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In this article I'm going to be examining a recent series of articles that have come out with a hypothesis against devolution. As you all know, I never shy away from a discussion of the facts and I'm always open to those questioning my theory. I will present their thesis and how it lines up against devolution and then do my best to show you why I believe they are wrong.

Faulty Conclusions

The "Reconstitution Series" by 17 SOG certainly provides plenty of research and vivid writing showing the history of our government and special forces. I know that a detailed history lesson with the heroics of the past can make us all feel good, but it doesn't change the fact that these history lessons do precisely nothing to support the foundational claims that their series puts forth.

Continuity of Government was not started under Trump. Neither the strategy nor the plans were something that Trump enacted in lieu of election fraud or in response to it. The facts are that the first and **ONLY** time COG has **EVER** been implemented in the modern era (since 1814) was under President George W. Bush on September 11th, 2001. There have been many plans drawn up for COG by numerous administrations prior to that date, but only President Bush implemented those plans, and they have never been rescinded. To suggest otherwise is patently false.

These authors set out with a goal to create a scenario in which devolution couldn't be possible. I'm going to paraphrase but this is the gist of their argument:

Bush enacted COG plans after 9/11 and never rescinded them. Because they were never rescinded, Trump couldn't have initiated COG himself. Instead, what Trump was actually doing was reconstitution out of those COG plans.

Here is another quote they used to present their argument:

The Bush administration put COG plans into operation for the first time in U.S. history in the hours directly following the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. They have never been rescinded. *15

Again, their entire theory is based on the idea that we have been in COG since 9/11 and we have never been reconstituted. They claim that what Donald Trump did with executive order 13961 was just a simple continuation of COG policy as every President before him has done.

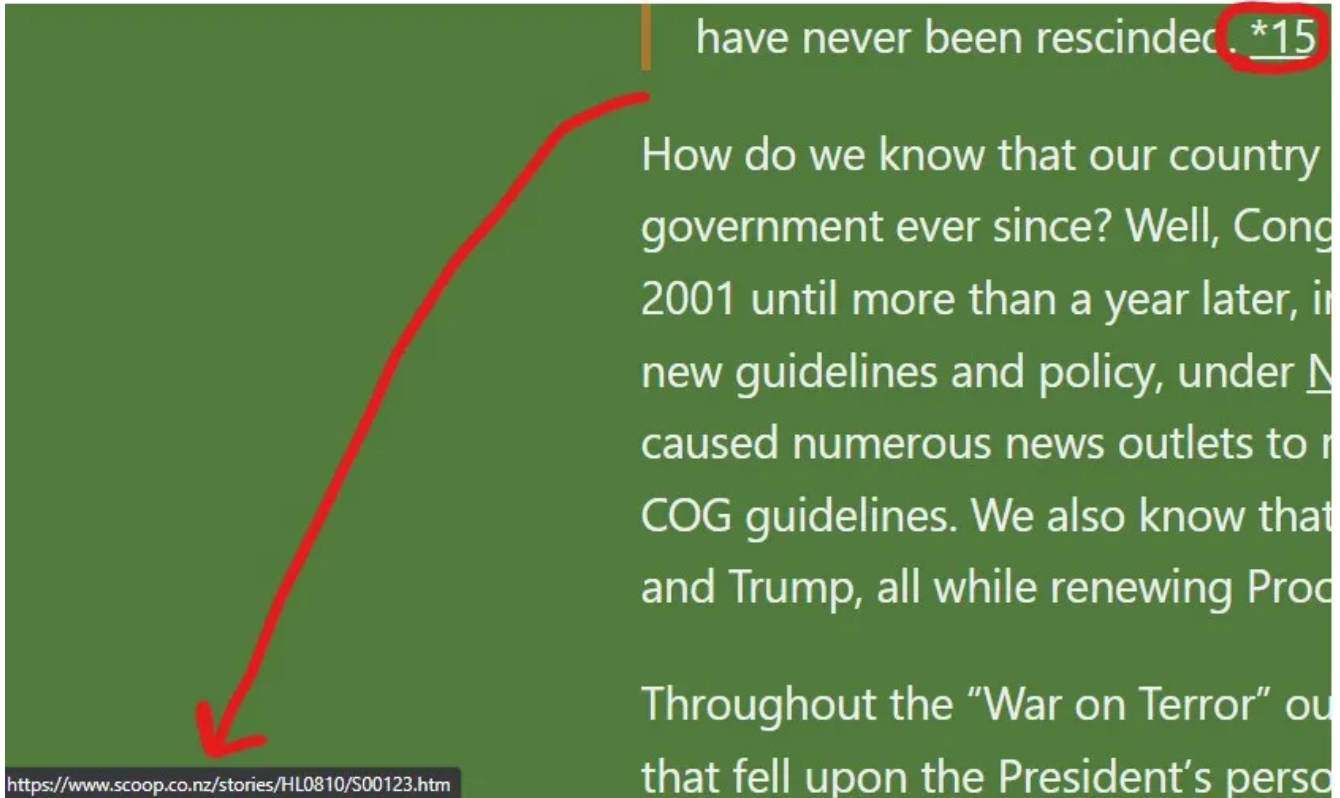
Who is the source of the above quote claiming the COG plans “have never been rescinded”? Is it some government official who took part in the COG operation? Is it somebody with any insider information at all?

Let's find out.

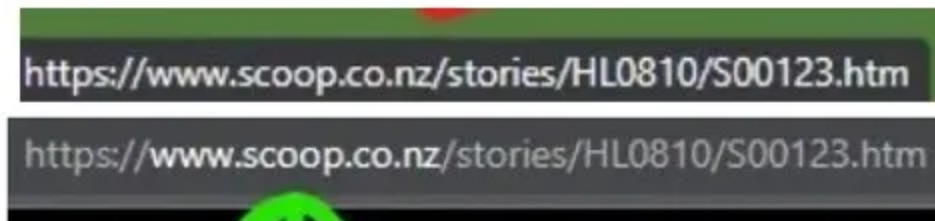
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The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/HL0810/S00123.htm>. The page header features the Scoop News logo and the text "Top Scoops". Below the header is a navigation menu with categories: Scoop, Werewolf, Wellington, The Dig, Business Scoop, Pacific, and Community. A secondary menu includes Front Page, Scoops, Parliament, Politics, Regional, Business, Sci-Tech, and World. The main content area displays the article title "Secret Bush Admin Plan to Suspend US Constitution" in large, bold black text. Below the title, the date and time are listed as "Wednesday, 8 October 2008, 1:16 pm" and the column is identified as "Global Research". At the bottom of the article preview, the title is repeated in bold, followed by the subtitle "'Continuity of Government' (COG) Provisions activated in 2001". A green arrow points from the text above to the URL bar.

Here is proof from their substack at the time of writing this article that it is indeed the same website:



A closer comparison just to further cement the link.



When you go to the bottom of the article to find out who wrote it, this is who you will find as the author:

Tom Burghardt is a researcher and activist based in the San Francisco Bay Area In addition to publishing in Covert Action Quarterly, Love & Rage and Antifa Forum, he is the editor of Police State America: U.S. Military "Civil Disturbance" Planning, distributed by AK Press.

Yes, an Antifa blogger is who they used as a source for their *primary argument* that we've been in COG since 9/11. Here is further proof of his Antifa affiliations from the "[Antifa Info-bulletin](#)" he contributes to:

ANTIFA INFO-BULLETIN, Number 160 4 views



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I think where this series really struggled was in their interpretation of how continuity of government works. Instead of using common sense and going where the facts led, their tunnel vision clouded their writing and obfuscated the reality of what Trump actually did. Here are a few things I'm going to cover.

From a small cadre of three employees in Presidents Grants office to over 1,800 employees today, the power grab by the Executive branch is way beyond anything our founding fathers imagined. As we continue this series, we will be presenting several new discoveries not found anywhere else:

1. Continuity of Government DID NOT begin with President Trump
2. Our government has been in Continuity of Government (COG) since 9/11/2001
3. The use of persistent states of emergency to maintain COG and grant unconstitutional powers to the Executive branch

I'm going to skip number one because it's obvious and I'm really not sure why they claim that as a "new discovery not found anywhere else." The two main topics I will be

breaking down for you are numbers 2 and 3.

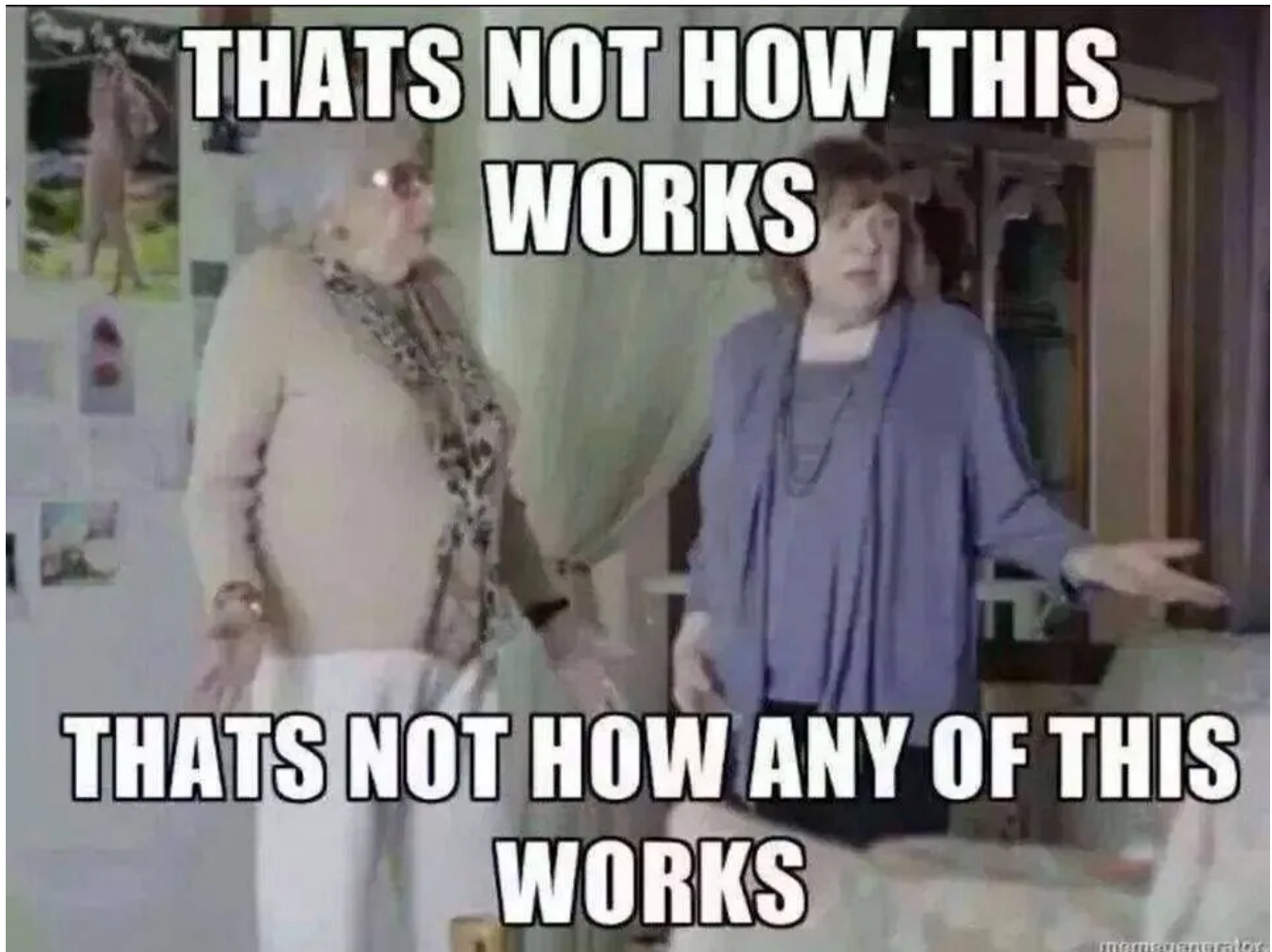
Our government has been in Continuity of Government (COG) since 9/11/2001

The title of this whole series is called “Reconstitution.” Let’s look one more time at their theory:

Continuity of Government was not started under Trump. Neither the strategy nor the plans were something that Trump enacted in lieu of election fraud or in response to it. The facts are that the first and **ONLY** time COG has **EVER** been implemented in the modern era (since 1814) was under President George W. Bush on September 11th, 2001. There have been many plans drawn up for COG by numerous administrations prior to that date, but only President Bush implemented those plans, and they have never been rescinded. To suggest otherwise is patently false.

To suggest that the COG plans initiated by Bush have never been rescinded is “patently false.” These are strong claims for anybody to be making. It’s true that Bush initiated COG in the immediate aftermath of 9/11. Nobody is suggesting otherwise. Where I definitely disagree is their claim that those plans were never rescinded.

When you really think about it, they were smart to choose this theory because it is something that can’t be proven wrong using an official document because that isn’t how these things work.



What I'm saying is there is no piece of paper out there saying anything along the lines of "COG is over, let's reconstitute."

Back on March 29th of this year, I wrote an article titled "[Does Devolution Require Trump's Return?](#)" Within this article I discuss the reconstitution phase:

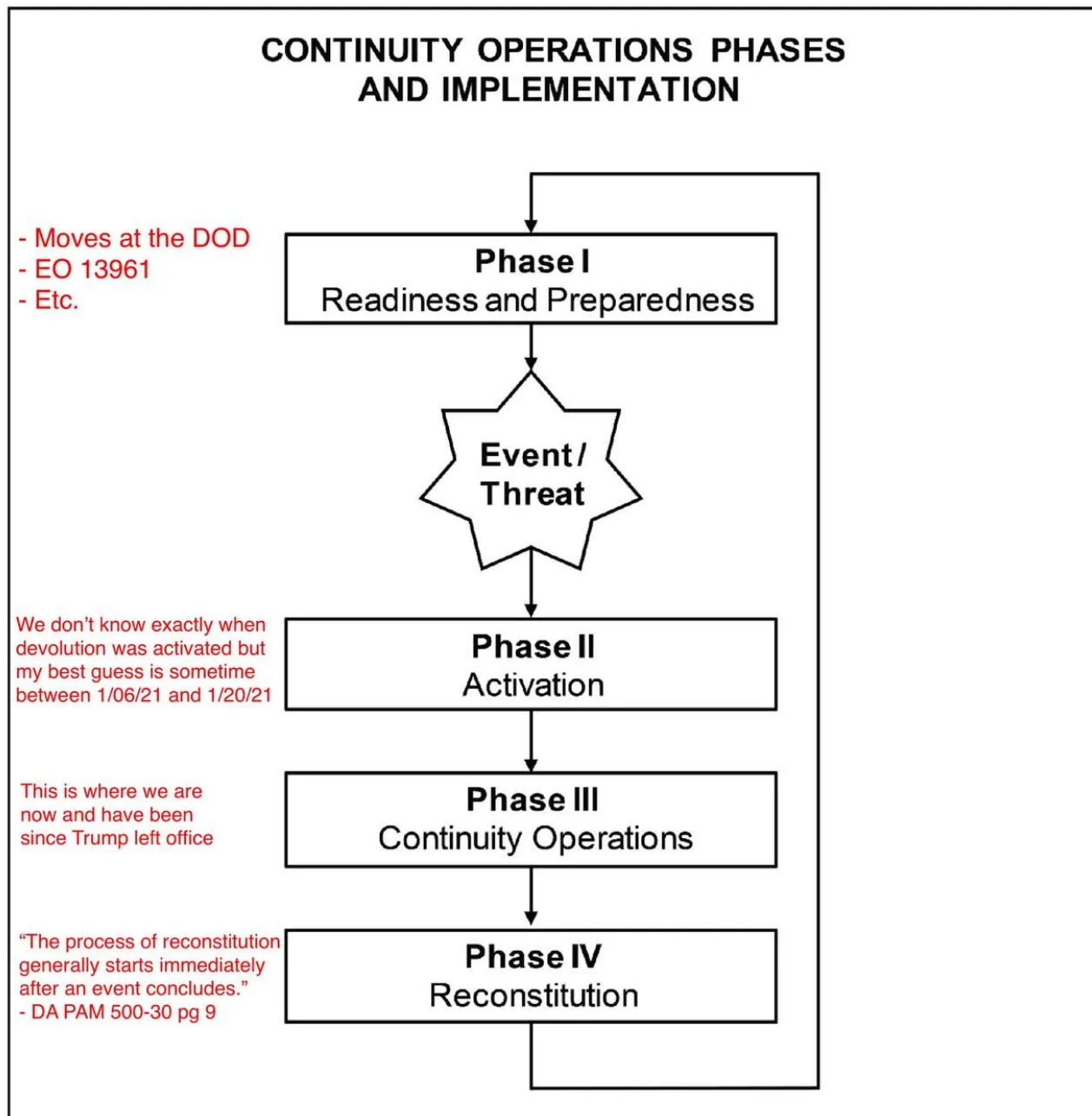


Figure 3-1. Continuity operations phases and implementation

I could be convinced that EO 13961 was part of the activation. It's hard to know the exact timeline of when Trump officially made his moves but the above figure from AR-PAM 500-30 should give you a good idea the overall concept of devolution.

We are currently in Phase 3 and we don't move on to Phase 4 until "immediately after an event concludes". Nobody knows what that conclusion will look like but that is what we are waiting for.

This is the description of Reconstitution:

3-11. Reconstitution

Reconstitution is the final phase of a continuity event and is the process by which surviving and/or replacement personnel resume normal operations. Reconstitution may occur at any designated location that provides the staff, facilities, and systems necessary to sustain essential functions and activities to resume normal operations. Reconstitution activities re-establish noncritical missions, functions, organizations, resources, and services as they existed prior to the crisis event. Reconstitution is a combination of personnel, facilities, and IT systems and equipment actions taken to rebuild or replace the staff, facilities, and communications and IT capabilities as soon as possible after an event. As an element of continuity, reconstitution concurrently supports sustainment of MEFs while managing the resumption of normal operations. Since reconstitution activities should begin as soon as possible after a continuity event, the organization's COOP OPLAN will identify a reconstitution team by organization and position including the leadership, staff, and resources dedicated and separate from existing continuity support. In most cases, extensive coordination will be necessary to repair or rebuild the original facility or procure a new operating facility, backfill staff, reestablish communications and IT infrastructure, restore essential records, and take other actions to return the organization to normal operations. The organization's COOP OPLAN will—

The key phrase from above is "resume normal operations" and this phrase is one of the reasons I believe Trump comes back as part of the devolution plan. The "normal operations" before devolution was initiated had Trump as the President of the United States. Therefore, returning to "normal operations" would mean we would be returning to operations that had Trump as President of the United States.

So, reconstitution begins immediately after the event concludes. I examined every possible COG document I could get my hands on and not a single one says anything having to do with reconstitution beginning after some sort of official declaration or issuance of a document or order. Again, that isn't how it works.

Even so, there is plenty of circumstantial evidence that the COG plan that was initiated on the morning of 9/11 was ended that same night. I think it would be important to read a key definition directly from [NSPD - 51](#). I'll explain NSPD-51 in more detail later.

(c) "Continuity of Government," or "COG," means a coordinated effort within the Federal Government's executive branch to ensure that National Essential Functions continue to be performed during a **Catastrophic Emergency**;

So keep in mind that COG is reserved for "Catastrophic Emergencies." This is important to understand. Continuity of Government is designed for a worst-case scenario in which our government leaders can no longer lead the nation. It is a contingency plan to allow our country to preserve some semblance of our form of government.

Here are a few more explainers on "Reconstitution."

Reconstitution Phase

Leadership communicates instructions for resumption of normal operations to all staff, and supervises an orderly return to the normal operating facility, moving to another temporary facility, or moving to a new permanent facility. The process of reconstitution will generally start immediately after an event concludes.

Reconstitution

Actions taken to re-establish an organization or the capabilities of an organization that have been destroyed or severely damaged. Also refers to the period in the post-attack environment when military activities re-establish noncritical missions, functions, organizations, resources, and services as they existed prior to the crisis event. Reconstitution is a combination of personnel, facilities, and IT systems and equipment actions taken to rebuild or replace the staff, facilities, and communications and IT capabilities as soon as possible after an event. Reconstitution may continue for an extended period until normal operations are resumed from the original or replacement primary operating facilities.

"The process of reconstitution will generally start immediately after an event concludes." "Reconstitution may continue for an extended period until **normal operations are resumed** from the original or replacement primary operating facilities."

[Here is the White House draft of the events from 9/11:](#)

- 9:40 AM Vice President moved to secure location in the White House
- 9:50 AM Secretary Mineta directs closure of airspace of Washington Air Traffic Control Area
- 9:52 AM President departs Sarasota Florida enroute to Washington
- 9:55 AM Vice President orders implementation of Continuity of Government and Continuity of Operations Procedures implemented designed to ensure Constitutional succession and uninterrupted government operations
- 10:06 AM United Airlines 93 crashes south of Johnstown, Pennsylvania
- 10:16 AM President directs North American Air Defense Command(NORAD) to provide Combat Aerial Patrol (CAP) and AWACs coverage for Washington DC, and CAP for Air Force One
- 10:22 AM Employees Evacuated from Federal Buildings in downtown, Washington
- 10:50 AM US Forces go to DEFCON 3. Russians notified via Nuclear Risk Reduction Center.
- 11:15 AM FEMA establishes task forces to coordinate consequence management
- 12:46 PM Coast Guard implements increased security measures for all inbound and outbound tanker ships
- 3:30 PM **President Chairs NSC meeting from Offut AFB, Nebraska**

9/11 was interesting in terms of COG because it was implemented even though none of the primary operating facilities were destroyed and none of our government or executive branch leadership was taken out or unable to continue leading the nation.

The COG plan was implemented at 9:55 AM. The “event” concluded when the final plane crashed in PA around 10:06 AM. Obviously, at the time, they likely didn’t know it was the final event, so they took precautions and left the COG plan in place for a little while but the primary heads of our government were back to business by that afternoon.

At 3:30 PM, President Bush chaired an NSC meeting from Offutt AFB, Nebraska. That night, President Bush was back at the White House addressing the nation. The government was back to normal operations at their normal operating facilities.



It's true that they left their COG contingency plans in place with teams of people waiting at the COG facilities - but they were no longer active. [Here is an article from the Washington Post dated March 1st, 2002.](#) Note the language here as it is very important:

Shadow Government Is at Work in Secret

By Barton Gellman and Susan Schmidt
Washington Post Staff Writers
Friday, March 1, 2002

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President Bush has dispatched a shadow government of about 100 senior civilian managers to live and work secretly outside Washington, activating for the first time long-standing plans to ensure survival of federal rule after catastrophic attack on the nation's capital.

Execution of the classified "Continuity of Operations Plan" resulted not from the Cold War threat of intercontinental missiles, the scenario rehearsed for decades, but from heightened fears that the al Qaeda terrorist network might somehow obtain a portable nuclear weapon, according to three officials with first-hand knowledge. U.S. intelligence has no specific knowledge of such a weapon, they said, but the risk is thought great enough to justify the shadow government's disruption and expense.

Advertisement Deployed "on the fly" in the first hours of turmoil on Sept. 11, one participant said, the shadow government has evolved into an **indefinite precaution**. For that reason, the high-ranking officials representing their departments have begun rotating in and out of the assignment at one of two fortified locations along the East Coast. Rotation is among several changes made in late October or early November, sources said, to the standing directive Bush inherited from a line of presidents reaching back to Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The civilian cadre present in the bunkers usually numbers 70 to 150, and "fluctuates based on intelligence" about terrorist threats, according to a senior official involved in managing the program. It draws from every Cabinet department and some independent agencies. Its first mission, **in the event** of a disabling blow to Washington, **would be** to prevent collapse of essential government functions.

Assuming command of regional federal offices, officials said, the underground government **would try** to contain disruptions of the nation's food and water supplies, transportation links, energy and telecommunications networks, public health and civil order. Later it would begin to reconstitute the government.

Known internally as the COG, for "continuity of government," the **administration-in-waiting** is an unannounced complement to the acknowledged absence of Vice President Cheney from Washington for much of the past five months. Cheney's survival ensures constitutional succession, one official said, but "he can't run the country by himself." With a core group of federal managers alongside him, Cheney -- or President Bush, if available -- has the means to give effect to his orders.

While the damage of other terrorist weapons is potentially horrific, officials said, only an atomic device could threaten the nation's fundamental capacity to govern itself. Without an **invulnerable backup command structure** outside Washington, one official said, a nuclear detonation in the capital "would be 'game over.' "

The "shadow government" was left in place as a "indefinite precaution."

precaution

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noun

1. An action taken in advance to protect against possible danger, failure, or injury; a safeguard.
2. Caution practiced in advance; forethought or circumspection.

Again, this means they weren't active. They were there in waiting in case of another attack - one that would cripple our government. Since they were not active, that means the government had already reconstituted. Just because teams of people were in waiting at COG facilities in case of a worst case scenario, doesn't mean that COG was still in operation.

Here is a hypothetical situation for you. My parents own a back-up generator. Their primary source of electricity comes from the city. One day a storm hits and their normal

source of power from the city goes out. They pull out the generator, turn it on, and use it until the city is able to get the power back on and functioning normally. Once the power from the city is restored, they shut down the generator and put it away.

Just because my parents own a generator and have it ready and waiting, that doesn't mean it is generating any power. The generator is a contingency plan exactly like the teams of people at the COG sites were for Bush after everything was reconstituted back to normal operations.

So again, none of our government leadership was taken out and as of that same afternoon, all of them remained active and publicly running our government. None of that would be the case if a genuine COG plan had still been activated and "never rescinded."

Having a COG contingency in waiting is not the same as actually being in a state of COG.

"The use of persistent states of emergency to maintain COG and grant unconstitutional powers to the Executive branch"

There is no doubt that all Presidents have abused the use of "national emergencies" to take advantage of the powers that come with it. The 17 SOG series draws faulty conclusions in their belief that the "national emergencies" which grant the Presidents those broad powers have anything to do with Continuity of Government.

We are talking about two completely different types of emergencies here.

- "National emergencies," which grant the President numerous yet specified emergency powers. There is a distinct process to declare a national emergency to get those powers. You will see shortly that the authority to declare these national emergencies must stem from either an act of Congress or the Constitution.
- "Catastrophic emergencies" which would kick off continuity of government are no-notice emergencies. They do not need to be declared publicly in an executive document.

[Further information on national emergencies can be found here:](#)

Emergency Authorities Under the National Emergencies Act, Stafford Act, and Public Health Service Act

The Supreme Court has explained that the President's authority "**must stem either from an act of Congress or from the Constitution itself.**" Because Article II of the Constitution does not grant the Executive general emergency powers, the President generally must rely on Congress for such authority. Congress has historically given the President robust powers to act in times of crisis.

These emergency powers are scattered throughout the *U.S. Code* and touch on matters ranging from international emergencies to public health crises to natural disasters, among many other things. Many of these authorities are triggered from declarations made under three frameworks: the **National Emergencies Act (NEA)**, the **Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act)**, and the **Public Health Service Act (PHSA)**.

Like I said earlier, there is no doubt that [Presidents have long taken advantage of the National Emergency Act to broaden their powers.](#)

THE PREMISE underlying emergency powers is simple: The government's ordinary powers might be insufficient in a crisis, and amending the law to provide greater ones might be too slow and cumbersome. Emergency powers are meant to give the government a temporary boost until the emergency passes or there is time to change the law through normal legislative processes.

Unlike the modern constitutions of many other countries, which specify when and how a state of emergency may be declared and which rights may be suspended, the U.S. Constitution itself includes no comprehensive separate regime for emergencies. Those few powers it does contain for dealing with certain urgent threats, it assigns to Congress, not the president. For instance, it lets Congress suspend the writ of habeas corpus—that is, allow government officials to imprison people without judicial review—“when in Cases of Rebellion or Invasion the public Safety may require it” and “provide for calling forth the Militia to execute the Laws of the Union, suppress Insurrections and repel Invasions.”

Aiming to rein in this proliferation, Congress passed the National Emergencies Act in 1976. Under this law, the president still has complete discretion to issue an emergency declaration—but he must specify in the declaration which powers he intends to use, issue public updates if he decides to invoke additional powers, and report to Congress on the government's emergency-related expenditures every six months. The state of emergency expires after a year unless the president renews it, and the Senate and the House must meet every six months while the emergency is in effect “to consider a vote” on termination.

By any objective measure, the law has failed. Thirty states of emergency are in effect today—several times more than when the act was passed. Most have been renewed for years on end. And during the 40 years the law has been in place, Congress has not met even once, let alone every six months, to vote on whether to end them.

This legal regime for emergencies—ambiguous constitutional limits combined with a rich well of statutory emergency powers—would seem to provide the ingredients for a dangerous encroachment on American civil liberties. Yet so far, even though presidents have often advanced dubious claims of constitutional authority, egregious abuses on the scale of the Japanese American internment or the post-9/11 torture program have been rare, and most of the statutory powers available during a national emergency have never been used.

I'm going to show you here shortly why they are wrong about national emergencies and COG. First I need to show you what they said about EO 13961.

It is true that President Donald Trump did sign Executive Order 13961, and this does pertain to Continuity of Government, but this is a **continuation** of the COG that Bush initiated in 2001. Since 2001, Executive Orders have been issued by every single administration to detail their structure for COG. You can view Trump's Executive Order here: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/12/10/2020-27353/governance-and-integration-of-federal-mission-resilience>

They have this very wrong. EO 13961 is not a “continuation of the COG Bush initiated in 2001.” The claim that “since 2001, **Executive Orders** have been issued by every single administration to detail their structure for COG” is a false claim. Directives and Executive orders are two different things. Even stating that every single administration issued its own policy related to continuity of government is wrong. Trump didn't issue his own COG policy, he implemented and executed a previous one - I'll show you that here shortly.

Upon reading EO 13961, you can see that it is in direct alignment with 3 previous directives, one of which it also amends. These are both Federal Continuity Directives (FCD 1&2) of 2017, and Presidential Policy Directive 40 (PPD 40) of 2016. While PPD 40 is not publicly available, both FCD 1 & 2 are, and by reading the text in those Directives you can trace its successor as well. This can be done over and over, and eventually you will find that EO 13961 is a predecessor of a 1955 Eisenhower Directive: NSC 5521- Relocation Plan. In fact, we did just that. Here is the "bloodline" of Executive Order 13961:

They go on to show history of continuity of government. Here is their so-called "bloodline." This gets the point across even though some of the "revisions" and "in alignment withs" are not accurate.

1955- NSC 5521, Revised by:

1962- NSAM 127 & NSAM 166, Revised by:

1969- NSDM 8, Revised by:

1973- NSDM 201, Revised by:

1980- PD 58, Revised by:

1982- NSDD 47 & NSDD 55, Revised by:

1988- EO 12656, Revised by:

1990- NSD 37, Revised by:

1992- NSD 69, Replaced by:

1998- PDD 67 (The one that Bush enacted in 2001) Replaced by:

2007- NSPD 51 (assigned sole power to the executive branch) Replaced by:

2016- PPD 40, Revised by:

2017- FCD 1 & 2, In alignment with:

2020- EO 13961 & Federal Mission Resilience Strategy

What they are trying to do here is tell a story that what Trump did is no different than every President before him. They also claim that the state of emergency issued by Bush was used to justify the COG he put in place:

As we just showed you, a simple follow up to President Trump's Executive Order 13961 reveals other COG executive orders in alignment with EO 13961 came before Trump's as a result of the 9/11 terror attacks and the subsequent activation of COG. It is Proclamation 7463 of a state of emergency that is used to justify the COG George Bush put in place.

Declaration of National Emergency by Reason of Certain Terrorist Attacks	Sep 14, 2001
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How could a proclamation issued on September 14th, 2001 be used to justify a COG plan implemented on September 11th, 2001?

Anyway, I want to continue by proving to you that 13961 was different. I'm going to focus on the last 4 continuity related documents mentioned here:

2007- NSPD 51 (assigned sole power to the Executive branch), Replaced by:

2016- PPD 40, Revised by:

2017- FCD 1 & 2, In alignment with:

2020- EO 13961 & Federal Mission Resilience Strategy

First we need to understand exactly what NSPD and PPD are - types of National Security Directives.

The National Security Council (NSC) is the principal forum for Presidential consideration of foreign policy issues and national security matters. Pursuant to policy review directives, the NSC gathers facts and views of appropriate Government agencies, conducts analyses, determines alternatives, and presents to the President policy choices for decision. **The President's decisions are announced by decision directives.**

These directives are used to tackle foreign policy issues and national security matters. [Each President has their own title for these directives](#). You are probably most familiar with Trump's "National Security Presidential Memorandums":

GW Bush	<u>NSPD</u>	<u>NSPD</u>
Obama	<u>PSD</u>	<u>PPD</u>
Trump	<u>NSPM</u>	<u>NSPM</u>

NSPD 51 was implemented by GW Bush in 2007 and contained our nation's National Continuity Policy until it was replaced by Obama's PPD-40. PPD-40 is still the policy guidance for continuity to this day because Trump never issued his own continuity policy (I'll explain what Trump did shortly). After being replaced, NSPD-51 was unclassified and as I showed you before, this is where we can get some key information and definitions about COG and "catastrophic emergencies".

National Security and Homeland Security Presidential Directive

NATIONAL SECURITY PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE/NSPD 51

HOMELAND SECURITY PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE/HSPD-20

Subject: National Continuity Policy

Purpose

(1) This directive establishes a comprehensive national policy on the continuity of Federal Government structures and operations and a single National Continuity Coordinator responsible for coordinating the development and implementation of Federal continuity policies. This policy establishes "National Essential Functions," prescribes continuity requirements for all executive departments and agencies, and provides guidance for State, local, territorial, and tribal governments, and private sector organizations in order to ensure a comprehensive and integrated national continuity program that will enhance the credibility of our national security posture and enable a more rapid and effective response to and recovery from a national emergency.

(c) "Continuity of Government," or "COG," means a coordinated effort within the Federal Government's executive branch to ensure that National Essential Functions continue to be performed during a **Catastrophic Emergency**;

(b) "**Catastrophic Emergency**" means any incident, regardless of location, that results in extraordinary levels of mass casualties, damage, or disruption severely affecting the U.S. population, infrastructure, environment, economy, or government functions;

9/11 was certainly a "catastrophic emergency" which I believe justified the implementation of COG. They didn't know at the time if any more attacks were to come. COG is designed to safeguard our government from total collapse due to the loss of its leadership, so it makes sense that they took the precautions to initiate these plans. But again, by the time the evening rolled around, the threat had dissipated and therefore the catastrophic emergency was over. Our government remained intact and resumed normal operations. None of the primary operating facilities or heads of those agencies were

taken out. As a contingency, they left their COG teams at the various sites in case any further threats presented themselves.

Let's continue.

2016- PPD 40, Revised by:

2017- FCD 1 & 2, In alignment with:

2020- EO 13961 & Federal Mission Resilience Strategy

As it currently stands, PPD-40 holds our nation's National Continuity Plans. It was not revised by [FCD 1](#) & [FCD 2](#) as claimed by the 17 SOG. FCD 1 & 2 were used by FEMA to **implement** the requirements set forth by PPD-40. The two directives actually detail that fact for us themselves.

I. Purpose

Presidential Policy Directive 40 (PPD-40), *National Continuity Policy*, directs the Secretary of Homeland Security through the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to coordinate the implementation, execution, and assessment of continuity activities among executive departments and agencies (D/As). Specifically, the Administrator of FEMA is directed to *develop and promulgate Federal Continuity Directives to establish continuity program and planning requirements for executive departments and agencies*. **This Federal Continuity Directive 1 (FCD-1) implements this requirement** by establishing the framework, requirements, and processes to support the development of D/As' continuity programs and by specifying and defining elements of a continuity plan. These required elements include delineation of essential functions; succession to office and delegations of authority; safekeeping of and access to essential records; continuity locations; continuity communications; human resources planning; devolution of essential functions; reconstitution; and program validation through testing, training, and exercises (TT&E).

I. Purpose

Federal Continuity Directive-2 (FCD-2) implements the requirements of FCD-1, Annex B (Essential Functions), and provides direction and guidance to Federal Executive Branch Departments and Agencies (D/As) to assist in validation of Mission Essential Functions (MEFs) and Primary Mission Essential Functions (PMEFs). The update and validation of essential

Executive order 13961 is an entirely different ballgame. 13961 is not a policy or a continuation of anything prior as claimed by 17 SOG here:

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Let me show you why Executive Order 13961 is different. Recall what I wrote in [Devolution - Part 13](#) and how the entire executive order was based in the context of **War and National Defense**. This is not typical for a continuity of government order or policy:

Executive Order 13961 of December 7, 2020

Governance and Integration of Federal Mission Resilience

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including the **National Security Act of 1947**, as amended, I hereby order the following:

This executive order begins by telling us under what authority Trump has issued it. In addition to the Constitution and laws of the United States, the National Security Act of 1947 is mentioned specifically. The National Security Act of 1947 is found in Chapter 44 of United States Code, Title 50 - War and National Defense.

referred to as the “United States Coordinator”), and the importance of strong cooperation between the United States Coordinator and a senior official of the Russian Federation having authorities and responsibilities for preventing weapons of mass destruction proliferation and terrorism commensurate with those of the United States Coordinator, and with whom the United States Coordinator should coordinate planning and implementation of activities within and outside of the Russian Federation having the purpose of preventing weapons of mass destruction proliferation and terrorism.

(Pub. L. 110-53, title XVIII, §1842, Aug. 3, 2007, 121 Stat. 500.)

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This chapter may be cited as the “National Security Act of 1947”.

(July 26, 1947, ch. 343, §1, 61 Stat. 495.)

In the very first paragraph, we are made aware of the context that this EO is being issued in. Throughout the entire FMR EO, the phrase “natural disaster” is never mentioned, yet the context of “War and National Defense” is immediately clarified. This is very important. The entire basis for this EO is discussing continuity of government during war and you will see more proof of this as we continue.

So now I’m going to once again break down Executive order 13961 but this time I’m going to do it a little differently than I did in Devolution - Part 13. This is meant to really prove to you that this order was no simple policy continuation. I want to hammer home the fact that this executive order was actually implementing and executing a continuity of government plan.

I won’t go through the entire order in detail, for that you can go back and read Devolution - Part 13. I’m just going to break down the relevant parts to prove this beyond a reasonable doubt. When you see a red line crossing something out, it’s because

I don't want that part to confuse you about what is going on. It should help keep things clear for us. I will also provide bullet points as we go to keep us organized.

Section 1. Policy. It is the **policy** of the United States to maintain comprehensive and effective **continuity programs that ensure** [REDACTED]

The order starts by telling us what the United States' policy is as it pertains to continuity programs. These programs are meant to ensure (make certain of) two things.

[REDACTED] that ensure **national security** and **the preservation of government structure under the United States Constitution and in alignment with Presidential Policy Directive-40** (PPD-40) of July 15, 2016

Here is the definition of "ensure:"

ensure verb

en·sure (in-'shūr ◀▶)

ensured; ensuring

transitive verb

: to make sure, certain, or safe : **GUARANTEE**

So far, we have:

- It is the policy of the United States to maintain comprehensive and effective continuity programs that ensure (guarantee):
 - National Security
 - the preservation of government structure under the United States Constitution and in alignment with Presidential Policy Directive-40

Let's continue.

Sec. 2. Federal Mission Resilience Strategy. **To achieve this policy**, in

Again, the policy they are looking to achieve is the policy we just discussed above.

... with this order, I am signing the **Federal Mission Resilience Strategy** (Strategy), **which should be implemented** to increase the resilience of the executive branch. ...

[Here is the definition of “implement:”](#)

implement 2 of 2 verb

im·ple·ment (ˈɪm-ple-,ment)

implemented; implementing; implements

transitive verb

1 : CARRY OUT, ACCOMPLISH

especially : to give practical effect to and ensure of actual fulfillment by **concrete** measures

Let's use our definitions to reword what is happening so far:

Trump signed the FMR strategy which is to **use concrete measures to guarantee the actual fulfillment** of the continuity policy detailed in section 1.

Now let's update our bullet points:

- It is the policy of the United States to maintain comprehensive and effective continuity programs that ensure:
 - National Security
 - the preservation of government structure under the United States Constitution and in alignment with Presidential Policy Directive-40
- Executive order 13961 and the Federal Mission Resilience Strategy are to be **implemented** to achieve that policy

Let's continue with section 3:

Sec. 3. *Executive Committee.* (a) The Federal Mission Resilience Executive Committee (Executive Committee) is **hereby established**.

(d) The Executive Committee shall:

(i) **coordinate the development of an implementation plan (Plan) for the Strategy and other continuity policy**, as described in section 4(b) of this order, and **shall facilitate execution of the Plan** and other continuity policy, as appropriate;

This executive committee was created to **coordinate the development of the implementation plan** for the aforementioned policy and **facilitate execution** of said plan.

[Let's turn back to our dictionary once more:](#)

execute verb

ex·e·cute 'ek-si-, kyüt ◀▶

executed; executing

transitive verb

1 : to carry out fully : put completely into effect

| *execute a command*

Now let's add this definition to our previous one.

The FMR committee is to **carry out fully (or put completely into effect)** the FMR strategy, and that strategy is **to use concrete measures to ensure the actual fulfillment** of the continuity policy detailed in section 1.

And a final update to our bullet points:

- It is the policy of the United States to maintain comprehensive and effective continuity programs that ensure:
 - National Security
 - the preservation of government structure under the United States Constitution and in alignment with Presidential Policy Directive-40
- Executive order 13961 and the Federal Mission Resilience Strategy are to be **implemented** to achieve that policy
- The established FMR committee is to develop a plan to implement the FMR Strategy and facilitate execution of that plan

Trump created a committee tasked with the implementation and execution of a continuity of government plan.

Let's go back and look at the claim made by the 17 SOG group:

It is true that President Donald Trump did sign Executive Order 13961, and this does pertain to Continuity of Government, but this is a **continuation** of the COG that Bush initiated in 2001. Since 2001, Executive Orders have been issued by every single administration to detail their structure for COG. You can view Trump's Executive Order here: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/12/10/2020-27353/governance-and-integration-of-federal-mission-resilience>

I will say it once more - executive order 13961 was not simply a continuation of the COG Bush initiated in 2001. Rather, it is an implementation and execution of the existing National Continuity Policy (PPD-40), and it was done in the face of a stolen election - an act of war if there ever was one.

Remember the definition of “catastrophic emergency” from [NSPD 51](#)?

(b) "**Catastrophic Emergency**" means any incident, regardless of location, that results in extraordinary levels of mass casualties, damage, or **disruption severely affecting the U.S. population, infrastructure, environment, economy, or government functions**;

Wouldn't a stolen election (act of war) be considered a “disruption severely affecting the U.S. population, infrastructure, environment, economy, or government functions.”

Executive order 13961 is an **implementation plan** necessitated by the fact that we are at War from a stolen election.

The Biden administration is surely taking its toll creating extraordinary levels of disruption “severely affecting the U.S. population, infrastructure, environment, economy, or government functions”.

Also, recall what Trump directly told us in his introduction letter to the Federal Mission Resilience Strategy. I won’t post the entire thing but I really feel like he was indirectly telling us the situation:

Federal Executive Branch:

In support of my Administration’s National Security Strategy, I am issuing the *Federal Mission Resilience Strategy* (hereafter, “the Strategy”) to address the long-term challenges of political, economic, and military competition from near peer adversaries [REDACTED]

It’s being issued to address long-term challenges from near peer adversaries.

Our **adversaries** will not attempt to fight us on our terms. They have studied our way of war, invested in capabilities to target our strengths, and **are adept at competing below the threshold of armed conflict.** [REDACTED]

Those adversaries are competing below the threshold of armed conflict (think irregular warfare from [Devolution - Part 22](#))

This *Strategy* accelerates our collective efforts to **fully implement** *National Continuity Policy* and make risk-informed decisions to maintain a comprehensive and effective capability that ensures the continuous performance of essential functions and services **to preserve our constitutional form of government, under any and all conditions.** As the executive branch, we must recommit and sustain leadership’s attention on meeting the needs of the American people in the face of disruptions and preserving our form of government.

This strategy will “fully implement” the National Continuity Policy so we can preserve our constitutional form of government.

Despite our best efforts, the government cannot prevent all dangers. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] We must be prepared as a Nation, as a Federal Government, and as individual citizens to preserve, protect, and defend our way of life.

We the people (individual citizens) need to do our part to preserve, protect, and defend our way of life. This part right here is the Devolution Sandwich I always talk about.

Closing

Fruit of the poisonous tree is a legal metaphor used to describe evidence that is obtained illegally.^[1] The logic of the terminology is that if the source (the "tree") of the evidence or evidence itself is tainted, then anything gained (the "fruit") from it is tainted as well.

No matter how lovely a line of reasoning may be, if it is based on a completely false premise, then it's just the fruit of a poisonous tree, and that is what the "Reconstitution Series" is. There are really two false premises we are dealing with here.

- The first false premise is the one put forth by the Antifa blogger and used by the 17 SOG stating that Bush's COG was initiated and never rescinded.
- The second false premise is that Donald Trump's Executive Order 13961 was just a simple policy continuation as done by his predecessors.

History lessons and vivid writing aside, I believe what they presented in their series did nothing to support their conclusions and there are plenty of available facts to the contrary.

I didn't even mention the hundreds of pieces of circumstantial evidence that I've presented throughout the Devolution Series pointing to Trump implementing and executing a Continuity of Government plan.

The "Reconstitution Series" would have you believe that Trump simply walked away from a stolen election and actually handed over the office of the Presidency to Joe Biden and the CCP.

I'm sorry, but that is not the Donald Trump I have come to know and love.

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MT 8 hr ago

First thoughts:

Dueling Substacks!

How exciting!

Now I will read again early in the morning.

Thanks Patel; nice job.

Quite frankly, I'm expecting that PDJT is going to surprise everyone this time around.

It's striking how open the fraudulent regime is with their tyranny. They've always been tyrants (I remember, I'm really old), but they were always sneaky about it. Now, they are just right in our faces. If you are a Nationalist, MAGA, Trump Supporter; we are coming for you and yours. P.E.R.I.O.D.

I must admit that I am a little bit surprised because I thought they had researched PDJT since he was born, knew his family, and his Dad who even helped the FBI take down the MAFIA.

Yet, by their actions and statements, THEY do NOT know or understand the man, DJT nor the Commander in Chief, PDJT.

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DAVID NICHOLS 9 hr ago

Yep ! Well stated and researched. As always . I am 100% certain that WHATEVER actually happens will be....well....what actually is supposed to happen. At least for now. Never Never NEVER has the time been more right for evil to be once-and-for-all be taken down. IF...and I DO mean if..the people we hang our hopes on ARE in fact worthy, then we will have our jubilee. Peace on earth ! Amen !!!

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