out "Operation Northwoods." That happened a year before his assassination in November 1963.

The secret documents pertaining to Operation Northwoods were declassified more than 15 years ago.

Read them carefully. Netanyahu's war on the People of Palestine is a "copy and paste" of "Operation Northwoods."

While the implementation of Operation Northwoods was shelved, its fundamental (diabolical) premise of using civilian deaths (described by the Pentagon as a "massive casualty producing event") as a justification for military intervention ("on humanitarian grounds") remains of utmost relevance.

This article was first published in 2016.

We are solidarity with the People of Palestine. Our thoughts are with the people of Palestine and Israel who are the innocent victims of the Netanyahu government's treasonous and criminal agenda.

Michel Chossudovsky, October 11, 2023

Under a secret 1962 US Joint Chiefs of Staff entitled Operation Northwoods, civilians in the Cuban community in Miami were to be killed as part of a covert operation. The objective was to trigger a "helpful wave of indignation in US newspapers".

The killings and "acts of terrorism" were then to be blamed on the Cuban government of Fidel Castro.

The objective of this sinister plan –which Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara and President J. F. Kennedy– refused to carry out, was to drum up public support for a war against Cuba.

“In the early 1960s, America’s top military leaders reportedly drafted plans to kill innocent people and commit acts of terrorism in U.S. cities to create public support for a war against Cuba.

Code named Operation Northwoods, the plans reportedly included the possible assassination of Cuban émigrés, sinking boats of Cuban refugees on the high seas, hijacking planes, blowing up a U.S. ship, and even orchestrating violent terrorism in U.S. cities.

The plans were developed as ways to trick the American public and the international community into supporting a war to oust Cuba’s then new leader, communist Fidel Castro.

America’s top military brass even contemplated causing U.S. military casualties, writing: “We could blow up a U.S. ship in Guantanamo Bay and blame Cuba,” and, “casualty lists in U.S. newspapers would cause a helpful wave of national indignation.”

.... The documents show “the Joint Chiefs of Staff drew up and approved plans for what may be the most corrupt plan ever created by the U.S. government,” writes Bamford. ([U.S. Military Wanted to Provoke War With Cuba - ABC News](#) emphasis added. This Secret Pentagon document was declassified and can be readily consulted ([See Operation Northwoods](#), See also [National Security Archive](#), 30 April 2001)

It was a false flag operation: kill civilians in US cities and blame it on the communist government of Fidel Castro with a view to providing a pretext to invade Cuba on humanitarian grounds.

igniters to “evacuate” remaining members of the non-existent crew. Casualty lists in US newspapers would cause a helpful wave of national indignation.

4. We could develop a Communist Cuban terror campaign in the Miami area, in other Florida cities and even in Washington.

Do the terror attacks in Brussels and Paris have a similar logic? Civilian death used to buttress support for the implementation of police state measures against ISIS, an illusive enemy based in Raqqa, northern Syria?



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13 March 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Subject: Justification for US Military Intervention
in Cuba (TS)

1. The Joint Chiefs of Staff have considered the attached Memorandum for the Chief of Operations, Cuba Project, which responds to a request of that office for brief but precise description of pretexts which would provide justification for US military intervention in Cuba.

2. The Joint Chiefs of Staff recommend that the proposed memorandum be forwarded as a preliminary submission suitable for planning purposes. It is assumed that there will be similar submissions from other agencies and that these inputs will be used as a basis for developing a time-phased plan. Individual projects can then be considered on a case-by-case basis.

3. Further, it is assumed that a single agency will be given the primary responsibility for developing military and para-military aspects of the basic plan. It is recommended that this responsibility for both overt and covert military operations be assigned the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

For the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

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Chairman
Joint Chiefs of Staff

1 Enclosure

Memo for Chief of Operations, Cuba Project

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- (5) Blow up ammunition inside the base; start fires.
- (6) Burn aircraft on air base (sabotage).
- (7) Lob mortar shells from outside of base into base.
Some damage to installations.
- (8) Capture assault teams approaching from the sea
or vicinity of Guantanamo City.
- (9) Capture militia group which storms the base.
- (10) Sabotage ship in harbor; large fires -- naphthalene.
- (11) Sink ship near harbor entrance. Conduct funerals
for mock-victims (may be lieu of (10)).

b. United States would respond by executing offensive
operations to secure water and power supplies, destroying
artillery and mortar emplacements which threaten the base.

c. Commence large scale United States military operations.

3. A "Remember the Maine" incident could be arranged in
several forms:

a. We could blow up a US ship in Guantanamo Bay and
blame Cuba.

b. We could blow up a drone (unmanned) vessel anywhere
in the Cuban waters. We could arrange to cause such incident
in the vicinity of Havana or Santiago as a spectacular result
of Cuban attack from the air or sea, or both. The presence
of Cuban planes or ships merely investigating the intent of
the vessel could be fairly compelling evidence that the ship
was taken under attack. The nearness to Havana or Santiago
would add credibility especially to those people that might
have heard the blast or have seen the fire. The US could
follow up with an air/sea rescue operation covered by US
fighters to "evacuate" remaining members of the non-existent
crew. Casualty lists in US newspapers would cause a helpful
wave of national indignation.

4. We could develop a Communist Cuban terror campaign in
the Miami area, in other Florida cities and even in Washington.

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Annex to Appendix
to Enclosure A

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The Northwoods 1962 document was titled "*Justification for U.S. Military Intervention in Cuba*".

"The Top Secret memorandum describes U.S. plans to covertly engineer various
pretexts that would justify a U.S. invasion of Cuba.

These proposals – part of a secret anti-Castro program known as Operation Mongoose – included staging the assassinations of Cubans living in the United States,

developing a fake “Communist Cuban terror campaign in the Miami area, in other Florida cities and even in Washington,” including “sink[ing] a boatload of Cuban refugees (real or simulated),”

faking a Cuban airforce attack on a civilian jetliner, and concocting a “Remember the Maine” incident by blowing up a U.S. ship in Cuban waters and then blaming the incident on Cuban sabotage.” ([National Security Archives, pdf](#), emphasis added)

(<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/news/20010430/doc1.pdf>, [To access all the declassified documents of Operation Northwoods click here](#))

The underlying premise still prevails under the US sponsored war on terrorism.

While the implementation of Operation Northwoods was shelved, its fundamental (diabolical) premise of using civilian deaths (described by the Pentagon as a “massive casualty producing event”) as a justification for military intervention (“on humanitarian grounds”) or the implementation of far-reaching police state measures is still of utmost relevance.

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