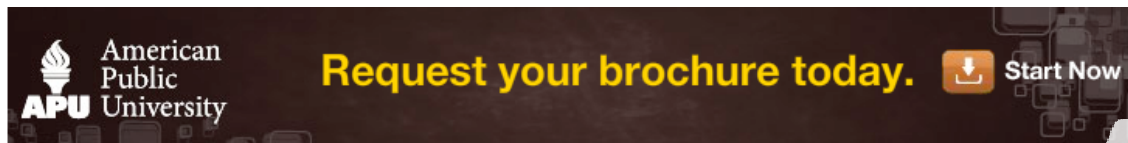


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### **CIA UNDER SCRUTINY - THE OBAMA YO-YO CONTINUES**

Greetings fight fans and welcome to a 12 round bout between David Buckley (aka The Tattle Tail) and John D. Bennett (aka The Ass-Kicker) — both top dogs with the CIA, but each hired to fight a vastly different battle — my money is on John D. Bennett.

Today I am pondering the various security issues we face in our relations with the International community, how we are perceived by the rest of the world, and how we maintain our secure borders in the face of very real terror threats.

As I write this article, over 5700 troops have been killed in our war efforts to date with four more dead today. This morning the Taliban claimed responsibility for a pre-dawn attack on tankers carrying fuel to Afghanistan for U.S. and other NATO forces. About a dozen militants fired on vehicles parked at a truck stop on the outskirts of the capital Islamabad with automatic gunfire. Some 20 trucks went up in flames and four people were killed and seven injured.

The threat lives on and is very real — if we do not support the efforts of our CIA, it will not be long before these attacks begin in America - you can take that to the bank.

In May of 1990 my Father, Arthur L. Ekrem, Sr., was murdered via an assassination style killing. His death taught me how useless it is to take another persons life. The loss of my Father fueled my passion to live a better life and to use my God given talents, as well as my political and business contacts to make the world a better place in some small way.

I abhor violence, and I find it morally and spiritually repulsive that one human being should harm or take the life of another. However, in a world where evil runs out of control — we have to be prepared to accept the reality of war and the methods used to avoid war — that is precisely what the CIA does, and our gratitude for their efforts cannot be under stated.

There are two parts to this article — please read on and observe the imbalance that is consistent with the Obama administration from within.

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#### **ON A SIDE NOTE**

I am very happy to see Rahm Emanuel leave his job as the Chief of Staff to President Obama. I was extremely vocal in my opposition to Rahm Emanuel when he was hired — he was not field tested, he has too much ego in areas where he has NO experience — and he is too close to the strings that run the Obama White House as he is one of the chief string pullers.

So we bid you a not-so fond farewell Rahm - as you pursue a truly self serving job as the Mayor of Chicago - God's speed old man.

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## NOW ONTO THE CIA STORY - PART ONE

During a session I had with some top "egg heads" in DC last week via a conference call, I was reminded once again how little people know about the actions of our very own CIA (Central Intelligence Agency). It is clear that if those in the "know" understand so little about the success of the CIA, how much less does the average U.S. citizen know?

One may ask, isn't the purpose of the CIA to be a secret organization where we are not supposed to know what they do? This assumption is true as it pertains to the intimate details of the CIA efforts, but in this media saturated world we live in, it seems that only the negative efforts of the CIA are ever brought to light and featured in the public forums — most of which is widely inaccurate.

Never assume that our world runs as it does each day because the select few in power work in perfect harmony behind the scenes. To the contrary, our peace and national security is largely in tact because of the efforts of our world wide intelligence operations.

President Obama was quick to use the CIA as a campaign tool in order to get elected. His administration has been very critical about the CIA as to the disclosure of its internal practices in securing our nation.

So critical in fact, that President Obama recently nominated David Buckley to be the CIA's IG (Inspector General) where he would be tasked with examining the covert operation programs. As the nominee to be the CIA's inspector general, he told lawmakers during a hearing that he would expand the office's reviews of covert action programs. In other words he would be asked/required to be a **tattle tail** for the very organization he works for - this guys Christmas party invites must be short during the holidays.

David Buckley, whom Obama nominated to be the CIA's IG, said at his Sept. 21 nomination hearing that he would continue covert operations if necessary (as if he can shut them down), and re-examine covert actions annually.

Senate Intelligence Committee member and all around DC charmer Diane Feinstein, D-Calif., said that the CIA's IG plays an important role in uncovering potential wrongdoing at the secretive agency — which concluded that CIA-approved methods amounted to cruel, inhumane and degrading treatment — this she said "was a "watershed moment" that led to changes in the agency. In other words more civil rights for the bad guy - way to go Senator.

So on **one hand** we have a full court press from the Obama administration in July to audit, examine and disclose the activity of the very agency that maintains our freedoms on a daily basis. While on the **other hand** comes this latest development which also took place in July, where a new chief of the CIA's covert operations service was named.



## MORE ON THE CIA STORY - PART TWO

At the direction of President Obama, CIA Director Leon Panetta has recalled from retirement a veteran undercover intelligence officer with extensive experience in South Asia, Africa and other parts unknown to oversee the agency's secret espionage operations (he is what we call an **Ass Kicker**).

John D. Bennett, will take over as head of the National Clandestine Service. The appointment comes two months after Bennett retired from the CIA, which he joined in 1981 after leaving the Marine Corps. - this guy is the best of the best and an awesome asset to the United States of America. Rest assured that this former covert agent who oversaw CIA Op's is not immune to ripping out some guys finger nails in order to get information that may protect our country - and we can feel certain that those who serve under him will not be weak in the knees either.

Bennett is a first class JOE, a graduate of Harvard University, spent most of his career in the field, including tours as chief of the CIA stations in Pretoria, South Africa, Islamabad, Pakistan, and other countries (What other countries you may ask? Non of your stinking business!).

He was involved in the fight against al Qaida in Africa and in Pakistan, where the agency works closely



with the Pakistani intelligence services and conducts what U.S. officials contend have been highly successful drone strikes against Osama bin Laden's terrorist network, the Pakistani Taliban and allied extremist groups based in the tribal region bordering Afghanistan.

"Bennett's a veteran operator with first-hand experience against a wide range of threats facing the United States," said a U.S. official who requested anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue (like losing his life). "He understands the Af-Pak theater — the challenges and opportunities there — as well as anyone. He's had real success there, in everything from counter-terrorism to relationships with the local services. He knows traditional operations and the paramilitary stuff, too."

With the war in Afghanistan going badly, the Islamic insurgency in Pakistan worsening and al Qaida franchises stepping up their operations in Yemen and Africa, Bennett is going to need all of his on-the-job experience (in other words - he is bringing a serious can or whoop-ass).

"He's taken one of the toughest jobs in town, but he comes to it well-equipped," said the U.S. official.

## FIGHT CARD SUMMARY

- In July President Obama asked for the monitoring and reduction of the CIA's ability to obtain sensitive information that curtails the efforts of the bad guys on our home front and abroad via his appointment of David Buckley.
- Also in July, President Obama and his band of merry men re-hired the John D. Bennett - the toughest covert cop in the land in order to employ the very tactics that David Buckley was hired to curtail.



While I am a true bipartisan, I have total allegiance to our intelligence community under the protective arm of the Senate Intelligence Committee and The White House.

I grow very weary of the overly liberal members of the media (many of whom are my friends) and entertainment industry folks who only feature water-boarding as the entirety of the CIA.

Let me remind each of the critics of the CIA that if you disbanded, curtailed or disclosed the efforts of the CIA - your way of life would change very-very quickly. These same critics are akin to those who bash their local police agencies until they find themselves in need of their services — and only then do they find the police are sacred and required in order to maintain a sense of civil harmony — the same is true with the CIA - make no bones about it.



## NEWS - KEEP YOUR HEAD DOWN IN EUROPE

The US issued a travel alert warning its citizens to be vigilant as they travel in Europe because of the threat of al-Qa'ida attacks.

The alert came as it emerged that the US military was secretly diverting drones and weaponry from the Afghan battlefield to expand the CIA's campaign against militants in their Pakistani havens.

The State Department travel alert issued late last night advises US citizens living or traveling in Europe to take more precautions. The alert is one step below a formal travel warning advising Americans not to visit Europe.

"Current information suggests that al-Qa'ida and affiliated organizations continue to plan terrorist attacks," the US advisory said. "European governments have taken action to guard against a terrorist attack, and some have spoken publicly about the heightened threat conditions."

## THE CRAZIEST MAN IN THE WORLD AWARD

Ahmadinejad says US leaders should be 'buried'

Iran's president Sunday said U.S. leaders to be "buried" in response to what he says are American threats of



military attack against Tehran's nuclear program.

"May the undertaker bury you, your table and your body, which has soiled the world," he said using language in Iran reserved for hated enemies.

In Sunday's speech, Ahmadinejad also questioned once more who was behind the Sept. 11 attacks in the U.S. and said they gave Washington a pretext for seeking to dominate the region and plunder its oil wealth.

During his speech in front of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, he said a majority of people in the U.S. and around the world believe the American government staged the attacks, drawing a strong rebuke from President Barack Obama.



I am so mis-understood?



Billionaire Segway Founder Has A Bad Day

### IN THE "OUCH" DEPARTMENT

A betting man might have guessed the first victim to be a shopping mall security guard or a pretentious environmentalist going for his or her morning cruise to pickup coffee and the newspaper. Nope. The first recorded death due to excessive Segwaying belongs to none other than billionaire Jimi Heselden, owner of Segway Inc.

There is plenty of irony in the fact that Heselden rode his Segway off a 30 foot cliff into the River Wharfe near his home in West Yorkshire, England. In fact it's almost fitting that the billionaire segway owner dies at the hands of the most painstakingly snobbish mode of transportation built since Roman Emperors were carried around in lecticas.

I know what you're thinking; this situation couldn't possibly get more painstakingly ironic right? Wrong. Henselden was also the Chairman of Hesco Bastion Ltd., the worlds leading manufacturer of protective barriers.

Heselden is 2010's own "Rebel With a Cause," living on the edge, at speeds nearing 12 mph. He drove slow, but fell fast.



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Bless Mommy & Daddy - Bless The Designated Hitter - Oh Yeah, And Bless The Idiots In Washington DC - Amen

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