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RON CUELLAR

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Chapter 1st Vice President, Ron Cuellar, who continues to receive cancer treatment in Texas. According to Dick Callaghan, Ron remains positive and in good spirits and will probably be returning to Albuquerque sometime in February.

UPCOMING CHAPTER MEETING

Please see the **Members Only** section on the Website for time, and location of our February 13th meeting .

FEBRUARY LUNCHEON SPEAKER

Todd K. Hulsey, one of our newest Chapter members, will speak at our 13 February meeting. Mr. Hulsey is a Supervisory Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He is currently assigned to the Albuquerque Division where he is in charge of the Counterintelligence Program.

Prior to his assignment to Albuquerque, SSA Hulsey was the Senior FBI Representative to the Central Intelligence Agency, Counterproliferation Division, National Clandestine Service, for two years. Immediately preceding the assignment to CIA, SSA Hulsey was a counterproliferation program manager in both the Weapons of Mass Destruction and Counterintelligence Directorates and served as the FBI representative to the Sub-Policy Coordinating Committee for Counterproliferation, National Security Council Staff.

Prior to being promoted to supervisor at FBI Headquarters, SSA Hulsey served in the Los Angeles Division where he worked violent crimes, organized crime, narcotics, and foreign counterintelligence. He is a former Special Agent of the U.S. Customs Service and is a veteran of the historic 1st Marine Division of the United States Marine Corps.

A fifth-generation Texan, SSA Hulsey holds an Associate degree in Business Studies from National University of San Diego, a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Texas A&M University, a Master's degree in International Relations from St. Mary's University of San Antonio, and a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the St. Mary's University School of Law. He is licensed to practice law in the State of Texas, and is a former municipal prosecutor there. He is a graduate of the Air Command & Staff College and currently serves as an officer in the United States Air Force Reserve.

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CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP

Since our last meeting, and following up on Jean Yardumian's recommendation and Dick Callaghan's approval to fund a scholarship for a deserving University of New Mexico student planning on a career in intelligence, Joe Cantergiani met with two representatives of the UNM Political Science Department. They were: Andrew L. Ross, PhD., Director of the Center for Science, Technology and Policy; and Mark Peceny, Chairman of the Department. The two professors told Joe that they would draft a formal memorandum of agreement, following University rules and procedures, establishing an AFIO-NM Chapter scholarship that Joe Cantergiani could then present to our members for review and final approval.

DON BULLIS RECEIVES AWARD

We want to congratulate long-time Chapter member, Don Bullis, whose recent book: New Mexico: A Biographical Dictionary was selected as the best book about New Mexico at the 2007 New Mexico Book Awards competition. The competition drew 350 entries in 31 categories. New Mexico: A Biographical Dictionary is published by Rio Grande Books.

REPORT OF CHAPTER MEETING OF 9 January 2008

After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, Dolph Saenz took the floor to lead the members in a prayer for the safety of our armed forces stationed in the Middle East and Southwest Asia. Dolph continued by noting how fortunate we are for the fellowship we all enjoy as members of the AFIO New Mexico Chapter.

Next, President Dick Callaghan called for our luncheon guests to stand and be recognized. They were: Michael Hamilton, a staff attorney with the Rodey Law Firm here in Albuquerque; Michael Garten, a retired intelligence specialist with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service; and William Riddle, a former computer science manager specializing in technology improvement planning at the Dept. of Defense, and currently a web-site developer.

Continuing, Dick reported that membership data recently provided to us by AFIO National show significant numbers of former intelligence officers residing in the state, who are members of National but have never contacted our Chapter, and may not even be aware that we exist. Dick considers increasing our Chapter's membership rolls as one of his main priorities, so this news from National provides him fertile ground to begin a special recruiting effort. Bob Clark mentioned that AFIO National's Executive Director/Secretary-Treasurer, Elizabeth Bancroft, sent us the above 30 names. Bob has drafted a letter which Dick has approved that will be sent to these 30 individuals. The letter will describe the makeup of our Chapter and invite these potential members to attend one of our upcoming meetings. Elizabeth also sent AFIO promotional brochures that can be used to recruit new members.

Bob Clark also mentioned that he is developing an additional roster of potential new Chapter members from recommendations provided by business, government and social contacts he has here in New Mexico. He plans to draft a letter to these individuals and enclose the AFIO brochure provided by Elizabeth Bancroft.

GUEST SPEAKER

With no other Chapter business, Bob Clark next introduced our distinguished luncheon speaker, Michael Hamilton.

INSIDER AT THE UN

After graduating from the University of California at Berkeley and Stanford Law School, our speaker accepted a summer internship at IAEA, the International Atomic Energy Agency, a division of the United Nations and headquartered in Vienna. Created in the 1950s during the Eisenhower administration, the IAEA was tasked with controlling and promoting civilian uses of nuclear energy much as the Atomic Energy Commission did in the United States.

At the time, the U.S. was intent on surpassing the advances being made by Soviet weaponeers. To conceal nuclear escalation, Washington unveiled a nonproliferation public relations campaign called "Atoms for

Peace” and simultaneously encouraged the U.N. to establish the IAEA. In reality, these initiatives served to divert public attention away from the full-court press we were mounting to develop ever more powerful atomic weapons.

From its inception, the IAEA began providing small nuclear research reactors intended solely for civilian use to a host of developing countries including Iran, Israel, India, Pakistan and South Africa. At the outset, there were doubts that IAEA had the wherewithal to cope with efforts by some countries to convert peaceful nuclear research into a small-scale nuclear weapons program. The evidence, to date, clearly shows that the U.N. has failed in this regard.

As an intern at IAEA, Michael Hamilton was tasked with rewriting and tightening up the legal agreements that recipient countries must adhere to regarding research reactors supplied to them by the U.N.. Mr. Hamilton described how a disproportionate number of those reactors were located in unstable regions of the world, and material that could be used for a “dirty bomb” generally was not well protected. He cited a country in Africa where the local chicken farmer was responsible for the research reactor.

Our speaker observed how U.N. personnel didn’t fully appreciate the dangers in not enforcing security at these sites. He sensed there was an attitude at the agency to “let sleeping dogs lie” and to rationalize the problem away with a laundry list of obstacles both diplomatic and technical which precluded

a solution. Mr. Hamilton noted how difficult it was to get everyone together at the same table: diplomats, technicians and lawyers, to really thrash out the problems. Not wanting to upset the apple cart unnecessarily with on-site enforcement, agency managers preferred to rely on the legal staff as they considered the contracts signed by recipient countries far easier to work with and enforce.

In closing, Mr. Hamilton reported how some of the U.N. staff considered the U.S. as the problem and that we were no friend of the developing world.

WEEKEND READING

In view of the current debate and concerns over Iran’s nuclear weapons ambitions, a recently published book about the development of Pakistan’s nuclear arsenal is particularly timely. The Nuclear Jihadist by Douglas Frantz and his wife, Catherine Collins, is published by Hachette Books Group USA, 237 Park Ave. New York, NY 10017. Douglas Frantz is a former managing editor of the Los Angeles Times; Catherine Collins has been a reporter for the Chicago Tribune and has written for the Los Angeles Times and the New York Times.

The book tracks the early education of Abdul Qadeer Kahn (A.Q. Kahn), the infamous Pakistani scientist, through Europe to the Technical University of Berlin, Delft University of Technology in the Netherlands and finally to Catholic University in Leuven, Belgium, where he earns a doctorate in physical metallurgy. The authors describe Kahn as highly competent, academically ambitious and well-liked by his peers in both Germany and Holland.

By a stroke of luck, A.Q. Kahn’s doctorate dissertation on the ability of exotic metals to withstand the strain of high speeds, made him an ideal match for a job opening at a Dutch government lab in Amsterdam designing state-of-the-art centrifuges. After a decade at the Dutch job, and stealing its world-class technology on uranium enrichment, A.Q. Kahn offered his services to Pakistan’s fledgling atomic energy research agency, and became the mastermind behind Pakistan’s successful nuclear weapons program.

The Nuclear Jihadist details how this ambitious nuclear scientist and bureaucrat eventually became a rogue businessman and the world’s most infamous nuclear black marketer, providing nuclear weapons technology to Iran, North Korea and Libya.

In one chapter that really caught our attention, the authors describe the arrogant assumptions held by a cross section of Washington policymakers who routinely stated with confidence that *Pakistan would never be up to the task of mastering the arcane principles of developing centrifuges to enrich uranium*. The consensus among these insiders was that *there was no threat from a country as backward as Pakistan*.

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