

The Obama Timeline – Part II

The Doomed Presidency

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September 1 marks the 75th anniversary of the day Germany invaded Poland. (Obama has no comment, even though the date would provide him with a good reason to make a statement about Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the rapid advance of ISIS.) [63735]

According to Italy's *La Repubblica*, Russian President Vladimir Putin reportedly told the European Union's Jose Manuel Barros, "If I want to, I can take Kiev in two weeks." Germany's *Sddeutsche Zeitung* quotes Putin as having told Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko, "If I wanted, in two days I could have Russian troops not only in Kiev, but also in Riga, Vilnius, Tallinn, Warsaw and Bucharest." [63776, 63777, 64690, 64790]

Obama attends a labor union rally in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The White House tweets one of his statements from his speech: "Cynicism is a bad choice. Hope is a better choice." (On Twitter user responds, "The choice is not hope or cynicism. The choice is realism or fantasy land. You live in fantasy land.") Obama also says, "Hope is what gives us courage; hope is what gave soldiers courage to storm a beach. Hope is what gives young people the strength to march for women's rights and workers' rights and civil rights and voting rights and immigration rights." (More than a few observers note Obama's inclusion of "immigration rights" to his familiar themes. Immigration, of course, is not a right; it is a privilege. There is no such thing as a "right" *if it comes at someone else's expense*. If emigration to the United States is a "right," must the nation accommodate seven billion people if they choose to exercise that "right?") [63721, 63722, 63723, 63724, 63739, 63788, 63832]

Obama tells the Milwaukee audience, "All across the country right now there's a national movement going on made up of fast-food workers organizing to lift wages so they can provide for their families with pride and dignity." (Only about three percent of American workers get paid minimum wage. Minimum wage jobs are not intended for heads of households. They are intended for people just entering the work force—usually teenagers—who need to develop basic skills.) Obama is apparently unaware of Momentum Machines, which Takimag.com's Jim Goad reports "is touting a device that can allegedly shoot out 360 custom-ordered and fully wrapped burgers per hour, rendering the very idea of an exploited and undercompensated 'fast-food worker' a quaint relic of a musty bygone age. According to the company's website, 'It does everything employees can do except better.' The machine will also presumably never call in sick, never get an order wrong, and will not tamper with food due to spite or boredom. It will also never demand a raise. According to the company's co-founder, 'Our device isn't meant to make employees more efficient. It's meant to completely obviate them.'" [63725, 64805, 64806]

At a labor rally in Detroit, Vice President Joe Biden—perhaps forgetting that a Democrat has been in the White House since January 20, 2009—says, “It’s time to take back America!” (Biden is perhaps also unaware that Attorney General Eric Holder once declared that the “take back America” phrase has “a certain racial component” to it.) [63763, 63764, 63781, 63797, 63798, 63849]

NYTimes.com reports, “The next round of strikes by fast-food workers demanding higher wages is scheduled for Thursday [September 4], and this time labor organizers plan to increase the pressure by staging widespread civil disobedience and having thousands of home-care workers join the protests. The organizers say fast-food workers—who are seeking a \$15 hourly wage—will go on strike at restaurants in more than 100 cities and engage in sit-ins in more than a dozen cities. ... ‘On Thursday, we are prepared to take arrests to show our commitment to the growing fight for \$15 [per hour],’ said Terrence Wise, a Burger King employee in Kansas City, Mo., and a member of the fast-food workers’ national organizing committee. At a convention that was held outside Chicago in July, 1,300 fast-food workers unanimously approved a resolution calling for civil disobedience as a way to step up pressure on the fast-food chains.” [63725, 63726]

DailyCaller.com reports, “The official at the center of the Internal Revenue Service tea party scandal [Lois Lerner] once dismissed complaints that labor unions were not reporting millions of dollars in political activities on their tax forms, according to an email obtained by The Daily Caller News Foundation.” [63779]

The Now the End Begins blog writes, “In one press conference after another, when referring to the Muslim terror super-group ISIS, ... Obama will use the term ISIL instead of their former name ISIS or current name Islamic State. Have you ever wondered about that? We have. ISIL stands for the Islamic State of Iraq and Levant. ... The geographical term LEVANT refers to a multi-nation region in the Middle East. It’s a land bridge between Turkey to the north and Egypt to the south. If you look on a map, however, in the near exact middle of the nations that comprise the Levant, guess what you see? ... It’s Israel. When Barack Obama refers over and over to the Islamic State as ISIL, he is sending a message to Muslims all over the Middle East that he personally does not recognize Israel as a sovereign nation, but as territory belonging to the Islamic State. Now you know why Obama *says* that he has no plan, no goal, and no stated aim for dealing with ISIS. But he does have a plan, and it’s a really nasty, diabolical one. Obama’s plan is to drag his feet for as long as he can, doing only the bare minimum that Congress forces him to do. His ‘plan’ [is] to buy ISIS as much time as possible to make as many gains as they can.” (As noted previously in this *Timeline*, ISIS stands for the Islamic State of Iraq and Sham; “Sham,” which means “the left hand,” is an historic name for the greater Syria area. “Bilad as-Sham” means land to the left. “Bilad al-Yamin” means land to the right. The name ISIS arguably refers to a more limited area, while ISIL denotes the larger geographical are of the “Levant,” which includes Israel. The claim is that Obama is intentionally using the name ISIL as a signal to Muslims that he recognizes what they claim is their “right” to Israel.) [62671, 62672, 63734]

In Iraq, government forces, Kurdish fighters, and armed citizen volunteers take the city of Amerli from ISIS. Prime Minister Nouri Maliki says, “Our enemy is retreating and our security forces backed by volunteers are advancing to purge further towns.” [63765]

British Prime Minister David Cameron addresses the House of Commons on the threat of ISIS and the “scourge of extremism.” According to Examiner.com, “...Cameron’s proposals included giving security officials the authorization to seize the passports of suspected British jihadists leaving the country. It also calls for limiting their ability to move around within the country...” Cameron states, “As I’ve said all along, this is not a knee-jerk response or sweeping, blanket changes that would be ineffective. It’s not about just new powers, but about how we tackle extremism in all forms. ...We will in the end defeat this extremism.” [63740, 63784]

Cameron calls on other countries [France, Germany, Italy] to honor their pledge not to negotiate with terrorists and pay ransoms for kidnap victims: “There is no doubt in my mind that the many tens of millions of dollars that ISIL has raised from ransom payments is going into promoting terrorism, including terrorism affecting our own country. Britain continues with this policy; America continues with this policy. But we need to redouble the efforts to make sure that other countries are good to their word.” [63886]

Algemeiner.com reports on a thwarted Hamas plot that involved a team of paragliding terrorists. Captured cell leader Mohammed Kadara told Israeli interrogators, “The plan was to cross the border into Israel with a paraglider, reach an IDF [Israel Defense Forces] post or settlement near the border, shoot at soldiers and civilians and kill as many Israelis as possible.” [63744, 63745]

Algemeiner.com also reports on the Islamic State’s new propaganda magazine, *Dabiq*, which released its third edition on August 29: “The cover, ‘A Call to Hijrah,’ recalls the Muslim Prophet Muhammad’s journey from Mecca to Medina and reads like a glossy recruiting guide. It sets up the United States as the boogeyman all Muslims must fight because Americans killed thousands of Muslims during their occupation of Iraq, calling their deaths ‘collateral damage.’ *Dabiq* gloats over James Foley’s beheading, calling it ‘a cooling balm for the believers’ hearts’ that served ‘as a retribution for the recent American aggression against the Muslims of Iraq.’ ...Obama acts ‘more foolishly’ than Bush on matters of foreign policy in the Middle East, the magazine says, and calls him an ‘apostate’ [one who renounced his Muslim religion].” *Dabiq* calls on Muslims on the West to leave their homes to join the jihadist fight” “... [N]ow there is a Khalifah (Caliphate) prepared to accept every Muslim and Muslimah into lands and all it can within its power to protect them alone.” [63810, 63811]

At Breitbart.com Donna Rachel Edmunds writes, “London could be the scene of a Mumbai-style terrorist ‘spectacular’ if Islamist jihadists get their way, British security chiefs have warned. There is growing concern that a list of ‘soft’ targets is being drawn up, and that weapons and explosives have already been smuggled into the country. *The Sun* is reporting that the SAS has moved part of its anti-terror team to a forward base near London, amid concerns that a prolonged attack may be staged in that city. MI5 [British

Intelligence] also referred to the Mumbai atrocity of 2008 as a comparison, in which coordinated bombings and shootings took place over four consecutive days, killing 174 and wounding a further 300. Speaking to *The Sun*, a source said: ‘The nightmare scenario is they mount a spectacular attack at a high profile location. They may try to storm a building, take hostages, rig it with explosives or kill at will.’ ...Up to 500 British-born men are understood to have gone abroad in order to fight for the Islamic State (IS). Scotland Yard believes that up to 200 may have already returned, and are concerned that they will have been taught to carry out similar violent attacks on the streets of Britain. Prime Minister David Cameron has indicated that he is considering granting the border patrol new powers to seize passports from suspected jihadists, and introducing of a ban on travelling abroad to fight with IS. A government source has told the media: ‘We are considering measures to keep the country safe in the face of an increased threat level from Islamist extremism. The areas include making it harder for potential foreign fighters to travel abroad by making it easier to remove their passports through additional temporary seizure powers at the border. We are also looking at stopping British citizens from re-entering the country if they are suspected of terrorist activity abroad.’ (At least a few ISIS fighters may have trouble returning to the West, after having burned their passports on camera for YouTube videos.) [63759, 63760]

At JihadWatch.org, Robert Spencer comments, “Welcome to David Cameron’s Britain. The U.K. government worked with Islamic supremacists that it deluded itself into thinking were ‘moderates,’ allowing them to gain immense influence over the government and media. It funded liars who exaggerated claims of Muslim victimhood, allowing them to propagate throughout the country their narrative that opposing jihad terror amounted to ‘racism’ and ‘bigotry.’ It completely internalized that narrative... ignoring for years an Islamic supremacist takeover of public schools and the victimization of thousands of British girls by Muslim rape gangs, so as to avoid accusations of ‘racism.’ It hounded and demonized foes of jihad terror and banned Pamela Geller and me from the country for pointing out that Islam had a doctrine of violence. This is the Britain the UK elites have made. And now they have to live in it.” [63761]

At NationalReview.com Quin Hillyer advises Obama: “Just resign already. Go. Be gone. Vamoose. Get out of our lives. More important: Stop endangering all of us with your self-indulgent vacations and self-absorbed dithering, along with unconstitutional domestic power plays while the whole world burns. Barack Obama already is derelict in his duties as commander in chief. He ought to abdicate and just step off his self-made throne. ...Kiev might be in Ukraine, but the chicken is in the White House.” Obama “keeps whining and dining and vacationing and playing golf, with his weak-looking swing, either oblivious or indifferent to the dangers to which he is subjecting Americans. Even if one assumes that our supposedly earth-healing president has the best of intentions rather than a mere desire for power and a deep animus against anyone who disagrees with him—not necessarily a reasonable assumption at this point—his record is one of astonishing ineptness. Everything he does creates disaster.” ...[A]ll Obama can do, when he is not greatly exacerbating whatever problem he chooses to create, is retreat further into his princeling world, hobnobbing with the rich and famous, shifting blame to

everyone else, and acting as if somehow he wafts above the ordinary world of politics that in truth he has done so much to pollute. Rather than leading from behind—an absurdity—he should leave behind the office that seems alternately to annoy and bore him. Let Joe Biden take responsibility; at least Biden engages rather than withdraws when the going gets tough. Somebody needs to say it to his face: Barack Obama is the worst [leader], by far, since at least the Civil War. For the love of God, man, go away.” [63806]

On September 2 ISIS releases a video showing the beheading of American journalist Steven Sotloff. The *Daily Mail* reports, “In the video entitled ‘A Second Message to America,’ Sotloff appears in an orange jumpsuit before he is beheaded by an Islamic State fighter. The executioner appears to be the same man who killed [James] Foley—known as ‘Jihadi John’—and [he] tells the camera: ‘I’m back, Obama, and I’m back because of your arrogant foreign policy towards the Islamic State, because of your insistence on continuing your bombings and ...on Mosul Dam, despite our serious warnings. You Obama, have but to gain from your actions but another American citizen. So just as your missiles continue to strike out [our] people, our knife will continue to strike the necks of your people. We take this opportunity to warn those governments that enter this evil alliance of America against the Islamic State to back off and leave our people alone.’ He also threatens to kill a Briton held hostage by the group next. The identity of the hostage is widely available online, but MailOnline is not identifying him at the request of the British government. This afternoon British Prime Minister David Cameron condemned the video, calling it ‘an absolutely disgusting and despicable act.’” [63754, 63799, 63800, 63812, 63814, 63815, 63816]

Before the beheading, Sotloff is forced to read a statement: “I am Steven Joel Sotloff. I’m sure you know exactly who I am by now and why I am appearing before you. And now this is the time for my message: Obama, your foreign policy of intervention in Iraq was supposed to be the preservation of American lives and interests, so why is that I am paying the price of your interference with my life? Am I not an American citizen? We’ve spent billions of U.S. taxpayer dollars and we’ve lost thousands of our troops in our previous fighting against the Islamic State, so what are the people’s interests in reigniting war? From what little I know about foreign policy, I remember a time when you could not win an election without promising to bring our troops back from Iraq and Afghanistan and to close down Guantanamo. Here you are now, Obama, nearing the end of your term, and having achieved none of the above and deceptively marching us the American people in the blazing fire.” (Sotloff’s captors are believed not to have been aware that he was Jewish and held dual U.S. and Israeli citizenship.) [63754, 63816]

With ISIS having beheaded two Americans, Fox News reporter James Rosen asks State Department spokeswoman Jennifer Psaki, “Is there any doubt, on your part or the part of this administration, that, in fact, the United States is at war with ISIS?” Psaki replies, “...I’m not going to... put new labels on it. It’s clear that we are concerned about the threat of ISIL...” After getting Psaki to avoid saying the United States is at war with ISIS, Rosen asks, “What is the legal authority under which ...Obama has launched the more than 100 air strikes that you just referenced?” Psaki: “In Iraq? Well, the Iraqi

government has invited the United States in to help them address this threat and that is the legal authority.” Rosen: “And he has reported to Congress on this subject, has he not?” Psaki: “Yep.” Rosen: “Under what aegis, under the aegis of what statute?” Psaki: “Well, it’s the, uh, he does War Powers, uh, authorization, or Acts every time there’s a need to notify Congress.” Rosen: “So we have a commander in chief who has launched more than 100 air strikes at a given enemy, who is reporting to the Congress under the aegis of the War Powers Act, who is watching our people beheaded by this enemy, but who for some reason feels queasy about saying that we are in fact at war with this enemy?” Psaki: “James, I think—I’m not gonna put new words into the mouth of [Obama]. My point is that his actions to authorize these strikes, uh, his effort to send Secretary Kerry, Secretary Hagel, uh, any resource we have in the United States to lead... the building of a coalition speak to his commitment to his commitment to taking on this threat. And of course we want to see ISIL destroyed, but that is not an overnight effort.” (That is, “The nation is at war with ISIS, but Obama is using the War Powers Act as authorization for his military actions.”) [63768, 63801, 63813, 63823, 63839]

Obama travels to Estonia, but has no immediate comment on the Sotloff beheading. (He ignores shouted questions from reporters as he leaves the White House and boards the Marine One helicopter.) White House press secretary Josh Earnest tells reporters, “This is something, uh, that the, uh, that the administration has obviously been watching very carefully since this threat against Mr. Sotloff’s life was, uh, originally made a few weeks ago. Uh, our thoughts and prayers, first and foremost, are with... Mr. Sotloff’s family and those who, uh, worked with him. Uh, the United States, as you know, has dedicated significant time and resources to try and, uh, and, uh, rescue Mr. Sotloff.” (It is worth noting that Sotloff, like beheaded journalist James Foley, was also a leftist who was sympathetic to the jihadist cause and considered the radical Muslim Brotherhood’s grievances legitimate. Sotloff apparently believed that he was safe interacting with Syrian rebels because he was sympathetic. His naiveté resulted in his death.) [63754, 63757, 63773, 63861, 63862, 63863, 63915]

The Sotloff family releases a statement—in both English and Arabic—through spokesman Barak Barfi. Barfi tells reporters that Steven Sotloff “was no war junkie—he did not want to be a modern-day Lawrence of Arabia. He merely wanted to give voice to those that have none. Steve was no hero. Like all of us, he was a mere man who tried to find good concealed in a world of darkness. And if it did not exist, he tried to create it.” [63916, 63917]

In Somalia, a U.S. drone strike kills Ahmed Abdi Godane, the leader of the terrorist group al-Shabab responsible for the 2013 massacre that killed 67 at the Westgate Mall in Nairobi, Kenya. Ten other jihadists are also killed. [63755, 63791, 63979]

The *Daily Mail* reports, “American Special Forces commandos are on the ground fighting in northern Iraq, according to a published report, just a week after Barack Obama said that wouldn’t happen. And with a second brutal beheading in Syria, [Obama] may soon have to decide how much more military might to deploy. Even as he has authorized more than 100 target airstrikes against the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS) in Iraq,

Obama told the American Legion on August 26 that ‘American combat troops will not be returning to fight in Iraq.’ ‘I will not allow the United States to be dragged back into another ground war in Iraq,’ he said, adding later that ‘the answer’ to ISIS ‘is not to send in large-scale military deployments that overstretch our military.’ His parsing of words—‘combat troops’ and ‘large-scale’—now seem calculated to produce platoon-sized loopholes. A Daily Beast freelance reporter wrote Tuesday that he saw ‘what appeared to be bearded Western Special Operations Forces’ in a caravan of armored vehicles near the Iraqi town of Zumar. The battle-scarred location, 30 miles from Mosul and a bit further from Erbil, had been the site of fierce fighting between Kurdish Peshmerga forces and ISIS militants. ‘They didn’t wear any identifying insignia,’ the reporter added, ‘but they were visibly Western and appeared to match all the visual characteristics of American special operations soldiers.’ This particular freelancer should know: He’s a 27-year-old former U.S. Army Ranger who served three tours in Iraq and two in Afghanistan. ...A Peshmerga commander, backed up by Kurdish intelligence sources, confirmed that ‘Yes, German and American forces are on the ground here. They are helping to support us in the attack.’ But the Pentagon told the online news magazine Monday night that ‘there are no U.S. troops on the ground in or around Zumar.’” [63756]

On CNN, Deputy U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Iraq and Iran Brett McGurk says the United States is “developing a broad regional coalition, a broad international coalition, working to get a new Iraqi government stood up, working to get our plans in place. So stay tuned. You cannot just go in militarily and start dropping bombs and hope that it’s going to work out. You have to have a very sophisticated approach to this. We are building now a broader campaign plan that we’ll develop over the days and weeks ahead.” CNN’s Christiane Amanpour responds, “You say ‘stay tuned,’ but in the meantime ISIS is busy beheading our colleagues, threatening more of them, massacring people on the ground and conducting the kind of brutality that we haven’t seen in a long, long time.” (ISIS has been slaughtering innocent people for months, but the mainstream media in the United States sits up and takes notice only after American journalists are killed.) [63757]

The satire web site WorldNewsBureau.com writes, “The White House reports ...Obama has assembled ‘an impressive and formidable coalition’ to battle the Islamic State (IS or ISIS), but has so far refused to divulge details. World News Bureau has now obtained exclusive information from sources inside the administration on the primary coalition partners and their individual contributions: Australia - Sunglasses, sunscreen, beach towels, 2 kangaroos. Great Britain - 3 Small blimps, crumpets, socks, musical instruments. France - Cheese, berets, white flags, poodles. Germany - Bayonets, mustard, stylish uniforms. Netherlands - Dykes, chocolates. Canada - Snow shoes, plaid shirts, cookies, toboggans, clock radios. Saudi Arabia - \$300 billion, scarves. Iraqi Kurdistan - Soldiers, weapons, 18 dilapidated Toyota pickups. Vanuatu - Spears, axes, sticks.” [64687]

On MSNBC’s *The Cycle*, *National Journal*’s Ron Fournier slams Obama for his “social media” comment, saying Obama need to “explain very honestly to the public what it is he’s doing [about ISIS], and to at least look like he’s taking this seriously... In this kind

of situation, optics are important. It's not just your sense of communicating to the public how grave this is, but also the messages you're sending to our enemies. ... What you don't say is, 'Oh, you know what? The world is safer than it was twenty years ago. The only difference is now that people have social media, and they can see how horrible the world is.' That's what he said last Friday. Frankly, that's insulting to the American public. We knew before social media how scary the world is, and we know that in a lot of ways it's scarier now—and that's not just because of social media. Hey Mr. [Obama], there was media before there was social media." [63834]

At Townhall.com Katie Pavlich writes that in addition to the government not having a strategy to deal with ISIS, "An alarming new report from ABC News shows authorities from U.S. Customs and Immigration and the State Department have lost track of 6,000 foreign students whose visas have expired. As a reminder, the 9/11 hijackers purposely applied for student visas to get into the United States and knew when those visas expired nobody would come looking for them. To add insult to injury, the 9/11 hijackers should have never been issued visas in the first place." Senator Tom Coburn (R-OK) says, "We know we have a lot of non-accredited universities that are using this system to bring people in, collect money, and not educate them at all. To me, it's a mess." According to ABC, the list of "approved schools" for foreign visa holders includes "86 beauty schools, 36 massage schools and nine schools that teach horseshoeing." Foreigners "can enter the U.S. on a visa to study acupuncture, hair braiding, or join academies that focus on tennis and golf." Many of the schools do not comply with federal regulations to report non-attendance to the government. (As noted previously in this *Timeline*, while the Obama administration can't keep track of 6,000 foreign students, it has made a concerted effort to slash the number of visas granted to Israelis—as if it is Israelis, rather than Islamists, who pose a risk of a jihadist terrorist attack.) [56112, 63766, 63790, 63817, 63818]

Pavlich also reports, "State Department Deputy Spokeswoman Jen Psaki would not confirm if passports belonging to Americans confirmed to be fighting with ISIS/ISIL in the Middle East have been revoked. 'It's not as black and white as that,' Psaki said, adding that there are legal parameters the State Department must work around on a case-by-case basis. 'We [State Department] can revoke passports for a number of reasons.' Government officials, intelligence agents and Americans have been concerned for weeks about ISIS fighters, who have now sent two messages directly to America with the beheadings of journalists James Foley and Steven Sotloff, will easily use U.S. passports to get back into the country to carry out attacks." [63767]

White House press secretary John Earnest defends Obama's approach to dealing with ISIS, saying it is like his auto bailout action in 2009: "That was a risky maneuver. It would not have been possible without [Obama], who is sometimes described as cautious, making the bold decision that really paid off in spades for the American public." (At DailySurge.com Matt Fox writes, "It would be a tremendous understatement to say that this was about the worst analogy Earnest could have possibly made. I don't recall anyone's life being at risk when [Obama] pondered whether or not to bail out GM. I certainly don't recall the very future of the country being at stake. A 'risky maneuver?' Sure, everything is 'risky' when you're only focused on politics. But when Americans are

getting their heads cut off, might we take one moment and focus on REAL risk? What these guys refer to as ‘caution’ is what I refer to as ‘reluctance.’ Not necessarily a reluctance to take military action, as I can’t say for sure whether or not it’s the answer. No, I mean the reluctance to identify our enemy for what it is: radical Islam. Let’s declare war on these bastards and do whatever it takes to ensure that future mothers won’t have to plead for their son’s lives on YouTube videos, only to find out that they’ve been murdered a week later. It’s time to get off the damn links and get ANGRY. Of course, Obama won’t do that because, in the end, he’s a lame-duck who simply doesn’t care. After all, it’s George Bush’s fault, right?” [63803, 63804]

Fox News’ Catherine Herridge reports, “A former Pentagon official confirms to Fox News that detailed and specific intelligence about the rise of ISIS was included in the PDB, or the President’s Daily Brief, for at least a year before the group took large swaths of territory beginning in June. The official, who asked not to be identified because the PDB is considered the most authoritative, classified intelligence community product providing [Obama] with analysis of sensitive international events, said the data was strong, and ‘granular’ in detail, adding a policy maker ‘...could not come away with any other impression: This is getting bad.’ The official who has close knowledge of the process said [Obama], who reads the PDB unlike his predecessors who traditionally had the document briefed to them, was not known to come back to the intelligence community with further questions or ‘taskings.’ Asked to describe the frequency, the former Pentagon official said ‘not generally.’” [63769]

“After suggestions that the administration may have been blindsided by the rise of ISIS, and that poor intelligence was to blame, the former Pentagon official said some of the intelligence was so good it was described as ‘exquisite’ when [Obama] drew a red line on chemical weapons use in Syria in 2012. The source who is familiar with the deliberations said ‘(we) were ready to fire, on a moments notice, on a couple hundred targets,’ but no order was given. In some cases, targets were tracked for a ‘long period of time’ but then slipped away. On whether the administration delayed acting on the Foley rescue, as first reported by the Sunday Times of London to be 30 days, the former Pentagon official confirmed there was significant delay, describing a White House that was racked with ‘hesitancy’ and continually asking for ‘the intelligence to build up more.’ At the time, Fox News is told that a large, heavily armed compound, believed to be housing Foley, and other potential captives, was identified near the ISIS strong hold of Raqqa, Syria.” [63769, 63770]

Townhall.com political editor Guy Benson observes, “These allegations should be objectively shocking, but is anyone genuinely surprised by any of this? Obama’s hesitancy and vacillation on the Foley rescue mission have been widely reported, so that’s old news. But Herridge’s reporting includes a number of details that flesh out a portrait of a disengaged [Obama]. First of all, just because the ‘granular’ ISIS warnings were included in Obama’s so-called PDB doesn’t mean that he ever digested that intel. Obama routinely skips his in-person briefings, including—infamously—on the day immediately following the terrorist attacks in Benghazi. His aides insist that [Obama] prefers to read his daily briefing book, but this Pentagon source says Obama rarely

responds to the intelligence updates with follow-up questions and directives. If he's scouring these documents on a daily basis, he's not letting on that he's actively responsive to the intelligence they contain. This, remember, is a man supporters hail as one of the most intellectually curious human beings on earth. Fox isn't the only outlet citing sources and evidence spelling out the revelation that Obama has been fielding incoming information about the advancement of ISIS for some time. McClatchy confirmed in July that US officials had been tracking the terror group's progress since 2012." [63770]

"...Our government has been watching developments closely throughout this cascading nightmare, and alarming intelligence has been laid before [Obama] since at least 2013. That's what makes Obama's dismissive comparison of ISIS to a 'jayvee' basketball team in January so galling. He knew, or should have known, better. And it's what renders his 'no strategy' admission last week flat-out indefensible. The media—including Townhall—began reporting in earnest on the hellish scenes playing out across Iraq in early June. That was three months ago. It would be egregious enough if the Commander-in-Chief still hadn't actively and urgently crafted a strategy to deal with ISIS over those weeks alone. In fact, his inaction on this front dates back more than a year. ISIS only became a quasi-priority when it started generating politically-problematic headlines, and even then, [Obama's] priorities often seem to lie elsewhere. If you ask Obama, none of this is his fault." [63770]

CNN national security analyst and former CIA operative Bob Baer tells his network's Jake Tapper, "The people who collect tactical intelligence on the ground, day-to-day—and this isn't Washington—but people collecting this stuff say they're here, ISIS is here [in the United States], they're capable of striking. They don't know what their plans and intentions are. But it's a definite concern. ...The people who do this for a living are very alarmed." [63771, 63772, 63825]

Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal issues a statement: "[Obama] said last week that his Administration currently has no strategy to deal with ISIS. There is no need to even comment on that, it speaks for itself. I have no doubt about [Obama's] sorrow over the two murders of American citizens by ISIS. I am certain that this grieves him deeply. And while grieving is important, it is no substitute for a strategy. Let's speak very plainly and directly about this—The Obama Administration does not have a strategy at all. It's not that we have a flawed foreign policy; we don't have a foreign policy. [Obama] appears to simply careen from international crisis to international crisis, with no discernable governing principles. The world is safest when America is strongest. A weak America invites chaos. And we are seeing exactly that on the world stage right now. Peace through strength is not a slogan. It is a truth. We can have peace through strength, or we can have chaos and war through weakness." [63774]

FreeBeacon.com reports, "Islamist militias in Libya took control of nearly a dozen commercial jetliners last month, and western intelligence agencies recently issued a warning that the jets could be used in terrorist attacks across North Africa. Intelligence reports of the stolen jetliners were distributed within the U.S. government over the past

two weeks and included a warning that one or more of the aircraft could be used in an attack later this month on the date marking the anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks against New York and Washington, said U.S. officials familiar with the reports. ‘There are a number of commercial airliners in Libya that are missing,’ said one official. ‘We found out on September 11 what can happen with hijacked planes.’” The State Department responds, “We can’t confirm that.” (What the State Department says it cannot confirm can arguably be confirmed by photographs of jihadists swarming around and on the wings of airliners at the Tripoli airport. One such photograph shows a Libyan Arab Airlines Dassault Falcon 50 with registration number 5A-DCM.) [63775, 63809, 63838, 63961, 63962, 63963, 64078, 64079]

State Department spokesperson Marie Harf sends three tweets to announce that Obama has “authorized the Department of Defense to fulfill a Department of State request... for approximately 350 additional US military personnel to protect our diplomatic facilities and personnel in Baghdad. ...These additional forces will not serve in a combat role.” (A reporter may want to ask Harf to define “combat,” or at least ask, “Will the 350 not be taking weapons with them?” “Will they not be wearing boots?” “Will they not return fire if fired upon?”) [63778, 63847]

According to NCRenegade.com, illegal immigrants committed 418 child rapes in North Carolina in August: “All of these individuals have a court date scheduled for, or were arrested for, child rape in August. This is the tenth month in a row we have been tracking child rape cases in NC. We are approaching 3,000 charges of sex crimes against NC’s children in 10 short months.” [65103]

DailyCaller.com reports, “The nearly two-decade long pause in global warming may just be the tip of the iceberg for evidence against anthropogenic climate change. A new paper found that temperatures in the lower troposphere have not shown a warming trend in as many as 26 years. ‘In the surface data we compute a hiatus length of 19 years, and in the lower tropospheric data we compute a hiatus length of 16 years... and 26 years’ using satellite data sets, according to Dr. Ross McKittrick of the economics department at the University of Guelph in Canada. ...News of the pause in global warming has baffled climate scientists and reignited debates over the dangers of global warming. Scientists have offered a wide range of explanations for why global temperatures have been flat for nearly two decades, including ocean oscillation cycles and increased volcanic activity. The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, however, has written off the pause in global warming and does not even estimate how long global temperatures have been flat—though scientists generally say it’s lasted between 15 and 20 years. Despite the pause, the IPCC’s latest climate report continues to sound the alarm on global warming.” [63783]

DailyCaller.com also reports, “A Texas catering business will pay the United States \$26,400 for engaging in ‘citizenship-discrimination,’ as part of a settlement with the Justice Department announced Tuesday. Culinaire International unlawfully discriminated against employees based on their citizenship status, the Justice Department claimed, because it required non-citizen employees to provide extra proof of their right to work in

the United States. ... ‘Employers cannot discriminate against workers by requiring them to produce more documents than necessary in the employment eligibility verification and reverification processes,’ Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights division, Molly Moran, said in a statement. A lawful permanent resident’s card [‘green card’] expires, but their right to work is permanent, and in this case Culinaire was requiring employees to present a renewed permanent resident card to be verified as work-eligible. The Justice Department claimed this violated a provision in the INA that prohibits employers from requiring extra documentation from non-citizen employees.” (This suggests that if an immigrant’s green card expires and he or she illegally remains in the United States, an employer can do nothing about it—yet the employer can apparently still be charged with hiring an illegal immigrant.) [63998, 64000, 64001]

On CNN, the Centers for Disease Control’s Tom Friedman says the Ebola virus outbreak in Africa is “completely out of control” and an “epidemic” that “will get worse in the future and our window of opportunity to turn it around is closing.” Meanwhile, DCClothesline.com reports, “According to the World Health Organization more than 40% of all Ebola cases thus far have occurred in just the last three months, suggesting that the virus is continuing to build steam. Physicist Alessandro Vespignani of Northeastern University in Boston is one of several researchers trying to figure out how far Ebola may spread and how many people around the world could be affected. Based on his findings, there will be 10,000 cases by September of this year and it only gets worse from there.” [63793, 63840]

Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, Obama’s former chief of staff, lends his support to a proposed Comcast Corporation takeover of Time Warner Cable, Inc. (IBTimes.com notes, “[D]uring his political career, Emanuel and political committees he controls has received more than \$100,000 from Comcast and its employees.”) [63858, 63859]

At WashingtonPost.com Dana Milbank writes that Obama “is not worried. And that is unnerving. British Prime Minister David Cameron presented to Parliament on Monday the alarming conclusions of European leaders who had met in Brussels over the weekend: ‘The European Council believes the creation of an Islamic caliphate in Iraq and Syria and the Islamist extremism and export of terrorism on which it is based is a direct threat to every European country.’ ...But three days earlier—the day Britain raised its terrorism threat level to ‘severe’—Obama delivered a very different message when he spoke to donors at a fundraiser in New York’s Westchester County. ‘Yes, the Middle East is challenging, but the truth is it’s been challenging for quite a while,’ he said. ‘I promise you things are much less dangerous now than they were 20 years ago, 25 years ago or 30 years ago.’ ...I hope Obama’s chillax message turns out to be correct, but the happy talk is not reassuring. It’s probably true that the threat of domestic radicalization is greater in Europe than in the United States (hence the British plan to confiscate some passports) but Obama’s sanguinity is jarring compared with the mood of NATO allies Obama is meeting in Europe this week. Obama has been giving Americans a pep talk, essentially counseling them not to let international turmoil get in the way of the domestic economic recovery. ‘The world has always been messy,’ he said Friday. ‘In part, we’re just noticing now because of social media and our capacity to see in intimate detail the hardships that

people are going through.’ So we wouldn’t have fussed over Russia’s invasion of Ukraine if not for Facebook? Or worried about terrorists taking over much of Syria and Iraq if not for Twitter? This explanation, following Obama’s indiscreet admission Thursday that ‘we don’t have a strategy yet’ for military action against the Islamic State, adds to the impression that Obama is disengaged. In short, Americans would worry less if Obama worried more.” [63805]

On CNN, Congressman Michael McCaul (R-TX), chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, is asked by Wolf Blitzer to confirm whether there are as many as a dozen Americans fighting for ISIS. McCaul responds, “No, that number is actually much larger than what you stated. I believe, based on the briefings I’ve received, that we’re talking somewhere in the range of between 100 to 200 Americans that are over in Syria and Iraq joining the fight, in addition to the tens of thousands of other foreign fighters, including a lot of Western Europeans, all of which [sic; whom], as you have pointed out, have Western passports and travel documents. Which is why the biggest... What is the homeland security concern here? It’s the fact that we have Americans and those with travel documents that [sic; who] can come back to the United States and perpetrate an act of terrorism... We’re on a really high state of alert right now.” [63807, 63808]

Rasmussen reports, “Voters regard the radical Islamic terrorist group ISIS as a major threat to the United States and are very worried that ...Obama doesn’t have a strategy for dealing with the problem. They remain reluctant to send U.S. troops back to Iraq to take on ISIS, but support is growing. A new Rasmussen Reports national telephone survey finds that 67% of Likely U.S. Voters consider the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) a serious threat to this country. Just 13% disagree, while another 20% are not sure.” [63821, 63822]

On *The Steve Malzberg Show*, former Congressman Tom Delay (R-TX) says, “Obama was raised as a Muslim for most of his childhood, so he is a Muslim sympathizer, and so that is also acting against us. ...This is about terrorists that [sic; who] want to kill Americans and destroy our way of life, and it’s a war on terror. It will be a war for many, many more years. There are people that [sic] want to kill us, and if we can identify them and locate them, we need to kill them... [Obama] is using every excuse in the book to keep from doing something that will protect Americans in the homeland. ...[Obama] knows we are putting our people in very dangerous situations. He knows that we’re less safe today than we’ve been since he’s taken office, and yet he doesn’t do anything. It’s scary, if it wasn’t so infuriating.” [63836]

DailyCaller.com reports, “White House spokesman Josh Earnest used his Sept. 2 press conference to prepare ...Obama’s escape pod from his imploding project to amnesty millions of illegals. Obama’s departure preparations have already demoralized the top-level advocates for greater immigration who have helped Obama’s push for amnesty. A group of five despondent advocates, including Frank Sharry, the director of America’s Voice, and Charles Kamasaki, a vice president of a main Latino ethnic group, La Raza, were seen leaving a Sept. 2 White House meeting. When asked about the meeting, the five declined to detail who they met, or what they were told at the meeting. However,

said Sharry, ‘as usual, our long-term prospects are good.’” (In other words, not only will Obama not honor his pledge to issue an executive order on amnesty before the end of the summer, he will not do before the November 4 mid-term elections either—because doing so would even further increase the likelihood that the Democrats will lose control of the Senate.) [63833]

Although Obama may be temporarily backing away from any amnesty actions in order to help protect vulnerable Democrats, he may be throwing them under the bus with a “global warming” deal in the United Nations. DailyCaller.com notes, “Cutting Congress out of the climate change negotiations, as the Obama administration is reportedly considering, according to The New York Times, would supply more ammunition to Republican candidates who are all too happy to tie their opponents to [the] increasingly unpopular [Obama]. An unnamed Democratic strategist told The Hill that the move would be like putting incumbent Democrats ‘in front of the firing squad.’ ‘You’re ...making it more difficult for them to win and certainly putting them in a position to lose,’ the strategist is quoted as saying. ...Obama’s climate change negotiators are exploring options for agreeing to a U.N. ‘naming and shaming’ project that would call out nations who aren’t living up to goals for enacting climate change policies... The strategy involves amending an existing U.N. climate change treaty, thereby sidestepping the need to ratify a new treaty—which requires a vote of Congress.” (Treaties are subject to ratification by the Senate; the House of Representatives is not involved.) [63835]

On *Hannity*, retired Lieutenant Colonel Ralph Peters says it is “shocking” that Obama has “remarkably little curiosity about the world, [and is] seemingly unable to learn what works and what doesn’t, what’s necessary and what’s not.” Peters comments on the report that Obama declines his daily briefing and instead reads an electronic version: “The reason he didn’t want in-person briefings [was] because he just didn’t want briefings at all. ‘I’ll take them electronically.’ And that doesn’t mean he read them. He probably, at most, skimmed through the parts of interest to him, about Islamic terrorism, et cetera, and so he was basically, in my view, ignoring, throwing away, the tremendously hard-won inputs our intelligence committee was trying to send to the White House, so Sean, in his peculiar way, he may be being honest when he says, ‘I didn’t know,’ he wasn’t warned, because he didn’t read the books. ...I’ve been whining, to put it honestly, that he won’t make a decision. But you know, I’m starting to feel like he *can’t* make a decision. [Obama] has a real psychological problem, that he can’t face responsibility—and certainly not the responsibilities of his office. But again, look at how he doesn’t even want to be in the Oval Office—he wants to be on the road, he wants to be at fundraisers. We may have a [person in the White House] who is just incapable of rising to the challenges of the office. ...The world thinks this greatest superpower in history is weak, and indecisive, and can’t move, and is afraid. They think we’re afraid. They think the American people have turned into cowards—*which we have not*. But [Obama], he won’t call the invasion of Ukraine an invasion, because he said that... there would be consequences if Putin invaded Ukraine, so he just won’t use the word invasion. We won’t call the war against Islamist terror a war, even though they do absolutely believe they’re at war with us. ...[Obama] just can’t face it. The world has disappointed him, and he’s

turning his back on the world and on the people who elected him, on all of us.” [63851, 63899]

On *The Kelly File*, Fox News senior political analyst Brit Hume reacts to Obama’s lack of reaction to the beheading of another American and the rise of ISIS: “This is a man, Megyn, whose vision of the world he had when he took office turned out to be a mirage. And his own sense of the world and how it would react to him has also turned out to be a mirage. This is a man... who told someone I know... when he [Obama] was in the Senate... ‘Wouldn’t it be great for the world if I were president?’” Host Megyn Kelly plays an audio clip of Obama telling New Hampshire Public Radio on November 21, 2007, “Well... I truly believe that the day I’m inaugurated, not only does the country look at itself differently, but the world looks at America differently. Uh, if I’m reaching out to the Muslim world, uh, they understand that I’ve lived in a Muslim country and I may be a Christian but I also understand their point of view. I think the world will have confidence that, uh, I am listening to them. That will ultimately make us safer.” Hume responds, “That’s it, Megyn, there you have it, I mean that’s what he thought and I think, you know, obviously that’s not turned out to be the case, and you know I think he is, he is now confronted with the world... that is, and I don’t think he knows what to do, and I think he is a man who turns out, for all his apparent intelligence, to be a slow learner on a number of things and extraordinarily... not adaptable.” [63780, 63881]

Interestingly, Obama said, “and I *may* be a Christian,” not “although I *am* a Christian.” As noted previously in this *Timeline*, Egyptian foreign minister Ahmed Aboul Gheit claimed he had a one-on-one meeting with Obama, who told him he was a Muslim. During a January 2010 Nile TV telecast of a program called *Round Table Show*, Gheit said Obama “told me in confidence that he is a Muslim.” Gheit further stated that Obama asked that the Muslim world “show patience,” and that “once he overcame some domestic American problems [i.e., ObamaCare]” he would show the Muslim world “what he would do with Israel.” Obama also had a private meeting with Gheit in May 2009. [11961, 11962, 11963, 64738]

The Obama Timeline does *not* believe Obama is particularly intelligent. Rather, he was merely indoctrinated, over many years, by his mother, his Muslim teachers in Indonesia, his communist mentor Frank Marshall Davis, his leftist university professors, his fellow community activist radicals, by Saul Alinsky’s *Rules for Radicals*, by William Ayers, and others to believe what he believes. He was never taught *how* to think; he was taught *what* to think. He entered politics believing that if only *he* could rule from the Oval Office, everything would fall into place. He naively believed that signing a piece of paper—on his first full day in office—would instantly cause the terrorist detainee facility at Guantanamo to be shut down. He foolishly believed that with a Democrat-controlled Congress he could easily impose a “single payer” socialist health care system. He irrationally believed he could invigorate a stagnant economy with an absurd “stimulus program” that did little but reward campaign donors for their support. He absurdly believed that his mere presence in the White House and an “America was wrong” speech at Cairo University would usher in a new era of world peace, in which Israel would commit national suicide and Muslims would put down their AK47s and scimitars forever.

But *he* was wrong. He has failed at every major task he attempted (other than winning elections). Unfortunately for the nation, Obama has no idea how to deal with his failures because it never occurred to him that he would fail. He absurdly and arrogantly assumed that he knew best and that everything would fall into place—just as he had planned it in his mind—as soon as he entered the Oval Office. Obama is like a teenager who believes he knows all the answers and who is then suddenly thrust into a situation where, after an initial stunned reaction, he is forced to realize he does not. Obama is still at the stunned reaction phase.

On September 3, during a press conference with Estonian President Toomas Hendrik Ilves, Obama addresses the beheading of Steven Sotloff by ISIS: “Their horrific acts only unite us as a country and stiffen our resolve to fight against these terrorists, and those who make the mistake of harming Americans will learn that we will not forget and that our reach is long and that justice will be served. . . . We know that if we are joined by the international community, we can continue to shrink ISIL’s sphere of influence, its effectiveness, its financing, its military capabilities to the point where it is a manageable problem. Our objective is clear, and that is to degrade and destroy ISIL so it is no longer a threat not just to Iraq but also the region and to the United States. . . . In order for us to accomplish that, the first phase has been to make sure we’ve got an Iraqi government in place and that we are blunting the momentum that ISIL was carrying out. And the airstrikes have done that. But now what we need to do is make sure we’ve got the regional strategy in place that can support an ongoing effort not just in the air but on the ground to move that forward.” [63819, 63826, 63837, 63842, 63846, 63867, 63890, 63992, 64129]

Obama argues that ISIS/ISIL has “already failed,” “. . . because, like people around the world, Americans are repulsed by their barbarism. We will not be intimidated. Their horrific acts only unite us as a country and stiffen our resolve. . . . It’s not only that we’re going to be bringing to justice those who perpetrated this terrible crime against [Foley and Sotloff], more broadly the United States will continue to lead a regional and international effort against the kind of barbaric and ultimately empty vision that ISIL represents. That’s going to take some time but we’re going to get it done. I’m confident of it.” (“Justice” is a *criminal* term. Obama looks at the situation as an episode of a television crime drama, and thinks an arrest and trial of the beheaders will end the conflict. “Degrading” ISIS so that “it is no longer a threat” is not the same as annihilating it and serving notice to future jihadists that their barbarity will not be tolerated. Obama doesn’t plan on winning any war against ISIS. In fact, he doesn’t even want to engage in one. He will apparently be content to “shrink its sphere of influence” and “degrade” it until it is a “manageable problem.” He doesn’t say how many beheadings would classify ISIS as an “unmanageable” problem.) [63819, 63826, 63837, 63842, 63846, 63867, 63890, 63992, 64129]

Obama also says, “It challenges that most basic of principles of our international system—that borders cannot be redrawn at the barrel of a gun, that nations have the right to determine their own future. It undermines an international order where the rights of peoples and nations are upheld and can’t simply be taken away by brute force. This is

what's at stake in Ukraine. This is why we stand with the people of Ukraine today. ...Now let's put to rest once and for all the distortions or outdated thinking that has caused this crisis. Our NATO alliance is not aimed against any other nation. We're in an alliance of democracies dedicated to our own collective defense. Countries like Estonia and Latvia and Lithuania are not post-Soviet territory. You are sovereign and independent nations with the right to make your own decisions. No other nation gets to veto your security decisions." (Obama is astoundingly ignorant on the history of borders. Far more national borders have probably been drawn "at the barrel of a gun" than by peaceful means. That nations may have a right to determine their own futures does not mean that other nations always recognize that right—and the situation in Crimea and Ukraine are prime examples. Obama can lecture all he wants, but it will not deter Russian President Vladimir Putin from seeking a port on the black sea or trying to reconstitute the Soviet empire. Further, Obama's belief in "global warming" notwithstanding, as winter sets in Putin will have an advantage in Ukraine—which relies on natural gas from Russia's Gazprom to heat homes, as well as coal from the eastern portion of the country.) [63819, 63826, 63837, 63842, 63846, 63867, 63890, 63992]

At Townhall.com Jonah Goldberg writes, "When Barack Obama ran for president he vowed to be non-ideological. He was a pragmatist and a problem-solver. ...On foreign policy in particular, Obama had been singing this tune for years. ...Now don't get me wrong, I have no problem with being ideological. I do it every day. What sticks in my craw is lying about it to yourself or to the country. Insisting that you don't have an ideology is a great way to advance your ideological agenda without actually having to defend your ideology. That's why ...Obama loves to say that he only cares about 'what works' and what's best for the country. I mean, who is against policies that work? Who doesn't care about what's best for the country? According to the president, the answer is always clear: Anyone who disagrees with him. Nearly six years since he took office, the shtick is getting old. But if you want to keep insisting that Obama's policies on health care, immigration, taxes and foreign policy have nothing to do with an ideological or political agenda, well, bless your little heart. More to the point, what has this 'non-ideological' foreign policy gotten us? ... Obama has overseen a shocking decline in America's standing in the world. Everyone is mad at, or disappointed in, the United States. ...As Bret Stephens recently noted in the Wall Street Journal, Obama has expressed personal rage at only one nation: Israel. Why? Because the Israelis don't sufficiently hide their contempt for Obama's incompetence and his secretary of state's haplessness. Personally, I think Obama's foreign policy is besotted with ideological and political considerations. But at this point it doesn't matter because it has failed on the only terms Obama claimed to value: it hasn't worked." [63824]

On CNN, White House Deputy National Security Advisor Tony Blinken says, "it will probably go beyond this administration to get to the point of defeat" for ISIS. (That is, "Obama is incapable of defeating—or unwilling to defeat—a small army of terrorist thugs before 2017." Twitter user comments include: "Defeatism is our strategy." "Y'all will have to elect a different President who wants to defeat ISIL." "Kickin' the can down the road." "After waiting 6 years to use the word terrorism I am sure he is correct." "You mean, it will take some else who actually knows what to do and can see shit coming and

deal with it to do the job.” “Wait, wait. I thought they were the JV. Not a big threat. But it will take more than 2 years to wipe them out now??” and “Preemptive blame. How clever.” Actress Mia Farrow tweets, “I want our government to eliminate ISIS—in my lifetime we have not seen a more grave threat to America and to democracies worldwide—” Farrow will apparently have to live at least two more years if she wants to see ISIS defeated.) [63827, 63828, 63829, 63880]

In Portsmouth, New Hampshire, Vice President Joe Biden says, “We came back after 9/11. We dusted ourselves off and we made sure that Osama bin Laden would never, ever again threaten the American people. We came back Boston strong, blaming no one but resolve [sic; resolving] to be certain that this didn’t happen again.” (Actually, most Americans blamed jihadists who executed the Boston Marathon bombing—as well as the radical Islamist ideology that encouraged them.) “As a nation, we’re united, and when people harm Americans, we don’t retreat. We don’t forget.” With a raised voice and an enthusiasm that sounds a lot like a man running for president, Biden declares, “They [ISIS] should know we will follow them to the gates of Hell until they are brought to justice, because hell is where they will reside. Hell is where they will reside.” (Arguably, the U.S. Armed Forces should push ISIS to the gates of Hell rather than follow them through those gates. In any event, it will be difficult to defeat ISIS when a limited number of U.S. ground troops are in Iraq in nothing more than defensive positions, guarding the embassy in Baghdad and other facilities. One frustrated Special Forces member tells Fox News’ Brett Baier that they can hardly follow ISIS fighters to the “gates of Hell” when they are not even allowed to leave the “gates of their base.” Biden says he is ready to send troops to the gates of Hell, but Obama won’t send an unmanned drone across the border of Syria.) DailyCaller.com points out that Senator John McCain (R-AZ) was criticized in 2007 for saying about Osama bin Laden: “We will do whatever is necessary. We will track him down. We will catch him. We will bring him to justice and I’ll follow him to the gates of hell.” ABC, for example, labeled his words “over the top.”) [63852, 63856, 63875, 63889]

At the State Department, Secretary of State John Kerry welcomes Shaarik Zafar, a new “special representative for Muslim communities.” Kerry tells Department employees, “Those who have murdered James Foley and Steven Sotloff in Syria need to know that the United States will hold them accountable, no matter how long it takes. But here today, what is really important—and I want to take advantage of this podium and of this moment, to underscore as powerfully as I know how—that the face of Islam is not the butchers who killed Steven Sotloff. That’s ISIL. The face of Islam is not the nihilists who know only how to destroy, not to build. It’s not masked cowards whose actions are an ugly insult to the peaceful religion that they violate every single day with their barbarity, and whose fundamental principles they insult with their actions. The real face of Islam is a peaceful religion based on the dignity of all human beings. It’s one where Muslim communities are leading the fight against poverty. It’s one where Muslim communities are providing basic health care and emergency assistance on the frontlines of some of our most devastating humanitarian crises.” (“Nihilist” does not mean what Kerry thinks it means. He is suggesting that the radical Islamists reject ideology, believe that knowledge and truth cannot be known, and repudiate everything—when the opposite is true. They

certainly *have* an ideology, but it is an *evil* ideology of submission. Kerry's attempt to disassociate ISIS with Islam is absurd. A reporter should ask him how an entity called the "Islamic State" can have nothing to do with Islam.) [63853, 63864]

The torturously slow-talking Kerry states, "When Shaarik started drafting the 'U.S. strategy on religious leader and faith community engagement,' he began with two words: religion matters. We're making that a mantra here at the State Department in our foreign policy. ...Our faiths are inextricably linked on any number of things that we must confront and deal with in policy concepts today. Our faiths are inextricably linked on the environment. For many of us, respect for God's creation also translates into a duty to protect and sustain his first creation: earth. The planet. Before God created man he created heavens and earth. Confronting climate change is, in the long run, one of the greatest challenges that we face. And you can see this duty and responsibility laid out in scriptures. Clearly. Beginning in Genesis. And Muslim majority countries are among the most vulnerable. Our response to this challenge ought to be rooted in a sense of stewardship, of earth. And for me and for many of us here today, that responsibility comes from God." (Some might wonder why taxpayer dollars are being used to fund a "U.S. strategy on 'religious leader and faith community engagement.'" Some may also wonder why a government which is, according to the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, not supposed to establish a religion somehow feels obligated to establish a cult-like "climate change religion." Lastly, some may be surprised to learn from Kerry that God commands us to protect Muslim countries from climate change.) [63937, 63938]

Sweden's *The Local* reports, "The Swedish Security Service (Säpo) says it has stopped two terror attacks being planned by violent Islamist extremists living inside the country." (Sweden has a large Muslim population, particularly in the cities of Malmo and Uppsala. GatestoneInstitute.org quotes one police officer: "Police cars that approach Arab and Muslim areas are regularly attacked with rocks. At the moment, local Swedish authorities are not sure how to keep providing public services in those areas. They are even considering rolling back certain state services there. It is just too risky to operate in such a hostile environment. A few residents of the Arab-Muslim areas in Uppsala describe their neighborhoods as 'Sharia areas where Sweden's government is not welcome.'" Journalist Ingrid Carlquist observes, "We had a perfectly good country; a rich country, a nice country. And in a few years' time, that country will be gone.") [63968, 63969, 63970, 64006]

IBTimes.com reports, "The radical Islamist group Isis (now known as Islamic State) has released a new video threatening Russian President Vladimir Putin that it plans to come to Russia and 'free Chechnya.' The video footage, believed to be filmed in the Taqba airbase captured from Syrian government forces in Raqqa, shows an IS fighter in a military jet. 'This message is for you, Vladimir Putin! These are the aircraft you sent to Bashar [Assad], and we're going to send them to you. Remember that!' he said. 'This is Russian technology,' said a militant with a Russian voice, according to The Moscow Times. 'We will with the consent of Allah free Chechnya and all of the Caucasus! The Islamic State is here and will stay here, and it will spread with the grace of Allah!' another militant warns. The militant then addressed Putin, adding: 'Your throne has

already been shaken, it is under threat and will fall with our arrival [in Russia] ... We're already on our way with the permission of Allah!" [64059]

Breitbart.com reports, "The family of Steven Sotloff, the latest American journalist beheaded by ISIS, is reportedly 'outraged' at the Obama administration for 'deliberate leaks' they interpret as 'an attempt to absolve the administration of inaction.' This reporting comes Wednesday from no less a source than the *New York Times*, which chose to bury the news under more than two dozen paragraphs: '...A person close to the Sotloff family expressed outrage at what he viewed as a pattern of deliberate leaks in Washington suggesting that Mr. Sotloff was killed the same day as Mr. Foley—a strategy he said the family sees as an attempt to absolve the administration of inaction. 'It was incredibly frustrating for us, because it was as if basically they were saying, 'Don't hope for any positive outcome,' said this person, who requested anonymity because he did not have the family's permission to speak publicly.' ...It wasn't so long ago when major stars at *The New York Times* argued that anguished and angry mothers [like Cindy Sheehan, whose son Casey was killed in Iraq] enjoyed an absolute moral authority over a sitting president—and answers. Today the *Times* refuses to give these mothers a headline and then goes so far as to bury their outrage at [Obama]. Democrats sure got it good." [63883, 63884, 63918]

Reverend Canon Andrew White, the vicar of St. George's Church in Baghdad, tells the BBC that Iraq is too dangerous for journalists: "Unless it is a life and death situation that you're working in, you should not be there. Even getting news out is no longer a life and death issue. The western world will just have to be without news. It is just too dangerous. I never dreamt that I would ever say that, but now is the issue and now is the time when it has just become too dangerous. ... I left Iraq yesterday but the danger there is immense and I just want to be back with my people. I don't like being away when it's like this. Who knows what is going to happen? You cannot deal with this evil Islamic State group. They are impossible to engage with or dialogue with or try and sort out any solution with. They are about death and destruction." White states he had "worked on over 390 different hostage cases," but "I've only got back 46 alive. The situation now is completely different. There would be no chance of even beginning to negotiate with this group. They are not prepared to talk to anybody." [63888]

The Times of India reports, "Al-Qaida leader Ayman al Zawahri on Wednesday announced the formation of an Indian branch of his militant group he said would spread Islamic rule and 'raise the flag of jihad' across the subcontinent. In a 55-minute video posted online, Zawahri also renewed a longstanding vow of loyalty to Afghan Taliban leader Mullah Omar, in an apparent snub to the Islamic State armed group challenging al-Qaida for leadership of transnational Islamist militancy. Zawahri described the formation of 'al-Qaida in the Indian subcontinent' as a glad tidings for Muslims 'in Burma, Bangladesh, Assam, Gujarat, Ahmedabad, and Kashmir' and said the new wing would rescue Muslims there from injustice and oppression. Counter-terrorism experts say al-Qaida's ageing leaders are struggling to compete for recruits with Islamic State, which has galvanised young followers around the world by carving out tracts of territory across the Iraq-Syria border." (Many Islamists also seek to recapture "Al-Andalus," or Spain

and Portugal—which were occupied by Muslims centuries ago. The March 11, 2004 train bombing in Madrid that killed 191 and injured more than 1,800 is a reminder that the jihadists still consider AL-Andalus “theirs.” [63923, 63976, 63977, 63978]

Controversial Homeland Security advisor Mohammed Elbiary is fired. Alan Bernstein, DHS assistant secretary for policy, states, “Mr. Elbiary will not be reappointed when his term expires in September of 2014.” Breitbart.com notes, “Elbiary, a supporter of the Muslim Brotherhood, made tweets in the past saying it was ‘inevitable’ that the ‘caliphate’ would return. Additionally, Elbiary had tweeted America is an ‘Islamic’ country. He was also at the center of a controversy involving allegations that former DHS Sec. Janet Napolitano gave him secret clearance which led to him downloading classified information, which he was accused of shopping to a reporter.” Elbiary is heading to Texas to establish a “Muslim think tank.” (Whether his “think tank” will also be a stop on the jihadist’s underground railroad from Mexico is not known.) As noted previously in this *Timeline*, Elbiary had leaked confidential DHS information to a left-leaning media outlet in Texas in an unsuccessful effort to portray Governor Rick Perry as an “Islamophobe.” Asked about the security breach, Napolitano told Congress, “Well, since I don’t know the facts, I’ll have to look into that.” Instead of firing Elbiary, Napolitano promoted him. [25810, 25811, 25812, 25815, 25818, 25819, 25826, 25856, 26075, 26076, 26831, 26980, 41199, 41200, 48401, 48415, 48509, 48558, 48962, 48963, 49394, 60441, 60442, 60443, 60444, 60491, 60599, 64083, 64084, 64085, 64089, 64392, 64393, 64405, 64416, 64464, 64705]

At NationalReview.com, Andrew C. former terrorist prosecutor McCarthy notes, “Elbiary’s intriguing credentials also include his appearance at a 2004 conference in Dallas that paid ‘Tribute to the Great Islamic Visionary’ Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini. In addition, he has publicly praised the Islamic-supremacist writings of Muslim Brotherhood theorist Sayyid Qutb, so inspirational to Osama bin Laden, Omar Abdel Rahman (the Blind Sheikh), and other infamous terrorists.” Additionally, “Obama’s DHS denied any wrongdoing by Elbiary after what it claimed was a full investigation. Nevertheless, ...when Judicial Watch filed a Freedom of Information Act claim for details about this investigation, DHS said it did not have any. After the usual Obama-administration foot-dragging, DHS finally acknowledged in a 2013 letter that it could not find any ‘investigative records regarding the alleged mishandling’ of sensitive information by Elbiary.” (There was a full investigation but there are no records of that investigation. Some might wonder if DHS shared Lois Lerner’s computer hard drive.) [25810, 25811, 25812, 25815, 25818, 25819, 25826, 25856, 26075, 26076, 26831, 26980, 41199, 41200, 48401, 48415, 48509, 48558, 48962, 48963, 49394, 60441, 60442, 60443, 60444, 60491, 60599, 64083, 64084, 64085, 64089, 64392, 64393, 64405, 64416, 64464, 64705]

In December 2004 Elbiary spoke at a conference honoring Iran’s Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini. Asked why he attended the conference by Dallas Morning News reporter Rod Dreher, Elbiary replied, “Expect someone to put a banana in your exhaust pipe.” In 2008 he denounced the guilty verdict in the Holy Land Foundation terrorist funding trial. In May 2010 Elbiary’s Freedom and Justice Foundation had its 501(c)3 tax-exempt status

revoked for failing to file the required annual IRS Form 990s; he was no doubt trying to hide the sources of the group's income. According to *The Washington Times*, Elibiary "is an admirer of the work of Sayyid Qutb, the intellectual and spiritual godfather of modern jihadism. ...Qutb promoted violent, predatory Islamic internationalism with a clear voice. If Mr. Elibiary is one of his disciples, he has no business being anywhere in government, let alone as an adviser at the uppermost reaches of an agency that purports to protect the homeland." Pamela Geller notes that Elibiary's Twitter account includes the four-finger (with thumb folded in) Muslim Brotherhood symbol. (Elibiary sent this Twitter message on June 13, 2014: "As I've said b4 inevitable that 'Caliphate' returns. Choice only whether we support #EU like Muslim Union vision or not." That is, "It is inevitable that an Islamic caliphate will return. The choice is whether it will be a Muslim Union like the European Union.") [25810, 25811, 25812, 25815, 25818, 25819, 25826, 25856, 26075, 26076, 26831, 26980, 41199, 41200, 48401, 48415, 48509, 48558, 48962, 48963, 49394, 60441, 60442, 60443, 60444, 60491, 60599, 64083, 64084, 64085, 64089, 64392, 64393, 64405, 64416, 64464, 64705]

Obama's propaganda arm, Organizing for Action (OFA), tweets a photo of Obama with the words, "Cynicism is a choice, and hope is a better choice." (Maya Angelou's tripe apparently lives on at OFA.) [63831]

After residents complain about an earlier vote to rename the its John F. Kennedy Center after Obama, the Willingboro, New Jersey town council votes 5-0 not to change the name after all. Mayor Eddie Campbell states, "We have to listen to the people. The people have spoken and we believe in government by the people." (Roughly two-thirds of the towns' residents are black—but that didn't mean they wanted the name changed.) [62695, 62808, 63953]

Chicago's CBS affiliate reports that the second largest school district in Illinois, district 214 in Chicago's northwest suburbs, "has started the school year with a new look for its lunch menu, after opting out of the National School Lunch Program and forfeiting nearly \$1 million in federal funding, to gain more freedom in the food it serves students." [64026]

At HotAir.com Guy Benson reports, "Brand new numbers from a fresh Politico/GWU nationwide survey—all of which are among likely voters, with a partisan sample of 41/40/17 (D/R/I): (1) Republicans hold a four-point lead (43/39) on the generic Congressional ballot, a measure that traditionally favors Democrats. Including leaners, the margin is unchanged (46/42). Republicans have a strong edge on this question among independent (+15) and middle class voters (+11). And then there's this, with all the obvious caveats about the reliability of small sub-samples firmly in place: 'In states with a competitive US Senate race, Republicans hold a sixteen point advantage (52%-36%) on this generic ballot.' I suspect 16 percentage points is outside even the most ardent skeptic's margin of error. ...Today's Battleground poll data spells bad news for the Obama, Reid, Pelosi triumvirate—but two months is a *long* time in politics, and conservatives should take absolutely nothing for granted." The poll also shows that Americans trust Republicans more than Democrats in the issue of immigration, by 48 to

41 percent; 58 percent disapprove of Obama's handling of immigration issues. [63843, 63844, 63860]

CNSNews.com describes the laughable nature of deportation hearings for illegal immigrants: After a few pleasantries, [17-year-old] Cristian's lawyer told [Arlington, Texas] Immigration Judge John M. Bryant that his client conceded to the charge of being an undocumented alien in the United States and was subject to potential removal. Cristian wanted to plead for asylum for 'protection from torture,' and 'declined to state his country of removal at this time,' the lawyer added. Within a minute, Bryant had accepted the plea and scheduled a hearing in which the court will determine if Cristian is eligible to receive asylum. The date was set for June 11, 2018. 'Are you available that day?' Bryant jokingly asked the lawyer. 'I don't have my 2018 calendar in front of me, but yes, I believe so,' the lawyer responded. 'Okay, good. Have a good school year,' Bryant told Cristian. 'I'll see you in a few years, okay?' The entire ordeal was over in less than five minutes. ...Courtroom 6 was only one of several courtrooms hearing cases for unaccompanied minors Tuesday, with more scheduled for Wednesday morning. Within an hour, 16 children had been heard in that single courtroom, processed and dismissed—roughly one every four minutes. By the time the last child was dismissed at 11 a.m., a total of 35 had been released." [63887]

Senator David Vitter (R-LA) charges that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is allowing an outside group, the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), to influence—and even draft—its job-killing and consumer-harming federal environmental regulations. Vitter states, "The EPA is clearly allowing the NRDC to assist in drafting federal regulation, with a heavy-hand in numerous economically destructive policies. This influence is putting American families and future generations on the hook for years of lost opportunity and regulatory burden." DailyCaller.com notes "that the NRDC essentially wrote the blueprint for the EPA's latest global warming rule—which aims to cut carbon dioxide emissions from existing power plants 30 percent by 2030. The power plant rule is one of the most far-reaching rules ever proposed by the agency and could force some states to completely restructure their energy sectors. The rule has come under intense criticism from the Republicans, the coal industry and many other groups who are worried electricity prices will spike." [63855]

BirtherReport.com comments on Canadian broadcaster Richard Syrett's interview with "Attorney Mario Apuzzo [*Kerchner v. Obama*], Attorney Phil Berg, computer expert Karl Denninger and Allenna Leonard of Democrats Abroad. The show focused on Obama's forged birth certificate and the Article II natural born Citizen clause in the U.S. Constitution. The host says Birthers that conclude a natural born Citizen is one born on U.S. soil to two U.S. citizen parents... stand on pretty solid ground but notes the other side could provide a compelling counter-argument... Syrett said to dismiss Birthers as racist is extremely unfair. He also believes evidence suggesting Obama's birth certificate is a forgery is not conclusive but says it deserves further investigation and serious media scrutiny. Syrett warned viewers that if Obama is not eligible and he forged his birth certificate the United States would be plunged into a constitutional crisis unparalleled in its history." (*The Obama Timeline* believes Obama is not eligible to serve as president

and the Supreme Court knows it—which is why it refused to hear the eligibility challenge *Kerchner v. Obama*. Supreme Court Justices relish the thought of reviewing important Constitutional issues, rather than some of the mundane issues they are forced to deal with. Any argument that they refused to hear *Kerchner v. Obama* because it was not challenging, worth their time, or significant is absurd. To agree to hear a case requires the vote of four or more Justices. That means six (or more) Justices did not want to hear the case. There are two possible reasons for their decision: they agree with Obama’s leftist ideology and politics and did not want him removed from office, or they feared destructive, nationwide rioting if they did so. Neither argument is legally justifiable, and both make a mockery of the U.S. Constitution and the rule of law.) [63905, 63906, 63907, 63908, 63909, 65061]

At DCCLothesline.com, in support of the claim that Obama is ineligible to serve as president, Dean Garrison notes the Naturalization Act of 1790. That law reads, in part:

“Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That any Alien being a free white person, who shall have resided within the limits and under the jurisdiction of the United States for the term of two years, may be admitted to become a citizen thereof on application to any common law Court of record in any one of the States wherein he shall have resided for the term of one year at least, and making proof to the satisfaction of such Court that he is a person of good character, and taking the oath or affirmation prescribed by law to support the Constitution of the United States, which Oath or Affirmation such Court shall administer, and the Clerk of such Court shall record such Application, and the proceedings thereon; and thereupon such person shall be considered as a Citizen of the United States. And the children of such person so naturalized, dwelling within the United States, being under the age of twenty one years at the time of such naturalization, shall also be considered as citizens [*not* natural born citizens] of the United States. **And the children of citizens of the United States** [emphasis added] that may be born beyond Sea, or out of the limits of the United States, shall be considered as natural born Citizens: Provided, that the right of citizenship shall not descend to persons whose fathers have never been resident in the United States: Provided also, that no person heretofore proscribed by any States, shall be admitted a citizen as aforesaid, except by an Act of the Legislature of the State in which such person was proscribed.”

The term “natural born citizen” means born on U.S. soil to two U.S. citizen parents. The Naturalization Act of 1790 outlined the process for non-citizens to become naturalized U.S. citizens. The Act made it clear that although U.S.-born children of naturalized U.S. citizens are also *citizens*, they are not *natural born citizens*. The Act also made it clear that if two U.S. citizen parents happened to have a child born outside the United States, that child would be considered a natural born citizen—as long as the father was not only a U.S. citizen, he had resided in the United States. Although future laws modified

somewhat the terms of the Naturalization Act of 1790 (the two-year rule was changed, for example), the definition of the term “natural born citizen” was *never* modified by any legislation. *Legally, the term still means in 2014 what it meant in 1790 as well as when the Swiss legal philosopher Emerich De Vattel published his Le droit des gens in 1758 and the first English edition The Law of Nations in 1760.* The problem is that millions of Americans do not know what it means; they wrongly *believe* it means nothing more than “born in the USA.” Even worse, many politicians who *do* know what it means (Democrats and Republicans alike) intentionally pretended not to know in order to allow Barack Hussein Obama to run for president. [15715, 15716, 15788, 15821, 15886, 15888, 16190, 16231, 21142, 21176, 63905, 63906, 63907, 63908, 63909, 63910, 63941, 63942]

The Founding Fathers relied heavily on Emerich Vattel’s *The Law of Nations*. Vattel wrote, “The country of the fathers is therefore that of their children; and these become true citizens merely by their tacit consent. ...I say, that, in order to be of the country, it is necessary that a person be born of a father who is a citizen, for, if he is born there of a foreigner, it will be only the place of his birth, and not his country.” At The Federalist Blog, P. A. Madison wrote on November 18, 2008, “One universal point most all early publicists agreed on was natural-born citizen must mean one who is a citizen by no act of law. If a person owes their citizenship to some act of law (naturalization for example), they cannot be considered a natural-born citizen. This leads us to defining natural-born citizen under the laws of nature—laws the founders recognized and embraced. ...Rep. John A. Bingham commenting on Section 1992 [of U.S. Revised Statutes 1866] said it means ‘every human being born within the jurisdiction of the United States of parents not owing allegiance to any foreign sovereignty is, in the language of your Constitution itself, a natural born citizen.’” (Cong. Globe, 39th, 1st Sess., 1291 (1866)) ...[C]itizenship by descent through the father is natural law and is recognized by all nations (what nation doesn’t recognize citizenship of children born wherever to their own citizens?). Thus, a natural-born citizen is one whose citizenship is recognized by law of nations rather than mere local recognition. Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, James F. Wilson of Iowa, confirmed this in 1866: ‘We must depend on the general law relating to subjects and citizens recognized by all nations for a definition, and that must lead us to the conclusion that every person born in the United States is a natural-born citizen of such States, except that of children born on our soil to temporary sojourners or representatives of foreign Governments.’” (Barack Hussein Obama, Sr. of course, was most certainly a “temporary sojourner.” He lived briefly in the United States for the purpose of his education, and then returned to Kenya.) [15715, 15716, 15788, 15821, 15886, 15888, 16190, 16231, 21142, 21176, 63905, 63906, 63907, 63908, 63909, 63910, 63942]

In defense of Obama, many columnists, politicians, media talking heads, and even Congressional Research Service attorneys (e.g., Jack Maskell) have shamelessly distorted various laws and court decisions to support their claim that “born in the USA” is sufficient. They do by citing laws and cases that refer to the word “citizen” and pretend that it means “natural born citizen.” *It does not.* As an example, they cite the 14th Amendment, which states, “All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside.” That Amendment, of course, was for the purpose of granting former

slaves citizenship status and the right to vote. But it has *nothing* to do with the term “natural born citizen,” *which is not even referenced* in the Amendment. To argue that if Obama was born in Hawaii, the 14th Amendment makes it clear that he is a citizen of the United States is irrelevant. To serve as president one needs to be more than just a generic citizen of the United States; one must also be a natural born citizen. Because Obama did not have *two* U.S. citizen parents at the time of birth means he is *not* a natural born citizen. (All cats are animals but not all animals are cats. Thus, if the law said only cats can serve as president, that does not make a dog qualified to serve as well—even though a cat and a dog are both animals.) [15715, 15716, 15788, 15821, 15886, 15888, 16190, 16231, 21142, 21176, 63905, 63906, 63907, 63908, 63909, 63910, 63941]

Also worth noting is a 1916 letter written by attorney Breckenridge Long, who served as Third Assistant Secretary of State (1917-1920) and U.S. Ambassador to Italy (1933-1936). In his letter, Long questioned whether presidential candidate Charles Evans Hughes (who lost to Woodrow Wilson) could legally serve because he was not a natural born citizen. Hughes was born in New York, but his father was, at the time, still a British citizen. Long argues that Hughes was therefore a “born citizen” but not a “natural born citizen,” which requires birth on U.S. soil to U.S. citizen parents. [65644, 65645, 65646]

DailyCaller.com reports, “Russia’s defense ministry on Wednesday said it would mobilize more than 4,000 soldiers, 400 technical units and major air support for a large-scale nuclear exercise, just days after Russian President Vladimir Putin made a veiled threat about Russia’s nuclear arsenal amid the ongoing crisis in Ukraine. The exercise will be conducted in Altai in south-central Russia, according to The Moscow Times, and comes one day before the beginning of a NATO summit in Wales. It will specifically include Supersonic MiG-31 fighter-interceptors and Su-24MR reconnaissance planes, along with Spetsnaz special forces units role-playing as enemy forces.” (The military exercise is a direct shot across the bow of the White House and NATO. Vladimir Putin’s message is, “I am going to do whatever I want to do because you are afraid to confront me.”) [63857]

The *Copenhagen Post* reports, “The Copenhagen Police today arrested the head of the humanitarian organisation De Humanitære Hjerter for using his organisation to collect money for the Islamic State (IS). The police arrested the Danish/Palestinian man this morning and also ransacked a number of addresses in the capital connected to the ongoing case against the organisation. The deputy police inspector Jens Møller Jensen said, according to Ekstra Bladet tabloid, that the suspect will be charged with financially supporting a terror organisation and faces ten years in prison. ‘As far as I know, two people have been arrested and are now being interrogated,’ Jensen told Ekstra Bladet. De Humanitære Hjerter reportedly sold stickers featuring the IS logo.” (Like other European nations, Denmark has its share of Muslims who have left the country to fight for ISIS. One has posted photographs of himself with severed heads.) [63869, 63870, 63968, 64153]

On *Special Report*, syndicated columnist Charles Krauthammer says, “What’s striking to me is that the UAE [United Arab Emirates] is not afraid to say ‘Islamic extremism’”

when issuing a warning about ISIS, yet Obama is. “He calls it ‘extremism’—in fact, earlier in the show you showed [National Counterterrorism Center Director Matthew] Olson. And he said that, ‘ISIS now is looking to outpace al-Qaeda as the leader of the global extremist movement. For God’s sake, ISIS calls *itself* the Islamic State. And yet we are so politically correct we don’t want to use the term ‘Islamic,’ lest it be a slur on a great religion.” [63878, 63879]

On September 4 the GOP’s 2012 presidential candidate, Mitt Romney, writes in *The Washington Post*, “Russia invades, China bullies, Iran spins centrifuges, the Islamic State (a terrorist threat ‘beyond anything that we’ve seen,’ according to the defense secretary) threatens—and Washington slashes the military. Reason stares. Several arguments are advanced to justify the decimation of our defense. All of them are wrong. [Obama] asserts that we must move to ‘a new order that’s based on a different set of principles, that’s based on a sense of common humanity.’ The old order, he is saying, where America’s disproportionate strength holds tyrants in check and preserves the sovereignty of nations, is to be replaced. ...[B]efore we jettison our reliance on U.S. strength, there must be something effective in its place—if such a thing is even possible. Further, the appeal to ‘common humanity’ as the foundation of this new world order ignores the reality that humanity is far from common in values and views. Humanity may commonly agree that there is evil, but what one people calls evil another calls good.” [63911, 63949]

“There are those who claim that a multipolar world is preferable to one led by a strong United States. Were these other poles nations such as Australia, Canada, France and Britain, I might concur. But with emerging poles being China, Russia and Iran, the world would not see peace; it would see bullying, invasion and regional wars. And ultimately, one would seek to conquer the others, unleashing world war. Some argue that the United States should simply withdraw its military strength from the world—get out of the Middle East, accept nuclear weapons in Iran and elsewhere, let China and Russia have their way with their neighbors and watch from the sidelines as jihadists storm on two or three continents. Do this, they contend, and the United States would be left alone. No, we would not. The history of the 20th century teaches that power-hungry tyrants ultimately feast on the appeasers—to use former Mississippi governor Haley Barbour’s phrase, we would be paying the cannibals to eat us last. And in the meantime, our economy would be devastated by the disruption of trade routes, the turmoil in global markets and the tumult of conflict across the world. Global peace and stability are very much in our immediate national interest.” [63911, 63949]

“...The most ludicrous excuse for shrinking our military,” writes Romney, “derives from [Obama’s] thinking: ‘Things are much less dangerous now than they were 20 years ago, 25 years ago or 30 years ago.’ The ‘safer world’ trial balloon has been punctured by recent events in Ukraine, Afghanistan, Libya, Egypt, Gaza, Nigeria, Somalia, Syria and Iraq. ‘Failures of imagination’ led to tragedy 13 years ago; today, no imagination is required to picture what would descend on the United States if we let down our guard. The arguments for shrinking our military fall aside to reveal the real reason for the cuts: Politicians, and many of the people who elect them, want to keep up spending here at home. Entitlements and programs are putting pressure on the federal budget: We either

cut defense, or we cut spending on ourselves. That, or raise our taxes. ... Washington politicians are poised to make a historic decision, for us, for our descendants and for the world. Freedom and peace are in the balance. They will choose whether to succumb to the easy path of continued military hollowing or to honor their constitutional pledge to protect the United States.” (The absurdity of Obama’s claim that “things are much less dangerous now” is revealed by the fact that more people were killed in jihadist attacks around the world in August 2014 than at any time in at least 15 years—including 2001.) [63911, 63912, 64018]

Retired Lieutenant Colonel Ralph Peters tells Fox News that British Prime Minister David Cameron “has the will but not the power” to fight ISIS, while Obama “has the power but not the will.” Peters notes that “forceful statements don’t change the world.”

Obama attends a NATO summit in Wales. In a joint op-ed in *The Times*, Obama and British Prime Minister David Cameron write, “If terrorists think we will weaken in the face of their threats they could not be more wrong. Countries like Britain and America will not be cowed by barbaric killers... We will be more forthright in the defense of our values, not least because a world of greater freedom is a fundamental part of how we keep our own people safe.” [63873, 63874, 64076]

Across the nation—egged on by the Service Employees International Union (SEIU)—thousands of fast-food workers go on strike and demonstrate, demanding \$15.00 per hour. Among those arrested is Congresswoman Gwen Moore (D-WI)—whose office interns are paid zero per hour. At Heritage.org James Sherk observes that “fast-food restaurants operate on very small profit margins; they could only afford such wages by raising prices—significantly. Higher prices would, in turn, drive customers away, forcing even larger price increases to cover costs. Ultimately, the average fast-food restaurant would have to raise prices by nearly two-fifths. This would cause sales to drop by more than one-third, and profits to fall by more than three-quarters. Absent the widespread adoption of labor-saving technology, the union-led ‘Fight for 15’ would make fast food much more expensive for Americans. ... The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports the average cook in a fast-food restaurant earned \$9.04 an hour in 2013. The SEIU’s push for \$15 an hour would consequently raise fast-food wages by at least 66 percent. ... Fast-food restaurants could not pay this additional amount out of their profits. The typical restaurant has a profit margin of just 3 percent before taxes. That works out to approximately \$27,000 a year—less than the annual cost of hiring one full-time employee at \$15 an hour. In order to raise wages, fast-food restaurants *must* raise prices. ... Many economists analyzing the fast-food industry... [wrongly] assume that fast-food restaurants would only have to raise prices enough to cover the cost of wage increases—ignoring the sales and revenue that fast-food restaurants lose because of these price increases. Consumers’ price sensitivity means that fast-food prices must rise by more than the initial increase in labor costs.” [63876, 63877, 63896, 63897]

Sherk continues, “The higher labor costs would initially force fast-food restaurants to raise their prices by 15 percent, which would drive down sales by 14 percent. This would force restaurants to raise prices again, pushing sales down further. In equilibrium the

average fast-food restaurant would have to raise prices 38 percent. Prices would rise roughly twice as much as the initial increase in labor costs. Total sales and hours worked would both fall by 36 percent. Fast-food restaurant owners would also have to accept a 77 percent reduction in profits in order to stay in business—leaving them with an average profit of just \$6,100 a year per store. Otherwise they would have to raise prices to an extent that would drive away their customer base. These changes would hurt consumers. Americans would face higher fast-food prices, putting a dent into the budgets of everyone who frequently eats fast food—primarily moderate-income consumers, not the wealthy, who do not regularly eat fast food. Such an increase in prices and decrease in profits would devastate fast-food restaurants. Many owners would find that taking on the risk of operating a restaurant—and potentially losing money—is not worth profit margins of less than 1 percent. Many fast-food restaurants would respond by restructuring dramatically in order to use less labor. Fast-food restaurants could reduce labor costs by (a) substituting entry-level workers for more skilled and more productive workers and (b) replacing human workers with machines. Fast-food jobs involve many routine tasks that are particularly susceptible to automation. For example, McDonald’s recently announced plans to adopt iPhone ordering and paying—making the jobs of many cashiers redundant. Inventors in California have created an automatic hamburger-cooking machine that cooks 360 hamburgers in an hour without human intervention. Artificially increasing fast-food wages would significantly hasten the adoption of such technology—flat out eliminating many positions in the fast-food industry.” [63876, 63877]

“These reduced job opportunities would badly hurt less-skilled workers. Fast-food restaurants generally employ younger and less-experienced workers. In the limited time they work in the fast-food industry, they gain basic employment skills—such as how to work reliably, follow instructions from a supervisor, and work constructively with co-workers. Once they gain these skills, they quickly move on to higher-level jobs. McDonald’s estimates that its franchisees see average annual turnover of 150 percent—the average employee stays for just 8 months. When employees leave, they quickly find higher-paying jobs. Two-thirds of minimum-wage workers earn a raise within a year—with a median raise of 24 percent. Eliminating entry-level jobs makes it harder for workers to advance into higher-paying positions. Raising the minimum wage in the fast-food industry to \$15 an hour would hurt consumers and workers. Without major operational changes, fast-food restaurants would have to raise prices by 38 percent while seeing their profits fall by 77 percent. This would cause many restaurants to close and many others to make extensive use of labor-saving technology—eliminating many of the entry-level jobs that inexperienced workers need to get ahead. Congress should not facilitate the SEIU’s attempt to inflate fast-food wages.” [63876, 63877]

The Wall Street Journal reports that the Internal Revenue Service is considering taxing free lunches many large businesses provide their employees in their company cafeterias: “IRS auditors are now flagging the issue and demanding back taxes from companies amounting to 30 percent of the meals’ fair-market value.” [64342, 64343]

Obama’s approval rating matches an all-time low of 38 percent in a Gallup poll. His disapproval rating is 54 percent. HotAir.com observes, “The silver lining for Democrats,

if there is one, is that his approval's not in freefall. He's been stuck just a few points above today's numbers for most of the summer and yet Democratic Senate incumbents remain competitive in all battleground states. ...If he settles in at, say, 38/55 for the rest of the midterm campaign, Democrats can wave bye-bye to [Senators] Mark Pryor [Arkansas], Kay Hagan [North Carolina], Mary Landrieu [Louisiana], Mark Begich [Alaska], and probably some purple-staters like Mark Udall [Colorado] too." (ABC, CBS, and NBC all neglect to report Obama's record-low approval rating, apparently believing it is not "newsworthy.") [63882, 63944]

Obama will not be pleased by the results of a TIPP survey conducted for *Investors Business Daily* that shows widespread opposition to amnesty actions for illegal immigrants. DailyCaller.com reports that "almost 80 percent of young Americans aged 18 to 44 years old don't want [Obama] to act on his own..." and "Unilateral action by ...Obama in response to 'the current immigration situation' is opposed by 73 percent of the 867 adults in the survey. ...The executive action is [even] rejected by core Democratic constituencies, including almost 80 percent of younger voters, 75 percent of single women, 65 percent of Hispanics and 51 percent of blacks. ...The only group that favors a White House edict are liberals, who support the expansion of [Obama's] power by 49 percent to 47 percent." An executive order "is favored by 24 percent of professionals, 23 percent of investors, and 27 percent of people who earn more than \$75,000 per year, many of whom gain from a greater supply of low-skill labor for use as servants and service workers. ...The lopsided rejection is a problem for Obama, who promised his Latino and progressive allies in June that he would act by the end of summer to provide residency and work permits to millions of illegal immigrants." Amnesty advocates are, not surprisingly, incensed. Clarissa Martinez-De-Castro, vice president of the National Council of La Raza, states, "We are deeply disappointed to hear that some may be advocating for a delay. ...A few Democrats shouldn't stand in the way of bold and urgently needed action." Illegal immigrant Erika Andiola tells MSNBC, "Where is his courage? ...Obama has been telling us that he's going to do something. I don't understand why [he] doesn't have the courage to really face Republicans and what they're saying." [63932]

The Wall Street Journal reports, "A hacker broke into part of the HealthCare.gov insurance enrollment website in July and uploaded malicious software, according to federal officials. Investigators found no evidence that consumers' personal data were taken or viewed during the breach, federal officials said. The hacker appears only to have gained access to a server used to test code for HealthCare.gov. The Department of Health and Human Services discovered the attack last week. Rather, investigators found that in July, the intruder did just one thing: install malware on a HealthCare.gov server so it could be used in future cyberattacks against other websites, federal officials said. Hackers often take over troves of computers and servers to direct mischief traffic at websites. The rush of traffic, known as a denial of service attack, overwhelms the site and knocks it offline." [63891, 63892, 63948]

In a Muslim area of the London suburb of Edmonton, an 82-year-old non-Muslim woman named Palmira Silva is beheaded. According to *The Telegraph*, "Witnesses said they saw

the man, wielding a foot-long blade, attack a passing vehicle and a cat before roaming back gardens looking for a victim. ...The man was arrested after armed officers, who had distracted him to prevent further attacks, cornered him in a house and brought him down with a Taser stun gun. Some officers were injured. ...One line of inquiry for detectives is understood to be that the man was inspired by recent footage of terrorists beheading two American journalists in Syria. Some residents claimed last night that the suspect was a local man who had converted to Islam last year, but those claims could not be verified. Detectives said they had ruled out terrorism.” (How terrorism could be so quickly ruled out is not explained.) The *Daily Mail* reports that locals know the attacker as “Fat Nicholas,” an obese, tattooed, Nigerian Muslim. Fiyaz Mughal, director of a pro-Muslim British organization with the strange name “Tell Mama,” complains to *The Guardian* that threats against Muslims and mosques increased after Silva’s murder was reported. “The assumption is that ‘beheading equals Muslim,” says Mughal. “The association, for some, is an automatic response.” (He is not paying attention to reality if that association surprises him.) Pamela Geller writes, “Faked hate, [is] phase two of any terror attack. The Islamic supremacists and their apologists have this down cold. I am beginning to believe that they look forward to terrorist attacks so that they can begin the beatdown (and the accompanying shakedown). Kill—then cry. That’s the jihad credo. Kill in the cause of Islam, then cry, ‘islamophobia!’” (It appears that the killer, “Fat Nicolas,” is mentally disturbed, rather than a rabid jihadist—albeit some might argue there is a fair amount of overlap between the two.) [63913, 63914, 63939, 63951, 63971, 63972, 64008, 64009, 64010, 64011, 64080, 64081]

WesternJournalism.com reports, “Several credible sources are now reporting that a senior aide to the self-proclaimed leader of ISIS—some say the terror group’s number-2 commander—has been killed in clashes in northern Iraq. There’s been no official confirmation yet on the reported death of Abu Hajar al-Suri. The Times of Israel, noting that the death of this Islamic State leader has been reported previously, says that circumstances of the most recent battle allegedly resulting in the death of this ISIS commander remain unclear: ‘The latest Lebanese and Iraqi reports indicated that the high-ranking figure had been killed in a US airstrike near Mosul. However, al-Suri, who is also known as Majed Muhammad Suhaim and Abu Hajar al-Shami, was said to be killed in a botched suicide bombing on August 22 in the Taqaba airport. On August 19, in an apparent reference to the forthcoming suicide attack, Suhaim tweeted that he was headed to paradise.’ [63893, 63894, 63895]

FoxNews.com reports, “America’s GI ‘boots on the ground’ in Iraq are so frustrated with the White House message about their mission against the Islamic State—which Vice President Biden vowed Wednesday to chase ‘to the gates of Hell’—that they’re wondering how they’ll accomplish the goal ‘when we can’t even leave the front gate of our base.’ ...But [Biden’s] tough talk was at odds with a message delivered earlier in the day by ...Obama, who said that while his administration’s goal is to ‘destroy’ ISIS—it also is to ‘shrink’ it to a ‘manageable problem.’ Amid the mixed messages, a source in contact with special operators in Iraq told Fox News that ‘frustration and confusion reign’ among Americans on the ground there.” Congressman Jason Chaffetz (R-UT), tells Fox that Obama “seems to be a definite maybe.” Chaffetz observe that “manageable” is

“when you are closing a lane on the freeway and you have got to go down the freeway with three lanes instead of four, then you manage it. But this is ISIS. They want death and destruction to the United States of America.” [63903]

NBCNews.com reports, “At least 28,000 Twitter accounts supporting the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS) have been set up since the beheading of American journalist James Foley, according to a Web intelligence firm. Twitter vowed to suspend accounts posting graphic imagery or ‘calls to violent actions’ after Foley’s murder was filmed by the Sunni group and then spread online last month. But an analysis by Recorded Future that [was] carried out for Britain’s Sky News showed 60,000 pro-jihadi profiles had been set up since May, including 28,000 since the video of Foley’s murder emerged on August 20.” (Pamela Geller writes, “But not to worry: Kerry says that Islam is peaceful, and Obama says the Islamic State has already been defeated.”) [63921, 63922]

In an interview with RT.com, British Imam Anjem Choudary says terrorism and beheading is justified: “Every action for a Muslim must be based on the Koran, the word of Allah and the teachings of the messenger Mohammad ...But those who are already Muslim must know that Allah mentions in the Qur’an, in fact if you look at Chapter 8 Verse 60, he said prepare as much as you can the steeds of war to terrorize the enemy. So, terrorizing the enemy is in fact part of Islam. I mean, this is something that we must embrace and understand as far as the jurisprudence of jihad is concerned. ...The thing that people need to appreciate is that in war the Muslims are not distinguishing in general between civilians and military because those very civilians are those who put the people in charge and those people in charge like Obama and others are sending the troops to Muslim countries so they don’t making [sic] that distinction; let alone between people who are journalists, who are considered to the right hand in fact and the propaganda machine of the Obama Administration.” (Choudary’s words must be remembered whenever he or other jihad apologists appear on television and denounce the killing of “civilians,” because, to them the word does not have the same meaning that it has for the average American.) [64677, 64678]

D. W. Ulsterman reports on “a very brief, troubling, and bizarre phone conversation between British Prime Minister David Cameron and ...Obama that left the Prime Minister’s staff stunned and baffled as to what could be going on with the alleged ‘Leader of the Free World.’ The communication from British Prime Minister to [Obama] is said to have been initiated at approximately 5:00 eastern time. (Which would also indicate the Prime Minister was working late into the night London time.) According to the published White House schedule for Tuesday, that would have put Barack Obama on Air Force One on his way to Europe. The Prime Minister was said to have to wait for nearly twenty minutes before the call was finally taken by [Obama]. Why would it take twenty minutes for staff to locate [Obama] within the confines of an airplane—even one as luxurious as AF1? That is far from the most troubling aspect of the alleged interaction between the two world leaders though. ...Obama is said to have been ‘nearly incoherent,’ slurring his words heavily and even at one point ‘giggling as the Prime Minister struggled to focus the conversation on the terrorist threats in the Middle East.’ [Obama] was said to be ‘out of it’ during a conversation that has staff for the Prime Minister privately

describing to their D.C. counterparts as ‘bizarre.’ Was Barack Obama given an in-flight sedative to help him sleep during his flight trip to Estonia and then later the United Kingdom for a scheduled NATO summit? If so, he could have been woken up by staff to take the Prime Minister’s call and been struggling to remain awake during the conversation.” [63898, 64306]

“An alternative to that more Obama-friendly scenario would be one related to the night of the Benghazi Massacre where White House records have no indication of [Obama’s] whereabouts on that night, though rumors persist Barack Obama was ‘incapacitated’ and unable to perform his duties as Commander in Chief. Those missing hours in [Obama’s] schedule have never yet to be accounted for and the next day, a late-to-rise Barack Obama then flew off for a fundraiser to Las Vegas. ...Whatever the cause for [Obama’s] condition and resulting behavior during the brief conversation with Prime Minister Cameron, it is sure to be a source of further concern for both Cameron and other world leaders during this week’s NATO conference as more and more come to realize the United States is seemingly without the required leadership today’s increasingly troubled times require.” [63898]

On *The Daily Show*, comedian Jon Stewart notes how slowly Obama spoke when addressing reporters in Estonia, and plays a video of Obama saying, “If... in fact... Russia is prepared... to... stop... financing... arming... uh, training...” Stewart quips, “I know what this is. He’s slow talking! ‘You’re trying to run out the rest of your term!’” Obama’s speech is *amazingly* slow in the clip, and no doubt suggests to many that he is under the influence of drugs. That would be consistent with Ulsterman’s report of Obama’s unusual Air Force One telephone conversation with Prime Minister Cameron. It also gives credence to the report that Obama was administered drugs backstage at the 2008 Democrat National Convention in Denver. The eyewitness (possibly Democrat operative possibly Kam Kuwata, who later died of mysterious causes) told a Washington insider he saw Obama come in “draggin’.” As originally reported by D. W. Ulsterman, the insider related, “He’s... he [Obama] looks wiped. Wiped out. His color is all off. His eyes... he barely... my friend says... my friend said... he looked right through them. Like his eyes couldn’t focus enough to see them... and a big fella... black guy... he was... it looked like he was holding Obama up. Making their way to the, the room... the private area. ...I don’t know [if everyone noticed Obama’s condition], my friend didn’t say anything about that... but he sure as hell noticed. ...So Obama is holed up in this room. People are kinda mingling about, I guess, maybe ten, fifteen minutes go by. Then a couple folks march on in—that’s how he put it to me... they marched on in... very purposeful. One looked like Secret Service... the other was a woman. [He] Didn’t get too specific. [I] Wish he would have but he didn’t.” [28336, 63900]

“The woman [Valerie Jarrett?] goes in—the other fella, he stays outside the door. She’s in there for maybe another five minutes... she comes back out and tells ‘em to clear the hall. Clear out. Says they need about ten minutes to prepare. ...That’s what he told me—she said they needed a little time to prepare. [My friend] goes up to the guy outside the door... outside the room Obama, the big fella, and the woman are in. He’s just concerned... wants to know if he can help in any way. You know, maybe go get

something for a bad stomach? ...But the guy outside the door—he ain't messin'. It's all business. Serious. He pushes my friend right on the chest—hard... tells him to step away and to clear the hall. And that's where... that's when he hears the chanting. The... he said it sounded like... like a... It sounded like a Gregorian chant coming from the room... the room Obama was holed up inside. ...It's maybe 20 or 30 minutes later... [my friend] ...makes his way back into the hall... there's already a bunch of people there. Somehow the message went out to come back in... I don't know. So they're all mingling... the mood is great. Nothing being said about Obama being sick, or acting strange...nothing. ...So, you got about... there's a ton of people now waiting to see ...to see Obama make his way out into the hall. The ceremony is firing up... you can hear the enormous crowd in the stadium... whatever worries there might have been... people might have just forgot them. Easy to do in that kind of environment. It's a f-cking rock concert [environment], you know. A convention... that last night... the build up... an amazing thing. Like a drug, those moments. You get a taste of it... you want more. [Then] Michelle Obama comes out [of the room] first. ...Obviously she went in at some point... just... my friend didn't see that. He wasn't around. ...Obama's wife comes out, there's another woman carrying a bag thing. That would be makeup. Pretty sure of that. She was always... the amount of cover that Obama wears... I told you about that before right? [He] Cakes that sh-t on. 24/7. It's why his color seems to change so much... different brand, or product... something like that." [28336]

“So they come out... Michelle... she just walks on by. Not a word to anyone. She's got a secret service guy who is alongside her. Out she goes and not a word. My friend notices somebody puts their hand on her—trying to say high or something... it's harmless... but the Secret Service fella, he is right there to intervene. Pushes this other woman... she gets pushed back and ...Obama's wife... she just keeps on walking. No smile, nothin'. Another five minutes or so and out comes Obama and a few others—the big fella from earlier, the woman who went in after them [perhaps Valerie Jarrett?], and now there appears to be a couple of Secret Service alongside them. ...So out of that room they come. Everybody is excited... including ...Obama. It's like... it's like one man went into that room and another one came out. An entirely different man walked out of that room than went in. That is how... that's how he told it to me. A different man walked out. The change... the transformation was stunning. He seemed taller. His eyes were... there was an energy to him. Powerful. He was smiling and joking, shaking hands, talking real fast... the suit—the one you see on television... every detail was perfect. Everybody was rushing to shake his hand, tell them they loved him... but my friend... he was shaken up. It was too damn weird, right? What the hell happened in that room? How could one man walk in and another man walk out? We're talking two extremes here... Obama was just about carried into that room... and he comes out... he's bouncing off the f-cking walls.” [28336]

The insider stated that his friend then received a handshake from Obama: “Oh yeah... got the handshake. Looked right up at him. And Obama... he looked right down... looked right down and through him. Yeah boy... right the f-ck through him. He didn't recognize... my friend... he had been introduced to Obama not more than a day before. He was helping organize the whole fu-ing event there in Denver. He spoke to [Obama]

...probably for about ten minutes. And there was nothing odd at that time... Obama seemed like what everybody saw in public. Not what my friend saw go into that room... or what he saw come out of that room. And ...Obama—my friend was very... he made a point of emphasis there—Obama did not recognize him in the hall. Not a clue. He smiled down at him, shook his hand... kept repeating thank you over and over again... and his eyes were always blinking. Fast. Yeah... like f-cking shutters. Blinking. Over and over again. My friend watched him as he made his way to the side stage... his eyes were blinking over and over again.’ Ulsterman asks, “Drugs? Amphetamines?” The insider replies, “I told you before what I know on that... his depression... or something along those lines... that was leaking out from the White House after he got in there... so maybe. Maybe somethin’ like that. But that ain’t the meat of this thing... that’s not... I don’t give a f-ck if there were drugs or what involved before he gave that speech in Denver. What I care about...what, what—where this gets... where this leads us here is how people start gettin’ messed up who might have seen whatever happened in that room before that speech... My friend... I heard later he had shared what he saw here and there. I’m guessing that sharing... my gut tells me somebody wanted him to shut the f-ck up about it.” [28336]

The insider points out that his younger friend was eventually “...found dead at home with no sign of... foul play... and] the cause [of death] is put down as ‘natural causes’ ...Really? Just like that? Natural f-cking causes? A guy... he’s in relatively good health... not so bad anyways... he is found dead alone at home... been dead for weeks... natural causes? All neat and tidy like that, huh? Guy in his 50’s... natural causes. Just drifts off of natural causes? Well f-ck you, no. Now that just don’t sit right with this here boy. That’s right [no investigation]—nothing. I get the news... [I was] stunned. Pissed. Suspicious. Worried. Sh-t, I had everything running through my mind the moment I got word. The timing... everything pointed to something not being right? Something serious was... it was all... things were not right. ...No investigation... coroner... the only word on that I heard back was no investigation. Nothing. Was it a heart attack? Some said it appeared that way... but nothing official on that. NOTHING. It just... they found him dead, he was gone... that was it. DONE. A guy in his 50s just up and dies and that’s it? No way. ...I won’t name names... not gonna put that on you... I don’t want that responsibility. ...[But] How about the involvement of one of the most powerful members of the United States Senate? [Is] That enough to perk you up? [Is] That enough... f-cking specifics for you? We got the death of a long-timer... an operative [probably Kam Kuwata]. Good solid party guy. Fifty somethin’ years old. Natural causes. No investigation. He sees something about [Obama]... says it... shares it with some others, including this Senator [possibly Dianne Feinstein]. They are tight. Go way back a ways. She’s got power. If she has... if she gets some kind of information... that makes her a threat. It makes him a threat.” [28336]

Although the above few paragraphs were included earlier in this *Timeline*, they are repeated for the benefit of new readers and because they relate to both Obama’s strange telephone conversation with Cameron and his slow speech in Estonia. This would not be the first time Obama has appeared to be under the influence of drugs, as evidence by slurred or slow, careful speech or a rapid blink rate. This is not to suggest that this

Timeline in any way *knows* Obama still takes drugs, but it is known that he has used them in the past. (In *Dreams From My Father*, Obama wrote, “Pot had helped, and booze; maybe a little blow when you could afford it. Not smack, though.” By “blow” and “smack” Obama meant cocaine and heroin, respectively.) It is certainly within the realm of possibility that Obama continues to use drugs, perhaps aided by close advisor Valerie Jarrett—for whom Obama mysteriously granted 24x7 Secret Service protection. Obama’s apparent disinterest in the job may also be related to drug use. Lastly, it is worth noting that Obama remains friends (and plays golf) with Bobby Titcomb, a former classmate at Punahou School in Honolulu who has been in trouble with the law for soliciting sex from an undercover male police officer. Titcomb was reportedly expelled from Punahou, perhaps as a result of involvement with drugs. Some allege that Titcomb was Obama’s source of cocaine. Interestingly, Obama has used a 20-car motorcade to visit Titcomb in Hawaii, when it would have been far easier for Titcomb to visit Obama. One Hawaii resident has stated, “Anything to get in trouble, that was him, Titcomb. He always got in trouble.” [20, 2288, 19439, 19458, 20294, 26385, 26389, 38003, 38014, 48831]

WND.com reports, “The government watchdog group Judicial Watch has unearthed more bombshells in the IRS scandal, using the federal court system to get information Congress has been unable to obtain directly from the tax agency or the Justice Department. Tom Fitton, the group’s president, told WND the scandal has now become so massive, ‘President Nixon resigned over lesser abuses of the IRS.’ The just-released emails reveal the IRS had a ‘secret research project’ using lists of donors to mostly conservative organizations that an agency attorney appeared to admit it never should have had in its possession. The documents do not describe the project or show how the IRS used the names on the lists, but they do show they were in the possession of Lois Lerner, the former agency employee and central figure in the scandal. Referring to all the emails released Thursday by Judicial Watch, Fitton told WND, ‘These documents show how justice has been abused by this administration. That Eric Holder’s Justice Department has done no serious criminal investigation of the IRS abuses is no surprise since that agency is implicated in the scandal and obstructed investigations.’ One of the email exchanges revealed Lerner warned a colleague that Congress was asking ‘dangerous’ questions about their targeting of conservative nonprofit organizations.” [63901]

FoxNews.com reports, “A U.S. security team in Benghazi was held back from immediately responding to the attack on the American diplomatic mission on orders of the top CIA officer there, three of those involved told Fox News’ Bret Baier. Their account gives a dramatic new turn to what the Obama administration and its allies would like to dismiss as an ‘old story’—the September 11, 2012 Benghazi attacks that killed U.S. Ambassador Christopher Stevens and three other Americans. Speaking out publicly for the first time, the three were security operators at the secret CIA annex in Benghazi—in effect, the first-responders to any attack on the diplomatic compound. Their first-hand account will be told in a Fox News special, airing Friday night [September 5] at 10 p.m. (EDT). ... Word of the attack on the diplomatic compound reached the CIA annex just after 9:30 p.m. Within five minutes, the security team at the annex was geared up for battle, and ready to move to the compound, a mile away. ‘Five minutes, we’re ready,’ said Paronto, a former Army Ranger. ‘It was thumbs up, thumbs up, we’re ready to go.’

But the team was held back. According to the security operators, they were delayed from responding to the attack by the top CIA officer in Benghazi, whom they refer to only as 'Bob.' 'It had probably been 15 minutes I think, and... I just said, 'Hey, you know, we gotta—we need to get over there, we're losing the initiative,' said Tiegen. 'And Bob just looks straight at me and said, 'Stand down, you need to wait.'" 'We're starting to get calls from the State Department guys saying, 'Hey, we're taking fire, we need you guys here, we need help,'" said Paronto. After a delay of nearly 30 minutes, the security team headed to the besieged consulate without orders. They asked their CIA superiors to call for armed air support, which never came. ... 'Ambassador Stevens and Sean [Smith], yeah, they would still be alive, my gut is yes,' Paronto said. Tiegen concurred. 'I strongly believe if we'd left immediately, they'd still be alive today,' he added." [63902, 63940, 63947, 63960]

On *Hannity*, Sean Hannity says, "If I'm looking at us giving up all of our gains in Iraq, I don't know if I can in good conscience recommend that any American sign up for the military under this leadership. ... If they risk their blood and treasure and give up their lives only to give it back a year later? I really could not in good conscience recommend people serve under those circumstances." Retired Lieutenant Colonel Ralph Peters responds, "Well, I can. You [have] got to remember administrations come and go. But by God, the U.S. Army, the Marine Corps, the Navy and... the Air Force—and the Coast Guard—they stand. They're always here. The military is the one institution we must preserve at all costs because they will see us through the terrible times." [63934]

The Kelly File plays a clip from a July 12, 2007 address in which President George W. Bush presciently warned, "I know some in Washington would like us to start leaving Iraq *now*. To begin withdrawing before our commanders tell us we're ready would be dangerous—for Iraq, for the region, and for the United States. It would mean surrendering the future of Iraq to al-Qaeda. It would mean that we'd be risking mass killings on a horrific scale. It would mean we'd allow the terrorists to have a safe haven in Iraq to replace the one they lost in Afghanistan. It would mean we'd be increasing the probability that American troops would have to return at some later date, to confront an enemy that is even more dangerous." [63904, 63995]

It is worth noting that on January 22, 2009, just two days after Obama entered the White House, then-U.S. Ambassador to Iraq Ryan Crocker warned that a "precipitous withdrawal" from Iraq would have severe consequences: "Al Qaeda is incredibly tenacious. They will have to be killed or captured, and as long as they hang on, they are looking for the opportunity to regenerate. ... [If] we were to decide suddenly we're done, they would certainly work to use space that opened up to do just that. I think it would encourage neighbors with less than benign intentions to carry them out, and perhaps most importantly I think it would have a chilling effect on Iraqis." (Crocker was right; Obama was wrong.) On January 21 Obama met with top military leaders, who likely issued the same warnings as did Crocker. But, after the meeting, Obama said, "The meeting was productive and I very much appreciated receiving assessments from these experienced and dedicated individuals. During the discussion, I asked the military leadership to engage in additional planning necessary to execute a responsible military drawdown from

Iraq.” (In other words, “The generals told me we have to keep troops in Iraq, but I told them we had to withdraw all of them despite their warnings.”) Then-Defense Secretary Robert Gates remarked, “I think our obligation is to give [Obama] a range of options and the risks associated with each of those options. And he will make the decision.” (In other words, “He didn’t listen to our advice.”) [65247]

On September 5 Obama attends the NATO summit in Wales, and later tells reporters, “First and foremost, we have reaffirmed the central mission of the alliance. An armed attack against one [member state] should [sic; would] be an attack [against all 28 NATO members]. It is a binding, treaty obligation. It is non-negotiable.” (Ukraine is not a member of NATO. Nor is Moldova, on which Russian President Vladimir Putin may also have his sights set. Turkey, which is a NATO member, openly aids ISIS by allowing fighters to cross into Syria, “looking the other way” for smugglers, and feeding money from Saudi Arabia and Qatar to ISIS. Turkey is mostly Sunni Muslim, and its leaders would like to see Syrian President Bashar al-Assad removed from power. It will therefore not lift a finger to do anything to help Assad, and that includes fighting ISIS—even though it could annihilate it quickly with its huge army and its many planes and tanks.) [63955, 63958, 63973, 63974, 63975, 63976, 63987, 64139, 65115]

Obama says, “We’re going to degrade and ultimately defeat ISIL the same way we’ve gone after al-Qaeda...” (Inasmuch as al-Qaeda is still very much active, recruiting, and even expanding into India, it is hardly wise for Obama to claim he will do to ISIS what he did to al-Qaeda—which was not much.) “We will continue to hunt them down. What we can accomplish is to dismantle this network, this force that has claimed to control this much territory so that they can’t do us harm. That’s going to be our objective. ...Our goal is to act with urgency but also make sure that we’re doing it right, that we have the right targets, that there’s support on the ground ...that we have a strong political coalition. ...It is absolutely critical that we have Arab states, and specifically Sunni-majority states, that are rejecting the kind of extremist nihilism that we’re seeing out of ISIL, that say, ‘That is not what Islam is about,’ and are prepared to join us actively in the fight.” (Like Secretary of State John Kerry, Obama does not know what nihilism means if he believes ISIS fighters are nihilists. Nihilism is the belief that all values are baseless, that nothing is knowable or can be communicated, and that life itself is meaningless. It is absurd to claim that radical Islamists have no values when their goal is to establish a global caliphate that follows the Qu’ran through Shari’ah law. The jihadists do not have the *same* values that Western civilization has, but they *have* values. Nor do the jihadists believe that “life is meaningless” simply because they are willing to die for their cause in suicide bombings. They simply believe that the afterlife has greater value than mortal life; *not* that mortal life has *no* value. Obama is correct that Islam is “not about extremist nihilism,” but he is incorrect to claim that the jihadists are nihilists. Islam is *precisely* about what the jihadists seek.) [63955, 63958, 63973, 63974, 63975, 63976, 63987, 64012, 64013, 64051]

Asked whether he will still issue an executive order on illegal immigrant amnesty, Obama replies, “I intended to take action... and give people some path so they can start paying taxes, pay a fine and learn English, be able to not look over their shoulder, and be legal since they’ve been living here quite some time. ...I’ll be making an announcement

soon, but I want to be very clear, in the absence of action by Congress... it's the right thing to do for the country." (Needless to say, illegal immigrants can learn English and even without amnesty, and so few are deported that it is unlikely that many "look over their shoulder" for immigration agents.) [63955, 63958, 63973, 63974, 63975, 63976, 63987]

While in the United Kingdom, Obama also visits Stonehenge. (Twitter users quickly respond to the photograph of Obama walking among the huge stones: "Can I play through?" "Obama reaching out to the moderate Druid community." "The president with no stones visits some stones." "If you like these rocks, you can keep these rocks. Period." "Caught between Barack, and a hard place, the World burns." "It stands around accomplishing nothing and gullible people worship it? I am Stonehenge!—"") [63927]

DailyCaller.com reports, "UK Independence Party (UKIP) leader Nigel Farage blamed ...Obama for lowering America's standing in the world, and also dismissed Jeb Bush's presidential aspirations in an interview Friday with conservative radio host Laura Ingraham. Farage's growing party, which calls for Britain's withdrawal from the European Union, is a thorn in the right side of Conservative Party Prime Minister David Cameron, who is up for re-election in 2015. Farage is currently in the United States speaking to media outlets about his conservative 'fourth party.' 'America has lost authority because if you think of all of the horrible things that have been going on over the course of the last month or two, where has Obama been? On the golf course,' Farage told Ingraham. 'On the golf course, and he comes back and makes a press conference. But whether people agreed with what [past] American presidents did or did not do, I think America's standing in the world is really somewhat lower than it was because of [Obama].'" [63959]

TheStar.com reports, "Two more Canadians may have joined the growing ranks of foreign fighters trying to establish an Islamic state in Syria and Iraq, according to CBC News. Family and friends in Calgary said brothers, Gregory and Collin Gordon, recently converted to Islam and became known to members of Calgary's Muslim community as Abdul Malik and Khalid. ...In one Twitter post, Collin, who reportedly uses the name Abu Ibrahim Canadi, described the recent execution of U.S. journalist James Foley as 'the perfection of terrorism.' ...Sources told the CBC that the brothers disappeared in late 2012, around the same time as their former roommates Damian Clairmont and Salman Ashrafi, who are also believed to have travelled to Syria. ...Canadian authorities estimate there are about 130 Canadians that have joined terrorist groups in Syria, Yemen, Somalia and North Africa." (A jihadist with a Canadian passport can easily enter the United States.) [63919, 63920]

Breitbart.com reports that Hamas paid \$61,500 to a man in Hebron named Hussam Qawasme "for masterminding the June 12 abduction and subsequent murder of Israeli teens Eyal Yifrah, Naftali Frenkel, and Gilad Sha'ar. ...Some point to the abduction and murder of the three Israeli teens as the ignition switch that sparked a 50-day war between Israel and Hamas. Israel lost 66 soldiers in battle, while Hamas's casualties reached over 1,000 militants. Qawasme, arrested on July 11 and charged with murdering the three

teens, has a brother who is a well-known Hamas operative in the Gaza Strip, where the Muslim Brotherhood arm of the Palestinian movement rules with an iron fist. According to reports, Qawasme's brother transferred the funds prior to executing the murderous plans." [64086, 64087, 64088]

Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) announces he will introduce legislation calling for Americans who fight with ISIS to lose their U.S. citizenship and passports. He states, "Americans who choose to go to Syria or Iraq to fight with vicious ISIS terrorists are party to a terrorist organization committing horrific acts of violence, including beheading innocent American journalists who they have captured. There can be no clearer renunciation of their citizenship in the United States, and we need to do everything we can to preempt any attempt on their part to re-enter our country and carry out further attacks on American civilians." [63988, 64014, 64015, 64094]

InfoWars.com reports that one of its reporters, Joe Biggs, "crossed the U.S. border from Mexico dressed as an ISIS militant to illustrate how easy it is for anyone to get into America despite warnings that Islamic State terrorists are plotting to carry out attacks on the homeland from their base in Juarez. Just miles from the center of El Paso, Texas, Biggs was able to cross a river from Mexico into America dressed as a jihadist, while simulating a beheading and waving an ISIS flag. 'We dressed up as an ISIS jihadi to be as obvious as possible and to show and illustrate just how wide open the border really is,' states Biggs." [63990, 63991]

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) signs a Memorandum of Understanding with Mexico that allows Mexicans in the United States—including illegal immigrants—to "exercise their workplace rights." MinuteManNews.com notes, "The four-page memorandum states in the 'Overall Objective' section, in part, that its purpose is: 'to establish a collaborative relationship to provide Mexican Nationals in the United States with information, guidance, and access to education and training resources to help them understand and exercise their workplace rights, particularly with regard to reducing violations against them under the laws and regulations that are administered and enforced by EEOC.'" [63996, 63997]

Michelle Malkin asks, "Where in the World is Jihad Pilot Adnan Shukrijumah?" and writes, "Saudi-born Shukrijumah, billed as the 'next Mohammed Atta,' has been a fugitive since the 9/11 terrorist attacks. His father, Gulshair, was a Wahabi cleric funded by the Saudi government. The elder Shukrijumah headed mosques in New York and Miami, consorted with Israel-bashing black Muslim agitators, and also served as one-time interpreter for convicted 1993 World Trade Center mastermind Omar Abdel Rahman (the Blind Sheik). The radical Muslim apple didn't fall far from the tree. The younger Shukrijumah has been tied to al-Qaida training camps in Afghanistan and reportedly met convicted Muslim convert 'dirty bomb' plotter Jose Padilla overseas. Gitmo detainee and jihad overlord Khalid Sheikh Mohammed identified Shukrijumah as a fledgling new cell leader. He allegedly trained under alleged terror financier Ramzi bin al-Shibh. In September 2003, the feds put a \$5 million bounty on Shukrijumah's head. The FBI 'Most Wanted Terrorists' bulletin warns he is 'armed and dangerous.'" He also

has a pilot's license (obtained in Florida), and "is rumored to have acquired bomb-making expertise, as well. Somehow and somewhere along the way, Shukrijumah obtained a legal U.S. green card. ...Law enforcement sources have placed Shukrijumah on the southern border, in Guyana, at a Trinidad jihadi compound, and at a meeting of Latin American gangs. Shukrijumah reportedly joined high-level jihad planners in Pakistan's outlaw Waziristan province in 2004, which experts likened to the pivotal planning session in Kuala Lumpur that preceded the 9/11 attacks. ... 'He speaks English and has the ability to fit in and look innocuous,' an FBI agent noted. 'He could certainly come back here, and nobody would know it.' [Time] magazine added that 'U.S. authorities have put his name on domestic and international watch lists but fear he will travel to Mexico or Canada on phony documents and then sneak across the border into the U.S.' Bin Laden may be dead. But jihad lives. Our borders are wide open. Our fraud-riddled visa programs continue to be exploited. Tens of millions of visa overstayers, deportation fugitives and border-crossers go unpunished, undetected and unmonitored. And political correctness reigns. God help America the Unsecure." [63924]

At Townhall.com David Limbaugh writes, "...All the talk about his birth certificate aside, I have long believed [Obama] really doesn't think like an American... by which I mean he doesn't embrace the American idea. You are free to disagree with that, but I doubt you'll ever explain to our satisfaction his desire to fundamentally transform a nation whose ideas he endorses. Not only does Obama have major issues with America, as founded, but he also appears to have a remarkable naiveté concerning evil in the world. As low as his boiling point is concerning conservative opposition to his agenda, he seems not to have one for Islamic terrorism. ...People are up in arms about Obama acknowledging and then later retracting his admission that he doesn't have an overall strategy to deal with ISIS. But, to borrow a phrase recently used by Obama, aren't his critics 'putting the cart before the horse?' How can Obama possibly have a strategy to deal with ISIS when, in his heart of hearts, he doesn't fully appreciate the threat it represents? ...Does he really think terrorists can be rehabilitated or mollified? He certainly behaves as though he does. ...Even if his combined statements weren't inscrutably ambiguous, he added further confusion with his suggestion that his willingness to act is contingent on getting the consent of the international community. I'm all for trying to build a coalition, but not for granting other nations an effective veto over decisions affecting our national security. If this imagined coalition refuses to join us in fighting ISIS, we will have no choice but to fight them on our own. That Obama doesn't recognize or embrace that is disturbing. It's past time to pray for this nation and for the peacemakers, by which I mean those who recognize that peace sometimes can only be achieved by the just use of force." [63926]

Mike Zullo, head of Maricopa County, Arizona Sheriff Joe Arpaio's "cold case posse" is interviewed by Carl Gallups on *Freedom Friday*. As reported by ThePostEmail.com, Zullo insists the investigation of Obama's forged birth certificate is "moving forward," but "the legalities actually hamper the schedule." Zullo says he "cannot disclose what we're working on, but... it's all going to be well worth it... What we're going to disclose will be gut-wrenching." Zullo tells Gallups "we are using technology that the general public would have no idea even exists," and says there have been "some startling

discoveries” about the fake birth certificate. “All I can ask your listeners for is patience.” (*Timeline* readers have, of course, heard such promises from Zullo and Gallups more than a few times. “Coming soon...” can be used only so many times. If the investigation does not produce some startling evidence and action against Obama, quite a few people will be more than disappointed. If the posse’s evidence is released while Obama is still in office, he (and others) can be forcibly removed and prosecuted. If action cannot be taken yet because of legal or other issues, so be it. When Arpaio and Zullo (and perhaps several Congressmen or generals?) finally hold a press conference, the media will be against them, as well as every Democrat in the House and the Senate. The attacks will be immediate and savage. That means the presentation and the evidence have to be complete, accurate, and documented to the *nth* degree—as well as protected from sabotage. Failure is not an option: no one ever gets a second chance to depose a king.) [64034, 64700]

The Associated Press reports, “The IRS says it has lost emails from five more workers who are part of congressional investigations into the treatment of conservative groups that applied for tax exempt status. ...The agency blamed computer crashes for the lost emails. In a statement, the IRS said it found no evidence that anyone deliberately destroyed evidence.” Congressman Darrell Issa (R-CA), chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, states, “The so-called ‘most transparent administration in history’ has given Congress inconsistent information since the beginning of the targeting scandal. First, the administration denied that targeting was occurring, and then ‘rogue agents’ in a field office were blamed for the misconduct. Today, months into the congressional investigation, we’re still getting conflicting information. This time, it’s on the number of individuals who experienced email losses. First it was only Lois Lerner, now we learn there are 5 others, several months after the administration supposedly came clean about email losses. ...This pattern must stop.” [63928, 63929, 63935, 63989, 63993]

Attorney Cleta Mitchell, who represents several conservative groups that were discriminated against by the IRS, responds to the news of more missing emails, telling Fox News, “I have gotten to the point where this is like one of those infomercials where they say ‘wait, wait, there’s more!’ I mean just when you think you’ve heard it all, you find out more things about the IRS and frankly I think what Congressman [Dave] Camp said is absolutely right that there is no way we are getting anywhere close to the truth about what happened and the DOJ has become, in my opinion has become complicit in trying to cover up what’s been going on. I think we have to have a special prosecutor if we are ever going to get to the bottom of it.” [64052]

In Kansas, the Secretary of State rules that the Democrat candidate for the U.S. Senate, Chad Taylor, cannot have his name removed from the November 4 ballot because the law requires that he declare himself incapable of fulfilling the duties of the office (as a result of illness, for example) by a certain deadline. He failed to do so (and is not sick), and therefore will remain on the ballot. Absurdly, NewRepublic.com calls the situation a Republican strategy of “voter suppression.” (The Democrats believed Taylor would be a certain loser against Republican Senator Pat Roberts, and convinced him that he should

give up his candidacy and throw his support behind the independent candidate, ex-Democrat Greg Orman.) [63930, 63931, 63933, 63950, 64175]

The Department of Labor reports that a mere 142,000 jobs were created in August—far short of the 230,000 expected by some economists, and the fewest in eight months. Nevertheless, the official unemployment rate fell to 6.1 percent—because of the 268,000 Americans who dropped out of the workforce altogether and who were therefore not counted in the calculations. CNBC’s Sara Eisen calls the jobs report “a big disappointment.” A mere 142,000 jobs per month is nowhere near sufficient to cope with the number of unemployed Americans and population growth. At Townhall.com Mike Shedlock reports, “In the past year the working-age population rose by 2,270,000. In the last year the labor force rose by 524,000. In the last year, those ‘not’ in the labor force rose by 1,745,000. In the past year, the number of people employed rose by 2,189,000 (an average of 182,417 a month). [O]ver the course of the last year, the working-age population rose by more than the number of people employed. In normal times, the unemployment rate would have gone up slightly. Instead, the unemployment rate fell from 7.2% to 6.1%. Over 100% of the decline in unemployment in the past year is due to people dropping out of the labor force, rather than strength in the economy!” The percentage of working adults declined to 62.9. [63946, 63956, 63957, 63980, 63981, 63986]

Meanwhile, according to the Federal Reserve, since Obama entered the White House, the richest 10 percent of Americans were the only income group to see their median incomes rise. WashingtonTimes.com reports, “The Fed data covered the years 2010-2013, during which period Mr. Obama constantly campaigned against income inequality and won re-election by painting his Republican rival [Mitt Romney] as a tool of Wall Street plutocrats.” (Median incomes of all levels rose under Presidents Reagan and George W. Bush.) [63943]

The American Enterprise Institute’s James Pethokoukis writes, “This was not a good jobs report. Certainly not one that suggests a shift into a higher growth gear. The Two Percent-ish economy crawls on. The US economy added 142,000 jobs in August—much less than 225,000 expected—as the unemployment rate ticked down to 6.1%. But the jobless rate fell only because the labor force shrank by 64,000, notes economist Paul Ashworth of Capital Economics. The alternative household survey found employment increased by only 16,000 last month. Also, payroll gains in June and July were revised lower by 28,000, although those downward revisions were all in government. Private payrolls were actually nudged up, according to RDQ Economics. And consider: There are just 1.2 million more private jobs today than January 2008 despite 15.6 million more non-jailed, non-military adults. While the unemployment rate has dropped by 1.1 percentage points over the past year, the employment rate is up just 0.2 points. ... Wages are still a problem, with average hourly earnings up just 2.1% the past year. ... The anemic economy is generating jobs at the top and bottom, not so much in the middle. ‘Average is over’ as economist Tyler Cowen has put it. And data... from the Federal Reserve show that while income rose by 10% for the most affluent 10% of American families in 2010 through 2013, incomes were flat or falling for everybody else.” [64002]

At WeeklyStandard.com Stephen F. Hayes reports that, three years after the killing of Osama bin Laden, the intelligence community has yet to review much of the information collected at his hiding place in Afghanistan. “The intelligence trove was immense,” writes Hayes. “At a Pentagon briefing one day after the raid, a senior official described the haul as a ‘robust collection of materials.’ It included 10 hard drives, nearly 100 thumb drives, and a dozen cell phones—along with data cards, DVDs, audiotapes, magazines, newspapers, paper files.” ...A comprehensive and systematic examination of those documents could give U.S. intelligence officials—and eventually the American public—a better understanding of al Qaeda’s leadership, its affiliates, its recruitment efforts, its methods of communication; a better understanding, that is, of the enemy America has fought for over a decade now, at a cost of trillions of dollars and thousands of American lives. Incredibly, such a comprehensive study—a thorough ‘document exploitation,’ in the parlance of the intelligence community—never took place. The Weekly Standard has spoken to more than two dozen individuals with knowledge of the U.S. government’s handling of the bin Laden documents. And on that, there is widespread agreement. ‘They haven’t done anything close to a full exploitation,’ says Derek Harvey, a former senior intelligence analyst with the Defense Intelligence Agency and ex-director of the Afghanistan-Pakistan Center of Excellence at U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM). ‘A full exploitation? No,’ he says. ‘Not even close. Maybe 10 percent.’ More disturbing, many of the analysts and military experts with access to the documents were struck by a glaring contradiction: As ...Obama and his team campaigned on the coming demise of al Qaeda in the runup [sic; run-up] to the 2012 election, the documents told a very different story. ...In July, Lieutenant General Flynn left his post as director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, a year earlier than scheduled. Many intelligence professionals believe he was forced out, in part because he—and many who worked for him—aggressively challenged the administration’s view that al Qaeda was dying.” [63954]

NationalReview.com’s Jonah Goldberg writes at The Goldberg File, “A superpower can cruise on perception for a very long time. Perception is relatively inexpensive. Sure, you gotta float some ships around. Yeah, you might have to run some military exercises. But as long as people think you’re sustaining a Pax Americana you are, in fact, sustaining a Pax Americana. But once you let that perception waver, you’re suddenly faced with a terrible set of choices. You can’t tell the world you’re still in charge, you have to show them. If you just talk about red lines and then do nothing to enforce them, further talk becomes worse than useless, it becomes provocative. If you opt to demonstrate your power, you risk failing and confirming weakness. You also risk a horrible escalation as the bad actors respond not with surrender but with even more testing. Does anyone think Putin would be the first to blink at this point if Obama sent troops to Ukraine? Obama could do everything right starting today (Stop laughing!) and in a sense it would still be too late. It’s always more expensive to put down a riot than to prevent it. And it’s not entirely clear to me that the American people are willing to pay that price right now. It’s much clearer that [Obama] has no interest in asking them to. ...A lot of people don’t seem to realize that not making a decision is, itself, a kind of decision. ...Obama’s passive aggression (for want of a better term) has never gotten the attention it deserves. ...If the brakes on your car give out and you’re barreling down the road, deciding to wait

until you have better options is every bit as much of a decision as deciding to turn left or right. Postponing doesn't get rid of the decision tree, it merely changes the available choices on it. Obama likes to avoid making decisions until events make the decisions for him.”

Goldberg continues, “Everyone’s talking about what [Obama] should say. The assumption is that saying something will reflect a policy of doing something. But that isn’t how Obama sees the situation. He wants to say something that will take the pressure off of him to do something. This has always been his M.O. [modus operandi]. When the IRS scandal looks really bad, he says it’s a big problem and an outrage. That takes the pressure off the White House and frees him up from having to do or say any more about it. Now he dismisses the whole thing as a ‘phony scandal.’ Obama didn’t lay out those ‘red lines’ for Syria because he really meant it. He warned of red lines because doing so liberated him from having to act. When Assad called Obama’s bluff he folded. Obama didn’t order the surge in Afghanistan to win, he ordered the surge in Afghanistan to free himself from the hassle of having to talk—or think—about Afghanistan. And what is amazing to me is how so many people mistake dithering, buck-passing, and political cowardice for sagacity and strategic genius. Just last week I mocked the ridiculous notion that Obama is a ‘chess master’ always thinking ahead of his opponents. ... Will someone please provide some examples of where Obama has outthought America’s adversaries? The man cowers behind his desk and his fans hang a sign reading ‘Genius at Work.’”

IBTimes.com reports, “A group of British Islamists affiliated with Islamic State (IS) in Syria has grown so disillusioned with fighting that they are seeking ways to return home without being subjected to stiff jail sentences when they return, it has been reported. A British jihadist claiming to represent 30 fellow nationals said they were increasingly frustrated at fighting against other rebel groups, having originally arrived in Syria to fight the regime of Bashar al-Assad instead. He told researchers that they are willing to give up their arms and restart their lives in the UK but feared long prison sentences, The Times reported. ‘We came to fight the regime and instead we are involved in gang warfare. It’s not what we came for but if we go back [to Britain] we will go to jail,’ the man told researchers from the International Centre for Study of Radicalisation and Political Violence (ICSR) at King’s College London, via social media. ‘Right now we are being forced to fight—what option do we have?’ The militant said the 30 were willing to undergo deradicalisation programmes and submit to surveillance if they were allowed back.” [64005]

WashingtonPost.com reports, “A military-chartered aircraft carrying about 100 Americans from Afghanistan to Dubai landed unexpectedly in Iran on Friday after Iranian officials questioned its flight plan and ordered it down, U.S. and regional officials said. Officials said the pilots landed of their own accord in the city of Bandar Abbas after being warned that the plane would be intercepted if they did not land. One U.S. official familiar with an initial report about the incident said Iranian fighter jets were scrambled, but the State Department later denied any Iranian military involvement. In a statement, the department described the incident as a ‘bureaucratic issue.’ In a later statement Friday night, State Department spokeswoman Marie Harf said that the issue had been resolved

and that the plane ‘has departed Iran and landed in Dubai.’ The operator of the aircraft, FlyDubai, is based in the United Arab Emirates.” [63966, 63967]

At Investors.com John Merline documents Obama’s changing “strategy” statements on ISIS/ISIL:

January 27: “The analogy we use around here sometimes, and I think is accurate, is if a JV team puts on Lakers uniforms, that doesn’t make them Kobe Bryant.”

June 19: “The best and most effective response to a threat like ISIL will ultimately involve partnerships where local forces, like Iraqis, take the lead.”

June 22: “I think it’s important for us to recognize that ISIL is just one of a number of organizations that we have to stay focused on.”

June 22: “What we can’t do is think that we’re just going to play whack-a-mole and send U.S. troops occupying various countries wherever these organizations pop up.”

August 9: “I’ve been very clear that we’re not going to have U.S. combat troops in Iraq again. And we are going to maintain that.”

August 11: “As I said when I authorized these operations, there is no American military solution to the larger crisis in Iraq.”

August 18: “We have an interest in making sure that a group like ISIL, which is a vicious organization and has been able to take advantage of the chaos in Syria, that they don’t get a broader foothold.”

August 20: “People like this ultimately fail. They fail, because the future is won by those who build and not destroy.”

August 28: “Rooting out a cancer like ISIL will not be quick or easy, but I’m confident that we can—and we will.”

August 28: “My priority at this point is to make sure that the gains that ISIL made in Iraq are rolled back.”

August 28: “I want to make sure everybody is clear on what we’re doing now, because it is limited. Our focus right now is to protect American personnel on the ground in Iraq; to protect our embassy, to protect our consulates.”

August 28: “Our military is the best in the world. We can route [sic; rout] ISIL on the ground.”

September 3: “Our objective is clear, and that is to degrade and destroy ISIL so that it’s no longer a threat not just to Iraq, but also the region and to the United States.”

September 3: “If we are joined by the international community, we can continue to shrink ISIL’s sphere of influence, its effectiveness, its financing, its military capabilities to the point where it is a manageable problem.” [62984]

The *Chicago Tribune* reports, “A former top state public health official and a Chicago businessman who got caught in a sexual tryst quickly steered a \$10,000 bonus to the person who walked in on them as part of a state grant fraud scheme, federal prosecutors allege. ...Prosecutors alleged that onetime public health chief of staff Quinshaunta Golden, who oversaw distribution of the grants, had ‘what appeared to be a sexual encounter’ in her office with Leon Dingle, who received \$11 million in grant money through several social service groups, largely without having to go through a bidding process. According to prosecutors, Golden, [now] 45, and Leon Dingle, [now] 76, were in Golden’s office in 2007 when the two got a surprise visit from an unidentified person working on a faith-based initiative who was being paid by Dingle. Dingle and Golden, who was partially undressed, gathered themselves, praised the work of the unidentified person and told the person to expect a \$10,000 bonus, prosecutors alleged in court papers. Bank records later showed the bonus was paid, prosecutors said. ...Golden is the niece of Democratic U.S. Rep. Danny Davis of Chicago and a former top aide to Dr. Eric Whitaker, who led the state health department and is a close friend [and golf partner] of ...Obama. Golden, of Homewood, pleaded guilty in April to a \$400,000 kickback scheme arising from the investigation. Messages seeking a response to the government allegations were left for her attorney. ...Prosecutors have alleged that the Dingles used as much as \$3 million in grant money on numerous expenses unrelated to the intended purpose of fighting AIDS and cancer and funding awareness programs in African-American and Latino communities. The charges against the Dingles included giving about \$300,000 in direct payments to Karin Dingle, putting \$300,000 into certificates of deposit, paying expenses tied to yacht clubs in Chicago and South Carolina, buying luxury cars, maintaining a condo in Chicago Marina Towers... and renovating vacation homes in Savannah and Hilton Head.” [64004]

Cristina Jimenez, managing director of United We Dream, says Obama’s decision to delay an executive order on amnesty is “another slap to the face of the Latino and immigrant community. Where we have demanded leadership and courage from both Democrats and [Obama], we’ve received nothing but broken promises and a lack of political backbone.” Frank Sharry, executive director of America’s Voice, states, “We are bitterly disappointed in [Obama] and we are bitterly disappointed in the Senate Democrats. We [amnesty] advocates didn’t make the reform promise; we just made the mistake of believing it. [Obama] and Senate Democrats have chosen politics over people, the status quo over solving real problems.” [64003]

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) states, “What’s so cynical about today’s immigration announcement is that [Obama] isn’t saying he’ll follow the law, he’s just saying he’ll go around the law once it’s too late for Americans to hold his party

accountable in the November elections. This is clearly not decision-making designed around the best policy.” [64003]

KSTP.com reports that a 19-year-old Somali Muslim woman from St. Paul has left Minnesota to fight for ISIS. [64019, 64020]

On *On the Record*, Greta Van Susteren says, “Since day one of Benghazi, Fox News has been aggressively investigating. It hasn’t been easy; it’s more like pulling teeth, trying to get answers from the Obama administration. The Obama administration’s behavior, post-Benghazi, has been weird, like they’re hiding something. First that silly story about that video—remember Susan Rice on all the Sunday talk shows? And even ...Obama kept talking about the video, for weeks. So Fox continued to press for information, and it got weirder. Remember the days right after the attack? The State Department had a conference call to brief all the media, and excluded Fox News. When confronted, the State Department apologized, said it was an oversight. Really? An oversight? Well it happened again, a short time later. This time, the CIA giving a media briefing, and guess who was specifically excluded? You got it, Fox News. Why? Well I think Fox News is being punished for aggressively asking questions, doing our jobs. But that’s not all. A few weeks later, when reporter Jennifer Griffin said she was told that there was a stand down order at Benghazi, I got a weird call from the Obama administration trying to pressure *me* to get Jennifer to back down on her report. I thought the call from the Obama administration was dirty. Incidentally, I don’t control my colleagues and they don’t control me.” [64035, 64044, 64145]

Fox News broadcasts *13 Hours: The Inside Account of What Really Happened in Benghazi*, a Bret Baier interview with three former CIA security operators who were in Benghazi, Libya on September 11, 2012. BizPacReview.com writes, “Kris ‘Tanto’ Paronto, Mark ‘Oz’ Geist and John ‘Tig’ Tiegen, three security operators who worked at a secret CIA annex in Benghazi, gave an exclusive first-hand account of what happened the night of the attack and why Glen Doherty, Tyrone Woods, Sean Smith and Amb. Chris Stevens lost their lives.” The three relate that they were told *not* to go to the facility that was under attack. They eventually disobeyed the orders, but arrived to [sic; too] late to save the lives of four Americans. (Their story is consistent with a theory that the killing of Ambassador Stevens was actually a kidnapping plot gone wrong. Obama, via advisor Valerie Jarrett, perhaps concocted a plot with Egypt’s then-president Mohammed Morsi to kidnap Stevens and then have him exchanged for Omar Abdel Rahman, the “blind sheik” who masterminded the 1993 World Trade Center bombing. The facility’s security was illogically being handled by a Libyan team, not Americans. Additionally, in one of the videos taken during the attack, one gunman can be overheard saying, in Arabic, “Don’t Shoot us! We were sent by Morsi!” Morsi perhaps engineered the anti-video demonstrations in Cairo as a cover for the attacks; the video was produced by an Egyptian-American. Morsi had promised his Muslim Brotherhood followers that he would obtain the release of Rahman. The scheme would make Obama look like a hero, at least to some, for obtaining the safe release of Stevens—just weeks before the November 2012 election. But the attackers inadvertently killed Stevens, thereby destroying the Obama-Jarrett-Morsi scheme.) [39292, 39293, 39294, 39295, 39305, 63994, 64143]

On September 6 Obama plays golf at Fort Belvoir. [63982, 63983]

House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) comments on Obama's decision to delay action on immigration: "The decision to simply delay this deeply controversial and possibly unconstitutional unilateral action until after the election, instead of abandoning the idea altogether, smacks of raw politics. ...Any unilateral action will only further strain the bonds of trust between the White House and the people they are supposed to serve." [64003, 64053]

Janet Murguia, president of the National Council of La Raza, complains, "Tens of thousands of human beings are likely to be separated from their families between now and the election. Their suffering, and that of their family members, who include U.S.-citizen children and spouses, should weigh on the consciences of each and every person responsible for this delay." (That is, if Obama does not grant amnesty to illegal immigrants, they will continue to be deported unless and until he does. However, WashingtonTimes.com notes, "Most of the estimated 11.5 million illegal immigrants have little fear of deportation. Indeed, a Washington Times analysis this year estimated that an illegal immigrant who has not crossed the border recently and doesn't have a criminal record has less than a 1 percent chance a year of being deported." In any event, families do not have to be separated. An illegal immigrant being deported is free to take his family with him.) [64061]

Senator Charles Grassley (R-IA) says, "Here he goes again. ...Obama's decision to delay administrative amnesty is simply a political move. Whether it's now or later, though, it's the wrong move. It goes against the Constitution and the rule of law. Even [Obama] has said that he doesn't have the authority to unilaterally legalize people like he has already done. He should work with Congress on legislation that makes a difference and can pass both the House and the Senate. [Obama] is willing to do about anything to get his way. So, he'll probably go ahead and do it after the election is held, and someday the courts likely will say that he acted unconstitutionally." [64053, 64061]

FoxNews.com reports, "The Islamic State is garnering headlines and international contempt, but when it comes to mounting a serious attack on American soil, it can't match the 'tracraft' of Al Qaeda, several terror experts told FoxNews.com. Islamic State has the fighters, money and bloodlust to pose a rapidly-expanding regional threat in Syria and Iraq. But the upstart terror organization, at least for now, likely lacks the contacts, expertise and global reach to direct a 9/11-style attack on the U.S. Al Qaeda, by contrast, has dedicated and wizened jihadists skilled in bomb-making, disguise, document counterfeiting and logistics, say experts. And Al Qaeda, which this week announced it has expanded into India, has tentacles around the world." Ryan Mauro, a national security adviser with The Clarion Project, tells Fox News, "Al Qaeda and ISIS are in a competition and hitting the U.S. dramatically, preferably in the homeland, is key to winning. Al Qaeda needs to prove it is still viable and relevant in light of ISIS' success. And ISIS will be universally recognized as having eclipsed Al Qaeda if it can strike inside the U.S. ...The greatest threat is from a sympathizer of Islamist terrorists already

here. Given the attraction of ISIS right now, that is who the perpetrator would mostly likely identify with. ...These local groups have a record of recruiting Americans to come join them overseas and sometimes to even support them from inside America. It is conceivable for any of these group's supporters inside the U.S. to carry out an attack on the homeland. All it takes are a few nudges from the group itself, Islamists outside the group, or their own personal ego." [64013]

In Minneapolis, which has come to be called "Little Mogadishu" because of its large population of Somali Muslims, the *Star Tribune* reports, "A federal grand jury in St. Paul is investigating a group of Somali-Americans who were allegedly conspiring to join terrorists fighting in Syria, according to sources with direct knowledge of the probe. The proceedings, which have been going on all summer, appear to be centered on trying to find out who is behind efforts to convince 20 to 30 people that they should leave Minnesota to fight in the Middle East. That question has stymied federal agents for the last year as they have struggled to build inroads and trust with the Muslim community in the Twin Cities in order to cut off a new pipeline of recruits. ...The investigation is moving slowly because many of those subpoenaed are refusing to talk and have been instructed to invoke their Fifth Amendment right to remain silent, multiple sources said. ...The group under investigation is mostly composed of young Somalis who have been frequenting the Al Farooq Youth and Family Center and mosque in Bloomington. There, they may have fallen under the influence of Amir Meshal, a 31-year-old American of Egyptian descent who allegedly spoke often to them about joining in a jihad, those sources said." [64033, 64611]

On *Cashin' In*, panelist Jonathan Hoenig says, "We have the military might to destroy jihadism, what we lack is the moral certainty." Hoenig, noting that Obama is even afraid to use the term "radical Islam," observes, "If you can't name the enemy, you can't defeat it. ...We have enemies, and they're the ones who are declaring war on America and slicing journalists' heads off. We don't have Japanese kamikazes now, [and] we don't have SS storm troopers because we destroyed the enemy; we totally discredited those ideas. I honestly wonder if our current administration would have won World War II. I think we would have lost it." [64036]

At TribLive.com Salena Zito notes that Obama "desperately wants" to be "done with wars, and not preoccupied with big foreign policy and national security issues. You can see it in his eyes, his voice, his body language, in the lack of conviction in his words. The reason there is no strategy, as he said, about Islamist terrorists in Syria (and why there likely won't be one) is that his brain trust—Valerie Jarrett and key people on his National Security Council—are nowhere near qualified to advise him on security issues; they focus more on domestic issues and politics than on national security. ...Obama shows absolutely no desire, no will, to do what must be done; so far, the only will he has shown is to kick this threat down the road, past the midterm elections. The fear is, will he continue kicking the terrorist can down to the end of his [second term]? That is, if he can do so without something as horrid as 9/11 striking this country again? He may make some key decisions after the midterms. But addressing the ISIS threat in a manner that accomplishes some strategic end is not the Obama way." [64066]

In a debate with Republican challenger Cory Gardner, Senator Mark Udall (D-CO) says the two beheaded journalists, James Foley and Steve Sotloff, would support his position on ISIS rather than Gardner's. (How many votes Udall will lose because of the remark is not known.) Gardner responds, "It's outrageous that Senator Udall would put words into the mouths of dead Americans." (On September 8 Udall apologizes for his comment: "When addressing ISIL during this weekend's debate, I should not have invoked the names of James Foley and Steven Sotloff. It was inappropriate and I sincerely apologize.") HotAir.com's Allahpundit: "Coming next week: 'The World Trade Center jumpers would want Colorado's seat to stay Democratic.'" [64056, 64057, 64058, 64074, 64109, 64121, 64128]

Also during the debate, Udall, exasperated by the criticism leveled at him by Gardner, wonders, "I'm curious, what problem facing our nation I haven't caused?" Gardner quips, "Me too." [64062, 64063]

On *Justice with Judge Jeanine*, Pat Smith, the mother of Benghazi victim Sean Smith, says, "I love my country desperately, but we've got some rotten people running it." [64007]

On September 7 Obama appears on *Meet the Press* and is interviewed by Chuck Todd, former program host David Gregory's replacement. Obama blames the influx of illegal immigrant children over the preceding few months as the reason for opposition to his amnesty plans: "This problem with unaccompanied children that we saw a couple weeks ago, where you had, from Central America, a surge of kids who were showing up at the border, got a lot of attention. And a lot of Americans started thinking, 'We've got this immigration crisis on our hands.' [T]he politics did shift midsummer because of that problem." (Obama's claim is laughable. Most Americans have not shifted their views on immigration. Some want open borders and some do not. That Obama allowed thousands of illegal immigrant children into the country did not change many opinions; it merely solidified opinions.) Obama continues, "Jeh Johnson, the head of the Department of Homeland Security, has presented the preliminary, you know, ideas in terms of how we can take executive action [to grant amnesty to as many illegals as possible]. ... When I take executive action, I want to make sure that it's sustainable. I want to spend some time, even as we're getting all our ducks in a row for the executive action... to make sure that the public understands why we're doing this, why it's the right thing for the American people, why it's the right thing for the American economy." (Obama—who promised to pass immigration reform in his first year—has been in office for almost six years and is still "getting his ducks in a row.") [63999, 64003, 64021, 64025, 64037, 64040, 64075, 64125]

Obama defends his desire to grant amnesty to illegal immigrants, calling them "the best and brightest who want to stay here and invest here and create jobs here." (He provides no evidence to support his claim.) He also says, "you got [sic; have got] folks across the board supporting" his proposal—which is utter nonsense. (Even Democrats and Hispanics oppose the granting of "executive amnesty." According to a Rasmussen poll,

“62% of Likely U.S. Voters oppose [Obama] granting amnesty to millions of illegal immigrants without the approval of Congress. Just 26% are in favor of Obama’s plan, while 12% are undecided. Only 24% think [Obama] has the legal authority to grant amnesty to these illegal immigrants without Congress’ approval. Fifty-seven percent (57%) believe [Obama] does not have the legal right to do so. Eighteen percent (18%) are undecided.”) [64072, 64073]

Obama says, “The next phase is to start going on some offense” against ISIS. “I’m preparing the country to make sure that we deal with a threat from ISIL. There’s going to be an economic element to this. There’s going to be a political element to it. There’s going to be a military element to it. And what I want people to understand, though, is that over the course of months, we are going to be able to not just blunt the momentum of ISIL. We are going to systematically degrade their capabilities. We’re going to shrink the territory that they control. And ultimately we’re going to defeat ’em. [sic; them]” [64029]

Obama reluctantly admits that ISIS is “not a JayVee team,” but shamelessly claims he “wasn’t specifically referring” to ISIS when he made the remark in a January interview. (Obama most certainly was referring to ISIS. His comment was in response to journalist David Remnick’s question about ISSI and its capture of Fallujah. Despite *The Washington Post* awarding press secretary Josh Earnest “four Pinocchios” for lying about the JayVee statement, Obama repeated the lie.) Obama also defensively adds, “But keep in mind that we anticipated some of these [ISIS] problems in a speech I gave at West Point several months ago.” (Obama did nothing of the kind. In his May 28 West Point address—which was greeted with what CNN’s Jim Clancy called an “icy reception”—Obama mostly gave a point-by-point defense of his foreign policy. It was a speech about *him*, not the threats facing the United States. He did not mention ISIS. In fact, he walked away from the use of force, saying, “U.S. military action cannot be the only or even the primary component of our reaction in every instance,” “To say we have an interest in pursuing peace... beyond our borders is not to say that every problem has a military solution,” “A strategy that involves invading every country that harbors terrorist networks is naïve and unsustainable,” “We must not create more enemies than we take off the battlefield,” and he chastised “critics who think military intervention is the only way to avoid looking weak.” It was also a speech about “climate change.” Even *The New York Times* panned Obama’s West Point speech.) 59222, 59264, 59265, 59266, 59303, 59304, 59312, 59315, 59316, 59320, 59330, 59333, 59336, 59348, 59353, 59990, 64043, 64060, 64122]

Asked about playing golf immediately after commenting on the beheading of journalist James Foley, Barack “Greek columns” Obama says, “There’s always going to be some tough news somewhere. ...I should have anticipated the optics.” (In other words, “What I *do* is not as important as how it *looks*.” *The Meet the Press* interview, aired on Sunday, was recorded on Saturday. After the taping session, Obama played golf.) Amazingly, Obama says, “Part of this job is the theater of it. It’s not something that always comes naturally to me, but it matters and I’m mindful of that.” (“Theater,” not substance, skills, or leadership qualities, *is what got Obama elected*. For him to claim theater is an afterthought is ridiculous. Jonah Goldberg writes, “For those who remember that this is

the same guy with the Greek pillars, the campaign stop in Berlin, the newly minted ‘seal’ of the president-elect, it was an odd confession. Obama likes theater just fine; he just doesn’t like having to read from a script not of his choosing.” [64030, 64031, 64032, 64041, 64054, 64067, 64082, 64157]

Todd asks, “You’ve ruled out boots on the ground [to fight ISIS]. And I’m curious, have you only ruled them out simply for domestic political reasons? Because your own, your own guys have said, ‘You can’t defeat ISIS with air strikes alone.’” Obama responds, “Well, they’re absolutely right about that.” (ISIS is no doubt happy to hear that. It means they have little to fear but drone attacks on various leaders or in-the-open troop movements, because Obama will never order large-scale bombing in crowded areas where civilians casualties would be high.) “But you also cannot, over the long term or even the medium term, deal with this problem by having the United States serially occupy various countries all around the Middle East. We don’t have the resources. It puts enormous strains on our military. And at some point, we leave. And then things blow up again.” (In other words, “Yes, I did rule out boots on the ground for domestic reason.”) Interestingly, Obama now claims that once troops leave, “things blow up again.” He does not explain why he did not realize that when he withdrew all troops from Iraq at the end of 2011. Nor does he explain why the United States should bother to fight ISIS at all if the Middle East will simply “blow up again.” Why did he bother ousting Moammar Gaddafi in Libya?) [64064]

Obama tells Todd, “You know, it is always a challenge, uh, when, uh, you’re supposed to be on vacation, um, because you’re followed everywhere. Part of what I’d love is a vacation from the press.” [64027, 64040, 64055]

Obama also tells Todd he will meet with Congressional leaders on September 9 and deliver a nationwide address on September 10 about his “strategy.” He says, “I just want the American people to understand the nature of the threat and how we’re going to deal with it and to have confidence that we’ll be able to deal with it. ...The notion that the United States should be putting boots on the ground, I think would be a profound mistake. And I want to be very clear and very explicit about that.. This is not going to be an announcement about US ground troops. This is not the equivalent of the Iraq war. ...What this is, is [sic] similar to the kinds of counter-terrorism campaigns that we’ve been engaging in consistently over the last five, six, seven years. And the good news is, is [sic] that because of American leadership, we have, I believe, a broad-based coalition internationally and regionally to be able to deal with the problem.” (Obama is making a “no boots on the ground” concession to ISIS before any major military actions even take place. Obama is so concerned with his “I ended the Iraq war” “legacy” that he will do everything in his power to *not* commit ground troops. His address will not be an announcement of a strike against ISIS; it will be a preemptive strike against Congress. No matter how much Congress may insist strong military action must be taken, Obama will oppose it. On September 10 he will draw a “no boots on the ground” red line for himself, and he will do his best not to be dragged over it—even if it means placing the security of the American people at risk. But Obama has no control over events, and if terrorist strike on September 11, what he promised not to do on September 10 will mean little. In fact,

Pamela Geller comments, “Wednesday’s speech is a CYA speech for when the inevitable terrorist attack happens in the homeland.” [64045, 64046, 64064, 64071]

Chuck Todd’s debut as the new *Meet the Press* host arguably does not go well. He tells Obama, “You’ve not said the word ‘Syria’ so far in our conversation”—despite the fact that Obama had mentioned Syria four times. (It can be assumed that Todd was merely reading scripted questions, rather than paying attention to what Obama said.) [64028]

On CNN’s *State of the Union*, Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) says, “What I’m unequivocal about is that we need immigration reform; that my overriding preference is to see Congress act. We had bipartisan action in the Senate. The House Republicans have sat on it for over a year. That has damaged the economy, it has held America back. It is a mistake. And in the absence of congressional action, I intend to take action to make sure that we’re putting more resources on the border, that we’re upgrading how we process these cases, and that we find a way to encourage legal immigration and give people some path so that they can start paying taxes and pay a fine and learn English and be able to not look over their shoulder but be legal, since they’ve been living here for quite some time. ...I have no knowledge of what [Obama] can do legally under an executive order. I also believe it would be legally challenged. ...I’m of the opinion that the way this should be done is legislatively, because anything else will be challenged, and probably will not be nearly the bill that is actually needed to solve the problems.” (Obama has no legal authority to issue an amnesty order via an executive order. Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution states, “The Congress shall have Power...To establish a uniform Rule of Naturalization...”) [64069, 64070]

The State Department releases what CNN calls a “brutal mock ISIS recruitment video” that suggests an American leaving the United States to fight with ISIS in Syria or Iraq could result in his death and ends with the words, “Think Again, Turn Away.” Alberto Fernandez, coordinator of the State Department’s Center for Strategic Counterterrorism Communications, calls the video effort “participating in the marketplace of ideas.” Pamela Geller writes, “What’s particularly galling about this video is that no mention is made of the millions of Christians ethnically cleansed/expelled or slaughtered by the devout Muslims of the Islamic State. Not a word. No, the Islamic State is bad, according to Obama’s DoS video, because they blow up mosques and crucify Muslims. No mention is made of the millions of non-Muslim victims—Jews, Christians, Hindus. And what’s more appalling is that the State Department offers no explanation as to why the Islamic State would blow up those mosques or kill those Muslims. They target those mosques because they are Shia mosques and Shia Muslims, and the Islamic State is Sunni. Sunnis do not consider Shias true Muslims (and vice-versa). That’s why those two groups have been fighting since Muhammad died.” The video is laughable. In the 1980s, opponents of Ronald Reagan ridiculed his wife Nancy for her “Just Say No!” campaign to keep young Americans from being enticed into taking drugs. This asinine State Department video is thousands of times more naive and will not only persuade no Americans from joining ISIS, it may encourage some to do so. (Late August estimates by BusinessInsider.com suggest that about 700 ISIS fighters in Syria and Iraq have come from France; Great Britain is next with about 400; 320 come from Germany; 250 from Belgium; 200 from

Australia; 130 from the Netherlands (most of whom are immigrants from Morocco); 100 from Canada; 100 from the United States; and about 50 from Spain.) [64016, 64017, 64022, 64023, 64024, 66069]

DailyCaller.com reports, “Numerous prominent foreign policy think tanks took millions of dollars in grants from foreign governments seeking favorable research and connections to U.S. policymakers, raising questions over whether the organizations should have filed under the Foreign Agents Registration Act. The New York Times uncovered arrangements between 28 U.S. think tanks—including the Brookings Institution and the Center for Global Development—and 64 foreign entities worth at least \$92 million. The Brookings Institution, considered by many to be the most prestigious think tank in the world, comes off especially poorly in the report. ... Qatar, which backs the Muslim Brotherhood, paid Brookings \$14.8 million over four years to fund the center and for a special project to address relations between Muslims and the U.S.” (The liberal Brookings Institution also has a relationship with the Obama administration, and shows up White House visitor lists. The organization’s Bruce Riedel once wrote at TheDailyBeast.com, “Don’t Fear Egypt’s Muslim Brotherhood,” and laughably claimed, “The Egyptian Brotherhood renounced violence years ago.” Inasmuch as his employer received from \$14.8 million from Qatar, it is not surprising that Riedel carried the Muslim Brotherhood’s water. Obama has relied on Riedel for a fair amount of Middle East advice. While half the world was warning the administration about the Muslim Brotherhood, Obama was listening to Riedel tell him, “No problems.” The Brookings Institution’s aptly-named Adam Looney previously served on Obama’s Council of Economic Advisors, where he worked on the failed stimulus legislation.) [6661, 6663, [17193, 17217, 17218, 17219, 17220, 17221, 17225, 17229, 17242, 17245, 17246, 17254, 17390, 17457, 35001, 35002, 35003, 35004, 35039, 64038, 64206, 64207]

On *Fox News Sunday*, Mitt Romney tells moderator Chris Wallace, “There’s no question in my mind that I would’ve been a better president than Barack Obama... No question in my mind about that.” Asked by Wallace if he’d make a better president than Hillary Clinton, he says, “No question about that in my mind,” but the “American people may disagree with me. You have to have people who understand what it takes to create jobs and to help people come out of poverty, to help the middle class have a more prosperous future. You’ve got to have that understanding. You’ve also got to have people who’ve actually run something! [Obama] just doesn’t understand how to make an administration works, how to interact with Congress, how to get things done. You have to have those things, and I don’t think Hillary Clinton has that experience.” Romney points out that Clinton’s “record is Barack Obama’s record on foreign policy. And it’s a disaster. ... If you can’t speak decisively, you can’t be decisive. Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama are two peas in the same pod, and the American people have tasted that and said, ‘That’s not a good taste.’ It’s not right for the American people.” (Despite his comments, Romney insists his time as a candidate has “come and gone.”) [64039]

Also on *Fox News Sunday*, Senator Robert Menendez (D-NJ) says, “I’m deeply disappointed that [Obama] hasn’t acted where House Republicans have failed to act [on illegal immigrant amnesty.]” On ABC’s *This Week*, Congressman Luiz Gutierrez (D-IL)

says, “It’s clear that playing it safe is what is going on at the White House and among Democratic circles, and playing it safe means walking away from our values and our principles. They looked at polling in four or five states where there aren’t large Latino constituencies without thinking about the impact that that policy might have in Illinois, in California, in Colorado. And so they walked away.” (In other words, Gutierrez believes Obama should pay more attention to the wishes of illegal immigrants than taxpaying U.S. citizens.) [64053]

On *The Fox Report*, former Jimmy Carter pollster Pat Caddell explains why Obama has delayed his executive order on amnesty: “[H]e’s punting this because it’s a political—it’s getting bad. And he said in his interview this morning with Chuck Todd, ‘Well, it’s because of the children.’ You know, ...he’s really blaming Breitbart[.com] and Fox [News] for running those pictures [of illegal immigrants] in which people realize the border is falling apart. And [Obama] has decided—and by the way, there are [poll] numbers, we’ll get to them, that show enormous opposition to his doing this, even by lots of Democrats and even Hispanics. But what he’s doing there is very simple. He’s saying, ‘Oh, uh, it’s all politics.’ The challenge for the Republicans is to make the Democrats stand up on this, and [Obama] is basically once again showing you how feckless he can be. If it was important—to say I’m going to wait until after the election means, ‘Hey, dummies after you’ve voted, then I’m going to drop this on you.’” [64068]

Newsmax.com reports, “A new report from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York reveals that the Affordable Care Act is already having a significant impact on employers’ healthcare coverage, employment, and even on consumer prices. ...The manufacturing firms reported a median increase of 10 percent in their healthcare coverage costs from 2013 to 2014, and the service firms reported a 9 percent increase. Both surveys predicted a 10 percent increase in 2015. Nearly four in 10 manufacturing firms said Obamacare has increased their per-worker health benefit costs ‘a little’ this year, and 34.9 percent said ‘a lot.’ Among service firms, 38.4 percent said ‘a little’ and 20 percent said ‘a lot.’” [64042]

Various fundraisers claim Maryland’s Democrat Governor Martin O’Malley will run for president in 2016. (O’Malley is far enough to the political left to satisfy the Democrat base. Newsmax.com points out, “He signed a law raising the state’s minimum wage to \$10.10 an hour by 2018, signed legislation banning various kinds of assault weapons, and signed a bill legalizing same-sex marriage in Maryland. He also pushed through a gasoline tax increase to improve the state’s transportation infrastructure, signed legislation making certain undocumented immigrants eligible for in-state college tuition, and signed a bill eliminating the death penalty for future offenders.” Of course, all those tax-and-spend-and-regulate actions would make it more difficult for O’Malley to win the general election if he were to capture the Democrat nomination.) [64042]

At NYPost.com Paul Sperry reports that the Boston Marathon bombers worshipped at the same Cambridge, Massachusetts mosque as the man behind the ISIS beheadings, propagandist Ahmad Abousamra. “The FBI suspects Abousamra now operates ISIS’s sophisticated media wing promoting the group’s beheadings and other atrocities through slick videos posted on the Internet. The brutally effective English-language propaganda

campaign has helped attract thousands of Western jihadists, including at least 300 Americans. The FBI says Abousamra, 32, traveled to Pakistan and Yemen to train to kill Americans while enrolled at Boston colleges. He justified murdering civilians because ‘they paid taxes to support the government and were kufar [nonbelievers],’ Boston FBI Agent Andrew Nambu testified in an affidavit. Another agent, Heidi Williams, says Abousamra, who has a \$50,000 bounty on his head, was inspired by the 9/11 attacks and, in fact, ‘celebrated it.’” [64047, 64048, 64092]

IranAware.com reports, “Lebanese Christians are taking precautions as the Islamic State (ISIS) continues to terrorize Iraq and Syria. Men grabbed weapons and set out for the hills to prepare for an eventual attack by the terrorist group. ‘We all know that if they come, they will slit our throats for no reason,’ said one resident. It is the first time civilians have picked up weapons in the nation since the end of the Lebanon civil war. The majority of these weapons come from communist militias and Hezbollah, the Associated Press notes, but Christians say they do not care if the weapons raise tensions in the country. They believe the threat is real and need to rely on self-defense. Samir Geagea, a Lebanese politician running for president, spoke out against ISIS and urged everyone in Lebanon to unite. ‘ISIS is a cancerous tumor that surfaced at first in parts of Iraq and Syria and it’s still contained to a certain point and this can be removed only if we join our efforts via an international Arab alliance,’ he said. ‘If they’re trying to intimidate us then do not fear them. ...Those who faced major challenges and the likes of ISIS throughout history should not fear those today.’” [64049, 64050]

On September 8 HotAir.com’s Ed Morrissey looks ahead to Obama’s September 10 “ISIS strategy” speech: “We will likely hear on Wednesday that only a united Iraq can defeat ISIS, but the Sunnis are not going to trust the Iranian-backed Shi’ites to share power again, and aren’t going to respond to American guarantees unless we put boots back on the ground. Given the choice between ISIS and the subjugation of their tribes by Iran, most of those tribal leaders will choose ISIS, which is the direct result of us abandoning them by leaving Iraq despite our earlier assurances that we could force Nouri al-Maliki to share power. This is the kind of strategic thinking that has been absent all along in the White House, which has played checkers on the domestic-politics board while ISIS and other powers (notably Russia) are playing chess on a global board. ...Obama will roll out what he calls a ‘strategy’ on Wednesday, but don’t expect much more than aspirational nonsense about Iraqi unity, global resolve, and a healthy dose of lecturing about what he sees as ‘21st-century behavior.’ That, and a lot more can-kicking than ass-kicking.” [64065]

Secretary of State John Kerry tells reporters, “As we build this coalition, I want to underscore that almost every single country on Earth has a role to play in eliminating the ISIL threat and the evil that it represents. For some that will mean military assistance, both direct and in the form of training, arming, and advising, equipping. For some it will mean contributing to the desperately needed humanitarian relief effort. For some it will mean helping to identify, track, and cut off ISIL’s funding, and prevent the flow of foreign fighters. For still others it will mean demolishing the distortion of one of the world’s great peaceful religions and counteracting the propaganda ISIL uses to recruit

new supporters. And for all it will mean publicly supporting the new inclusive government in Iraq.” (At JihadWatch.org a sarcastic Robert Spencer writes, “This is why we must fight the Islamic State: so that people won’t misunderstand Islam. Because as Kerry’s boss would say, the future must not belong to those who slander the prophet of Islam.”) [64090, 64091, 64152]

According to a CNN/ORC International poll, “Seven in 10 Americans believe ISIS has the resources to launch an attack against the United States” and 62 percent support military aid for anyone fighting ISIS, but 61 percent oppose U.S. “boots on the ground.” [64095, 64096]

At WashingtonTimes.com Wesley Pruden comments on Obama’s *Meet the Press* appearance: “[Obama] is bored. He doesn’t sound exhausted. He hurried away from his interview to play another round of golf at Fort Belvoir, in the 90-degree heat and killer humidity of late summer. ...[Obama] isn’t usually given to introspection, in part because [he thinks] there’s never anything amiss to inspect, but he concedes that he might have gotten the optics wrong when he finally said something about the beheading of an American and then couldn’t wait to race off to the links again. ‘It’s always a challenge when you’re supposed to be on vacation.’ You might think the evildoers of the world would give [him] a break, and postpone their beheadings, car-bombings, plane crashes and train wrecks. He just doesn’t sound energized. He has always seemed puzzled by the demands real life makes on presidents. When he set out to [get elected], he had no idea of what [he might be] called on to do. He imagined making a speech or two in the morning, hitting the links in the afternoon and hopping hither and yon about the country when the sun went down to take applause and endless curtain calls. Nice work if you can get it, and he got it. ...Barack Obama arrived in Washington with barely more than the experience of a ‘community organizer,’ and as exciting as that experience may be, it can’t tell a man much about how to be a president. Three years in the U.S. Senate wouldn’t tell him much more, and only ingrains habits no man should indulge. A senator settles easily into the routine of a rajah, with an aide standing by to do everything for him. If a senator needs to scratch in an embarrassing place, there’s an aide to do that. If he needs to burp, there’s someone standing by to burp for him. Mr. Obama is a living example of why picking presidents from the Senate rarely works out well. Presidents who were governors arrive with experience in dealing with cranky and greedy legislators, and need little on-the-job training. Ronald Reagan came to town early to charm Tip O’Neill, and got his program through a skeptical Democratic Congress. Bill Clinton demonstrated that even experience in a small state is enough. What works in Sacramento or Little Rock can work in Washington. Boredom is not an option.” [65706]

The Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs posts a map of the Islamic State as envisioned by a five-year plan of ISIS. “The Islamic State will include Andalus in the West (Spain) and stretch from North Africa—the *Maghreb*—(and the whole of West Africa including Nigeria) through Libya and Egypt (considered one geographical unit—*Ard Al-Kinana*), include what is called in Islamic state terminology, *Ard el Habasha* (from Cameroon in the west, Central Africa, the Victoria lake states, Ethiopia and Somalia), the *Hijaz* (Saudi Arabia, the Gulf States), Yemen until *Khurasan* in the east—defined as the Central Asian

Muslim Republics beginning with Azerbaijan and including Pakistan and the South west part of China, land of the Muslims of Turkish origin, the Uyghurs. The Islamic State includes also Iran and Turkey (named Anadol) in their entirety and parts of Europe (mainly the Balkans, more or less conforming to the borders of the defunct Ottoman Empire with the Austro-Hungarian territories).” (Needless to say, Israel will cease to exist under ISIS’ plans.) [64356, 64357]

Asked why Obama is delaying his immigration action until after the mid-term elections, White House press secretary Josh Earnest tells reporters, “By injecting [the immigration issue] into the highly charged political debate six or eight weeks before the midterm elections is to subject this issue to gross distortion and partisanship. And we don’t want to do that. ...By injecting an executive action in the midst of this hyper-partisan, hyper-political environment shortly before the midterms, that will have a negative impact on the broader public support and on the sustainability of immigration reform.” (In other words, “Obama knows that the public is against him on this issue.”) [64104]

Earnest *again* defends Obama’s “JayVee team” remark, saying it had nothing to do with ISIS—even though he was responding to a question about ISIS at the time. (At HotAir.com Mary Katharine Ham writes, “I started saying a couple years ago that this White House is better understood if one dispenses with the notion they have a strategy for anything beyond immediate, self-interested, crude, political survival/warfare on a day-to-day basis. In this case, clinging to this absurd notion that he didn’t know exactly who he was talking about naturally riles reporters (Ed Henry, on this occasion), who try in vain to make the White House admit what is patently obvious. As questions get more strident and pressing, ala the YouTube-blaming in Benghazi, Earnest will decry reporters’ interest in such petty ‘semantics’ as distracting from bigger problems in order to distract from the fact that it is, indeed, an important and damning indication of Obama’s inability to anticipate anything in foreign policy.” Even *The New York Times* calls out Obama and Earnest, writing, “[T]he transcript of the New Yorker interview showed that Mr. Obama made his JV team comment directly after being asked about terrorists in Iraq, Syria and Africa, which would include ISIS. After Mr. Obama’s initial answer, Mr. [David] Remnick pointed out that ‘that JV team just took over Fallujah,’ a city in western Iraq seized by ISIS. Mr. Obama replied that terrorism in many places around the world was not necessarily ‘a direct threat to us or something that we have to wade into.’”) [64122, 64123]

Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas reportedly rejects an offer for the creation of a sovereign Palestinian state five times larger than Gaza. According to IBTimes.com, “Egyptian President General Abdel Fatah al-Sisi has offered ...Abbas the chance to create a Palestinian state in the Sinai Peninsula, according to local Israeli media. The offer to the Palestinian President which, reports say Abbas has denied, would have seen 1,600 square kilometres of the Sinai Peninsula given to the Palestinian Authority, creating a Palestinian state five times the size of Gaza. According to IDF Radio, the offer would see Abbas relinquish demands that Israel return to the 1967 borders. In the new and enlarged Gaza, the territory would be demilitarised and Palestinian refugees, many who were unable to return to their towns after the creation of

Israel, would have been able to settle there. As part of the proposal, Palestinian cities in the occupied West Bank would have been autonomous and continued to be under Palestinian Authority control. Sisi allegedly said to Abbas in the meeting: ‘You are now 80 years old, if you don’t accept this proposal, your successor will.’ The Palestinian Authority is yet to publicly comment on the initiative but unnamed sources said that Abbas rejected the deal in a meeting with Sisi. The Israeli military radio station said that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had knowledge of the offer and that the United States had given its approval to such an idea. An idea along the same lines was introduced years ago by Israeli academics but Egypt rejected the proposal.” (There is no comment from the Obama administration. Obama *should* be pressuring the Palestinians to accept the offer and end their dreams of killing all the Jews and capturing Israel but he will not—because he does not want a “two-state solution.” He wants the destruction of Israel. Pamela Geller calls the rejection “Further proof that this has nothing to do with land and everything to do with Islamic Jew-hatred and the destruction of the Jewish state,” and writes, “Islamic Jew-hatred is an Islamic religious mandate. The very existence of Israel is deeply offensive to any devout Muslim. Where are the blaring headlines? Where is [sic; are] the NY Times and all the other two state fraudsters?”) [64146, 64147]

In England, a young couple is kicked off a bus for singing a children’s song about a pig (“Peppa Pig”) to their autistic daughter, after a female Muslim passenger told the driver she was “offended.” Sarah Cleaves tells the *Daily Mail*, “She went up to the bus driver and told him we were being racist towards her and she wasn’t happy. The driver came up to me and said we had to get off the bus or the police would have to come. He said, ‘just get off the bus—it’s not worth the hassle.’ I was really shocked because we had done nothing wrong but he didn’t listen to us. He just said, ‘Go now, otherwise you’ll hold up all the passengers and no-one will be happy.’” [65120, 65121, 65534]

Abortion provider Planned Parenthood announces its opposition to Republican proposals to allow some forms of birth control pills to be sold without a prescription. (The leftists at Planned Parenthood, who claim the Republicans have been engaged in a “war on women,” *oppose* a change that would *increase* access to contraceptives. They would rather force women to pay for a doctor visit—the cost of which may not be covered because of a high deductible under ObamaCare—in order to get an expensive prescription than to simply pay a lower generic price for the pills out of their own pocket. There is only one reason for the group’s opposition: if women can buy birth control pills over the counter like they buy aspirin, they do not need to go to Planned Parenthood—which receives more than \$500 million per years in taxpayer funds.) [64124, 64290, 64314]

At Atlanta’s Spelman College, Secretary of Education Arne Duncan calls for higher teacher pay and more black, Hispanic, and male teachers. (Duncan whines that the percentage of black, Hispanic, and male teachers does not match the percentage of black, Hispanic, and male students. He apparently believes that black, Hispanic, and male students are incapable of learning from white female teachers. Some might call that position racist and sexist.) Duncan does not explain what he would do if he cannot find

enough blacks, Hispanics, and males to fill his quotas. (He may not be aware that some people prefer careers other than teaching.) [64105]

Lord Monckton, the Third Viscount Monckton of Brenchley, places a paid editorial in *The Washington Times* that reads, “WANTED FOR HIGH CRIMES AGAINST THE UNITED STATES. YOU. Yes, you. Members of the cabinet and of both Houses, party leaders, Supreme Court and State Supreme Court judges, heads of the armed forces, the FBI and the Secret Service, State governors, police chiefs, and all others to whom the citizens you serve have written formal requests that you should investigate the forged document on the White House website that purports to be—but is not—the birth certificate of Barack Hussein Obama. We, the people, have written to you. You have taken extravagant care not to reply, still less to act. You are all wanted men. You can run but you can’t hide. Your time is running out. You cannot escape justice. By your failure to execute your sworn duty as public officers to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States, you have placed our nation in the gravest danger. The current occupant of the White House is not only incompetent to exercise the office he has usurped: he is ineligible to exercise it. You all know this. You have all been sent detailed evidence demonstrating beyond reasonable doubt that the White House is party to forgery. Whether because you fear the venom of the Marx stream media if you publicly question the credentials of the one his staffers call ‘Black Jesus,’ or because you apprehend the humiliation and embarrassment that would be caused to the United States if you were to bring him to trial, or because you simply cannot be bothered either to amend or to defend the Constitution you are sworn to uphold, you are all guilty as accessories after the fact of forgery and fraud.” [69141, 64142]

Monckton continues, “The one whom your abject, craven inaction protects has run down America’s armed forces and security services to the point of tempting the enemies of our nation to mount another brutally spectacular terrorist episode on our soil and against our citizens. He has left our borders insufficiently defended against unlawful immigration. He has more than doubled the national debt in a single administration. He has spat upon Christianity and glorified Islam. He has overridden the Constitution by allowing unelected agencies such as the EPA to make law. He has lied and lied and lied again about everything from his birthplace to Benghazi. The fawning media have allowed him to get away with it. However, there is one incorrupt official who will not rest until the crime of forgery that was reported to him—as it was to all of you—has been thoroughly investigated and the culprits brought before the courts. That man is Sheriff Joe Arpaio, the elected Sheriff of Maricopa County, Arizona who knows it—and, for that matter, so does every leader in every nation in the world. After due investigation, he has deemed the document on the White House website to be a forgery. His continuing and diligent investigation is close to completion. When it is complete, those responsible for the crimes associated with Mr Obama’s identity documents will be brought to trial. This message, however, is for all of you who—whether knowingly or negligently—allowed a usurper to occupy the highest office in the land, there to wreak havoc to the grave detriment of our nation. You could have stopped him. You did not act when you should have acted. You are all guilty as accessories after the fact. We have placed this advertisement as a warning that, once the courts have decided that Mr Obama’s identity documentation is forged, we

shall press for the prosecution of all of you who stood by and did nothing. We have your names. We know who you are. We know where you live. Expect Federal agents to come knocking at your door. And soon.” [69141, 64142]

Politico reports, “Several Senate Republicans joined Democrats on Monday to advance a constitutional amendment [by a vote of 79-18] that would give Congress and the states greater power to regulate campaign finance.” (Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) had assumed the GOP would block the bill, giving Democrats the ability to criticize Republicans.) Reid “said the GOP’s tactic was simply to ‘stall’ because it would eat up limited floor time that Democrats are eyeing for votes aimed at encouraging gender pay equity and raising the minimum wage.” (The final vote on the amendment—*which would severely limit First Amendment free speech rights*—will never get the two-thirds approval needed in both the Senate and the House. Reid knows that, but brought up the bill for a “show vote” anyway—and is upset that the GOP called his bluff by voting to debate the amendment. Townhall.com’s Guy Benson writes, “Got that? Reid’s crew wanted to vote on changing the First Amendment... without a debate. Their aim wasn’t to actually alter the First Amendment, of course; they’re fully aware their proposal is destined to go down in flames, thus preserving the big money status quo from which they richly benefit. No, their aim was to attack Republicans for blocking an idea that polls well when framed in facile soundbytes [sic; sound bytes or sound bites]. ...They’re frustrated because Republicans have fiendishly assented to a lengthy debate, the existence of which denies Democrats the opportunity to cram in a boatload of theater-style votes on items that have no chance of passing. ...*National Review*’s editors summarize the amendment under consideration, excoriating it as ‘an attack on basic human rights, the Constitution, and democracy itself.’ They expose how the proposal, ‘would invest Congress with blanket authority to censor newspapers and television reports, ban books and films, and imprison people for expressing their opinions. So long as two criteria are met—the spending of money and intending to influence an election—the First Amendment would no longer apply.’” [64098, 64099, 64119, 64126, 64130, 64175]

RollCall.com’s Stu Rothenberg writes, “I am now expecting a substantial Republican Senate wave in November, with a net gain of at least seven seats. But I wouldn’t be shocked by a larger gain. ...Of the seven Romney Democratic seats up this cycle [Democrat Senators running in states that were won by Mitt Romney in 2012], Montana, South Dakota and West Virginia are gone, and Arkansas and Louisiana look difficult to hold. Alaska and North Carolina, on the other hand, remain very competitive, and Democrats rightly point out that they have a chance to hold both seats. But I’ve witnessed 17 general elections from my perch in D.C., including eight midterms, and I sometimes develop a sense of where the cycle is going before survey data lead me there. Since my expectations constitute little more than an informed guess, I generally keep them to myself. This year is different. I am sharing them with you. After looking at recent national, state and congressional survey data and comparing this election cycle to previous ones, I am currently expecting a sizable Republican Senate wave. ...[A]s long as [Obama’s] approval [rating] sits in the 40-percent range (the August NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll), the signs are ominous for Democrats. ...Given [Obama’s] standing, the public’s disappointment with the direction of the country, the makeup of the midterm

electorate and the '14 Senate map, I expect a strong breeze at the back of the GOP this year. And if there is a strong breeze, most of the races now regarded as competitive will fall one way—toward Republicans.” [64114]

On CNN, Barak Barfi, spokesman for the family of murdered journalist Steven Sotloff, charges that the “so-called moderate rebels people want our administration to support, one of them sold him [Sotloff] probably for something between \$25,000 and \$50,000 to ISIS and that was the reason he was captured. ...They’ve [Obama administration officials have] said that the families have been consistently and regularly informed. That is not true. I speak now only from [sic; for] the Sotloff family. I can’t speak for the other families. They said that these hostages were moved frequently. We know that for most of the beginning of part of this year they were stationary. We know that the intelligence community and the White House are enmeshed in a larger game of bureaucratic infighting and Jim [Foley] and Steve are pawns in that game and that’s not fair. ...If there continues [sic; continue] to be [White House] leaks, the Sotloff family will have to speak out to set the record straight. The relationship between the administration and the Sotloff family was very strained. We do not believe that they gave us the cooperation that they need. Once Steve appeared in that video, the Sotloff family made one simple request of the administration and they were rebuffed on that.” (Barfi does not explain the nature of the simple request.) “...When your view into the largest and most powerful government in the world is two FBI agents, that’s simply not enough. The administration could have done more, they could have helped us, they could have seen them through. These are people of modest means. They’re not cosmopolitan, they don’t have college educations, they don’t understand the larger ramifications in foreign policy. And we just do not believe that they were afforded the opportunities and the respect that they should have by this administration.” [64103, 64121, 64171, 64178, 64201]

Also on CNN, reports MRC.org, several guests come to Obama’s defense with several excuses for his failures. *Bloomberg’s* Margaret Talev says, “It’s not like [Obama] doesn’t get the optics [of playing golf during crises]. He just hates that he has to deal with it... and is increasingly frustrated. You know, as you see the rest of his term winding down, he’s just like [sic; he thinks], ‘Oh, my God, I’m over it!’ You know, he’s getting bashed over the head by Congress; you know [sic], pummeled by these international crises that he has very little ability to sway. And he’s like [sic]—the man wants to go out for a few hours and be left alone.” (If Obama hates dealing with crises and prefers golf he should resign.) *The New York Times’* Jonathan Martin says Obama “is in a tough spot here... these two beheadings of journalists... have really outraged a lot of folks... and [Obama] is forced to act. But again, there is not any appetite in this country to put ground troops back in that region. And so, [Obama] is somewhat handcuffed. ...Furthermore, there’s only so much [Obama] can do, frankly, in the next two years. If you read any of the reports about what’s happening there [with ISIS in Syria and Iraq], most experts believe this is going to take years and years—well after [Obama] leaves the White House—to really address the root of this issue.” (One reader at MRC.org comments, “Poor Obama he can’t do anything because he’s handcuffed right now. Well, make Reggie Love get the keys so Obama can get dressed and do something about ISIS.”) [64110]

Congressman Jack Kingston (R-GA) tells *The New York Times* that not everyone in Congress is eager for a vote to authorize a war with ISIS: “A lot of people would like to stay on the sideline and say, ‘Just bomb the place and tell us about it later.’ It’s an election year. A lot of Democrats don’t know how it would play in their party, and Republicans don’t want to change anything. We like the path we’re on now. We can denounce it if it goes bad, and praise it if it goes well and ask what took him so long.” (Kingston does support a vote on the issue.) Socialist Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) says he supports air strikes but is “very strongly opposed to the use of ground troops. And before ground troops are used, there most certainly has to be a vote.” (Under the U.S. Constitution only Congress can declare war. No distinctions are made between air, land, and water attacks. In any event, Obama is not likely to ask Congress for permission to continue air strikes—although he will probably ask for money to supply weapons so-called “moderates” in Syria.) [64179, 64180, 64181]

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) states, “I think the view of myself and most of my members is [that Obama] should be seeking congressional approval, period, for whatever he decides to do [to fight ISIS]. Because that’s the way you hear from those of us who represent everyone in the country. That’s the way you get congressional support. [W]hen [Senator] Elizabeth Warren [D-MA] begins to sound like [former Vice President] Dick Cheney, you know that there’s pretty broad bipartisan support here for dealing with this group of terrorists. So... I think my answer would be he really ought to be asking for our support, whether or not he may think he’s authorized to do what he intends to do. I think it would be in his best interest and the country’s best interest. ...[Obama] is the commander in chief, as we all know. And it’s his responsibility to come up with a plan for dealing with this. And I think it is to his advantage and the country’s advantage to have Congress buy into that.” (To many it might seem surprising that Obama is not asking for Congressional authorization for his actions, because his nature is to seek others with whom he can share the blame if something goes wrong. But he was likely pressured by Senators who are up for reelection to avoid making them vote yes or no on a war authorization.) [64185]

In a meeting with Congressional leaders (House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH), Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV), Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY), and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), Obama states he does not need their approval to launch broader attacks against ISIS. (In July, Obama asked Congress to repeal the Iraq war authorization—so he would have an excuse not to deploy additional troops to Iraq. Had Congress complied with his request in July, he would now be asking them to renew the authorization. That Obama thought in July he would not need to continue military action in Iraq indicates how little he understood the threat of ISIS.) [64188, 64189, 64190, 64195]

On *Special Report*, Charles Krauthammer says, “This is a man [Obama] who’s been dragged kicking and screaming to face reality. When ISIS came into western Iraq and took Fallujah, Obama hardly stirred and around that time was when he was calling them the ‘JayVee team.’ Then ISIL [or ISIS] seizes Mosul, he begins to stir. But it wasn’t until he got a phone call from the leaders of Kurdistan to say that Erbil, the capital, was in

range of ISIS and could fall in a few days. And there were a lot of Americans in Kurdistan [so] Obama began to order the air strikes. And it took until we had the brutal, the murder, the contemptible murder of the Americans [James Foley and Steven Sotloff], sort of a throwing down the gauntlet [by ISIS], two Americans with their throats slit, where American public opinion, as you can see in the polls, radically changed from being against air strikes to being heavily in favor, that Obama decided to do air strikes. This is a classic example of leading from behind where he [Obama] waits for public opinion, and now it's the public who's demanding he does [sic; do] something. Americans don't like to see other Americans killed on television by a prideful enemy like that and [Obama] doing nothing. ...It's late and he's running up so he can catch up with the crowd. ...It [the journalist beheadings] changed everything. It changed public opinion—and Obama is nothing if not responsive to public opinion. He doesn't lead. Here it's the public that's leading." [64144]

On the *Charlie Rose Show*, *Meet the Press* moderator Chuck Todd says, "If [Hillary Clinton] were running to be the second woman president, I think she would not even be considered a frontrunner. She'd be just considered another candidate. ...One thing I think that Washington media gets wrong: she has a—there is a Clinton fatigue problem, but it's in the press corps. Um, I think there's much less Clinton fatigue in the Democratic party than there is in the press corps—which, by the way, is going to be a separate challenge for her. The press that's gonna [sic] cover her is gonna [sic] cover her with less enthusiasm and more skepticism than the way Democratic activists are going to, uh, embrace her and be enthusiastic about. All that said, she is naturally not the populist liberal that I think the Democratic party would like to have. And she's naturally not the—I want to say isolationist but—she's not somebody who wants a more reserved foreign policy. She's much more hawkish than where the Democratic party is on foreign policy, and she's much more pro-business than where the Democratic party is. So, position wise, I would argue she's, she's kind of out of step of where the Democratic party is going to be in 2016, but I think the enthusiasm to break that glass ceiling, um, may allow her to overcome those other issues." (Todd is willing to admit that Clinton's frontrunner status is due only to her being a woman. In 2008 he was not willing to admit that Obama's frontrunner status was due only to his being black. Whether one likes and admires Clinton or not, her resume includes being both a Senator and a Secretary of State, while in 2008 Obama's resume included only his brief time in the Senate—where he spent most of his time running for president.) Hillary Clinton is viewed positively by only 43 percent of registered voters surveyed in an NBC/WSJ poll. [64140, 64176, 64177]

At the *Toronto Film Festival*, leftist documentary/propaganda filmmaker Michael Moore says, "I wrote Obama a letter, and I said, ...God bless you, but you did not save Detroit. You saved General Motors. You saved Chrysler. ...Detroit at this point would stand a better chance if they were an Iraqi or Syrian city, in terms of getting some sort of help. And I think Obama, sadly, has been, you know, he's done many, many good things, but he's also been a huge disappointment. And I... really feel like, I wish somebody would say to him, maybe I'll say it in case he's watching—you do read *The Hollywood Reporter*, don't you? ...When the history is written of this era, this is how you'll be remembered: 'He was the first black president.' Okay, not a bad accomplishment, but

that's it. That's it, Mr. Obama. A hundred years from now, 'he was the first black American that [sic; who] got elected president.' And that's it. Eight years of your life and that's what people are gonna [sic] remember. Boy, I [have] got a feeling, knowing you, that you'd probably wish you were remembered for a few other things, a few other things you could've done.' So it's on that level a bug disappointment." (Moore's criticism is from the political left. He is disappointed that Obama did not move the nation further toward socialism.) [64182, 64183, 64223]

Michelle Obama attends a fundraiser in Atlanta for Michelle Nunn, the Democrat candidate for U.S. Senator in Georgia. [64299]

On September 9 Obama awakens to terrible poll numbers from an ABC News/Washington Post poll that shows him with a 42/51 percent approval/disapproval rating. ABCNews.com reports, "With the midterm elections looming, Americans by a 10-point margin, 52-42 percent, see [Obama] more as a failure than a success. Just 38 percent now approve of Obama's handling of international affairs, down 8 percentage points since July to a career low; 56 percent disapprove, a majority for the first time. Fifty-two percent say he's been too cautious in dealing with Islamic insurgents in Iraq and Syria. And the public is ahead of Obama in support for a military response to that crisis, with 65 percent in favor of extending U.S. air strikes to Syria. ...A vast 91 percent in this poll... see the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria as a serious threat to U.S. vital interests. After its execution of two American journalists, support for air strikes against ISIS in Iraq has swelled from 45 percent in June to 71 percent now. Support for arming their Kurdish opponents is up by 13 points, to 58 percent, in just the past month. At home, with Obama holding off his promised executive action on immigration reform, a new low of just 31 percent approve of his handling of immigration. Fifty-nine percent disapprove, up by a broad 18 points from spring 2013, when progress on the issue seemed imminent. In general assessments, moreover, Americans by a 17-point margin say Obama has done more to divide than to unite the country, a rating worse than George W. Bush's early in his poorly rated second term—and one that's deteriorated among Obama's supporters as well as among his critics. Just 43 percent call Obama a strong leader, down 11 points in the past year... And his overall job approval rating, at 42 percent, is a point from its all-time low this spring." (HotAir.com's Ed Morrissey observes, "Even among those with the most rosy of rose-colored glasses, Obama stinks on ice.") [64112, 64113, 64115, 64120, 64127]

Although the poll was commissioned by ABC, the network does not bother to report on its results on its *World News Tonight* broadcast. CBS also avoids reporting on Obama's abysmal poll numbers. NBC reports on its own NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll, which shows 32/62 percent approval/disapproval percentages for Obama's handling of foreign policy. [64169, 64170, 64173, 64174]

The House of Representatives votes 249–163 to condemn Obama for exchanging five Taliban leaders for U.S. Army deserter Bowe Bergdahl. (Sixty-four Democrats vote for the measure.) [64093, 64100, 64101]

At ForeignPolicy.com David Rothkopf writes that at “the G-20 summit in St. Petersburg, Russia, which took place Sept. 5 and 6, 2013, Washington continued to push for international support of military action as it had been doing ineffectively since late August. In one meeting, [National Security Advisor Susan] Rice pressed the German delegation relentlessly for leadership within the European Union. The Germans sought more time and consultation with other EU member states, frustrating Rice to the point that she lost her cool and reportedly launched into a profanity-filled lecture that featured a rare diplomatic appearance of the word ‘motherfucker.’ Germany’s national security advisor, Christoph Heusgen, was so angered that he told an American confidante it was the worst meeting of his professional life. (Rice’s bluntness and hot temper have undercut her effectiveness throughout her career. In July 2014, the *New Republic* reported that she once confronted Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas outside the Oval Office, saying, ‘You Palestinians can never see the fucking big picture.’ A U.N. ambassador of one of the world’s major powers told me that he didn’t ‘understand what she thinks she is achieving by talking to us like a longshoreman.’ The brusqueness hasn’t helped with her interpersonal relationships within the administration or with her staff, either...)” [64227]

Rice’s unprofessionalism and incompetence should come as no surprise to *Timeline* readers. As noted previously, Richard Grenell, former spokesman for four different U.N. ambassadors, called Rice “wildly inattentive” to her duties when she served as U.S. ambassador. During the Clinton administration, Rice worked with Richard Clark to persuade Bill Clinton *not* to accept Sudan’s offer to hand over Osama bin Laden to the United States. Former Clinton staffer Mansoor Ijaz stated that efforts to capture or kill Osama bin Laden were “overruled every single time by the State Department, by Susan Rice and her cronies, who were Hell-bent on destroying the Sudan.” The anti-Semite Rice, wife of ABC news producer Ian Cameron, also encouraged Clinton to do nothing to stop the Rwanda genocide. Rice and Clark also authored the controversial Presidential Decision Directive 25, which some argue was incredibly naïve and led to the 1993 Somalia fiasco—the “Blackhawk Down” incident—in which American troops were killed and dragged through the streets by an angry mob. Rice has been considered “wildly incompetent” by some Washington insiders, and one critic who has worked with her states, “She doesn’t know what she doesn’t know. And she doesn’t tolerate dissenters. To have her head the U.S. mission to the U.N. is a mind-boggling decision. It is frightening.” [356, 360, 568, 569, 590, 628, 670, 831, 1377, 1679, 1680, 1681, 2197, 2505, 5476, 8155, 8516, 10556, 17282, 30277, 30315]

Al-Qaeda’s Nusra Front captures the Syrian town of Naba Al-Sakhr—at the border of Israel. (Obama has no comment.) [64148, 64149]

David Stockman notes at LewRockwell.com “that outside of health and education there has not been one net new job created in the American economy since July 2000! Yes, not a single new job—as in none, nein, nichts, nada, zip! Yes, we do have about 7.3 million more teachers, nurses, home health aides and bed-pan changers—meaning that the total job count in what I have termed the HES Complex (health, education and social services) now stands at 31.7 million compared to 24.4 million in early 2000... In fact, the 107 million non-HES Complex jobs... can be divided into two categories—part time jobs

and breadwinner jobs. Compared to breadwinner jobs which pay about \$50,000 per year, the former pay at a rate of about \$20,000 annualized, reflecting around 26 hours of work per week and hourly pay of about \$14. Stated differently, the bartender, waiter, bellhop, maid, shoe repair, retail clerk and temp positions... represent 40% jobs from an economic value perspective. And from a societal angle, they provide no foundation whatsoever on which to support middle-class families and a thriving citizenry. By contrast, breadwinner jobs in manufacturing, mining, construction, FIRE [finance, insurance, and real estate], transportation and distribution, information technology, the white collar profession and business management do generate the means for at least a minimum standard of living. Unfortunately, ...the US economy has been losing breadwinner jobs at a rate of 18,000 per month for 14 years running. ...Since Bill Clinton's last month in office there has been a 3 million or 5% shrinkage of breadwinner jobs." [64077]

Stockton warns that "nearly all of these [HES Complex] jobs are 'fiscally dependent' owing to direct government spending, loans and tax expenditures. At present, total government expenditures for Medicare and Medicaid, for example, amount to \$1.2 trillion annually and account for well-more than 50% of health service delivery, but upwards of 90% in some areas that are jobs intensive. The 3.3 million jobs in nursing facilities, for example, are almost completely funded by Medicare and Medicaid. Likewise, the number of home health care jobs has soared by 700k and nearly doubled since the year 2000, but this sector is also heavily dependent upon the two big government programs. ...Even in the education sector where 13.6 million jobs were reported for August compared to 11.6 million in January 2000, 75% of this pick-up was in higher education, not K-12; and it goes without saying that the boom in higher education is the direct result of \$1.2 trillion in student loans and \$40 billion annually in direct grant programs financed entirely by Uncle Sam. On the margin, all of this fabulous fiscal support for the HES Complex consists of borrowed money—since if there actually were a balanced budget law that required today's taxpayers to foot the cost of government rather than the unborn taxpayers of tomorrow, the first thing to be cut would be the giant subsidies being collected by the health and education cartels. In any event, governments are now bumping up against 'peak debt,' meaning that the stupendous flow of fiscal resources to the HES Complex is beginning to abate sharply, resulting in a unmistakable slowing in the rate of so-called job creation. ...So at the end of the day, the HES Complex does not help the US economy pay its way. Essentially, America has been creating jobs only by borrowing from the rest of the world—more than \$10 trillion on a balance of trade basis during the last 30 years." (In other words, the private economy has not been creating jobs with real capital, the government has been creating jobs with borrowed capital. That trend cannot continue forever.) [64077]

At Townhall.com Katie Pavlich reports, "Members of the Islamic State have called for the beheadings of Twitter employees after a crackdown on ISIS propaganda accounts. A Twitter account on Monday was used by someone associated with ISIS to calls for the killing of employees in San Francisco, the location of the company's headquarters. It has since been shutdown [sic; shut down]." One Tweet reads, "The time has arrived to respond to Twitter's management by directly attacking their employees and physically

assassinating them.” Another: “Every Twitter employee in San Francisco in the United States should bear in mind and watch over himself because on his doorstep there might be a lone wolf assassin waiting.” [64097, 64150, 64151]

Pro-amnesty “United We Dream” protesters stage a sit-in at the office of Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV). [64102]

On MSNBC, the Cook Report’s Charlie Cook states, “Republicans don’t need a wave election [to win control of the Senate]. If [we assume] they win Montana, South Dakota, West Virginia... then, if they just get the three Democratic incumbents that are in deeply red states—Mark Begich in Alaska, Mark Pryor in Arkansas, Mary Landrieu in Louisiana—they can win just with red states, and no wave [is] necessary.” (If the GOP wins the Senate, *The Obama Timeline* believes Attorney General will resign as quickly as possible so that the Democrats can confirm his successor while Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) is still in control.) [64106, 64155]

BizPacReview.com reports, “John Morgan, top Democratic [and Obama] fundraiser and mega-donor was captured on video at ‘Boots and Buckles’ in Lakeland [Florida] in an obscene rant that can only be explained with alcohol, according to a video published by United West.” (Morgan is a trial lawyer known in Florida for his almost constant ambulance-chasing television commercials that end, “Morgan and Morgan... for the people”—which many ridicule as “Morgan and Morgan... for the money.”) [64107, 64108]

At the daily press briefing, CBS’ Major Garrett asks White House press secretary Josh Earnest, “If I listened to you correctly today, you said [Obama] will tell the country [in his September 10] speech there’ll be no ground troops involved, there’ll be no tactical operational details, no timeline for victory, no costs associated with the pursuit of victory. Why should anyone watch [his speech]?” Earnest replies, “Well, uh, they should watch because [Obama] will be communicating directly with the American people, uh, about a core national security priority. Uh, and in the contents of those remarks, [Obama] will, uh, lay out what he clearly sees as American interests, uh, in this situation. Uh, he’ll talk about the risks that the, that the United States faces, uh, and he’ll talk about the strategy that he has put together, uh, to, uh, confront those risks, and mitigate them, uh, and ultimately to degrade and destroy, uh, ISIL.” Garrett: “The audience wants to know how we’re gonna [sic] win. ...Tell us how we’re gonna [sic] win. And I don’t hear, based on what you said, [Obama] tell people that tomorrow.” Earnest: “It’s because I, I don’t have the speech in front of me. But I would encourage you to tune in on Wednesday night, uh, and hear directly from the commander in chief about his assessment of this, uh, critical national security priority.” [64116, 64117]

In a September 1-7 Gallup poll, Obama’s approval/disapproval ratings fall to 40/54 percent. Among white Americans, his approval rating is a mere 31 percent; among blacks, 81 percent; among Hispanics, 44 percent. [64118]

At a Congressional hearing about ObamaCare compliance, IRS Commissioner John Koskinen is asked how the agency will handle collecting reimbursements from Americans who are granted subsidies to which they are not entitled. Koskinen replies, “Whenever we can, we follow the law.” Congressman Kevin Brady (R-TX) counters, “I encourage you to follow the law in all instances.” [64162, 64163]

LifeNews.com reports, “The Obama administration has renewed its attempt to force a Catholic religious order, the Little Sisters of the Poor, to comply with the HHS abortion mandate. The mandate compels religious groups to pay for birth control and drugs that may cause abortions. The Obama administration announced today it will continue its legal battle against the Little Sisters of the Poor, a religious order of nuns dedicated to serving the neediest elderly in society. This comes despite the fact that the Supreme Court ruled in favor of Hobby Lobby and another company in their bid to stop the HHS mandate. The government is still trying to force the nuns to either violate their deeply held religious convictions or pay crippling fines to the IRS. ‘Religious ministries in these cases serve tens of thousands of Americans, helping the poor and homeless and healing the sick. The Little Sisters of the Poor alone serve more than ten thousand of the elderly poor. These charities want to continue following their faith. They want to focus on ministry—such as sharing their faith and serving the poor—without worrying about the threat of massive IRS penalties,’ said Adele Keim, Counsel at the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, which represents the Little Sisters. Keim told LifeNews: ‘The government has already exempted millions of Americans from this requirement for commercial or secular reasons, so it should certainly protect the Little Sisters for religious reasons.’ Keim said today’s developments at a federal appeals court in Denver are the latest stage in the government’s attempt to force the Little Sisters and other charities serving the needy to comply with the HHS Mandate. Although the Supreme Court previously required the Little Sisters to do nothing more than notify the government of their religious objection, the government issued new regulations last month in an attempt to circumvent the Supreme Court’s order.” [64131, 64132, 64168]

Breitbart.com reports, “A senior communications aide to Attorney General Eric Holder seemingly called House oversight committee chairman Darrell Issa’s [R-CA] staff by accident and asked for their help spinning new revelations about the IRS scandal, Issa said in a September 8 letter to Holder. The aide, Brian Fallon, is a former senior aide to Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-NY) and a well-known personality on Capitol Hill. The letter describes Fallon as ‘audibly shaken’ when he realizes his request to leak documents to help get ahead of news stories about them was mistakenly made to the very office he was seeking to undermine. Issa believes the call was intended to be made to Democratic Rep. Elijah Cummings’s [D-MD] staff, the ranking member on the oversight panel, the letter said. According to the letter, Fallon—who is not named in the letter but confirmed he made the call—asked if the aides could release the IRS scandal documents to ‘selected reporters’ to give Fallon an ‘opportunity to comment publicly on it.’ Fallon explained to Issa aides that the Justice Department’s Office of Legislative Affairs had not permitted him to release the documents to the public and he wanted to get ahead of the story ‘before the Majority’—meaning Issa—could share it, according to the letter. Issa aides—who had placed the call on speakerphone—were ‘caught off guard by the unusual nature of the call

and the odd request' and asked Fallon to 'e-mail the material for evaluation.' 'At this point,' Fallon 'abruptly placed the call on hold for approximately three minutes.' When Fallon returned to the call, 'he was audibly shaken. He immediately stated that there was a 'change in plans' and that there would be no effort' by DOJ to release the material early. ...In the letter, Issa told Holder the phone call suggests ongoing coordination between DOJ aides and Cummings' staff to undermine oversight committee investigations." [64134, 64135, 64156, 64160, 64167, 64191]

According to *The Sydney Morning Herald*, comedian Joan Rivers "'banned' US First Lady Michelle Obama, pop star Adele, and US talk show host Chelsea Handler from attending her funeral just weeks before her sudden death [on September 4]. ...It has now emerged Rivers had previously drawn up a wish-list of famous faces who should stay away. In one of her final interviews, conducted just weeks before her death, she told *The Sunday Times Magazine* that those she wanted kept away from her funeral included Obama, who she branded 'a tranny,' Adele for being 'fat,' and Handler, who she dubbed 'drunk' and a 'whore.'" [64136, 64166, 64199]

At AmericanThinker.com Rick Moran reports, "Congressional investigators have released testimony showing that an attorney for the IRS told the Treasury Department counsel of the destroyed [Lois Lerner] emails, who then passed the information on to the White House. The conversations took place in April—two months before the IRS told Congress of the destruction of evidence." [64137]

FoxNews.com reports, "The company that runs the conservative Breitbart.com news site says the IRS has selected the network for an audit, in a move company executives suggest is politically motivated. Breitbart News Network, a California-based company which runs several conservative websites, says the IRS recently audited its 2012 financial information. 'The Obama administration's timing on this is exquisite, but try as they might through various methods to silence us, we will only get more emboldened,' Stephen K. Bannon, executive chairman of Breitbart News Network, said in a written statement. The audit comes as the agency faces sustained complaints that it targeted conservative groups for extra scrutiny as they sought nonprofit status, before the agency [claims it] ended the practice last year." [64138, 64161]

On September 10 the *Daily Mail* reports, "Several exclusive golf clubs in New York wouldn't let ...Obama play on their courses on Labor Day weekend, it emerged on Wednesday. The Trump National Golf Club, the Winged Foot Golf Club and the Willow Ridge Country Club all turned down Obama, NBC 4 New York reports. The news station says [Obama's] advance team gave courses only a day or two of notice that Obama would be in the area, and clubs may have rejected the White House's request to protect their wealthy members from being inconvenienced during the holiday weekend. Membership dues at the swanky golf clubs run upward of \$100,000 a year. NBC 4 says it learned of [Obama's] golf plans from sources who were informed of the calls made by Obama's advance staff. The news station says it reached out to the clubs that were approached, but they declined to comment." (On September 10 Donald Trump offers Obama a deal: "If Obama resigns from office NOW, thereby doing a great service to the

country—I will give him free lifetime golf at any one of my courses!”) [64154, 64186, 64192, 64193, 64197, 65426]

At TheDailyBeast.com Eli Lake writes that “Obama’s new war against ISIS is off to a shaky legal start. Obama’s using the law that authorized attacks against al Qaeda to justify his new fight in Syria and Iraq. One small problem: ISIS and al Qaeda are at each others’ throats. Legal experts were shocked to learn Wednesday that the Obama administration wants to rely on that 2001 Authorization for Use of Military Force against al Qaeda for the new ISIS war. ‘On its face this is an implausible argument because the 2001 AUMF requires a nexus to al Qaeda or associated forces of al Qaeda fighting the United States,’ said Robert Chesney, a professor at the University of Texas School of Law. ‘Since ISIS broke up with al Qaeda it’s hard to make that argument.’ Ideally, when beginning a new war like Obama is doing now, the president would ask Congress to declare it. That is the approach that he took a year ago when Obama came close to authorizing airstrikes against the Syrian government as a response to its chemical weapons attacks on rebel positions outside of Damascus. This approach is also consistent with how Obama himself campaigned for the presidency in 2008. During the campaign he told *The Boston Globe*, ‘The President does not have power under the Constitution to unilaterally authorize a military attack in a situation that does not involve stopping an actual attack or imminent threat to the nation.’ ...So this might be a good time then to ask Congress for the authority to actually conduct such a campaign. Not so fast. ‘I have the authority to address the threat of ISIL,’ Obama said, using the administration’s preferred acronym for ISIS. And while Obama asked Congress to authorize new military training for the Syrian opposition and said it would be nice if Congress authorized his new war, he also said that he does not need its approval or permission.” [64245]

“Obama’s top advisers are now saying that the 2001 congressional resolution that created the war against al Qaeda, known as an Authorization for Use of Military Force (AUMF), provides [Obama] with the legal basis for his new war. ‘We believe he can rely on the 2001 AUMF for the airstrikes he is authorizing against ISIL,’ a senior administration official told reporters Wednesday in a briefing on [Obama’s] war speech. That is ironic politically because just this spring Obama asked Congress to narrow the 2001 AUMF or even consider phasing it out. ...‘I think they are going to get more heat for this implausible interpretation of the 2001 AUMF than they realize,’ said Jack Goldsmith, a Harvard Law School professor who served as assistant attorney general at the Justice Department’s Office of Legal Counsel in 2003 and 2004. Benjamin Wittes, a senior fellow and research director in public law at the Brookings Institution, said the legal argument was a ‘very thin reed.’ ‘If they are relying on the 2001 AUMF for this, then what [Obama] is saying is, essentially: This war, like all wars, must end; we can’t have endless wars; stop me before I sin again,’ he added. ...Obama’s legal issues are not confined to U.S. law either. The administration has not explained how the strikes accord with international law. According to the U.N. Charter, ‘All Members shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state.’ Exceptions are granted for self-defense, or when the U.N. Security Council specifically authorizes it. ...But ...Obama is not seeking any U.N. Security Council permission for this fight. He is not seeking permission from the

government in Damascus to conduct airstrikes, and he is not asserting that the strikes are needed for humanitarian purposes.” [64245]

On MSNBC’s *Morning Joe*, NBC’s Chuck Todd, noting Obama’s low poll numbers, observes, “But it’s not just him. It actually is impacting the entire Democratic party. The—we did some, uh, issue testing between, you know, who better handles which issues Democrats or Republicans... Republicans lead by *38 points* on the issue of ensuring a strong national defense. ...He’s on the precipice of doing Jimmy Carter-like damage to the Democratic brand on foreign policy...” [64172, 64196, 64263]

The House Select Committee on Benghazi announces it will hold its first open hearing on September 17. [64158, 64159]

Judicial Watch announces “that it has obtained 130 pages of new State Department documents revealing that local security guards working for Blue Mountain Group (BMG), the firm hired to protect the U.S. Special Mission in Benghazi, repeatedly abandoned their posts ‘out of fear of their safety’ in the months leading up to the deadly terrorist attack on the special mission compound. The documents were obtained by Judicial Watch pursuant to a February 25, 2013, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit... According to the documents, on June 30, 2012, three months before the Benghazi terrorist attack, a Quality Assurance Compliance Report from Blue Mountain Libya to Department of State Contract Specialist Neal Kern warned that the number of local security guards leaving their posts had put the U.S. Benghazi Mission at risk: ‘Due to the amount of local guard force members leaving out of fear of their safety and the long process to security check individuals, it makes it very difficult to quickly react to a large drop in staff in quick succession as has been occurring with all the incidents especially when additional staff are requested.’ The same June 30 report advises that an explosion on the perimeter wall of June 6 had ‘promoted a fear factor’ with a ‘lasting effect’” on the security staff... Additional emails confirm that in the months leading up to the terrorist attack, State Department officials were repeatedly informed of the Benghazi security staffing problems. A July 2, 2012, memo from David Oliveria, the Temporary Duty Officer in Benghazi at the time, contained [a] warning about manpower issues.’ ...The documents obtained by Judicial Watch cover the period from March 1 through August 31, 2012. Significantly, no documents were provided by State for the time period in September immediately leading up to the September 11 attack that took the lives of Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans. ‘These documents show that the U.S. Special Mission at Benghazi was a sitting duck and that the State Department’s local militia ‘security’ feared for their own safety and wouldn’t even show up to provide necessary protection,’ said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. ‘All security indicators were flashing red and, perhaps, with a show of strength to secure the Benghazi mission, U.S. Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens, Sean Smith, Glen Doherty and Tyrone Woods might be alive today. Once again, our independent work continues to shed more light on Benghazi than anything done by the media or Congress.’” [64251, 64252]

On CNN, Obama speechwriter Adam Frankel says Obama “is somebody who does what’s right and doesn’t follow the polls,” and “He doesn’t telegraph his strategy.” (Frankel perhaps meant “Poles.”) [64164]

Former White House press secretary Jay Carney joins CNN as a paid political commentator. He states, “I’m thrilled to be joining CNN at a time when there is so much happening in the nation and the world.” [64165, 64194, 64202]

In Iraq, Secretary of State John Kerry tells reporters, “Nearly every country on earth could have an ability and an interest to join in this effort [against ISIS], whether by providing military assistance, by helping to track and stop the flow of foreign fighters, helping to track and stop the flow of money—all of these are things that sustain ISIL’s terrorism and all of them are things that are subject to impact by other countries in the world. ...So this is a moment for international cooperation to prove its value. This is a moment for multilateralism to prove its value and have its effect. This is a moment for all decent countries to come together and stand up and say to the world, we’ve had enough of these individual groups with their violent brand of distortion who seek to dominate people and coerce them—at risk of losing their life or limb—to their way of thinking. ...It is necessary for moderate, reasonable people around the world to repudiate the distortion of Islam that ISIL seeks to spread and to contribute as they do to the urgent humanitarian relief effort that is required because of their barbarity.” (Kerry claims a coalition of 40 countries has been assembled. He does not say how many will supply “boots on the ground.”) Kerry also absurdly insists, “ISIL claims to be fighting on behalf of Islam, but the fact is that its hateful ideology has nothing to do with Islam.” [64184, 64211, 64233]

Author and columnist Ann Coulter writes, “...Obama now says he will wait until after the November elections to implement an ‘executive amnesty’ for 11 million illegal aliens, so as not to hurt Democrats’ chances this year. Instead of waiting to be enraged in December, voters, could you please be enraged now? Once the holiday season kicks off, you’ll be too busy going to parties and Christmas shopping to notice that you’re suddenly living in Mexico. Getting Obama to postpone a rancid idea isn’t something to celebrate. *Yay! We did it! We forced him to delay doing something the country doesn’t want for SIX WEEKS!* Every Republican candidate [had] better be jamming Obama’s threat down the throats of their Democratic opponents. ...[A]ccording to Obama, the only reason illegals haven’t already been given amnesty is that Congress is not ‘doing its job.’ What does Obama imagine Congress’ ‘job’ is? Being his errand boys? Their job is to represent their districts. I promise you, House members are doing a better job representing their districts than at least a dozen senators are at representing their states—or than Obama is doing representing the country. It’s called the ‘People’s House’ for a reason. ...Obama can’t ignore the House and make amnesty happen either. That’s why he’s talking about an ‘executive amnesty,’ which sounds like the top-tier donation category at one of the 4 million fundraisers Obama has held... where the dinner starts at \$25,000 per couple and you might bump into Jay-Z in the men’s room. Actually, it just means Obama publicly, openly, officially stops enforcing immigration law.” [64198]

“Except in his own mind, Obama can’t make illegals legal. But he can direct the entire immigration apparatus of the federal government to act as if amnesty has passed. The theory is that once they’ve been treated as if they’re legal for a few years, it’s a fait accompli, and no future president will resume enforcement of the law. ...Not only do we have Obama’s promise that he’ll refuse to execute the law—it’s not as if he took some kind of oath, after all—but there’s good reason to believe him: After this election, he’s got nothing to lose. Democrats will have two years to sign up 30 million illegal immigrants for Social Security benefits, food stamps and voting cards. ...Have you heard about the federal judge conspiring with Attorney General Eric Holder and the ACLU to bring deported illegal aliens back from Mexico? Yes, he’s bringing them *back*. That judge, John A. Kronstadt, can’t be impeached unless Republicans take the Senate. ...Won’t you be angry if [the] power-mad [Obama] grants millions of illegal immigrants ‘executive amnesty’ on the basis of his nonexistent constitutional authority to ignore the law? The surge of needy foreigners across our Southern border, so far, will be nothing compared to what’s coming if Obama does this. He says he will. He thinks voters are too stupid to notice. Prove him wrong.” [64198]

Department of Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson, addressing the Council on Foreign Relations, says, “As you know, [Obama] has determined we should wait until after the midterm elections to announce what we believe we can and should do to fix the [immigration] system.” Johnson then admits that Obama’s delay in issuing an executive order on illegal immigrant amnesty is intended to avoid hurting Democrats up for reelection. (Obama has unconvincingly argued that his delay is not for political purposes.) [64274]

Whatever the size of Obama’s anti-ISIS coalition may be, it quickly loses Turkey. Breitbart.com reports, “In spite of its promise to NATO to help fight the Islamic State, Turkey will not take part in combat operations against militants and will refuse to allow any US-led coalition to attack jihadists in neighboring Iraq and Syria from its air bases, a government official said Thursday. ...Turkey is a logical staging area for NATO, as IS militants control large portions of Iraq and much of northern Syria along the Turkish border. ...Turkey’s decision mirrors its 2003 last-minute refusal to allow the US to station 60,000 troops in Turkish territory for the invasion of Iraq from the north. Ankara then also refused Washington permission to use its air bases to attack Saddam Hussein’s regime.” (The Arab states will be reluctant to join Obama’s coalition, and those that do will likely contribute as little as possible. First, they do not trust Obama. Secondly, no leader of a nation of Sunni Muslims will be eager to contribute troops whose job will be to kill other Sunni Muslims. Third, the leaders worry about rebellions in their *own* countries. Members of the Saudi royal family, in particular, worry that radicals may overthrow their monarchy.) [64203, 64254]

Meanwhile, Saudi Arabia agrees to provide bases for U.S. training of Syrian opposition fighters. (The likelihood of Saudi Arabia proving combat troops is close to zero. Nevertheless, its offering of bases for training will not please ISIS—or al-Qaeda, which was angered in the past by U.S. use of Saudi facilities. Arguably, the number one target of ISIS is probably Saudi Arabia, whose monarchy it would like to demolish in its efforts

to create a regional caliphate. The United States is no higher than ISIS' number two enemy. Yet, despite the fact that ISIS is an horrendous threat to the Saudi king and his princes, they appear willing to let the United States do the heavy lifting in the battle. The Obama administration *should* demand that the Saudis provide significant monetary support in the battle against ISIS, as well as combat troops—but it probably will not.) [64213]

Nihad Awad, national executive director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, states, “American Muslims will evaluate [Obama’s] strategy based on his willingness to reject ISIS’ misappropriation of Islamic terms and concepts, his clear support for the mainstream opposition to Syria’s murderous regime, his insistence on a non-sectarian government in Iraq, and his recognition that ISIS was created and is fueled by the lack of freedom and justice in the region.” (In other words, the head of the Muslim Brotherhood front group wants Obama to make it clear that ISIS has nothing to do with Islam. It remains to be seen whether Obama will follow CAIR’s orders.) [64210, 64211]

Obama addresses the nation about the threat of ISIS. He speaks in a hallway of the White House that produces an annoying echo, and behind him is a draped curtain that from one camera angle makes it appear as though he has large, dark horns. Obama says, “My fellow Americans, tonight, I want to speak to you about what the United States will do with our friends and allies [*Who are they, and are some allies not friends?*] to degrade and ultimately destroy the terrorist group known as ISIL. As commander-in-chief, my highest priority is the security of the American people. [*It is a shame it took him six years to come to the conclusion.*] Over the last several years, we have consistently taken the fight to terrorists who threaten our country. We took out Osama bin Laden and much of al Qaeda’s leadership in Afghanistan and Pakistan. We’ve targeted al Qaeda’s affiliate in Yemen, and recently eliminated the top commander of its affiliate in Somalia. [*Yemen and Somalia are still terrorist strongholds. They are hardly successes to brag about.*] We’ve done so while bringing more than 140,000 American troops home from Iraq, and drawing down our forces in Afghanistan, where our combat mission will end later this year. Thanks to our military and counterterrorism professionals, America is safer. [*It may be safer than it was on September 11, 2001, but some might argue that it is less safe than it was on January 19, 2009.*] Still, we continue to face a terrorist threat. We cannot erase every trace of evil from the world, and small groups of killers have the capacity to do great harm. That was the case before 9/11, and that remains true today. That’s why we must remain vigilant as threats emerge.” [64200, 64202, 64205, 64209, 64212, 64214, 64288, 64289]

“At this moment, the greatest threats come from the Middle East and North Africa, where radical groups exploit grievances for their own gain. And one of those groups is ISIL—which calls itself the ‘Islamic State.’ Now let’s make two things clear: ISIL is not ‘Islamic.’ No religion condones the killing of innocents, and the vast majority of ISIL’s victims have been Muslim. [*Obama is being deceptive with his words here. He knows full well that the Islamists do not consider civilians to be ‘innocent.’ As an example, radical jihadists consider anyone who voted to put the U.S. government in power to be willing accomplices to what they consider its evil deeds; thus, the people killed in the World*”

Trade Center were not innocent. Obama also knows that the Catholic Church considers abortion to be the taking of innocent life yet, via ObamaCare, his administration is forcing the Little Sisters of the Poor to provide abortifacients. That the majority of ISIL's victims may be Muslim does not support his claim that ISIL is "not Islamic." ISIL fighters have been murdering Muslims because they do not follow their particular "brand" of Islamist ideology. Sunni Muslim radicals consider Shi'ite Muslims to be heretics. That certainly does not remove religion from the equation. Jonah Goldberg notes, 'Lenin and Stalin killed thousands of communists and socialists; that doesn't mean Lenin and Stalin weren't communists and socialists. If such terrorists who kill Muslims aren't Muslims, why do we give them Korans when we imprison them?']" [64200, 64262, 64676]

"And ISIL is certainly not a state. [An entity that calls itself the "Islamic State" is considered by Obama to be neither Islamic nor a state. The group itself, of course, believes otherwise. Obama is clearly following the orders of CAIR—which called on him earlier in the day to 'reject ISIS' misappropriation of Islamic terms and concepts.] It was formerly al Qaeda's affiliate in Iraq, and has taken advantage of sectarian strife and Syria's civil war to gain territory on both sides of the Iraq-Syrian border. [It also took advantage of Obama's complete withdrawal of U.S. troops at the end of 2011.] It is recognized by no government, nor the people it subjugates. [Millions of innocent Europeans in World War II did not "recognize" the Nazi regime that subjugated them, but that did not mean the regime did not exist. A refusal to define ISIS territory and borders on a map will not end its operations.] ISIL is a terrorist organization, pure and simple. And it has no vision other than the slaughter of all who stand in its way. [On the contrary, ISIL/ISIS has a vision of establishing a global Islamic caliphate. Obama refuses to accept that reality because he fears offending Muslims.]" [64200]

"In a region that has known so much bloodshed, these terrorists are unique in their brutality. They execute captured prisoners. They kill children. They enslave, rape, and force women into marriage. They threatened a religious minority with genocide. [ISIS' brutality is not unique in the least. It is merely being conveyed around the world via videos.] In acts of barbarism, they took the lives of two American journalists—Jim Foley and Steven Sotloff. So ISIL poses a threat to the people of Iraq and Syria, and the broader Middle East—including American citizens, personnel and facilities. If left unchecked [as Obama has allowed for more than a year], these terrorists could pose a growing threat beyond that region—including to the United States. While we have not yet detected specific plotting against our homeland, ISIL leaders have threatened America and our allies. Our intelligence community believes that thousands of foreigners—including Europeans and some Americans—have joined them in Syria and Iraq. Trained and battle-hardened, these fighters could try to return to their home countries and carry out deadly attacks. I know many Americans are concerned about these threats. Tonight, I want you to know that the United States of America is meeting them with strength and resolve. [Revoking their passports would help. So would increasing border security.] Last month, I ordered our military to take targeted action against ISIL to stop its advances. Since then, we have conducted more than 150 successful airstrikes in Iraq. [That number of strikes is quite low.] These strikes have protected American personnel and facilities, killed ISIL

fighters, destroyed weapons, and given space for Iraqi and Kurdish forces to reclaim key territory. These strikes have helped save the lives of thousands of innocent men, women and children.” [64200]

“But this is not our fight alone. American power can make a decisive difference, but we cannot do for Iraqis what they must do for themselves, nor can we take the place of Arab partners in securing their region. That’s why I’ve insisted that additional U.S. action depended upon Iraqis forming an inclusive government, which they have now done in recent days. [*That was not done because Obama insisted.*] So tonight, with a new Iraqi government in place, and following consultations with allies abroad and Congress at home, I can announce that America will lead a broad coalition to roll back this terrorist threat. [*How many nations are in that broad coalition? How many will provide combat troops?*] Our objective is clear: we will degrade, and ultimately destroy, ISIL through a comprehensive and sustained counter-terrorism strategy. [*He is afraid to say, ‘We will go to war against radical Islam and win.’*] First, we will conduct a systematic campaign of airstrikes against these terrorists. Working with the Iraqi government, we will expand our efforts beyond protecting our own people and humanitarian missions, so that we’re hitting ISIL targets as Iraqi forces go on offense. Moreover, I have made it clear that we will hunt down terrorists who threaten our country, wherever they are. That means I will not hesitate to take action against ISIL in Syria, as well as Iraq. This is a core principle of my presidency: if you threaten America, you will find no safe haven. [*A safe haven usually awaits those who cross the border from Mexico, of course.*]” [64200]

“Second, we will increase our support to forces fighting these terrorists on the ground. In June, I deployed several hundred American service members to Iraq to assess how we can best support Iraqi security forces. Now that those teams have completed their work—and Iraq has formed a government—we will send an additional 475 service members to Iraq. [*Will they wear boots? Will they be on the ground? Will they be armed? Will they be permitted to shoot back if fired upon?*] As I have said before, these American forces will not have a combat mission—we will not get dragged into another ground war in Iraq. [*That is precisely what ISIS wants to hear him say.*] But they are needed to support Iraqi and Kurdish forces with training, intelligence and equipment. We will also support Iraq’s efforts to stand up National Guard units to help Sunni communities secure their own freedom from ISIL control. Across the border, in Syria, we have ramped up our military assistance to the Syrian opposition. [*Who is that opposition? How were they identified and vetted? That they may be anti-Assad or anti-ISIS does not mean they are pro-America. The Free Syrian Army has murdered Christians. The al-Nusra Front is affiliated with al-Qaeda. Who exactly are the “moderates” Obama wants to arm?*] Tonight, I again call on Congress to give us additional authorities and resources to train and equip these fighters. [*He does not seek a declaration of war; he seeks funds to engage in another ‘kinetic military action.’*] In the fight against ISIL, we cannot rely on an Assad regime that terrorizes its people; a regime that will never regain the legitimacy it has lost. [*No one has suggested that Assad should be relied upon.*] Instead, we must strengthen the opposition as the best counterweight to extremists like ISIL, while pursuing the political solution necessary to solve Syria’s crisis once and for all. [*How*

does he know that Assad's opposition is not also comprised of Islamist extremists? What political solution does he have in mind?]" [64200]

"Third, we will continue to draw on our substantial counterterrorism capabilities to prevent ISIL attacks. Working with our partners [*Who might they be?*], we will redouble our efforts to cut off its funding; improve our intelligence; strengthen our defenses; counter its warped ideology [*How will he 'counter its warped ideology' when he absolutely refuses to believe that it has anything to do with Islam?*]; and stem the flow of foreign fighters into—and out of—the Middle East [*How does he intend do that without revoking U.S. passports and when his close friend, Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan, allows terrorists to freely travel through Turkey?*]. And in two weeks, I will chair a meeting of the UN Security Council to further mobilize the international community around this effort. [*The United Nations has been proving its uselessness for decades. Its only 'skill' seems to be issuing condemnations of Israel.*] Fourth, we will continue providing humanitarian assistance to innocent civilians who have been displaced by this terrorist organization. This includes Sunni and Shia Muslims who are at grave risk, as well as tens of thousands of Christians and other religious minorities. We cannot allow these communities to be driven from their ancient homelands. [*He already has allowed it.*]" [64200]

"This is our strategy. And in each of these four parts of our strategy, America will be joined by a broad coalition of partners [*Who?*]. Already, allies are flying planes with us over Iraq; sending arms and assistance to Iraqi Security Forces and the Syrian opposition; sharing intelligence; and providing billions of dollars in humanitarian aid. Secretary Kerry was in Iraq today meeting with the new government and supporting their efforts to promote unity, and in the coming days he will travel across the Middle East and Europe to enlist more partners in this fight, especially Arab nations who can help mobilize Sunni communities in Iraq and Syria to drive these terrorists from their lands. This is American leadership at its best: we stand with people who fight for their own freedom [*he has not stood with the Christians, let alone Jews*]; and we rally other nations on behalf of our common security and common humanity. My administration has also secured bipartisan support for this approach here at home. [*That remains to be seen.*] I have the authority to address the threat from ISIL [*No, he does not.*]. But I believe we are strongest as a nation when the President and Congress work together. So I welcome congressional support for this effort in order to show the world that Americans are united in confronting this danger [*That is, 'I will act without the support of Congress, but I want it to approve something anyway so that I can share the blame if my effort fails.'*]" [64200]

"Now, it will take time to eradicate a cancer like ISIL [*Why? It is nothing more than a 'JayVee team.'*]. And any time we take military action, there are risks involved—especially to the servicemen and women who carry out these missions. But I want the American people to understand how this effort will be different from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan [*I am not George W. Bush.*]. It will not involve American combat troops fighting on foreign soil [*Are not the pilots dropping the bombs Americans? Will not Special Forces be sent to rescue them if they are shot down? Will ISIS not shoot American troops who are embedded with Iraqi forces?*]. This counter-terrorism campaign

will be waged through a steady, relentless effort to take out ISIL wherever they exist [*Even in the United States and just across the border with Mexico?*], using our air power and our support for partner forces on the ground. This strategy of taking out terrorists who threaten us, while supporting partners on the front lines, is one that we have successfully pursued in Yemen and Somalia for years [*That is ridiculous. Yemen and Somalia are not successes. They are terrorist hotbeds and safe havens.*] And it is consistent with the approach I outlined earlier this year: to use force against anyone who threatens America's core interests, but to mobilize partners wherever possible to address broader challenges to international order [*When did he outline that approach?*]." [64200]

"My fellow Americans, we live in a time of great change. Tomorrow marks 13 years since our country was attacked. Next week marks six years since our economy suffered its worst setback since the Great Depression [*He cannot miss an opportunity to blame George W. Bush.*]. Yet despite these shocks; through the pain we have felt and the grueling work required to bounce back—America is better positioned today to seize the future than any other nation on Earth. Our technology companies and universities are unmatched; our manufacturing and auto industries are thriving. Energy independence is closer than it's been in decades. For all the work that remains, our businesses are in the longest uninterrupted stretch of job creation in our history. Despite all the divisions and discord within our democracy, I see the grit and determination and common goodness of the American people every single day—and that makes me more confident than ever about our country's future. Abroad, American leadership is the one constant in an uncertain world. It is America that has the capacity and the will to mobilize the world against terrorists. It is America that has rallied the world against Russian aggression [*The world has done no such thing.*], and in support of the Ukrainian peoples' right to determine their own destiny. It is America—our scientists, our doctors, our know-how—that can help contain and cure the outbreak of Ebola [*What does the Ebola virus have to do with defeating ISIS? The reference to the auto industry is no doubt Obama's way of reminding Americans that 'Bin Laden is dead and General Motors is still alive.' It is a shameless pat on his own back.*]. It is America that helped remove and destroy Syria's declared chemical weapons [*but not its undeclared chemical weapons*] so they cannot pose a threat to the Syrian people—or the world—again. And it is America that is helping Muslim communities around the world not just in the fight against terrorism, but in the fight for opportunity, tolerance, and a more hopeful future. [*Exactly how is it doing that?*]" [64200]

"America, our endless blessings bestow an enduring burden. But as Americans, we welcome our responsibility to lead. From Europe to Asia—from the far reaches of Africa to war-torn capitals of the Middle East—we stand for freedom, for justice, for dignity. These are values that have guided our nation since its founding. Tonight, I ask for your support in carrying that leadership forward. I do so as a commander-in-chief who could not be prouder of our men and women in uniform—pilots who bravely fly in the face of danger above the Middle East, and service-members who support our partners on the ground. When we helped prevent the massacre of civilians trapped on a distant mountain, here's what one of them said. 'We owe our American friends our lives. Our children will always remember that there was someone who felt our struggle and made a long journey

to protect innocent people.’ That is the difference we make in the world. And our own safety—our own security—depends upon our willingness to do what it takes to defend this nation, and uphold the values that we stand for—timeless ideals that will endure long after those who offer only hate and destruction have been vanquished from the Earth. May God bless our troops, and may God bless the United States of America.” [64200]

Obama says nothing about a status of forces agreement. His excuse for withdrawing all U.S. troops from Iraq at the end of 2011 was the lack of such an agreement. If he needed a status of forces agreement keep troops in Iraq, why does he not now need one to return them to Iraq? Obama emphasizes there will be no combat troops on the ground. Will he not send any Special Forces to Iraq? If not, who will rescue any American pilots who have to bail out over enemy territory? Will he have a carrier strike force stationed in the Mediterranean or the Persian Gulf? Obama will be “Working with our partners” to “counter its (ISIS’) warped ideology.” How will he do that? How *can* he do that when he fails to recognize that its ideology is based on Islam? Obama does not even use the term “radical Islam,” out of fear of offending Muslims, yet he believes he can “counter” the “warped ideology” of Islamist terrorists? (According to *The Washington Post*, the White House rejected advice from General Martin Dempsey, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to “send a modest contingent of American troops, principally Special Operations forces, to advise and assist Iraqi army units in fighting the militants.” Retired Marine General James “Mad Dog” Mattis, “said the decision not to send ground troops poses serious risks to the mission. ‘The American people will once again see us in a war that doesn’t seem to be making progress,’ Mattis said. ‘You’re giving the enemy the initiative for a longer period.’”) [64215, 64216, 64628, 64717]

Obama also says nothing about increasing border security, even though that is a major concern of millions of Americans—and he says national security is his “highest priority.” That he does not say he will increase border security no doubt means he will not.

Obama’s goal is not to “defeat radical Islam.” His goal is to put ISIS on the back burner and hope the issue goes away—at least until January 20, 2017. His hope is that occasional air strikes will defeat ISIS, and that the region’s Sunni and Shi’ite Muslims—who have been at odds with each other since the death of their prophet Mohammed in the seventh century—will magically come together and fight ISIS to the death. Obama is kicking the can down the road and keeping his fingers crossed, hoping Americans will quickly return to watching *Dancing With the Stars* and following the Kardashian sisters.

The “moderates” in Syria, who Obama recently described as nothing more than “former doctors, farmers, pharmacists, and so forth” who were incapable of defeating the Assad regime even if he supplied them with weapons—he called the proposal a “fantasy”—are now somehow able to defeat both Assad *and* ISIS. Obama does not explain how his skepticism could so quickly turn to confidence. (Obama has already tried arming “moderates,” with the weapons he funneled through Libya—a process that resulted in the deaths of four Americans at Benghazi.)

While air strikes can kill ISIS fighters, only combat troops can capture and interrogate its leaders to obtain valuable information necessary to eradicate the enemy. Obama does not explain how air support alone will be sufficient, when ISIS fighters will quickly take advantage of the “no boots on the ground” promise to embed themselves in civilian areas, daring Obama to strike them. ISIS will follow the Hamas playbook, and the minute the mainstream media floods the airwaves with images of dead civilians, Obama will realize that air strikes alone cannot win a war—and American support for the strikes will plummet. Obama, who excoriated Israel for the collateral damage caused by its attacks on Hamas, may soon find himself on the other side of that coin. “Surgical strikes” can minimize a threat but cannot destroy it completely—unless one is willing to accept an inordinate amount of collateral damage. TheHill.com’s A. B. Stoddard notes, “Nobody is going to train anyone from the ground.”

If Obama is serious about cutting off the funding of ISIS, he should direct the military to strike the oil tanker trucks ISIS uses to smuggle. Much of the terrorist organization’s income comes from the sale of oil from fields it has captured, and convoys of trucks are easy to spot and easy to attack. ISIS cannot maintain an army without money to pay its soldiers and buy food, weapons, and ammunition. Block the army’s income and there will cease to be an army. Obama could also ask his pal, Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan, to stop allowing his country to be used as a black market conduit for ISIS’ oil sales. [64359, 64635]

Obama makes no mention of the fact that fighting against ISIS will help Syrian President Bashar al-Assad and the Iranian regime. At TheAtlantic.com David Frum notes, “The war against ISIS is a war that will be fought in alliance with Iran in support of Iranian client states: the Assad regime in Damascus and the sectarian Shiite government in Baghdad. Obama forced Iran’s special friend Nouri al-Maliki to resign as Iraqi prime minister. That prettied up the Baghdad government’s image, but the real power in Iraq remains the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC). If U.S. airpower weakens ISIS, it’s the IRGC that will command the advancing Iraqi forces—and IRGC cadres who will stiffen the demoralized Iraqi army. In Syria, that same job will be done by Hezbollah. If the United States were the kind of cold-blooded, realpolitik-practicing, 19th-century power so lovingly described by Henry Kissinger in his excellent histories, then the U.S. government might extract some cynical advantage from the situation. ‘Okay Mr. Ayatollah, we’ll save your bacon—pardon the expression—in Syria and Iraq. But we want something in return...’ ...[Obama] has covered this embarrassment [of an alliance with Iran] with the tried-and-true politicians’ method of refusing to acknowledge the blazingly obvious. The policy in Syria and Iraq is to bomb to smithereens the deadliest enemies of Bashar al-Assad and the mullahs of Iran—while insisting that the U.S. has no intention of helping Assad or the mullahs.” [64226]

It is worth noting how al-Maliki gained power in the first place. Mona Charen writes at Townhall.com, “After a free election in 2010 gave a plurality to Ayad Allawi, a secular Shiite, Nouri al-Maliki, a close second-place finisher, staged a coup backed by Iran. The U.S. [that is, the Obama administration] remained silent about this clear violation of Iraq’s constitution. Writing in The Atlantic, Peter Beinart quotes the Brookings

Institution's Kenneth Pollack: 'The message' that America's acquiescence 'sent to Iraq's people and politicians alike was that the United States under the new Obama administration was no longer going to enforce the rules of the democratic road. ... (This) undermined the reform of Iraqi politics and resurrected the specter of the failed state and the civil war.' Maliki set about harassing and arresting leading Sunni politicians, but the Obama administration, 'eyeing the exits' in the words of Vali Nasr, a foreign service officer at the time, gave tacit consent. On a visit to the White House, Maliki tested the waters with Obama by denouncing Vice President Tariq al-Hashimi, the highest-ranking Sunni government minister, as a supporter of terrorism. Obama responded that this was an internal Iraqi matter. A week later, a warrant was issued for Hashimi's arrest. He fled the country, but 13 of his bodyguards were tortured. This was followed by a wave of arrests and murders of Sunnis. The Obama administration claims that it pressured Maliki in private to be more inclusive. Perhaps so, but private conversations do not make history. Maliki could take satisfaction in Obama's continued public support. Even after he had unleashed a wave of arrests and worse against Iraqi Sunnis, Obama declined to criticize. On the contrary, he praised 'Prime Minister Maliki's commitment to ... ensuring a strong, prosperous, inclusive and democratic Iraq.' That was *carte blanche* for civil war. ... Only when ISIS was charging through the countryside beheading, crucifying and enslaving did Obama bestir himself to notice that the Maliki government had created the conditions for this disaster. He has yet to recognize that his own diplomatic malpractice is also to blame." [64418]

Some have and will continue to argue that Obama is incompetent when it comes to foreign policy, and that he entered the White House foolishly believing that because of his Muslim background he could make a few speeches and persuade the world to "behave." To those critics, the disaster of the Middle East is proof that Obama is a fool. Others might argue differently. The anti-Israel Obama worked to oust U.S. ally Hosni Mubarak, the president of Egypt, in an effort to usher in the Muslim Brotherhood's Mohammed Morsi. Obama acted to remove Libyan dictator Moammar Gaddafi, whose regime has been replaced by radicals. In Syria, Obama considered acting against President Bashar al-Assad, but was prevented from doing so by a reluctant Congress and an even more reluctant citizenry. Had Obama been able to remove Assad, and had Morsi not been tossed out of office by the Egyptian military, both Syria and Egypt would have been controlled by rabid Israel haters. As bad as Mubarak was, he had no plans to attack Israel and he was an ally of the United States. As bad as Assad was and still is, attacking Israel was not on his immediate agenda—and, unlike ISIS, his favorite pastime has not been persecuting and murdering Christians. Yet had things gone as Obama had intended, Israel would have an Egypt run by radical Muslim Brotherhood jihadists on its southern border, and a Syria run by radical jihadists on its northern border. If Obama had intended to place Israel at greater risk of destruction he could perhaps not have come up with a better plan. But his plan was partially thwarted by the Egyptians, who removed Morsi from power as soon as his true colors became known. Yet Obama reacted not by praising the Egyptians for their removal of the jihadist from power, but by slashing aid to Egypt. At the same time, Obama was giving aid and support to "moderates" in Syria who are arguably not at all moderate and who are very likely more anti-Israel than Assad. If Assad falls, his successors may be even worse for Syrians and for Israel. If Jordan's

moderate and somewhat pro-Western government falls to radicals, Israel will be surrounded even more by people who want to see it destroyed. Obama's actions with regard to Jordan—which is now burdened with at least one million refugees from Syria—should therefore be watched carefully. If he acts in any way to assist regime change (even if it appears like just another of his blunders), the theory that he is doing his best to orchestrate the downfall of Israel becomes even more believable. [64562, 64606]

After Obama's address, on Fox News, Democrat analyst Kirsten Powers says, "This is a speech he could have given a month ago and should have given a month ago."

Retired General Jack Keane expresses hope that Obama will bomb ISIS in both Iraq and Syria at the same time to deny them free movement and a safe haven.

Fox News senior political analyst Brit Hume observes, "When you blow an uncertain trumpet, and commit to doing less than you could... and suggest that others should do the fighting for you—look, that might be fair, and it would be a better world if more of these countries were willing to step up, but that's not the world we face." (It will be an even more difficult world for Obama to face after he withdraws all troops from Afghanistan at the end of 2014. He may then have a resurgence of al-Qaeda and the Taliban there to deal with, in addition to fighting ISIS and trying to block Russia from advancing even further into Ukraine—or elsewhere.)

Syndicated columnist Charles Krauthammer says, "This was a political speech in the guise of a military plan," and notes, If [Obama] were prime minister in a parliament, he'd be out of office with a vote of no confidence." Krauthammer observes, "There's a terrible disconnect between ends and means." With regard to Obama's claim that ISIS "is not Islamic," he calls it "patronizing and ridiculous" for an alleged Christian leader in the west to be "telling the Muslim world what their religion is about. ...I didn't know Obama was an Islamic scholar."

The Weekly Standard's Stephen Hayes comments that Obama "set out a big objective and a strategy that is certain not to achieve it. ...What I was looking for was something that signaled that there had been an epiphany, that [Obama] was seeing the world, seeing this threat differently than he had before—and there was no such epiphany."

Columnist George Will observes that Obama "has promised *our* airpower and *someone else's* troops... [but] you don't know who's going to pony up the troops."

Congressman Ken Calvert (R-CA) says Obama' "holiday from history has come to an end and he must show both courage and leadership as our commander in chief."

Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) comments, "What we didn't see tonight was a commander in chief focused on U.S. national security interests who stood up and said there are radical Islamic terrorists who have declared war on the United States, who are murdering Christians, who have murdered two American journalists, and who have promised to take

jihad to America, and we will respond with overwhelming air force to take them out.” [64224]

BizPacReview.com observes, “Other critics argued that pretty much everything Obama outlined Wednesday amounts to about the same strategy against terrorism Bill Clinton used in the years before 9/11: Use air strikes against terrorists when we can find them; cajole friendly governments to hit them on the ground, send humanitarian aid to their victims, and otherwise treat the whole thing like a law enforcement issue. ‘We will hunt down terrorists who threaten our country, wherever they are,’ ...Obama declared—sounding like his Democratic predecessor.” [64224]

On Twitter, CuffyMeh ridicules Obama’s “no boots on the ground” pledge: “Obama: we will chase ISIS to the ends of the earth as long as it doesn’t involve touching the earth.” (The Obama administration seems to believe that a war without ground troops is not a war. Following that “logic,” the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 was not an act of war.) [64225]

Several member of Congress state that Obama needs its approval for his actions against ISIS. Senator Mark Udall (D-CO) says, “The American people must be assured that we are not pursuing another open-ended conflict in the Middle East, and I will not give [Obama]... a blank check to begin another land war in Iraq.” Congressman Adam Schiff (D-CA) says it is a “constitutional necessity” for Obama to seek approval. Senator Bob Corker (R-TN) states, “I think [Obama] should come to Congress and ask for the authorization for the use of force. I don’t think he’s going to ask for that, and I’m dismayed by that.” [64230]

Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) states, “I have a problem with one part [of Obama’s proposal], and one part mainly, and that is paying for training and arming Syrian rebels that we’re not sure are our friends. ...Right now, I can’t do that—I cannot support arming the rebels who we have not been able to identify.” [64235]

While Manchin asks who the rebels are, Patrick Poole writes at PJMedia.com, “On Monday, the *Daily Star* in Lebanon quoted a FSA [Free Syrian Army] brigade commander saying that his forces were working with the Islamic State and Jabhat al-Nusra, al-Qaeda’s official Syrian affiliate—both U.S.-designated terrorist organizations—near the Syrian/Lebanon border. ‘We are collaborating with the Islamic State and the Nusra Front by attacking the Syrian Army’s gatherings in ...Qalamoun,’ said Bassel Idriss, the commander of an FSA-aligned rebel brigade. ‘We have reached a point where we have to collaborate with anyone against unfairness and injustice,’ confirmed Abu Khaled, another FSA commander who lives in Aarsal. ‘Let’s face it: The Nusra Front is the biggest power present right now in Qalamoun and we as FSA would collaborate on any mission they launch as long as it coincides with our values,’ he added.” ... As congressional Republicans and Democrats alike will undoubtedly rush in coming days to throw money at anyone the Obama administration deems ‘vetted moderates’ to give the appearance of doing something in the absence of a sensible, reality-based strategy for understanding the actual dynamics at work in Syria and Iraq, an

urgent reexamination of who the ‘vetted moderates’ we’ve been financing, training and arming is long overdue. It is also essential to know to whom the State Department has contracted the ‘vetting.’ This is especially true as ISIS leaders are openly bragging about widespread defections to ISIS amongst FSA forces that have been trained and armed by the U.S.” (Obama, along with a number of Democrats and Republicans in Congress, are eager to provide funding, weapons, and support to “moderates” in the Free Syrian Army to fight *against* ISIS—and some of them are already fighting *with* ISIS.) [64236, 64253, 64619]

On CNN, Senator John McCain (R-AZ) gives the network’s newest on-air commentator, former White House press secretary Jay Carney, a less than warm welcome. McCain tells Anderson Cooper, “...I’m astounded that Mr. Carney should say that the Free Syrian Army is now stronger. In fact, they’ve been—” Carney interrupts: “Well, that’s not what I said, Senator. If I could, sir, what I said is that we [now] know a great deal more now about the makeup of the opposition—” McCain: “Come on, Jay, we knew all about them then. You just didn’t choose to know. I was there in Syria. We knew about them. Come on, you guys were the ones, your boss [Obama] was the one when the entire national security team wanted to arm and train them that he turned them down, Mr. Carney. After a—” Carney: “Well Senator... I think we have to agree to disagree on this.” McCain: “No, facts are stubborn things, Mr. Carney, and that is, his entire national security team, including the Secretary of State said they wanted to arm and train and equip these people and [Obama] made the unilateral decision to turn them down. And the fact he didn’t leave a residual force in Iraq, overruled all of his military advisers, is the reason why we’re facing ISIS today. ...So the facts are stubborn things in history and people ought to know them. And now [Obama] is saying, basically, that we are going to take certain actions—which I would favor—but to say that America is safer, and that the situation is very much like Yemen and Somalia shows me that [Obama] really doesn’t have a grasp for how serious the threat of ISIS is.” Carney argues that Obama could not have left troops behind in Iraq because there was no status of forces agreement. McCain counters that Iraq wanted a residual force left behind and that it was willing to negotiate an agreement. [64222, 64228, 64231]

On MSNBC, NBC Chief Foreign Correspondent Richard Engel criticizes Obama’s comparison of the plan to fight ISIS with actions in Yemen and Somalia: “I think it is wildly off base, frankly. It’s an oversimplification of the problem. In Yemen, there is a partnered government that doesn’t have the force to reach some parts in the desert where Al Qaeda is hiding out, so it relies on the United States to lend a hand, to do some observation missions over Yemen and generally what happens is the U.S. will tell the Yemenis, hey, there are some terrorists hiding in this particular village or in this particular oasis, go and find them and if the Yemeni forces can’t get there, the U.S. strikes by air. In Somalia, you have a similar group to Al Qaeda, the same mentality that’s operating in a remote corner of Africa that is generally ignored except when the U.S. special operations forces see an opportunity and target them. That’s not at all the situation we are seeing in Iraq and Syria. Here, we have a large group [ISIS], tens of thousands of fighters. They control an area the size of Maryland. They control an area that has eight million people living inside of it. It’s much more akin to regime change

than it is to waiting back, picking targets with allied forces. They are not comparable at all.” [64229]

Engel, reporting from Kurdistan, also says, “I know there are already American boots on the ground where I am now. They are not necessarily firing their rifles or kicking down doors, and we’re not going on embeds with these troops. They are troops who are staying away from reporters, they are embedded with local fighters trying to guide in air strikes, gathering intelligence—the kind of thing you would have thought the Green Berets would have done many years ago, and which are now being done by Navy SEALs and Delta Force and other Special Operations Forces. Can you conduct a secret war like this, a war by remote control to dislodge ISIS, to dislodge this terrorist group, this militant murderous group from large parts of Iraq and large parts of Syria? We will see. It is an open question.” [64234]

“The U.S. can’t secure Iraq unless it wants to send back several hundred thousand troops to this country and start over again and push the reset button, which I don’t think anyone is talking about right now, but [Obama is] talking about having the Iraqi army reconstituted and using that Iraqi army to secure this country. The problem is the Iraqi army, over the last several months, has collapsed. It has been reconstituted already by many Iranian advisers and sometimes regular Iranian ground forces that have been witnessed on many occasions and these Sunni villages that are now with ISIS are afraid of the Iraqi army. They don’t want the Iraqi army to come into their villages. So, we talk about a partner on the ground that we are going to link up with to rid Iraq of ISIS. Well, that partner on the ground, in many cases, is a reason that people support ISIS in this country.” [64229]

At JihadWatch.org Robert Spencer writes, “‘No religion condones the killing of innocents, and the vast majority of ISIL’s victims have been Muslim.’ It is good of Obama to try to explain exactly how the Islamic State is not Islamic, especially with Muslims from the U.S. trying to go to Iraq and Syria and join it. One of those supporters of the Islamic State, however, would respond that the people the Islamic State killed were not innocent, but culpable in some way, and that its Muslim victims were apostates or heretics, and hence their lives were forfeit. The point is that this is more complicated than [Obama] is making out. If the Islamic State so clearly and obviously violated basic tenets of Islam, there wouldn’t be hundreds of Western Muslims traveling to join it—something that we never saw in such numbers with al-Qaeda or other jihad groups. If the Islamic State were really so obviously un-Islamic, how is it that it came to call itself ‘the Islamic State’ to begin with? That is, how did it gain any traction among any Muslims? Obama and the other Western authorities who keep insisting that the Islamic State is not Islamic have never explained how this global misunderstanding of Islam arose and took root. They’ve never explained the texts and teachings of Islam that the Islamic State uses to justify its actions. And so while they keep insisting that the Islamic State is not Islamic, they only succeed in creating more cognitive dissonance, and raising questions about their own honesty and competence—at least, that is, among those who are not irredeemably blinkered.” [64232]

At NYTimes.com, a fact-challenged Mark Landler writes, “Unlike Mr. Bush in the Iraq war, Mr. Obama has sought to surround the United States with partners.” (That, of course, is an outright lie; 48 countries were in Bush’s Iraq War coalition. The *Times* does not own up to its blatant falsehood until September 23, writing, “The approach Mr. Obama is taking is similar to the one Mr. Bush took; it is not the case that, ‘Unlike Mr. Bush in the Iraq war, Mr. Obama has sought to surround the United States with partners.’”) [64923, 64924, 64925, 64929]

On September 11 Breitbart.com reports, “Nearly fifty senior commanders of a major coalition of Islamic 'moderates' opposed to ISIS in Syria have been killed by an explosion at their secret command bunker as they met to discuss strategy against the Islamic State. The blast in the Northwest region of Idlib, Syria on Tuesday killed senior members of rebel group the Ahrar-al-Sham brigade (AaS), including leader Hassan Abboud and 45 others including senior members from other rebel alliance groups, reports *The Times*. The Idlib region stands in AaS territory, but it is close to the front-line with ISIS in neighbouring Aleppo. Sources dispute the source of the blast, with it being unclear whether it was an opposition group, suicide bomber, or accidental explosion at a nearby ammunition dump. Regardless, the incident will destabilise and possibly tear apart the AaS group and associated Islamic Front Coalition which was recently described as ‘the most powerful armed group in Syria.’” [64307]

Thomas Sowell writes at Townhall.com, “Those people who say that ...Obama has no clear vision and no clear strategy for dealing with the ISIS terrorists in the Middle East may be mistaken. It seems to me that he has a very clear and very consistent strategy. And a vision behind that strategy. First the strategy—which is to get each crisis off the front pages and off television news programs as quickly as he can, in whatever way he can, at the lowest political cost. Calling ISIS a junior varsity months ago accomplished that goal. Saying before the 2012 elections that ‘bin Laden is dead’ and that terrorism was defeated accomplished the goal of getting reelected. Ineffective sanctions against Iran and Russia likewise serve a clear purpose. They serve to give the illusion that Obama is doing something that will stop Iran from getting nuclear bombs and stop Russia from invading Ukraine. ...Caught off guard, [Obama] has played for time—time for Iraq to get its internal politics fixed, time for our allies to come together, time for the military to create a strategy. Ideally, from his standpoint, time for the whole ISIS crisis to blow over. ... if you assume that Barack Obama is trying to protect the safety and interests of the United States and its allies, then clearly he has been a monumental failure. It is hard to think of any part of the world where things have gotten better for us since the Obama administration began.” [64208]

“...If you start from the assumption that Barack Obama wanted to advance America’s interests, this is truly an unbelievable record of failure. But what is there in Obama’s background that would justify the assumption that America’s best interests are his goal? He has, from childhood on, been mentored by, or allied with, people hostile to the United States and to American values. ...Barack Obama has succeeded in reducing America’s military strength while our adversaries are increasing theirs, and reducing our credibility and influence with our allies. That is completely consistent with his vision of how the

world ought to be, with the West taken down a peg and humbled. We are currently at a point where we can either kill as many of the ISIS terrorists as possible over there—where they are bunched together and visible against a desert background—or else leave the job half done and have them come over here, where they will be hard to find, and can start beheading Americans in America. Everything in Barack Obama's history suggests that he is going to leave the job half done, so long as that gets the issue off the front pages and off the TV newscasts.” [64208]

Secretary of State John Kerry tells CNN the United States is not at war with ISIS: “I think that’s the wrong terminology. What we are doing is engaging in a very significant counter-terrorism operation, and it’s going to go on for some period of time. If somebody wants to think about it as being at war with ISIL, they can do so. But the fact is it’s a major counter-terrorism operation that will have many different moving parts, many different things that one doesn’t think of normally in context of war. But it’s an effort to destroy them ultimately through that counter-terrorism approach.” Kerry tells NBC, “...I believe what we are engaged in is not a full-fledged war like we were before; it’s a heightened level of counter-terrorism operation, and it will have its own pace, its own dynamic, but it’s counter-terrorism, and it is happening—not because the Iraq experiment failed—but because ISIL came about and invaded Iraq and the military dropped the ball and obviously there were expectations of them standing up that didn’t hold up.” [64216, 64218, 64285]

Kerry tells CBS, “[W]e’re engaged in a major counter-terrorism operation—and it’s going to be a long-term counter-terrorism operation. I think ‘war’ is the wrong terminology and analogy, but the fact is that we are engaged in a very significant global effort to curb terrorist activity, and it’s unfortunately too prevalent in certain parts of the world, and in certain cases represents a direct threat to the United States and to our interests in those regions. So we’re going to have to, obviously, be super focused on that. But I don’t think people need to get into war fever on this. I think they have to view it as a heightened level of counter-terrorist activity. It’s—have [sic; it has] a slightly higher level of activity, but it’s not dissimilar to what we’ve been doing the last few years with al-Qaida in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and in Yemen and elsewhere.” Kerry tells ABC, “Look, we’re engaged in a counter-terrorism operation of a significant order. And counter-terrorism operations can take a long time, they go on. I think ‘war’ is the wrong reference term with respect to that, but obviously it involves kinetic military action. It has its dangers, and—but it’s critical to the security of the United States and in this case to global security because of the reach of ISIS.” (That Kerry believes “war” is the “wrong analogy” for bombing an enemy shows he is intentionally denying reality—for the sole purpose of appeasing Democrat voters who he is worried will sit out the mid-term elections if they believe neither political party will keep them out of war. His solution? “It’s not really a war.”) [64216, 64218, 64285]

Asked by Olivier Knox of Yahoo News, “What does victory look like here? What does destroy mean?” White House press secretary Josh Earnest responds, “I didn’t bring my Webster’s dictionary with me up here.” [64216, 64218, 64219]

At the Pentagon, addressing relatives of the victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack, Obama says, “As Americans we draw strength from you. Your love is the ultimate rebuke to those who attacked us.” (Some might argue that Kerry, Earnest, and Obama have all lost their minds. Some might also argue that a “shock and awe” attack is a better response to terrorism than “love.”) [64220, 64240]

At the 14th International Conference on Counter-Terrorism, Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu delivers the address Obama should have given. He states, “All of Israel mourned on September 11 [2001]. In Gaza, they were dancing on the roofs. They were handing out candy. That’s the moral divide. We mourn, they celebrate, the deaths of thousands of innocent civilians. ...That moral divide has never been clearer than it is today, because Hamas, like al-Qaeda, and its affiliates al-Nusra, or its new growth, ISIS [which controls an area the size of England], Boko Haram [which controls an area the size of Ireland], al-Shabab, Hezbollah, supported by Iran—all are branches of the same poisonous tree. All present a clear and present danger to the peace and security of the world and to our common civilization. ...It’s important not to let any of these groups succeed anywhere, because if they gain ground somewhere, they gain ground everywhere. ...If they were to succeed they would return humanity to a primitive, early medievalism... where women are treated as chattel, as property, and gays are stoned as minorities and persecuted, if they’re left alive at all. These groups must be fought, they must be rolled back, and they must ultimately be defeated. ...They all agree that they have to establish a caliphate; they all disagree [as to] who should be the caliph. ...And they all use essentially the same tactic: and that’s unbridled violence, fear, ...terror. ...We’ve seen this before. There’s a ‘master race,’ now there’s a ‘master faith.’ ...Above all it [the fight against terrorism] requires, I believe, clarity and courage. Clarity to understand, ‘They’re wrong, we’re right. They’re evil, we’re good.’ No moral relativism there at all. These people who lop off heads, trample human rights into the dust, are evil. ...And second, it requires courage. ...It requires courage, because all the other qualities that we could bring to bear in the battle against terrorism are meaningless if we don’t have courage. I think we have reservoirs of both, but I think that we have to also recognize that we are at a great historic juncture. ...Clarity and courage. Alliances as broad as we can make them with those who understand that we’re in a common battle. And courage to see this through, to... ultimate victory. I’m confident that militant Islam will perish, but we must not allow anyone to perish with it before it goes down.” [64298, 64358, 64403, 64446]

National Security Advisor Susan Rice tells CNN’s Wolf Blitzer, “I don’t know whether you want to call it a war, or a sustained counter-terrorism campaign.” (The Obama administration has apparently discarded its term, “kinetic military action.”) [64280, 64281]

Obama and his wife Michelle visit an elementary school in Washington, D.C. One sixth grade girl tells Obama, “I really wanted it to be Beyonce.” He responds, “I understand. Malia and Sasha would feel the same way.” The girl adds, “But then, I realized it was gonna [sic] be you, and that’s even better.” Obama: “I appreciate you saying that in front of the press. I know it’s not really true.” [64248, 64249, 64304]

Embarrassingly, the Obama visit to the school involved support of a volunteer organization called KaBoom! Michelle Obama used Instagram to send the message that she and her husband “joined millions across the country to commemorate the September 11 attacks with acts of service, assembling backpacks with @KaBoom volunteers.” (Apparently Obama, his wife, and White House staffer failed to see a problem with the word “KaBoom!” on the anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks.) [64268, 64269, 64270, 64383, 65283]

Even before Obama’s coalition to fight ISIS is fully formed, Great Britain and Germany announce they will not participate in air strikes in Syria. (HotAir.com’s Ed Morrissey asks, “[W]hat does this say about Obama’s strategic preparation? Did he bother to check in with the Brits and the Germans before pledging his ‘broad coalition of partners’ last night? It would appear not, and that Obama just assumed that they would follow whatever plan he laid out last night. Obama could have framed the Syrian phase separately as a uniquely American security concern and set expectations properly. Instead, it looks as though Obama and his political team wrote a speech without building the necessary commitment from allies to allow them to be part of a united front on global security. And what does that say about the rest of Obama’s claims in the speech?”) [64237, 64238]

It is worth noting that although Obama claims ISIS has nothing to do with Islam, he is having trouble getting Arab states to join a coalition to fight ISIS—because they do not want to do anything that can be interpreted as opposition to Islam. Pamela Geller later writes, “Now Obama is playing the same game that Arab leaders have been playing for a long time: ignore terrorism until you feel the flame. No Arab leader is willing to wage war against jihadists who, unlike what Obama says, represent true Islam and its dream of a Caliphate. ...Obama is calling on Arab countries to join his coalition against ISIS. But that will not happen because, like Obama, Arab leaders are afraid of appearing treasonous to Islam. They do not want to join a coalition with America (the Infidel) against those who are obeying Allah’s commandment to achieve the Islamic State. No Muslim nation will seriously attack ISIS, whom they claim to be un-Islamic, even to defend what they call the real Muslim victims. They claim that ISIS is ruining the reputation of Islam, but proud Muslim leaders who love true Islam are looking the other way. ...Now the important question is: Why is it that the famous Arab honor is not offended by ISIS? Arabs who would not hesitate to kill their own daughters if they do not follow Islam do not want to touch ISIS, which they claim has disgraced Islam. This does not add up.” [64306]

The CIA’s estimate of ISIS troop strength increases from 10,000 to between 20,000 and 31,500. [64246, 64247, 64401]

Congressman Buck McKeon (R-CA), chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, comments on his trip to the Middle East: “I listened, and I asked questions. They gave me blunt answers and some hard truths. Our allies are on the front lines of terrorism. There is a genuine sense among the leaders I talked with that America is

disengaging from the region and concerns about American credibility, at a time when credibility counts. Our relationships with these allies in the region are at a tipping point. What is also notable is that these allies are ready to bear the burden of the fight. They know their very existence, and stability in the region, depends on defeating ISIL. ...[Obama] has said the threat is not imminent to the homeland. Well, exactly when does the threat become imminent? Why wait until it does? We must have a comprehensive strategy that stops any plot against US citizens or our interests now. ...Soon all that will be left is a cowering population unable to resist the caliphate. ...We have to get into those Sunni villages with Special Operations Forces to rebuild relationships. Because if the moderate Sunnis slip through our fingers, they're gone—and with them, our chances for success. We have to reconnect the intelligence links and security forces' capabilities that were lost when we left Iraq.” [64287]

“...Any strategy that allows ISIL to squirt out into Jordan, Lebanon, or Turkey will only make the fight more difficult. A coalition force, empowered by the Americans, could do just that. And once they are encircled and eliminated, we need that territory held by those friendlies. This is the only way to get this done and done right. ...The Kurds, the Iraqis, the Turks, the Emeratis, and the Jordanians all have military capability. They all want to knock ISIL on its back. They need our help, they want our help, and we owe them our help. Ignoring their pleas is a quick way to end up friendless with little, if any, U.S. influence left in the region. Let's not forget that our allies around the world are watching and wondering if they can ever trust the U.S. again. ...[Obama] needs an A-team of diplomats and soldiers on the ground, ushering every player towards the same purpose—not just this week, but on a sustained basis... We're holding the starter pistol; the time to pull the trigger was yesterday. ...[T]he best way to ensure that we never have to drop an entire maneuver Corps into Iraq is to be smart about using the right boots on the ground today. [Obama] may not admit it, but he has already made this distinction. He has inserted Special Forces, trainers, advisors, and security forces. This is the right decision. But more can be done. This will take troops. It will not take divisions. But there's no way around it; American boots will be standing on sand. Americans will be shot at, and they will be shooting back. There's simply no other way to do this. ...[Obama] wants to use a light footprint now in hopes that he doesn't need a heavy footprint later. This approach was not terribly successful in Libya, which has fallen into chaos. It has short-term benefits, though. It will be cheaper in blood and treasure—for now. I want our coalition to go all-in now, so that we do not risk having to use enormously more blood and treasure later. I would much rather fight ISIL in Iraq and Syria today than fight them in Iraq, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, and Kurdistan tomorrow. Fortune favors the bold.” [64287]

At the State Department, Associated Press reporter Matt Lee asks spokeswoman Marie Harf if the term “war on terrorism” is now “something that's out of the lexicon now of the U.S. government's comments on what's happening?” Harf replies, “It's certainly not how I would refer to our efforts.” Harf is then asked if Obama's ISIS strategy is a return to “the doctrine of preemption.” Harf responds, “When we talk about how you degrade and defeat terrorist organizations, it's not exactly I think how you're probably using the term, and it's not one that I'm using. Our goal is to prevent terrorist organizations from being able to attack the United States or our interests, to degrade their capabilities to do

so. Obviously those are the kinds of terms I would use when it comes to this current effort.” (Of course, Harf’s response is essentially an admission that Obama is, in fact, following George W. Bush’s preemption doctrine.) Harf is then asked by Lee about the slow progress of building Obama’s coalition to fight ISIS: “The Saudis apparently don’t want to speak for themselves, that’s the problem. The Germans said they are not going to participate militarily, you have the Turks saying that, you have the British foreign secretary clearly uninformed about his own government’s position on this.” A defensive Harf replies, “Why do you always focus on what people say they won’t do instead of the plethora of things they have said they will do? What is that what you focus—that’s actually not an unfair question, I don’t think, when we focus on our effort here.” [64279, 64282]

A “senior administration official” says, “ISIL has been I think a galvanizing threat around the Sunni partners in the region. They view it as an existential threat to them. Saudi Arabia has an extensive border with Syria. The Jordanians are experiencing a destabilizing impact of over a million refugees from the Syrian conflict, and are profoundly concerned that ISIL, who [sic; which] has stated that their [sic; its] ambitions are not confined to Iraq and Syria, but rather to expand the broader region.” (Saudi Arabia has *no* border with Syria, let alone an “extensive” one.) [64292]

In a Gallup poll, 55 percent of American say they believe Republicans can better protect the nation from terrorism and military threats than Democrats; 32 percent trust the Democrats to do a better job. [64239]

In a Fox News national poll conducted September 7-9, Obama’s approval/disapproval ratings plunge to an all-time low of 38/56 percent. “He’s at (-37) among independents, (-16) with women, and (-12) with young voters. ...Obama is deep underwater on every single major issue tested: The economy (-18), healthcare (-16), immigration (-32), foreign policy (-25), Syria (-34), Ukraine (-19), terrorism (-18), and Iraq (-25).” [64259, 64260]

The *Daily Mail* reports, “Islamic State militants are planning the creation of a ‘cyber caliphate’ protected by their own encryption software—from behind which they will launch massive hacking attacks on the U.S. and the West. Both Islamic State and Al Qaeda claim to be actively recruiting skilled hackers in a bid to create a team of jihadist computer experts capable of causing devastating cyber disruptions to Western institutions. They are now boasting it is only a matter of time before their plan becomes a reality.” [64257, 64258]

DailyCaller.com reports, “Court documents unsealed Thursday reveal how the U.S. government forced Yahoo to cooperate with NSA’s PRISM bulk Internet surveillance program in 2008 by threatening to fine the company \$250,000 daily if it refused to turn over user data. The Washington Post reports the web giant tried to fight the order it believed to be unconstitutional but ultimately failed to do so, making Yahoo one of the first Internet companies in a list including Google, Facebook, Microsoft, Apple and more to become complicit in the signals intelligence agency’s net-wide warrantless data collection program. ‘The released documents underscore how we had to fight every step

of the way to challenge the U.S. government's surveillance efforts,' Yahoo General Counsel Ron Bell said in a Tumblr post Thursday. The government issued the order in 2007, calling for Yahoo to turn over data on U.S. citizens and non-citizens alike, the only stipulation being that the targets be outside of the country." [64271]

The Associated Press reports that Obama "is on pace this year to deport the fewest number of immigrants since at least 2007, even as he has postponed until after Election Day his promised unilateral action that could shield millions more from deportation. According to an analysis of Homeland Security Department figures by The Associated Press, the federal agency responsible for deportations sent home 258,608 immigrants between the start of the budget year last October and July 28 this summer. During the same period a year earlier, it removed 320,167 people—meaning a decrease this year of nearly 20 percent." (The "real" numbers are actually lower, because—unlike previous administrations—the Obama administration shamelessly includes "border turnarounds" as deportations. Most Americans consider deportation to mean ejecting from the United States someone who has lived in the country illegally for some time, *not* the act of making someone caught at the border immediately turn around and reenter Mexico. Illegal immigrants in the United States have only about a two percent chance of being deported, and that percentage goes down for those who are not committing new crimes.) [64296, 64297]

A "a ranking Department of Defense official with a background in U.S. special operations and combat experience in Iraq and Afghanistan" writes at DailyCaller.com that Obama's "strategy—to provide logistical support for Iraqi forces, limited air strikes, and a strong Free Syrian Army—is a foolish strategy that is unlikely to succeed. ...Obama made it clear that the U.S. military commitment will be limited to air strikes, as he will not order U.S. ground forces into either Iraq or Syria. Instead of ground forces, however, [Obama] said that the United States will increase training and logistical support for those armies on the ground, but herein lies a critical flaw: The Iraqis have not proven to be a reliable partner in the war on terrorism. And this, despite ten years of U.S. military training and equipment provided by the United States. In Iraq, the Islamic State has swept Iraqi forces in a number of recent engagements, with many Iraqi units simply abandoning their posts and refusing to fight. This problem is not one that can be solved through additional training. Even with the added power and confidence-boost of air strikes, a root issue is sectarianism. On a number of occasions, the Iraqi army failed to fight the Islamic State not simply because of bad officers and cowardice: Sunni units simply did not want to fight fellow Sunnis, even if they were extremists. ...In both Iraq and Syria, the United States lacks a reliable, legitimate ground force that it can support with air strikes in order to defeat the Islamic State. Building the capacity of the ground forces through an advise, assist, and training mission will take a significant amount of time. During this period, the Islamic State will continue to plot and train for terrorist attacks, and Syria will continue down the path of becoming a failed state where Islamic terrorists rule. Just like Afghanistan, Sept. 10, 2001." [64250]

Kerry also tells reporters, "ISIL attempts to tell people that what they're doing is somehow based on their notion of Islam and their view of religion. No religion, certainly

not a peaceful, great religion like Islam, ever condones the kinds of activities that ISIL engages in.” (Kerry does not elaborate on what makes Islam peaceful or great—and no reporter asks him to.) [64286]

Obama’s National Security Advisor, Susan Rice, tells CNN’s Wolf Blitzer, “I don’t know whether you want to call it a war or sustained counterterrorism campaign. I think, frankly, this is a counterterrorism operation that will take time. It will be sustained. We will not have American combat forces on the ground fighting as we did in Iraq and Afghanistan which is what I think the American people think of when they think of a war. So I think this is very different from that. But nonetheless, we’ll be dealing with the significant threat to this region, to American personnel in the region and potentially also to Europe and the United States. And we’ll be doing it with partners. We’ll not be fighting ourselves on the ground but using American air power as we have been over the last several weeks as necessary.” [64312, 64313]

Larry Johnson, a former CIA analyst and counterterrorism official at the State Department, tells *The Washington Times*, “What a waste of time. We have not learned a thing in 80 years. [ISIS] is an army. The air power is not going to get the job done. Until you put troops in and kill these guys, they’re going to continue. They adjust to tactics. They meld into [the] civilian population.” An Army officer in the Pentagon says, “Air power alone cannot win wars. [Obama’s] stated strategy ignores this widely accepted truth. But with troops on the ground, in very small numbers, we can team with Kurds and Shia to support those ground forces in rapidly defeating ISIS.” Retired Army General Jack Keane observes, “If the U.S.-led coalition conducts a very aggressive air campaign that hits ISIS hard, sustained and simultaneous[ly] in Iraq and Syria, then ISIS will lose freedom of movement [and] initiative, and will become defensive. However, defeat requires a ground counteroffensive to retake lost territory, led by the Iraqi army and the Free Syrian Army [and] supported by close air support.” [64273]

On *The Five*, Greg Gutfeld comments, “If you already hate [Obama], then you probably hate that speech. And then if you love Obama you probably didn’t watch it anyway—too busy with ‘fashion week.’ But if this is war, then let’s dispense with the team sport of politics and support our guy. He didn’t say everything I wanted but, dare I say, he sounded like us—which leads me to this: if cross-dressing as a rightie gets the country behind you, then why not just get the sex change? Come to the right side, we’re more fun and we’re always armed. And let’s stop insulting the right when acting like them actually saves your rear. So I’m with you, Mr. [Obama], on these conditions: Islam. Say it. ... We get it. Not all Muslims are terrorists. But the ‘I’ in ISIL doesn’t stand for ‘igloo.’ De-linking ISIL from what drives it insults the moderates you seek to address.” Noting Obama’s insistence that he will not order “boots on the ground,” Gutfeld says, “Again, why tell the enemy what we won’t do? Imagine if the [Chicago] Bulls [basketball team] did that in ’96: ‘Don’t worry, [Michael] Jordan’s benched.’ Everything should be on the table, including [ISIS leader] al-Baghdadi’s bullet-ridden corpse. Finally, you ... must believe in this fight. No 18 holes after a head rolls. Yeah, I know you’re mad the electorate put global terror before global warming, and you’re right about climate change: since you’ve been in charge it’s gotten hotter in Libya, the Ukraine, Syria, Iraq, Detroit.

You're worse for the environment than coal. But if you don't want to be the world's policeman then be the world's garbage man and take out the trash. You don't need another Nobel Prize. That doorstop helped no one but you." [64261]

On *The Daily Show*, comedian-host Jon Stewart mocks Obama's address on ISIS, saying, "Barack Obama broke out his 'I killed Osama' strut.' Our mom jeans-wearing, socialist, Muslim, dictator, tyrant, pacifist went full 'America, fuck yeah!'" [64272]

On *The Kelly File*, host Megyn Kelly is told by Michael Foley, brother of beheaded journalist James Foley, that the State Department pressured the family in an attempt to stop the collection donations that could be used as a ransom. Foley says, "We're appalled by the situation and you know, it went past not doing everything they [in the Obama administration] could, they were actually an impedance and got in our way and that's what really bothers me to the core. We were—I was specifically threatened by the Department of State about raising funds toward ransom demands for my brother. We were smart enough to look past it but it slowed us down. We lost a lot of time trying to regroup." (Even if the U.S. government has a policy against negotiating with terrorists—which it violated when it exchanged five Taliban leaders for Army deserter Bowe Bergdahl—it arguably has no business blocking American families from trying to obtain the release of their loved ones. Of course, some could argue that trading cash for a prisoner release aids and abets the terrorist organization.) [64242]

On September 12 White House press secretary Josh Earnest makes it clear Obama will issue an executive order related to illegal immigrant amnesty after the mid-term elections but before the beginning of 2015. He tells reporters, "We're in a position where a vast majority of the work has been done. The bulk of the work has been done. That [remaining] work will be done in sufficient time for [Obama] to make an announcement before the end of the year. There are still some additional decisions that need to made." [64241]

Earnest also says, "In the same way the United States is at war with al-Qaeda and its affiliates around the world, the United States is at war with ISIL. But make no mistake, I'm not just talking about the United States, I'm talking about a broader coalition of international partners. I'll leave it to others to determine what the legal, academic definition of war may be." [64243, 64291]

Former CIA director General Michael Hayden tells CNN's Jake Tapper, "The reliance on air power has all of the attraction of casual sex: It seems to offer gratification but with very little commitment." Hayden also warns that Obama's September 10 address was seen not only by Americans: "[T]here are other audiences—our allies and our enemies. They view that [ruling out of combat troops on the ground] as limiting our commitment to this enterprise... limited enthusiasm on the part of our allies to take up the role we said we would refuse to do. ...And other people read the lack of commitment. People don't question American power. What people need to be convinced of is American will." [64264, 64265]

A federal appeals court reinstates Wisconsin's photo identification law for voters, and says the state can enforce the law for the November 4 election. Wisconsin election official Kevin Kennedy says, "We are taking every step to fully implement the voter photo ID law for the November general election. We are now focused on communicating with local election officials and voters, and will have more information about the details next week." [64295, 64311, 64710, 64711]

Lakeland Industries, Inc., "a leading global manufacturer of industrial protective clothing for industry, municipalities, healthcare and to first responders on the federal, state and local levels," announces "the global availability of its protective apparel for use in handling the Ebola virus." CEO Christopher J. Ryan states, "We understand the difficulty of getting appropriate products through a procurement system that in times of crisis favors availability over specification, and we hope our added capacity will help alleviate that problem. With the U.S. State Department alone putting out a bid for 160,000 suits, we encourage all protective apparel companies to increase their manufacturing capacity for sealed seam garments so that our industry can do its part in addressing this threat to global health." (Each suit costs \$1,200.00, although perhaps the taxpayers will be given a quantity discount.) [65446, 65447, 65481, 65482]

CNSNews.com reports, "In June 2014, there were 46,496,145 recipients of the food stamp program, which is enough to fill the Yankee Stadium 925 times, according to data from the Department of Agriculture (USDA)." The web site also reports, "Inflation-adjusted federal tax revenues hit a record \$2,663,426,000,000 for the first 11 months of the fiscal year this August, but the federal government still ran a \$589,185,000,000 deficit during that time, according to the latest Monthly Treasury Statement." (Despite having more tax revenue in the history of the country, the deficit still tops \$500 billion.) [64381, 64382]

Diane Foley, the mother of beheaded journalist James Foley, tells ABC News, "I was surprised there was so little compassion" when the Obama administration warned her family not to collect money to pay a ransom to get her son back—and even threatened them with criminal prosecution. "It just made me realize that these people talking to us had no idea what it was like to be the family of someone abducted... I'm sure [the U.S. official] didn't mean it the way he said it, but we were between a rock and a hard place. We were told we could do nothing... meanwhile our son was being beaten and tortured every day. ...It was very upsetting because we were essentially told to trust... that the way they were handling things would bring our son home. ...We were an annoyance, it felt, at some level... They didn't have time for us." [64266, 64267]

Mrs. Foley tells CNN's Anderson Cooper, "As an American I was embarrassed and appalled... I think our efforts to get Jim freed were an annoyance you know... I was appalled as an American. Jim would have been saddened—Jim believed 'til the end that his country would come to their aid. ...We were, you know asked to not go to the media—to just trust that it would be taken care of. We were told that we could not raise ransom, that it was illegal, we might be prosecuted... Yes [we were told] that was a real possibility, told that many times. We were told that our government would not exchange

prisoners [even though it had done so for deserter Bowe Bergdahl], would not do a military action... so we were just told to trust that he would be, be freed somehow miraculously, and he wasn't, was he? And we're dealing with very difficult people when we talk about ISIS. Their hate for us is great and yet some of our response to them has only increased the hate. So I feel there's a need for debate, discussion. I, I pray that our government will be willing to learn from the mistakes that were made and to acknowledge that there are better ways for American citizens to be treated." [64278]

In the RealClearPolitics.com compilation of recent national polls, Republicans move ahead of Democrats by 3.9 percentage points on the "generic" (non candidate-specific) Congressional ballot. (Democrats typically lead on the generic polling.) HotAir.com writes, "What's going on? It could be that the summer's foreign policy clusterfark and O's seeming disengagement from it finally turned the tide, although I'm skeptical. International affairs typically don't swing elections except in extreme cases (e.g., 9/11). More likely, I think, is that undecided voters are simply waking up to the fact that there's an election in two months and starting to tilt against the guy whose job approval is parked in the low 40s. If his base is this disappointed in him, imagine how alienated undecideds must be." Obama is falling behind even among women voters—without whom he could not have won two elections. In a Washington Post/ABC News poll, women disapprove of Obama's performance 50 to 44 percent. (Some no doubt did not like the "optics" of Obama heading to the golf course seconds after his brief comments about the beheading of journalist James Foley.) Support among Hispanics, while still a respectable 57 percent, is down from about 75 percent in the first half of 2013. (Hispanics who oppose amnesty and those who want Obama to move faster to grant amnesty both have reasons to be unhappy with him.) If Democrats remain unenthused about voting on November 4 and Republicans and independents are eager to vote to show their dissatisfaction with Obama, the odds of the GOP winning control of the Senate are strong. [64275, 64276, 64277]

According to a Wall Street Journal/NBC News poll, Americans trust Republicans more than Democrats to "best deal with immigration" issues, by about seven points. [64283]

In Manchester, New Hampshire, Senator Rand Paul (R-KY) addresses the conservative group Generation Opportunity and says that if he were elected president, "I think the first executive order that I would issue would be to repeal all previous executive orders. Democracy is messy, but you have to build consensus to pass things. But it's also in some ways good, because a lot of laws take away your freedom. So it should be hard to pass a law. And it, frankly, when you do it the proper way, is. We've done way too many things [the wrong way]: Signing statements, altering legislation by [Obama], are wrong and unconstitutional and shouldn't happen. Executive orders shouldn't either." After the speech Paul tells Breitbart News, "I'm very serious that the biggest problem with ...Obama is his usurpation of power, destroying the separation of powers and not believing there are any checks and balances and believing that the executive branch can do whatever it wants—and this is exemplified in immigration, Obamacare and more—but really it's the most seriously destructive thing he's doing to this country. While ObamaCare's bad, Dodd-Frank is bad, immigration is bad, the problem is is [sic] he's doing it in an unconstitutional way. You can see how the crowd really understands that.

The problem is he's acting like a legislature. ...I didn't get into it so much tonight, but I think that my discussion of Hillary Clinton and the disaster that she was a part of in Libya in Benghazi and now with the chaos in Libya—that that's really hitting the mark and that she's going to have a tough time really getting beyond that and [young people are] really sensing that.” [64284]

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich lists “five strategic failures” in Obama’s September 10 speech: 1. Failing to define the global threat and a global strategy to defeat it. ...Radical Islamism is not an Iraqi or Syrian problem. Radical Islamism has supporters, advocates, recruiters and sources of resources all across the planet. ...Without a global strategy we will simply continue the 13-year pattern of failure and the radical Islamist movement will continue to grow... 2. Failing to define a positive goal. The worst moment of ...Obama’s speech was his suggestion that Somalia and Yemen were models of success that his anti-ISIS campaign could follow. Both Somalia and Yemen are disasters. ...[Obama] is trapped because he is being forced into a fight he doesn’t particularly want and he is determined to do as little as possible... 3. Failing to explain how we are going to compel so-called allies to do what is necessary to defeat radical Islamism. ...We have to be prepared to exert far more pressure on countries who [sic; that] are undermining the war against radical Islamism. ...We do not have to helplessly wring our diplomatic hands while they fund those who would cut off our heads... 4. Failing to explain how hard and long and frustrating this war will be. ...Sadly, this war with radical Islamism may go on for a long time. Politicians are already asking for an ‘exit strategy.’ When you face enemies who want to cut off your heads and destroy your civilization, the only exit strategy is victory. We spent 46 years containing the Soviet Union until it collapsed. We may have to spend half of a century or more hunting down radicals, growing reliable self-governing allies, and convincing friends and neutrals to be anti-radical... 5. Failing to ask for the resources this kind of war will require. ...The failure to address the resource issue was the biggest sign ...Obama and his team had not really thought through the war they were announcing.” [64293]

Former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations John Bolton tells the Tea Party News Network that Obama “believes that the United States has historically been too strong, too assertive, too demanding, too intrusive—in fact, over the years, too successful and that the world will be a safer and more secure place if the united States is less pushy. He said a couple weeks ago, and it caused quite a stir, something he had said in his State of the Union message in January. He said long-term deployment of American troops can contribute to extremism, which is the word he uses for ‘terrorism’ because he often doesn’t like to use that. Now, let’s examine that for a minute: he’s saying that American troops being deployed overseas causes terrorism. So, in his view, obviously, if you have fewer troops, there will be less terrorism. I think that’s like looking at the world through the wrong end of a telescope and it’s historically false. How many terrorists did our long-term deployment inspire in Germany? South Korea? In Japan? But that’s [Obama’s] view. But now, confronted with the awful possibility of having to deploy American troops in Iraq, he’s deploying a few, but they’re not boots on the ground, the Secretary of State says that it’s not war, they call it ‘counterterrorism,’ even though ISIS... is deploying conventional military forces and that’s how they defeated the Iraqi army near

Mosul. And it's a very different circumstance than the kind of counterterrorism we've seen before. I think [Obama] has gone beyond schizophrenic... multiple personalities, that's what he's got going on inside his head." [64301]

House Minority Leader Nancy "Hyperbole" Pelosi (D-CA) tells HBO's Bill Maher, "It would be very important for the Democrats to retain control of the Senate. Civilization as we know it today would be in jeopardy if the Republicans win the Senate. ...Fear is a motivator [for voters], and we are not fear-mongers. The Democrats are messengers of hope, and that's what we will continue to be." [64303, 64335, 64364, 64438]

Retired Commander Charles Kerchner (*Kerchner v. Obama*) posts an email he received from graphics expert Paul Irej: "Yesterday ...the 11th of Sept. 2014 ...I was before a judge in the Brooklyn Supreme Court ...who had agreed to accept into evidence my proof of forgery of the Obama 1961 long form birth certificate plus identification of the forger herself and the forgery of Obama's copyright form for his first book in 1995. The problem was that an assistant NY state attorney general ...that [sic; who] was supposed to be my opposition at this hearing ...failed to show up. So we were given another date that will be after the upcoming national elections. ...I will be returning to the NY court ...and this time all the party's [sic; parties] must attend." Irej's documents include evidence of forgery, as well as "proof of who the forger of Obama's bc [birth certificate] was ...including proof of her involvement in the forgery of her own bc and the forgery of the US copyright form for Barack Obama's book ...*Dreams From My Father* ...where I believe that the 'Citizen of Kenya' part on that form was changed to 'Citizen of USA' ...that being the purpose of the forgery. I have a certified copy of this form that [attorney] Orly Taitz provided ...that actually was copied from a fax at the Copyright office. ...[T]his is just another document pretending to have been typed on an original form with an old manual typewriter using the same 'Elite' typewriter face that is used on the other 2 forged documents ...the usurpers bc and the forgers own bc. Such typewriters were out of use by 1995. ...I sent a 3 page letter to the legal department of the Random House publisher of the book in NYC that created the copyright ...and they never replied. Currently you can not get the form from the US Copyright office." (*Dreams From My Father* was published in 1996. The suggestion is that Obama listed himself as a citizen of Kenya on the copyright application.) [64294]

On September 13 an unverified ISIS video purports to show the beheading of a David Haines, a British aid worker who had been held captive. Prime Minister David Cameron states, "The murder of David Haines is an act of pure evil. My heart goes out to his family who have shown extraordinary courage and fortitude. We will do everything in our power to hunt down these murderers and ensure they face justice, however long it takes." Cameron, following Obama's "don't upset the Muslims" example, adds, "They are killing and slaughtering thousands of people... they boast of their brutality... they claim to do this in the name of Islam, that is nonsense, Islam is a religion of peace. They are not Muslims, they are monsters." (It apparently does not occur to Cameron that they could be both.) The victim's brother, Mike Haines, tell reporters he does not blame Islam: "We are seeing more and more radicalisation in every walk of life. It is not a race, religion or political issue, it is a human issue," and quotes the Qu'ran, "Since good and

evil cannot be equal, repel thou evil with something that is better.” (Haines apparently does not understand that, to a devout Muslim, not being Muslim is evil.) ISIS is also holding British aid worker Alan Henning, who some fear will be the next victim of beheading. [64300, 64308, 64309, 64310, 64315, 64318, 64321, 64329, 64344, 64345, 64350, 64351, 64374, 64414, 64415]

According to *The Telegraph*, the captive Henning “is a Manchester taxi driver who drove a van full of aid to Syria to help children in the war-torn country. Alan Henning had taken time off from his job to deliver clothes and bedding that he and friends had collected, when he was abducted on Boxing Day last year. The 47-year-old father of two was part of a small aid group called Aid 4 Syria... He was on his fourth convoy to the country when he was seized by masked men near the Turkish border. ...He was thrown into a makeshift prison, and initially thought his work for a Muslim charity would save him. A Syrian activist told a reporter earlier this year that he had spent a night in the same cell, and Mr. Henning had seemed in good spirits, believing he was about to be freed. However, the activist, who later escaped, found Mr. Henning had later been moved to Raqqa, the city considered the capital of ISIS.” (Jihad Watch’s Robert Spencer writes, “This is one of the fundamental fallacies of the West’s entire approach to the global jihad. Western analysts and policymakers persist in the delusion that their concessions and acts of kindness will meet with reciprocal acts of kindness from Islamic supremacists and jihadists. This is not, in fact, the case. Instead, they’re just seen as signs of weakness, and regarded with contempt.”) [64414, 64415]

Cameron lays out a five-point strategy: “First, we will work with the Iraqi government... we will support the Kurdish Regional Government who is holding the front line against ISIL... [Second], we will work at the United Nations to mobilise the broadest possible support to bear own on ISIL. [Thirdly]...The United States is taking military action, we support that... this is not about British combat troops on the ground it is about working with others... we are ready to take whatever steps are necessary to keep our country safe. [Fourth]... we will continue to support the humanitarian efforts, using the RAF (Royal Air Force) to do so. [Fifth]... we will... continue to reinforce our formidable counter terrorism effort in this country.” (In other words, ISIS will not be stopped by the British. Breitbart.com comments, “The lack of a refreshed response will likely attract criticism from those wishing that the West would take a stronger line on ISIS. Western leaders such as David Cameron and Barack Obama have used their press conferences about ISIS in recent weeks to make stronger statements about how ‘ISIS is not Islamic’ rather than how they intend to tackle the terrorist group.”) [64350, 64351]

Obama issues a statement: “The United States strongly condemns the barbaric murder of UK citizen David Haines by the terrorist group ISIL. Our hearts go out to the family of Mr. Haines and to the people of the United Kingdom. The United States stands shoulder to shoulder tonight with our close friend and ally in grief and resolve. We will work with the United Kingdom and a broad coalition of nations from the region and around the world to bring the perpetrators of this outrageous act to justice, and to degrade and destroy this threat to the people of our countries, the region and the world.” Obama then heads to the golf course. [64319]

British Muslim Aftab Malik, a visiting member of the UN Alliance of Civilisations, tells *The Weekend Australian* that Muslims in the West become radical jihadists because they are “stuck between a rock and a hard place. We have to address the Islamophobes and their vitriolic diatribes against Islam and Muslims. In Sydney, we face a young community struggling between legislation that, at worst, singles them out as potential terrorists, or moulds them as a suspect community at best. Rather than enfranchising the very community that would be the most potent weapon against a common enemy, the government appears to be alienating them.” Robert Spencer writes at JihadWatch.org, “So according to UN high-level expert Aftab Malik, in order to prevent young Muslims from the West from joining the Islamic State, Western non-Muslims must not talk about the jihad threat and its sources in Islamic texts and teachings; Western governments must cease counter-terror efforts at home; and all resistance to the ‘Palestinian’ jihad and the Islamic State must cease. Then all will be quiet—and Aftab Malik is absolutely right, it will, because the free world will have surrendered and jihadis will have a free hand.” [64412, 64413]

Lebanese television reports on child soldiers fighting in Syria. According to a translation by Memri.org, one 12-year-old says, “I get up in the morning and try to shoot some soldiers. Sometimes I manage to shoot one or two. Sometimes I don’t. There’s nothing to it. I feel fine. I killed my first soldier on this front. When I killed him, I didn’t feel anything. He was the first, but then came a second, and a third. I’ve gotten used to being a sniper. ... We will continue the revolution until we win or become martyrs.” [64595, 64596, 64799]

MiddleEastEye.net reports, “The Free Syrian Army has announced that it will not sign up to the US-led coalition to destroy Islamic State (IS) militants in Iraq and Syria. The group’s founder, Colonel Riad al-Asaad, stressed that toppling Syrian President Bashar al-Assad is their priority, and that they will not join forces with US-led efforts without a guarantee that the US is committed to his overthrow. ‘If they want to see the Free Syrian Army on their side, they should give assurances on toppling the Assad regime and on a plan including revolutionary principles.’ The announcement appears to be reversing an earlier statement on Thursday by the National Coalition opposition, the Free Syrian Army’s political wing, which said it was ready to work with the coalition against IS. Saying they had ‘long called for this action,’ the coalition called on US politicians to authorise the training and equipping of the Free Syrian Army ‘as soon as possible.’ The Free Syrian Army, mostly composed of military personnel who have defected from Assad’s armed forces, had already been engaged in battles against IS militants.” [64673, 64674]

Meanwhile, TheHill.com reports, “A group that has monitored Syria’s civil war reported Saturday that moderate Syrian rebels and the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS) had reportedly struck a cease-fire deal. But an official with the Syrian National Coalition, which consists of groups opposed to that country’s government, disputed those accounts on Saturday, saying there was no cease-fire. The initial report from the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a monitoring group based in the United Kingdom, said

the groups reached the agreement in a suburb of Damascus, Syria's capital. Under the deal, 'the two parties will respect a truce until a final solution is found and they promise not to attack each other because they consider the principal enemy to be the Nussayri regime,' Agence France-Presse reported. Nussayri is a negative term for Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's Alawite regime." (The Syrian rebels may or may not want to fight ISIS, and the moderate rebels and ISIS may or may not have agreed to "play nice"—yet Obama wants \$500 million to further arm and train them so they can fight someone. Some might expect Nancy Pelosi to say, "We have to arm and train the Syrian rebels to find out whose side they are on.") [64674, 64675]

Obama and Attorney General Eric Holder have yet to comment on the killing of 19-year-old Brendan Tevlin, who was gunned down on June 18 by Ali Muhammed Brown, a devout Muslim. Brown has stated, "My mission is vengeance. For the lives, millions of lives are lost every day," he reportedly said. "Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan, all these places where innocent lives are being taken every single day ... All these lives are taken every single day by America, by this government. So a life for a life." (Tevlin was killed solely because he was an American, and was Brown's fourth victim over a period of several months. Obama's department of Justice orders the FBI not to get involved, and no federal terrorism charges are filed against Brown—despite the fact that he may have been recruited to jihad via the Internet.) [64302, 64305]

NYTimes.com reports on a meeting Obama had with a group of "columnists and magazine writers" before his September 10 ISIS speech. He reportedly stated, "I was not here in the run-up to Iraq [the Iraq war] in 2003. It would have been fascinating to see the momentum and how it builds. ... This [dealing with ISIS] will be a problem for the next president, and probably the one after that." "Oh, it's a shame when you have a wan, diffident, professorial president with no foreign policy other than 'don't do stupid things,' guests recalled him saying, sarcastically imitating his adversaries. 'I do not make apologies for being careful in these areas, even if it doesn't make for good theater.'" Attendees said that Obama believed "ISIS had made a major strategic error by killing them because the anger it generated resulted in the American public's quickly backing military action. If he had been 'an adviser to ISIS,' Mr. Obama added, he would not have killed the hostages but released them and pinned notes on their chests saying, 'Stay out of here; this is none of your business.' Such a move, he speculated, might have undercut support for military intervention." (Some might argue that Obama's statement shows he is not qualified to be commander-in-chief or an ISIS advisor. His comment sounds a lot like, "If only they had not beheaded two Americans, I could have ignored the issue even longer and played more golf." Why Obama spends time coming up with free advice for ISIS is not known, and why he believes ISIS might want to avoid confrontation is also not known. HotAir.com's Noah Rothman observes, "Obama's allies are not fools. They make reasoned calculations just as does [Obama]. If *The Times*' account is to be believed, Obama doesn't care to understand his enemy's thinking—he views his own thought processes as superior. That is truly disheartening.") [64320, 64322, 64323, 64330, 64376, 64390]

According to the *Times*, Obama also “vowed to retaliate against President Bashar al-Assad if Syrian forces shot at American planes...” and Obama “made clear the intricacy of the situation, though, as he contemplated the possibility that Mr. Assad might order his forces to fire at American planes entering Syrian airspace. If he dared to do that, Mr. Obama said he would order American forces to wipe out Syria’s air defense system, which he noted would be easier than striking ISIS because its locations are better known. He went on to say that such an action by Mr. Assad would lead to his overthrow, according to one account.” (This is another “red line” statement from Obama. But this one might be taken more seriously, because Congress and the American public might support that action with ISIS having been introduced into the equation. With his previous “red line” threat, over the use of chemical weapons in Syria, Congress and public sentiment kept Obama from acting.) [64390]

HuffingtonPost.com reports that the “off-the-record session” was attended by “New York Times columnists David Brooks, Tom Friedman and Frank Bruni and editorial writer Carol Giacomo; The Washington Post’s David Ignatius, Eugene Robinson and Ruth Marcus; The New Yorker’s Dexter Filkins and George Packer; The Atlantic’s Jeffrey Goldberg and Peter Beinart; The New Republic’s Julia Ioffe; Columbia Journalism School Dean Steve Coll; The Wall Street Journal’s Jerry Seib; and The Daily Beast’s Michael Tomasky... National Security Advisor Susan Rice, Deputy National Security Advisor Ben Rhodes and White House Chief of Staff Denis McDonough also attended the meeting, according to the source.” (Obama invited the mostly leftist and left-leaning journalists for a reason: to “suggest” how they cover his handling of the ISIS situation and make sure the “spin” goes in the correct direction. That is, he wants to be portrayed not as indecisive and leading from behind, but as careful, thoughtful, and able to see things from all sides before making a decision.) [64320, 64322, 64323, 64330, 64352]

At WashingtonPost.com Ed Rogers writes, “It appears possible that [Obama] may not have made two of his most recent decisions with complete free will. The announcement that he would delay his immigration initiative until after the election and his formal announcement that the United States would take military action against the Islamic State could have been coerced. Maybe Democratic leaders in Congress and a few members of the Obama team have had it. Could it be that, after ...Obama briefed Democrats in Congress on the immigration plan, they balked? Maybe [Obama] was told that, if he wavered in millions of new illegal immigrants before November, there would be an open revolt against him within the party. Similarly, a few members of this administration who have independence, stature and an adult disposition may have told [Obama] he must act on the Islamic State or else they were out. I’m thinking of at least Secretary of State John Kerry and Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel. Is it possible they could not stomach doing nothing any longer and told [Obama] that they would quit in protest if he did not take action? Stranger things have happened. And given this administration’s complete inability to admit mistakes, it isn’t crazy to think something else was behind these two unusual moves by the White House. It seems unlikely [Obama] himself initiated the punt on immigration or the about-face on military action in Iraq, so you can bet there is a story as yet untold about both.” [64340]

A Zogby poll shows that Obama “is losing... significant chunks of his base. He won 61 percent of the vote of 18-29 year olds in 2012 but now has only 47 percent of their support. He is down nine points among Democrats (from 82 percent to 73 percent), 12 points among moderates (54 percent to 42 percent), 11 points among Hispanics (71 percent to 60 percent), and 13 points among African Americans (91 percent to 78 percent).” (Although Obama will not be on any ballots on November 4, Democrats who have been disappointed in his performance may stay home rather than vote.) [64482]

On September 14 Australia’s *The Daily Telegraph* reports on the death of Amira Karroum, a Sydney schoolgirl, just 15 days after she arrived in Syria to fight for Islam. “It is believed she was lined up against a wall and shot multiple times and then dismembered. Her husband Yusuf Ali, who was born in Adelaide under the name of Tyler Casey, was a dual American-Australian citizen who had undergone al-Qaeda training overseas. ...Ms Karroum was found in a bullet-ridden house in Aleppo, Syria in January. She was involved in an al-Qaeda affiliated group known as Jabhat al-Nusra that was involved in a brutal turf war with Islamic State. Her father, who suffered a mild heart attack when he learned of her death in January revealed this week that she was dismembered by her killers. ...It is also believed that Ms Karroum was involved in running a matchmaking service for jihadists in Australia.” [64316, 64317]

Obama plays golf. [64341]

Michael Goodwin writes at NYPost.com that Obama “is sinking fast and could soon pass the point of no return. In fact, it may already be too late to save the SS Obama. The whole second term has been a string of disasters, with the toxic brew of his Obamacare lies, middling economic growth and violent global breakdown casting doubt on [Obama’s] stewardship. Six years into his tenure, nothing is going as promised. Earlier on, he could have trotted out his teleprompters and turned public opinion his way, or at least stopped the damage. But the magic of his rhetoric is long gone, and not just because the public has tuned him out. They’ve tuned him out because they’ve made up their minds about him. They no longer trust him and don’t think he’s a good leader. Most ominously, they feel less safe now than they did when he took office. Americans know the war on terror isn’t over, no matter what [Obama] claims. ...[Obama’s] worldview, his politics, his prejudices, his habits—they’ve been a mismatch for the country and its needs. He has been a dud even in the one area where he seemed a lock to make things better, racial relations. Only 10 percent believe race relations have improved under him, while 35 percent said they are worse, according to a New York Times survey. The remainder said there wasn’t much change either way. That’s shocking—but not surprising. Barack Obama was not ready to be president, and still isn’t. It is a fantasy to believe he’ll master the art in his final two years. The lasting image will be his yukking it up on the golf course minutes after giving a perfunctory speech on the beheading of James Foley. It revealed him as hollow, both to America and the world, and there is no way to un-see the emptiness. ...So Vladimir Putin, Iran, China, Islamic State, al Qaeda and any other number of despots and terrorists know they have two years to make their moves and advance their interests, and that resistance will be token, if there is any at all.” [64331]

On *State of the Union*, new CNN analyst (and former White House press secretary) Jay Carney says, “The sixth year is always particularly bad for a president’s party. You couple that with the fact so many [Senate] seats are [being] defended [in 2014] by Democrats in red states where Mitt Romney did very well against [Obama], double-digits in most cases, and there’s no outcome in November that anybody could say would be great for Democrats, except for barely holding onto the Senate. The problem for Republicans, if they win, is Americans begin to think that ‘we hate Congress’ and it is now clear that one party is in control of Congress.” (Republicans would no doubt welcome that “problem.” If they win the Senate they will spend the next two years passing legislation that Obama will either be forced to reluctantly sign or veto. If he signs most of the legislation, the GOP gets what it wants accomplished. If he vetoes most of the legislation, the GOP’s presidential candidate in 2016 will spend much of the year pounding his or her opponent of being, like Obama, opposed to solving the nation’s problems for purely artisan purposes.) [64324]

On *Face the Nation*, Secretary of State John Kerry is asked, “This week, you went to some lengths to say you wouldn’t call this ‘war.’ But, yet, at the Pentagon, and again at the State Department they were saying ‘we are at war with ISIS.’ Are we at war?” Kerry replies, “I think there’s frankly a kind of tortured debate going on about terminology. If people need to find the place to land? In terms of what we did in Iraq, originally, this is not a war, this is not combat troops on the ground, it’s not hundreds of thousands of people. It’s not that kind of mobilization. But, in terms of al-Qaeda, which we have used the word ‘war’ with, yeah... we are at war with al-Qaeda and its affiliates. And in the same context if you want to use it, yes, we are at war with ISIL in that sense. But I think it’s waste of time to focus on that. Frankly, let’s consider what we have to do to degrade and defeat ISIL.” (On September 11 Kerry said, “I think war is the wrong terminology and analogy.” In other words, “Kerry was against calling it war before he was for calling it war.” One can imagine an American pilot over Iraq or Syria saying, “We are at war in the sense that I am being shot at by enemy artillery.” Some might argue that the “tortured debate” is the fault of Kerry and Obama, not the media.) [64327, 64328, 64334, 64338]

The *Boston Globe*’s Bryan Bender claims George W. Bush “had no coalition” in 2003. Richard Grenell, former spokesman for four U.N. ambassadors, points out that Bush had a coalition of 48 countries, many of which provided “boots on the ground.” Obama has perhaps nine nations willing to support actions against ISIS, none of which (other than Iraq) have committed combat troops. Bush also had approval from Congress—something Obama will not request because Democrats in tough reelection races are afraid to cast a vote in favor of war. [64325, 64326]

On *Meet the Press*, White House chief of staff Denis McDonough is asked by Chuck Todd if any nations have pledged combat troops in the fight against ISIS. McDonough replies, “[W]e’re not looking at that now.” Todd: “Wait a minute, why not?” McDonough: “We’re trying to put together the specifics of what we expect from each of the members.” Todd: “If you know you need combat troops on the ground, you don’t have any countries that have pledged to do that yet—” McDonough: “I didn’t say that, Chuck. I said that you would hear from Secretary [of State John] Kerry that countries are

saying they're ready to do that. That they're ready to fly with us, but we're going to get to that in due time." [64332]

Todd also complains that although Hillary Clinton may have what he believes is "the best resume" of a political candidate in 2016 "it may not be enough for many in the Democratic Party that is increasingly tilting to the left." [64481]

On *Fox News Sunday*, Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC) says, "This idea that we're never going to have boots on the ground in Syria is fantasy. All this has come home to roost after the last three years of incompetent decisions. ...I will not let [Obama] suggest to the American people we can outsource our security and this is not about our safety. There is no way in hell you can form an army on the ground to go into Syria to destroy [ISIS] without a substantial American component. To destroy ISIL, what I was told or... what I heard won't even come close to destroying ISIL. It's delusional in the way they approach this. ...Apparently nobody's been listening to what Senator [John] McCain and I have been saying for the past three years. We said train the Free Syrian Army so they can take this fight on. Instead of training the Free Syrian Army, [Obama] overruled his entire national security team and abandoned the Free Syrian Army. [Obama] needs to rise to the occasion before we all get killed back here at home. This is not a [radical] Sunni versus [moderate] Sunni problem; this is [ISIS] versus mankind." [64333, 64379]

D. W. Ulsterman reports, "Just a few hours before he gave a prime time address to the nation regarding his plan to 'take out ISIL,' sources indicate [Obama] was dropping considerable hints at how the war on ISIS/ISIL will be used for a much broader effort to re-organize much of the Middle East—starting with the overthrow of Syria's Bashar Assad. A longtime Congressional source said the following: '[Obama] has been pouting over his Syria humiliation for months, repeatedly asking for a way to save face. Part of the deal with getting him to go along with the anti-ISIS effort, was convincing him the campaign could lead to overthrowing Assad as well. Apparently, it was only when that was put on the table that Barack Obama's enthusiasm for going after ISIL improved.' And [Obama] has reportedly not been shy to let others know he has not given up on the idea of taking out Assad. 'A few hours before he gave his address to the nation on ISIL, [Obama] told at least one major new source I know of, that 'Assad is part of the deal. I'm not done with him. He's gone, and then we can take a look at the rest of the Middle East.'" [64336, 64337]

"The Congressional staffer went on to explain what he feels is the true source of [Obama's] animosity toward the Syrian strongman: 'I've come to believe Syria was the second in line for a re-organization of the Middle East. Egypt was first, though the Egyptian military and business interests took that back from the administration and the Muslim Brotherhood, so getting Assad out became that much more important to a very select and powerful few in the White House. I'll also add something the media refuses to report—the Syrian rebels are the Muslim Brotherhood. There's very little daylight between the two groups and both of them have direct and very long standing links to Iran and Turkey. If you were to sit down and go over the Intel reports of the last three decades, you cannot find a time when Turkey and Iran were as close as they are today,

which tells me something is up, and this White House seems like they're plenty happy to be going along with it. Did you know Hamas leaders met with Iranian officials just 48 hours before a barrage of rockets were fired by Hamas into Israel? And what organization do you think is waiting in the wings if Assad falls in Syria? The Muslim Brotherhood, which has had a series of recent meetings with their counterparts in Qatar, the same country that was primarily responsible for the Bergdahl-Taliban 5 swap. Qatar seems to be publicly distancing themselves from the Brotherhood while privately supporting them. I would assume that is out of deference/fear to/of Saudi Arabia but frankly, the whole thing is so convoluted at this point I can't say for certain.” [64336, 64337]

“Now if all this isn't enough for you already, I'll add a very specific name to the mix, Imam Mohamed Magedi. The name might be familiar to some of your readers due to his association within the administration, but I'll wager they didn't know he met with both [Obama] and Valerie Jarrett multiple times in recent weeks and I'm told, has been providing regular input on the ISIL/ISIS situation. Another troubling aspect of this is that as head of the ISNA (Islamic Society of North America) he has been pushing very hard for fast tracking immigration into the United States of Muslims, and Valerie Jarrett is said to be his strongest supporter in this. That is upsetting enough, but now I'm afraid I have to add another even more disturbing layer to this destruction of America pie. The push for immigration reform and the chaos in the Middle East are related, and here is how. With the war being waged against ISIL/ISIS, there will be reports of millions of refugees across the Middle East. Those refugees will then seek asylum in the United States, and how easy will it be for figures like Imam Mohamed Magedi to then use those 'refugees' to form a far bigger and more organized Islamic presence in America? Very easy, and it could then happen very quickly. Don't forget, [Obama] has already indicated multiple times of Executive Authority to be used after the November elections to deal with the fabricated 'immigration crisis.' Keep a close eye on the ISIS/ISIL/Assad triangle. If the administration pushes our military forces into Syria under the umbrella of going after terrorists, you'll have at least some idea of what they are really up to.” [64336, 64337, 64454]

The Obama Timeline suggests that readers ask why Obama would want the Muslim Brotherhood running both Egypt and Syria. There are at least two reasons: One is that Obama sides with Sunni Muslims over Shi'ite Muslims or non-Muslims. His Kenyan family is Sunni Muslim, and he was taught in a Muslim school in Indonesia—which is overwhelmingly Sunni Muslim. By nature, Obama is therefore sympathetic to Sunni Muslims in general, and he consistently takes their side. Obama is also sympathetic to the radical Muslim Brotherhood, which is Sunni, and even insisted that its leaders be seated in the front row for his June 2009 Cairo speech—much to the consternation of Egypt's then-president and U.S. ally Hosni Mubarak, who Obama threw under the bus in 2010 and 2011. If the choice is between Sunni and non-Sunni, Obama sides with the Sunnis. Thus, his natural preference would be for Egypt and Syria to have Sunni leaders. The second reason Obama would prefer Sunni leaders in Egypt and Syria is that they border Israel—and he would like nothing more than for Israel to be further squeezed by its neighbors. He would be more than happy to see Assad replaced by a radical Sunni regime in Syria, just as he was more than happy to see the Muslim Brotherhood take over

Egypt—although that did not last long, thanks to the Egyptian Army and the Egyptian people. It is not surprising that Obama and his closest advisor, Valerie Jarrett, would meet with Mohamed Magedi, whose Islamic Society of North America is a front group for the Muslim Brotherhood, as is the Council on American-Islamic Relations. Obama may not be able to speak directly with Muslim Brotherhood leaders or Sunni radicals, but he can speak to them via the ISNA and CAIR, which masquerade as legitimate organizations. The warnings of D. W. Ulsterman and his Congressional source should be taken seriously. Obama and Jarrett may be incompetent, but that does not mean they are not developing and implementing schemes behind the backs of the American people. Even if their schemes fail, they can do a great deal of damage in the process of failing.

As Ulsterman's insider reports, "it was only when" ousting Assad "was put on the table that Barack Obama's enthusiasm for going after ISIL improved." That is not an insignificant revelation. It has been obvious that Obama has been reluctant to go after ISIS. Some suggest that the beheadings of two American journalists pushed members of Congress and the military to push Obama to act (as perhaps did his plummeting poll numbers). But a person who can speak a few insincere words about a beheading and minutes later be seen joking with his pals on the golf course might need more persuading than a few generals and at-risk Senators can muster. It is not just Obama who wants Assad removed from power. So do the Saudis, the Qataris, and Obama's friend, Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan—who the media portrays as "moderate" but who seems to have no problem helping ISIS sell Iraqi oil or allowing would-be European jihadists to cross the Turkish border into Syria and Iraq. One must ask, "*Who does Obama think will take power in Syria if Bashar al-Assad is removed?*" It will most certainly not be anyone who opposes Shari'ah law and who would welcome a Miley Cyrus performance at a soccer stadium in Damascus. It will be radical Islamists of the Sunni persuasion. If Obama's eye lit up at the prospect of eliminating Assad, they were also lighting up at the thought that he would be replaced by a Sunni regime—on Israel's doorstep. (It is worth considering also that Obama's eagerness to withdraw all U.S. troops from Iraq at the end of 2011 may not have been solely motivated by his desire to "end the war." He certainly knew that the Shi'ite government would have difficulty surviving with Sunni opposition—even if Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki were not incompetent. By withdrawing U.S. troops Obama was giving the Sunni radicals a new lease on life. Whether that was the result of incompetence or an ulterior motive on the part of Obama is not known—but neither is good.)

French Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve tells *Le Journal de Dimanche* that "930 French citizens or foreigners usually resident in France are today involved in jihad in Iraq and Syria; 350 are on the ground, including 60 women. Around 180 have left from Syria and 170 are en route for the zone." (Pamela Geller writes, "How did this misunderstanding of Islam become so widespread? Why are so many more US and European Muslims than ever joined al Qaeda joining the Islamic State? And while Muslims in the US condemn the Islamic State, where are they teaching against the ideology that gave rise to it? Questions you never hear politicians or media elite ask. What does the media blame it on—bullying in the schoolyard? Not enough entitlements? No, this time it's the old tired mishmash of 'disaffected,' 'lost direction,' 'no hope in

life,’ ‘vulnerable’ young men. What utter insulting garbage. As if anything would drive me or you to chop someone’s head off with a six-inch knife, force people—under penalty of death—to convert to my religion, blow up houses of worship that weren’t mine, etc. It’s Islam. Say it.” [64346, 64347]

New York City hosts the 29th Annual United American Muslims Day Parade. Photographs from the event posted by Pamela Geller show parade floats of a woman being hanged, jihad flags, Middle East maps without Israel, women in cages, and cardboard battle tanks. [64348, 64349, 64431, 64688]

WND.com reports, “A portion of the \$120 million the Obama administration is infusing into Nigerian education programs fund Islamic schools that exclusively teach students ‘the recitation and memorization’ of the Quran, government documents reveal. The Northern Education Initiative Plus, or NEI+, project seeks to broaden access to education while strengthening literacy skills of the predominantly Muslim population of northern Nigeria, according to procurement documents WND located through routine database research.” [64404]

The Sydney Morning Herald reports, “The Obama administration is struggling to cut off the millions of dollars in oil revenue that has made the Islamic State one of the wealthiest terror groups in history, but, so far, has been unable to persuade Turkey, the NATO ally where much of the oil is traded on the black market, to crack down on an extensive sales network. Western intelligence officials say they can track the Islamic State oil shipments as they move across Iraq and into Turkey’s southern border regions. Despite extensive discussions inside the Pentagon, US forces have, so far, not attacked the tanker trucks. However, a senior administration official said on Friday ‘that remains an option.’ ...Turkey’s failure to help choke off the oil trade symbolises the magnitude of the challenges facing the White House both in assembling a coalition to counter the Sunni militant group and in starving its lifeblood. The Islamic State’s access to cash is critical to its ability to recruit members, meet its growing payroll of fighters, expand its reach and operate across the territory of two countries. ‘Turkey, in many ways, is a wild card in this coalition equation,’ said Juan Zarate, a senior adviser at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies. ‘It’s a great disappointment: There is a real danger that the effort to degrade and destroy ISIS is at risk,’ Mr Zarate said, referring to the Islamic State. ‘You have a major NATO ally, and it is not clear they are willing and able to cut off flows of funds, fighters and support to ISIS.’” (Barack “I have a pen and a phone” Obama should be able to call up his closest foreign leader friend, Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan, and ask him to close his borders with Syria and Iraq. A good journalist might ask Obama why he has not done so.) [64360, 64361, 64689, 64693]

DailyCaller.com reports, “The Department of Labor coordinated with the White House on whether or not to release hidden portions of former Labor Secretary Hilda Solis’ schedule as Solis battled an FBI investigation into her illegal fundraising for ...Obama. New emails provided to The Daily Caller from the nonprofit legal research firm Cause of Action show the White House thanking the Department of Labor for ‘flagging’ a public information request for ‘withheld’ portions of Solis’ schedule. The White House then

asked for the name of the conservative group making the request—information that Labor officials were eager to give up. As TheDC previously reported, Solis illegally fundraised for the Obama campaign and headlined a Latino-themed Obama fundraiser while on a trip in her official capacity as a Cabinet member, which is forbidden by the Hatch Act.” [64372]

Hillary Clinton visits Iowa for retiring Senator Tom Harkin’s (D-IA) annual steak fry and says, “It is true: I am thinking about it [running for president in 2106.” [64373]

Ann Barnhardt writes, “Are you noticing how the media is conditioning us, and we are being desensitized to the beheadings? [James] Foley was top headline news for an entire 36 hour news cycle. [Steven] Sotloff lasted 6-8 hours. Do you even know the name of the third? It’s Haines. David Haines. And there is another on deck. And you know what? Nobody really cares. *’Cause, you know, beheadings happen, and there’s nothing we can do about it, so there’s no sense getting all worked up about it. Hey! Football!*” Barnhardt suggests, “World War 3 will be completely unlike the two previous World Wars, so don’t expect it to happen like that, because it can’t. Europe, for all intents and purposes, has no standing armies, nor could it muster men, even with conscription. The post-Christian, post-modern man will not fight to defend himself. He is psychologically emasculated and saturated with self-loathing. Further, war will never be formally declared. You will not see the U.K. (whatever is left of it), France, Germany or the U.S. declare war on anyone, ever. That’s all over. For the U.S., that ended with World War 2. You all know that the U.S. never declared war in Korea, Vietnam, or anywhere else since World War 2, right? Additionally, while World War 3 grinds its way forward through time, and as millions upon millions die, the media will continually state that THERE IS NO WAR, and anyone who says that there is a war is just a loon. And the people will nod their heads, and the body count will rise, but it won’t be WAR you understand, because everything’s fine. Kinda like how there’s no inflation. It will be like that. And the body count will far, far surpass the 70 million of World War 2, perhaps by more than an order of magnitude.” [64485]

On September 15 Midland County, Texas Sheriff Gary Painter appears on *Fox & Friends* and tells Elizabeth Hasselbeck, “I received an intelligence report that said that there was [sic; were] ISIS cells that were active in the Juarez area, which is the northern part of the Chihuahua state, and that they were moving around over there, that... there was some activity... and for the sheriffs along the border to be on the alert, for all law enforcement to be on the alert, and to be on the lookout for these people [who] might be trying to come across. ...I’m saying the border is wide open. There is no control on the border, it’s not shut off. There’s places along the Rio Grande you can walk across, there’s no water in it. I worked the border for eight years. I walked back and forth across the Rio Grande; I was in Mexico, I was on this side. I never got challenged. And there’s always a way to get across... I think it’d be naive to say that [ISIS is] not here... We have found Muslim clothing, they have found Qu’ran books that are lying on the side of the trail, so we know that there are Muslims that have come across and are being smuggled into the United States. ...If they show their ugly head in our area, we’ll send them to Hell. And I think the United States needs to get busy. ...I would like for them to hit them so hard and so

often that every time they hear a propeller on a plane or a jet aircraft engine that they urinate down both legs. When you do that then you've accomplished a lot." [64409]

Congressman Jason Chaffetz (R-UT) tells Fox News' Martha MacCallum a State Department employee has come forward to report that Hillary Clinton's chief of staff, Cheryl Mills, and a deputy chief of staff, sorted through Benghazi-related documents in the basement of the State Department to remove items they did not want the Accountability Review Board to see. (The chairman of the review board, former ambassador Thomas Pickering, was selected by Clinton. He has ties to the Council on American-Islamic Relations, and is on the board of George Soros' International Crisis Group. The Accountability Review Board concluded only that some mistakes were made in Benghazi but did not single out anyone for blame, termination, or prosecution—although several State Department employees were placed on *paid* administrative leave. Rush Limbaugh quipped, "Mistakes were made, but nobody made them." Gregory Hicks, former deputy chief of mission in Libya, has testified that he was demoted for asking questions about the events in Benghazi. Hicks also claims he was instructed by Mills not to consent to an interview with Chaffetz.) [39489, 40927, 40929, 40941, 40947, 40948, 40951, 40954, 40980, 41003, 41010, 44709, 44717, 44718, 44725, 44729, 44730, 44783, 44736, 44737, 44739, 44794, 44806, 45056, 45080, 64402, 64424, 64443, 64515, 64560, 64575, 64645]

At DailySignal.com Sharyl Attkisson reveals more details of the document-culling. "According to former Deputy Assistant Secretary Raymond Maxwell," writes Attkisson, "the after-hours session took place over a weekend in a basement operations-type center at State Department headquarters in Washington, D.C. This is the first time Maxwell has publicly come forward with the story. At the time, Maxwell was a leader in the State Department's Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, which was charged with collecting emails and documents relevant to the Benghazi probe. ...Maxwell says the weekend document session was held in the basement of the State Department's Foggy Bottom headquarters in a room underneath the 'jogger's entrance.' He describes it as a large space, outfitted with computers and big screen monitors, intended for emergency planning, and with small offices on the periphery. When he arrived, Maxwell says he observed boxes and stacks of documents. He says a State Department office director, whom Maxwell described as close to Clinton's top advisers, was there." [64366, 64367, 64368, 64375, 64384, 64402, 64424, 64430, 64443, 64515, 64560, 64575, 64645]

"Though the office director technically worked for him, Maxwell [an African-American Obama supporter and donor who became disillusioned with both Obama and Clinton after the Benghazi fiasco] says he wasn't consulted about her weekend assignment. 'She told me, 'Ray, we are to go through these stacks and pull out anything that might put anybody in the [Near Eastern Affairs] front office or the seventh floor in a bad light,' says Maxwell. He says 'seventh floor' was State Department shorthand for then-Secretary of State Clinton and her principal advisers. 'I asked her, 'But isn't that unethical?' She responded, 'Ray, those are our orders.'" A few minutes after he arrived, Maxwell says, he walked two high-ranking State Department officials. ...One was Cheryl Mills, [Hillary] Clinton's chief of staff and a former White House counsel who defended

President Bill Clinton during his impeachment trial. The other... was Deputy Chief of Staff Jake Sullivan, who previously worked on Hillary Clinton's and then Barack Obama's presidential campaigns. ... We contacted Mills and Sullivan to ask about the allegations and the purpose of the described separation of documents, but they did not return calls or emails. We reached out to Clinton, who declined an interview request and offered no comment." (Mills may turn out to be Hillary Clinton's Oliver North. It was Oliver North's office that shredded documents related to the Iran-Contra scandal during the Reagan administration.) [64366, 64367, 64368, 64375, 64384, 64402, 64424, 64430, 64443, 64515, 64560, 64575, 64645]

Maxwell was on the State Department employees placed on administrative leave. He claims he was told, "You are taking this all too personally, Raymond. It is not about you. ... You're not harmed, you're still getting paid. Don't watch TV. Take your wife on a cruise. It's not about you; it's about Hillary and 2016." [64424]

Pamela Geller writes, "[Hillary] Clinton has blood on her hands. She's about as 'presidential' as any other corrupt, philandering politician's wife. Benghazi exposed her to us all. She could have been a hero. She could have stood up for our people. She could have saved lives. Instead, she stood with the jihad force. The same savages she outsourced the consulate security to. 'What difference does it make?' You'll see what difference it makes in 2016. Enough with the Clintons. We have had it." [64402]

At TheAustralian.com French journalist Nicolas Hénin, who had been held captive by "moderate" Syrian rebels but who was released in April, relates his experience with captor Mehdi Nemmouch (also known as Abu Omar), "a French citizen of Algerian origin [who] appeared to take perverse pleasure in describing atrocities he had committed while fighting with Isis (also known as Islamic State). Nemmouche has since gone on trial in Belgium accused of the murder of four people in an attack on the Jewish museum in Brussels in May. 'Do you know what happens when I go into a Shi'ite home?' Hénin recalled Nemmouche asking him one day. 'First, there's the grandmother—I only use one bullet on her, she's not worth more—then the wife. Now things get a bit more interesting; first, I rape her, then I cut her throat.' According to Hénin—who was held for some time with James Foley, an American journalist murdered by Isis—Nemmouche continued: 'Now I'm feeling a bit peckish so I go to the fridge to see what there is to fill my stomach. Then I come to the baby. Ah, a baby! You cannot imagine the pleasure you get from cutting off a baby's head.'" (Obama has been aiding such "moderates"—and seeks \$500 million to assist them even more.) [64353, 64354, 64355, 64562]

In Paris, while meeting with representatives of other nations to assemble a coalition to fight ISIS, Secretary of State John Kerry says, "And the truth is, equally—probably far more important than the military in the end is going to be what countries are able to do to help Iraq to be able to step up and other places, by the way, to step up and start drying up this pool of jihadis who get seduced into believing there's some virtue in crossing into Syria to fight or to join ISIL. And a young nine-year-old kid who goes with his father and his mother and holds up the severed head of someone. I mean, that's just beyond imagination. And what this effort has to do is literally dry up the money, dry up the

foreign fighters, prevent the foreign fighters from going home back to various places to do harm. It has to start major efforts to delegitimize ISIS's claim to some religious foundation for what it's doing and begin to put real Islam out there and draw lines throughout the region. And I think this is a wake-up call with respect to that because every Arab leader there today was talking about this, about real Islam and how important the Friday sermons are and where they need to go. Those are critical components of this strategy. Getting logistics, airlift, putting humanitarian assistance in, flying it in, ammunition, equipment, training, advisers—all of these roles are the totality and you have to be able to describe this in a logistic way—in a holistic way.” [64461, 64462]

Jihad Watch's Robert Spencer comments, “This will be interesting. The Islamic State preaches and practices the same Islam that the Saudis have been spending billions to spread throughout the world for decades. The idea that this vision of Islam is un-Islamic is an absurd politically correct fiction, unsupported by the Qur'an, Muhammad's example, Islamic law, Islamic tradition, and Islamic history. Muslim countries that may join this effort against the Islamic State don't have a different understanding of Islam, they just don't fully implement Islamic law. They may join the coalition for pragmatic reasons: Egypt threw off its Islamic government last year and is still moving against the Muslim Brotherhood, and may see action against the Islamic State as a prudent move to neutralize Islamic supremacists at home, and rapidly re-Islamizing Turkey may want to take out a competitor for the caliphate—which is not to say that either is certain or even likely to join the coalition. The point is that if they do, they will not be able to offer ‘the real Islam’ as an alternative to the Islamic State's version, and will not do so.” [64462]

The United Kingdom's Immigration Minister, James Brokenshire—another government official with his head in the sand—says the beheading of aid worker David Haines has “nothing to do with Islam.” “Faith institutions such as the Al Medina Mosque demonstrate how people are at their best when we work together. It is clear from the many activities and donations from across the UK that many of us feel the plight of the Syrian people. We are also unified in our condemnation of the atrocious acts of brutality which we have seen unfolding in Iraq and Syria. We stand together in condemning terrorism and extremism but also in being clear that these have nothing to do with Islam or any other faith. As the Prime Minister said, the root of these actions lies in a poisonous political ideology that a small minority support. In contrast, Islam is a religion which is observed peacefully and devoutly by more than a billion people.” [64407, 64408]

French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius says ISIS is not “a state or representative of Islam. ...It's a movement so dangerous that all those here today consider it necessary not just to make it retreat, but to make it disappear altogether.” [64410]

Ayatollah Seyed Ali Khamenei tells Iran's state-run television network, “During the days I was at the hospital [undergoing prostate surgery], I had fun listening to the remarks of the US officials on fighting Daesh [ISIS]. ...During the hard days of Daesh's attacks on Iraq, the US ambassador to Iraq demanded [of] our envoy in the country that Iran and the US meet for negotiations and coordination on Daesh. Our ambassador reflected the issue to Iran and although some officials didn't voice opposition, I opposed it and said we will

not cooperate with the Americans in this regard since they have a corrupt intention and stained hands and how could we have cooperation with the Americans under such conditions. ...Now they [U.S. officials] are telling a lie that they won't accept Iran in the coalition because Iran had announced its opposition to its presence in such a coalition since the very beginning. ...The reality is that the Americans are seeking an excuse to do the same actions in Iraq and Syria that they are doing in Pakistan, where they trespass on the country's territory without any permission, despite the existence of a sovereign government and a powerful army, and bomb different parts. The Americans should know that if they do this, the same problems that were created on their way in the past ten years in Iraq will be created for them again." [64394, 64395, 64396]

In Minneapolis, Somali Muslims demand that food banks for the poor provide Halal foods. [64852, 64853, 64858]

The White House withdraws Obama's "in your face" nomination of cop-killer advocate Debo Adegbile for Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights. The Associated Press notes, "[A] bipartisan group of senators blocked his nomination earlier this year because he had sought to get the sentence of a convicted cop killer [Mumia Abu-Jamal] overturned." [64362, 64363, 64365, 64417, 64501, 64502, 64503]

According to a September 4-7 Gallup poll, only 28 percent of Americans trust the legislative branch of government; 43 percent trust the executive branch; and 61 percent trust the judicial branch. A mere 40 percent of Americans trust the mass media to report the news "fully, accurately, and fairly." [64488, 64552, 64566]

Alison Lundergan Grimes, the Democrat candidate for the U.S. Senate in Kentucky who seeks to replace Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY), releases an "I'm not Obama" campaign ad. [64369, 64370, 64371, 64419]

According to an NBC News/Wall Street Journal/Annenberg poll, "68 percent of Americans say they have 'very little' or 'just some' confidence that Obama's goals of degrading and eliminating the threat posed by ISIS will be achieved. Just 28 percent said they had 'a great deal' or 'quite a bit'" of confidence." [64377, 64378]

Carefully avoiding the words "Muslim" and "Islam," Attorney General Eric Holder announces "that the Department of Justice is partnering with the White House, the Department of Homeland Security, and the National Counterterrorism Center to launch a new series of pilot programs in cities across the nation. These programs will bring together community representatives, public safety officials, religious leaders, and United States Attorneys to improve local engagement; to counter violent extremism; and, ultimately, to build a broad network of community partnerships to keep our nation safe." The administration "will work closely with community representatives to develop comprehensive local strategies, to raise awareness about important issues, to share information on best practices, and to expand and improve training in every area of the country. ...We must be both innovative and aggressive in countering violent extremism and combating those who would sow intolerance, division, and hate—not just within our

borders, but with our international partners on a global scale. And we must never lose sight of what violent extremists fear the most: the strength of our communities; our unwavering respect for equality, civil rights, and civil liberties; and our enduring commitment to justice, democracy, and the rule of law.” (Violent extremists likely do not fear those at all. They fear weapons more powerful than their own.) [64380, 64400, 64411]

TheHill.com reports, “The Obama administration announced Monday it will cut off tax subsidies to about 360,000 people if they do not offer proof of their income in the next two weeks. Officials will send final notices this week to individuals who signed up for ObamaCare with income levels that didn’t match government records. The announcement marks the administration’s first move to tackle the politically charged issue of income verification, which has remained a key GOP argument against the healthcare reform law. Those who don’t confirm their income levels could lose their tax credit and face higher premiums and higher deductibles. Nearly 90 percent of the 8 million people who signed up for ObamaCare have received government subsidies. The average consumer pays \$82 per month for a \$346 plan, receiving an average subsidy of \$264.” (If about seven million people each receive an average monthly subsidy of \$264, the taxpayers will be shelling out about \$22 billion per year for someone else’s health insurance. The Congressional Budget Office predicts that the subsidies will increase to about \$134 billion per year by 2023. Before ObamaCare was passed, Obama promised that the program would “pay for itself” and even reduce the annual federal deficit.) [64385, 64432, 64447]

WND.com reports, “Displaced Syrians will likely make up the next big wave of Muslim refugees coming to America. Since the early 1990s, the United Nations high commissioner for refugees has selected more than 200,000 refugees from Islamic countries to be resettled in the United States. Most of them have come from Somalia and Iraq. Syria could soon be added to the mix in the midst of that country’s brutal civil war. The Obama administration has been greasing the skids for the Syrian refugees for months, WND has learned, and the refugees will soon be dumped on American cities throughout the U.S. In February, the State Department moved to ease the rules that protect the U.S. from accepting refugees with potential ties to terrorist organizations. The rules were seen as ‘too strict’ by the refugee-resettlement groups that lobby Congress and the administration to continuously let in more Muslims from the war-torn Middle East. Then on Sept. 4, a U.S. State Department spokeswoman hinted at her daily press briefing that a new wave of refugees will soon be coming from another predominantly Muslim nation—Syria. ‘The United Nations high commissioner for refugees just this year started referring Syrian refugees to the United States for processing,’ said Marie Harf. ‘Obviously, we have several thousand in the pipeline, and that number will continue to go up.’ ...A few local newspaper reports have already surfaced, providing clues as to where some of the Syrian refugees will be delivered. The Winston-Salem Journal carried a report last week that the Triad area of North Carolina could receive some of the refugees. The first Syrian family has already arrived in Greensboro, North Carolina, and is living in a hotel there, according to the Journal. The Cleveland Plain Dealer reported Sept. 10 that the city’s social services were preparing for ‘a flood of refugees’ from Syria and Iraq

later this year. Cleveland, Akron and Columbus, Ohio, have been hotspots in the past for Muslim refugees coming from the Middle East. Once the refugees are relocated to an American city, they are quickly connected to an array of taxpayer-funded social services, including Medicaid, food stamps and subsidized housing. Interpreters and tutors are often provided to help bridge the language gap that refugee children will find in local public schools.” [64386]

At Shoebat.com Ben Barrack asks, “Would the Obama administration blame the Assad regime if ISIS shot at U.S. planes in Syria? Without the help of credible reports—one by Yossef Bodansky and the other by Seymour Hersh—that last year’s chemical attack in Syria was actually caused by Turkey and carried out by rebels so that Obama could declare the ‘red line’ crossed to justify an attack on Assad, it might seem like a far-fetched notion. With those reports, targeting Assad for ISIS’s actions could actually be seen as consistent behavior. ... Obama has established a new red line, not for ISIS but for Assad. That red line is U.S. planes being shot at. There is very strong evidence that the previous red line—chemical weapons—was crossed not by Assad but by Turkey, Qatar, and ISIS in order to blame Assad. It clearly didn’t work because the U.S. is now having to fight ISIS due to events beyond Obama’s control. Players are increasingly desperate. It is curious that Obama would telegraph what the U.S. would do if Assad shot at U.S. planes. There’s no way of knowing if that is meant as a wink and a nod to ISIS but... does ISIS read the New York Times?” [64387, 64388, 64389, 64390, 64391, 64436]

The suggestion is that with the chemical weapons “false flag” operation Obama was given an excuse to take out the Assad regime. But he was afraid to act because of Congressional and public opposition. By now stating—via a *New York Times* report of a meeting with selected journalists before his September 10 speech—that he would act against Assad if his air defenses interfered with U.S. military action against ISIS in Syria, Obama is hinting—“wink, wink”—that if ISIS shot down a U.S. fighter, the blame would be pinned on Assad. Obama would then have a second excuse to move against the Assad regime. The subsequent power vacuum would ultimately be filled by radical Islamists (because Obama’s fight against ISIS will be less than half-hearted) and Obama will get what he wanted all along: a more aggressive anti-Israel government adjacent to the Jewish state. (*The Obama Timeline* believes that Obama has no desire to defeat ISIS, or even any inclination to degrade it. But the beheadings of two American journalists are forcing him to “do something.” Not one to “let a serious crisis to go to waste,” Obama will try to use the ISIS situation to remove Bashar al-Assad from power in Syria. ISIS will then be left for the next administration to handle. The thought that Obama would be scheming with Turkey or others in such a way is bad enough. Worse yet is the thought that Obama would deliberately put the lives of American pilots at risk in order to effectuate his scheme. The appropriate word is treason.) [64387, 64388, 64389, 64390, 64391, 64436, 64523]

AsiaNews.it reports that new Turkish President (formerly Prime Minister) Recep Tayyip Erdogan is now requiring the study of the Qu’ran and Islamic religious education in all school grades. The requirement had previously applied only to grades nine and higher. [64397, 64398, 64399, 64406]

In an interview with Hugh Hewitt, syndicated columnist Charles Krauthammer responds to a question about Obama's mental state: "I decided when I left psychiatry never to use my authority. But let me just say as a layman, without invoking any expertise, Obama is clearly a narcissist in the non-scientific use of the word. He is so self-involved, you see it from his rise. Here's a man who says I don't do theater, you know, I don't do that. Well, his whole run in 2008 was theater, including the Roman, the Greek columns that he had around him at his speech at the convention in Denver. So I think he's extremely self-involved. He sees himself in very world historical terms, which means A) because he's an amateur, he doesn't know very much, and B) because he's a narcissist, he doesn't listen. ...I mean, count the number of times he uses the word '*I*' in any speech, and compare that to any other president. Remember when he announced the killing of bin Laden? That speech I believe had 29 references to I—'on *my* command, *I* ordered, as commander-in-chief, *I* was then told, *I* this.' You'd think he'd pulled the trigger out there in Abbotabad. You know, this is a guy, you look at every one of his speeches, even the way he introduces high officials—'I'd like to introduce *my* Secretary of State. He once referred to '*my* intelligence community.' And in one speech, I no longer remember [which], '*my* military.' For God's sake, he talks like the emperor, Napoleon. ...I mean, he does have this sense of this all being a drama about him, and everybody else is just sort of part of the stage. And that's what's really terrifying. I mean, how can a guy make the statement he made about the beheading, the grisly, cruel beheading of that American, James Foley, then go off to golf. And that's not the worse part of it. Remember what he did on *Meet the Press* when asked about it. He said, 'Yes, I think I would take that one back.' He said, 'I understand the optics were wrong, but I'm not very good at theater.' ...He thinks that not playing golf would have been an act of pretense and theater." [64422, 64423, 64427]

"...The man lives in a cocoon surrounded by sycophants. There's not anyone of independent stature around him. There was in the first term, because he needed them to prop him up. But now that he entered a second term, he's the master of the universe, so there's nobody around him. He is impervious to outside advice, real advice that he takes. Why doesn't he talk to Henry Kissinger? Why doesn't he talk to George Schultz? And [General David] Petraeus was the one who did what we have to do, which is to turn the Sunnis around. He did that in '08 and '09, and Obama then said that he pretended that nothing had happened. No, I don't think Obama can be reached. I think he'll have to come to his own decision. And I think what brought him to his own decision to do anything at all [to fight ISIS] was the switch in public opinion. It was not a switch in strategy. I guarantee you that if we hadn't had the televised beheadings, Obama would never have announced the policy he did." [64422, 64423]

DailyCaller.com reports, "Top Obama administration officials knew just how vulnerable HealthCare.gov was to malicious security breaches when it launched, leaving data at risk to hackers that have already breached the website at least once. According to documents obtained by government oversight nonprofit Judicial Watch, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) officials knew about the depth of HealthCare.gov's security problems but didn't stop to fix them before the launch, as many reports have previously indicated. But while it tried to fix security problems after the website was operating, it

was still focusing on the political ramifications of a successful attack on the website as much as the vulnerability of customers' private information." [64428]

DailyCaller.com also reports, "The CIA's ongoing defiance of congressional authority continued during a closed-door meeting last week after Director John Brennan refused to tell lawmakers who authorized the illegal surveillance of Senate Intelligence Committee computers, which were used to compile a report on the agency's interrogation practices. ...Hours before a closed meeting with Brennan and Director of National Security James Clapper on Tuesday, the committee received written notification that Brennan was refusing to answer questions posed to him by California Democrat and Senate Intelligence Committee Chairwoman Dianne Feinstein." [64429]

On September 16 KNUS talk radio's Peter Boyles (AM 710) interviews the author of *The Obama Timeline*. (Another interview will be conducted on September 30.) [64497, 64498, 64499, 64500, 64878, 64908]

Mufid A. Elfgeeh, a 30-year-old naturalized citizen from Yemen living in Rochester, New York, is charged with attempting to recruit ISIS terrorists and encouraging the shooting of Americans at home. [64586, 64587, 64588]

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Martin Dempsey, testifying before the Senate Armed Services Committee, states, "My view at this point is that this coalition is the appropriate way forward. I believe that will prove true but if it fails to be true and if there are threats to the United States then I of course would go back to [Obama] and make a recommendation that we include the use of U.S. military ground forces. To be clear, if we reach the point where I believe our advisers should accompany Iraqi troops on attacks against specific ISIL targets, I will recommend that to [Obama]. ...And in the case of our contributions in Iraq right now, the airmen... are very much in a combat role. The folks on the ground are very much in a combat advisory role. They are not participating in direct combat. There is no intention for them to do so." (The hearing is temporarily interrupted by anti-war protestors from the Code Pink organization.) [64420, 64425, 64426, 64444, 64504, 64508]

Dempsey also suggests building a coalition of Arab states to fight ISIS will not be easy because some of them are funding those terrorists. He says, "I know major Arab allies who fund them." (The unstated states include Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and Turkey.) [64489, 64490]

Armed Services Committee member Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) says, "When I go home to West Virginia... people say, what do you expect to be different [now] than what you've done in that region of the world for 13 years? If money or military might hasn't changed it, what makes you think you can change it now? ...Our past performance for 13 years in that region hasn't given us the results. We took out Saddam [Hussein]; we thought that would change. Iraq's in worse shape. We take out [Moammar] Gaddafi, we thought that would change. It got so bad in Libya, we've had to pull out our own embassy and our people in our embassy. These barbaric dictators are unbelievable. But it seems

like that's what rules it—if it's not one, it will be another. ...[A]s long as [Syrian President Bashar al-Assad is] able to remain there, he's fighting the same people that we're asking people to train to fight—and we're going to spend \$500 million. It makes no sense to me, and I can't sell it [to my constituents]. You can't sell this stuff. And no one believes the outcome will be any different.” (Training 5,000 Syrians to fight ISIS, at a cost of \$500 million, comes out to \$100,000 per fighter. Little of that money will go to the fighters themselves, *and there is no guarantee that they will be successful in degrading ISIS, let alone defeating it.* For only \$300 million Obama could offer a \$10,000 bounty for every dead ISIS terrorist. The war would be over in two weeks.) [64510, 64697]

During a session of the United Nations Human Rights Council, Russian ambassador Alexey Borodavkin says, “The Free Syrian Army no longer exists. Armed groups [in Syria] qualified as ‘moderate’ are closely coordinating their activities with terrorist groups. ...It's clearer than ever that the real threat to Syrian statehood and the whole region is the activity of terrorist groups. I'd like to remind you that Russia right from the beginning suggested that we unite the efforts of the international community, the Syrian authorities and the moderate opposition to combat jihadists. If we had been heard at the time, the spread of this cancerous tumor could have been stopped. Now, regrettably, we must admit that our worst scenarios have materialized: the Islamic State [ISIS] has seized a third of the country's territory, have proclaimed the Syrian city of Raqqa as a capital of their ‘caliphate’ and is committing heinous crimes. This is supplemented by violent raging of other terrorist groups.” [64509]

Katie Pavlich reports at Townhall.com, “[A] new report from the Government Accountability Office shows that Obamacare does in fact force taxpayers to foot the bill for abortion services by simply ignoring strict regulations and laws put in place to prohibit subsidization. The report shows more than 1000 Obamacare insurance plans in different states do not separate funding for abortion services from coverage as required by law.” (In 2009 Obama promised, “Under our plan, no federal dollars will be used to fund abortions.”) Susan B. Anthony List president Marjorie Dannenfelser responds, “Today's report is confirmation that ObamaCare is a massive expansion of abortion on demand, paid for by the taxpayers. ObamaCare breaks from the long tradition of the Hyde Amendment, which has prevented taxpayer funding of abortion with broad public support, and was not included in the law. Shame on Senators like Mary Landrieu [D-LA], Mark Pryor [D-AR], and Kay Hagan [D-NC]—all of whom come from strong pro-life states and voted for taxpayer funding of abortion in ObamaCare. The GAO report is damning evidence that they betrayed their constituents in casting a vote for the largest expansion of taxpayer funding of abortion on demand since Roe [*Roe v. Wade*]. The No Taxpayer Funding of Abortion Act gives these Senators a prime opportunity to right a grave wrong, but they continue to stand with [Senate Majority Leader] Harry Reid [D-NV] and the abortion lobby instead of their constituents by blocking a vote on it.” [64421, 64437, 64448]

PreferredOne Health Insurance notifies the Minnesota Department of Commerce it will not be participating in the state's ObamaCare exchange, MNsure, in 2015. (According to

KSTP.com, PreferredOne has “the lowest rates and the most customers [59 percent] signed up through MNsure.” The company calls participation in the ObamaCare exchange “not administratively and financially sustainable.” (As an example, the company could not even rely on the system to ensure that applicants were even from Minnesota.) Some 30,000 customers will have to shop for new, and possibly more expensive, health insurance. (The many problems with MNsure may cause Democrat Governor Mark Dayton to lose his bid for reelection.) [64553, 64554, 64555]

Speaking at the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia, Obama announces he will send 3,000 U.S. troops to West Africa to help fight the Ebola virus outbreak. He says, “If the outbreak is not stopped now, we could be looking at hundreds of thousands of people infected, with profound political and economic and security implications for all of us. ... We have to act fast; we can’t dawdle on this one. ... [T]his is a global threat, and it demands a truly global response.” According to USA Today.com, “The total cost of the administration’s Ebola program is estimated at \$763 million over six months, officials said, including \$175 million that has already been dedicated to fight the disease that has claimed more than 2,400 lives in Africa.” *The New York Times* reports that Obama “will go beyond the 25-bed portable hospital that Pentagon officials said they would establish in Liberia, one of the three West African countries ravaged by the disease, officials said. Mr. Obama will offer help to President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf of Liberia in the construction of as many as 17 Ebola treatment centers in the region, with about 1,700 treatment beds.” (PhilosophyofMetrics.com suggests, “You can literally superimpose one map [of oil discoveries in West Africa] over the other [of Ebola outbreaks] and conclude that the mobilization of 3000 American troops to West Africa has more to do with securing the offshore oil resources than it does the Ebola outbreak.”) [64433, 64434, 64435, 64439, 64440, 64442, 64445, 64465, 64473, 64507, 64576, 64691, 64692]

At Examiner.com Jim Kouri notes that Obama “failed to mention steps being taken to protect the homeland from what some claim is a highly contagious, blood borne pathogen that continues to mutate. A terrorist state such as Iran or the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (North Korea) is capable of turning deadly and contagious Ebola into a weapon of mass destruction (WMD), a federal health expert noted during his testimony before U.S. senators also on Tuesday.” [64453]

Breitbart.com reports, “Illinois has had the worst recovery from the recession of any state in the country, the Illinois Policy Institute reported this month: ‘There are nearly 300,000 fewer Illinoisans working today than in January 2008, and 170,000 fewer payroll jobs.’ ‘For every post-recession job created in Illinois, nearly two people have enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), commonly known as food stamps,’ the Institute wrote. ‘In the recession era, the number of Illinoisans dependent on food stamps has risen by 745,000.’ ... Illinois consistently falls in the lowest ranks of nearly every metric that denotes a successful state. Only last week a new report showed that Illinois had more home foreclosures than any other state. In July it was reported that Illinois had the worst private sector job creation of every state in the great Midwest.” [64441, 64463]

At the daily press briefing, White House press secretary Josh Earnest tells reporters Obama's coalition against ISIS is "coming together very nicely. ... There are no specific public commitments for me to make from here right now, but I do anticipate that based on the favorable response that Secretary [of State John] Kerry and others are receiving from our allies in these discussions, that we will at some point be able to announce important commitments from our allies and from regional governments—who, as we've said before, in some ways have an even greater stake in the outcome of this conflict than we do. ... When we are in a position to be more specific about the commitments that we've received from our allies and other interested regional governments, then we will do that." (In other words, "It isn't much of a coalition yet.") [64449]

Newsmax.com reports, "An Islamic State (ISIS) magazine called Dabiq has warned that the United States and other Western 'crusaders' are facing Armageddon at the hands of the terror group's fighters. The publication is packed with disturbing pictures of bloody corpses, bombed-out buildings and knife-wielding jihadists, while one issue even has a section devoted to the beheading of American journalist James Foley... Filled with snazzy graphics and printed in English and other languages, the magazine is being used as a recruitment tool by the terror insurgents to enlist and radicalize foreigners around the world." [64450]

The Telegraph reports, "Pope Francis is at risk of an assassination attempt by the Islamic extremists of Isil [ISIS], the Vatican has been warned, ahead of his first visit to a Muslim-majority country this weekend. As the 77-year-old pontiff prepares to travel to Albania on Sunday for a one-day visit, Iraq's ambassador to the Holy See said there were credible threats against the pontiff's life. The leader of the Roman Catholic Church could also be vulnerable when he travels to Turkey in November, the ambassador said. Jihadists from Isil have in recent weeks boasted of wanting to extend their caliphate to Rome, the heart of Western Christendom, and have talked of planting the jihadist black flag on top of St Peter's Basilica. Habeeb Al Sadr said there were also indications of a more specific threat against Pope Francis, who recently spoke out in favour of the US and its allies halting the advance of Isil in Syria and Iraq." [64451, 64537]

FoxNews.com reports, "More coal-fired power plants will close because of environmental regulations and competition from other energy sources than previously thought, according to federal watchdogs. A Government Accountability Office report said 13 percent of coal-fired generation will come offline in 2025, compared with a 2012 estimate that ranged between 2 and 12 percent. The report said that raises concerns about having enough electricity supply to meet demand in certain situations, potentially increasing instances of blackouts." [64452]

Vocativ.com reports, "Members of ISIS forums are encouraging 'lone wolf' bomb attacks in some of America's most high-profile tourist locations: New York, Las Vegas and Texas. A post in an ISIS message board, created three weeks ago and resurfaced in the last 24 hours with renewed urgency, includes a comprehensive guide to building pipe bombs using easily obtained materials like match heads, sugar and Christmas lights. Titled 'To the Lone Wolves in America: How to Make a Bomb in Your Kitchen, to

Create Scenes of Horror in Tourist Spots and Other Targets,’ the post suggests attacking Times Square and Las Vegas in particular, but also says tourist sites in Texas and metro stations throughout the U.S. would make good targets.” [64455, 64456, 64457, 64458]

International Business Times reports, “Turkish PM [Prime Minister] Recep Tayyip Erdogan has said that Ankara would welcome seven top Muslim Brotherhood (MB) figures who are being forced to leave Qatar after heavy pressure from Gulf countries. In a press meeting with journalists after returning from an official trip to the Arab country, Erdogan said the Islamist leaders can come to Turkey like any other foreign visitor, if they wish to do so. Turkey’s ruling moderate Islamist AK Party backed the Muslim Brotherhood after Egypt’s army ousted president Mohamed Morsi from office in July 2013. ... Qatar asked the senior MB operatives, including secretary-general Mahmoud Hussein, to exit the country in a move that could ease the regional fight over the Gulf kingdom’s harbouring of Islamist fugitives. Since Egypt’s military coup and subsequent outlawing of the MB and its inclusion in the country’s terror list, Qatar sheltered many of the organisation’s members and called for the reinstatement of Morsi, who was democratically elected. However, other Gulf nations such as Saudi Arabia and UAE took Egypt’s side and publicly voiced their support for new president Abdel Fattah al-Sisi.” [64459, 64460]

According to the Media Research Center, during the period of January 1, 2006 through August 31, 2006, there were 124 network evening news reports on George W. Bush’s declining poll numbers. During the period of January 1, 2014 through August 31, 2014, there were a mere nine reports about Obama’s declining poll numbers. (On September 11 Obama’s approval rating fell to a record low 38 percent in the Gallup poll, something ABC, CBS, and NBC believed was not worth mentioning in their evening news broadcasts.) [64469, 64470, 64487]

In an interview with DailySignal.com, Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal calls Obama “incompetent” and “ideologically extreme.” He says Obama “needs to secure our border. We don’t need a comprehensive bill; we don’t need him citing excuse; it’s past time for him to secure the border.” “We can have affordable energy if this administration gets out of the way. [But] The [political] left wants energy to be scarce; they want energy to be expensive.” Jindal argues that Obama “is trying to change the definition of the American dream, trying to make us more dependent on government, trying to really create a larger, more intrusive federal government than we’ve ever had before, trying in many ways to make us look more like Europe.” [64480]

According to WashingtonTimes.com, “The Obama administration quietly has been forcing new gun buyers to declare their race and ethnicity, a policy change that critics say provides little law enforcement value while creating the risk of privacy intrusions and racial profiling. With little fanfare, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) in 2012 amended its Form 4473—the transactional record the government requires gun purchasers and sellers to fill out when buying a firearm—to identify buyers as either Hispanic, Latino or not. Then a buyer must check his or her race: Indian, Asian, black, Pacific Islander or white. The amendment is causing a headache for

gun retailers, as each box needs to be checked off or else it's an ATF violation—severe enough for the government to shut a business down. Many times people skip over the Hispanic/Latino box and only check their race, or vice versa—both of which are federal errors that can be held against the dealer. Requiring the race and ethnic information of gun buyers is not required by federal law and provides little law enforcement value, legal experts say. And gun industry officials worry about how the information is being used and whether it constitutes an unnecessary intrusion on privacy.” [64484]

The Census Bureau reports, “Median household income was \$51,939 in 2013, not statistically different in real terms from the 2012 median. This is the second consecutive year that the annual change was not statistically significant, following two consecutive years of annual declines in median household income. In 2013, real median household income was 8.0 percent lower than in 2007, the year before the most recent recession, and 8.7 percent lower than the median household income peak (\$56,895) that occurred in 1999.” (The income of the average American family is not keeping pace with inflation.) [64539]

The Census Bureau also reports, “The 2013 real median earnings of men (\$50,033) and women (\$39,157) who worked full time, year round were not statistically different from their respective 2012 medians. The 2013 female-to-male earnings ratio was 0.78, not statistically different from the 2012 ratio.” At DailySignal.com Rachel Greszler writes, “But does this mean that a woman who performs the exact same job as a man gets paid 22 cents less on the dollar? Of course not. If companies behaved that way, they would face lawsuits. Their profits would also suffer: underpaid women would jump ship to competitors and overpaid men would drive up costs and reduce companies’ competitiveness. The pay gap results from the *choices* women make. Once factors such as career choice, education and experience, hours and work schedules, and career interruptions are taken into account, the so-called pay gap falls to about 5 cents. Other factors, such as the cost of fringe benefits, likely explain some or all of the remaining gap.” As an example, “[W]omen make up 75 percent of all federal social workers but only 17 percent of all federal engineers. However, federal social workers make an average of \$79,569, while federal engineers make an average of \$117,894.” (Social workers are not paid less than engineers because they are women; they are paid less because engineers are worth more than social workers and are in greater demand. Female engineers earn more than male social workers *because of what they do, not because of their gender*. No one is forcing young women to choose careers in social work over engineering. It is simply an issue of supply and demand.) [64538, 64539]

In a speech to the Legal Services Corporation, gaffe-prone Vice President Joe Biden, noting the financial problems faced by the families of U.S. troops deployed overseas, says, “I mean, these Shylocks who took advantage of these women and men while overseas...” (Yahoo News points out that “Shylock, the villain in Shakespeare’s ‘The Merchant of Venice,’ is a Jewish moneylender who mercilessly demands a ‘pound of flesh’ from the merchant who defaults on a loan.” Anti-Defamation League National Director Abraham Foxman states, “Shylock represents the medieval stereotype about

Jews and remains an offensive characterization to this day. The Vice President should have been more careful.”) [64493, 64494, 64495, 64496, 64614]

On September 17 the White House commemorates Constitution Day by tweeting a photo of Obama giving a speech. (Whether any of Obama’s White House staffers have ever heard of James Madison is not known.) [64476, 64477]

The left-leaning Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals “dishonors” Constitution Day by refusing to hear a case involving four California high school students who were sent home because they wore American flag T-shirts on “Cinco de Mayo.” DailyCaller.com notes, “The trouble dates back to Cinco de Mayo (May 5) in 2010, when officials at Live Oak High—a school with a predominant Mexican-American student body—forced the students to remove their American flag-festooned shirts. Administrators called the shirts ‘incendiary’ and worried that fighting would break out between white and Latino students if Latino students noticed the shirts. So, assistant principal Miguel Rodriguez told the students to turn their shirts inside out or leave school. Students of Mexican heritage told local media that the students who wore American flag T-shirts should apologize. They said ethnically Mexican students wouldn’t wear a Mexican flag on the Fourth of July (not a school day, but never mind). ...In the previous three-judge ruling, the Ninth Circuit held that school officials have wide latitude to limit freedom of expression.” [64579]

Retired Commander Charles F. Kerchner (*Kerchner v. Obama*) commemorates Constitution Day by posting evidence that the term “natural born citizen” was understood by the nation’s Founding Fathers to mean born on U.S. soil to U.S. citizen parents. Kerchner writes, “Many of the founders and framers had a fear of foreign influence on the person who would in the future be President of the United States since this particular office was singularly and uniquely powerful under the proposed new Constitution. The President was also to be the Commander in Chief of the military. This fear of foreign influence on a future President and Commander in Chief was particularly strongly felt by John Jay, who later became the first Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. He felt so strongly about the issue of potential foreign influence that he took it upon himself to draft a letter to General George Washington, the presiding officer of the Constitutional Convention, recommending/hinting that the framers should strengthen the Citizenship requirements. John Jay was an avid reader and proponent of natural law and particularly Vattel’s codification of Natural Law and the Law of Nations. In his letter to Washington he said that the Citizenship requirement for the office of the commander of our armies should contain a ‘strong check’ against foreign influence and he recommended to Washington that the command of the military be open only to a ‘natural born Citizen.’ Thus Jay did not agree that simply being a ‘born Citizen’ or ‘born a Citizen’ was sufficient enough protection from foreign influence in the singular most powerful office in the new form of government. He wanted another adjective added to the eligibility clause, i.e., ‘natural.’ And that word natural goes to the Citizenship status of one’s parents, both of them, when their child is born, as per natural law. ...General Washington passed on the recommendation from Jay to the convention and it was adopted in the final draft and was accepted adding the adjective ‘natural’ making it ‘natural born Citizen of

the United States' for future Presidents and Commanders in Chief of the military, rather than Hamilton's proposed 'born a Citizen.'" [64511, 64512, 64524]

On CBS's *This Morning*, former Secretary of Defense Robert Gates says ground troops will be needed to defeat ISIS: "The reality is, they're not gonna [sic] be able to be successful against ISIS strictly from the air, or strictly depending on the Iraqi forces, or the Peshmerga, or the Sunni tribes acting on their own. So there will be boots on the ground if there's to be any hope of success in the strategy. And I think that by continuing to repeat that [U.S. won't commit combat troops], [Obama], in effect, traps himself. ...I'm also concerned that the goal has been stated as degrade and destroy, or degrade and defeat ISIS. We've been at war with al-Qaeda for 13 years. We have dealt them some terrible blows including the killing of Osama bin Laden. But I don't think anybody would say that after 13 years we've destroyed or defeated al-Qaeda. And so I think to promise that we're going to destroy ISIS, or ISIL, sets a goal that may be unattainable, as opposed to devastating it, or whereas the vice president would put it, 'following 'em to the gates of hell,' and dealing them terrible blows that prevent them from holding territory. Those are probably realistic goals." [64492, 64517]

NYTimes.com reports, "Insurgents of all stripes, except for the Islamic State [ISIS] group, say the Syrian government appears to be stepping up its attacks on them ahead of the threatened American air campaign. Pro-government and antigovernment analysts say [President Bashar al-] Assad has an interest in eliminating the more moderate rebels, to make sure his forces are the only ones left to benefit on the ground from any weakening of the Islamic State, also known as ISIS. Mr. Assad has maintained from the start of the conflict that he and his allies are the only force in Syria capable of battling the extremists effectively. But Islamic State activists in Homs said on Wednesday that there had been no recent government airstrikes against the group, adding to opposition suspicions that Mr. Assad prefers to focus on attacking his other opponents while letting the Islamic State's unchecked brutality argue the case to Syria and the world that his rule is the best alternative." At Shoebat.com Ben Barrack writes, "Another potential consequence here is that if ISIS is on the sidelines, we should get to see the Assad v. 'moderate' rebels fight that the pseudo-intellectuals in Congress say will go to the FSA [Free Syrian Army] if they're armed. That being said, if the 'moderate' rebels who aren't destroyed are driven into the arms of ISIS, the U.S. could end up on the side of ISIS in a proxy war. Can't you just hear the [John] McCainiacs now if that happens? We'll be told the reason the 'moderate' rebels were defeated is because Assad destroyed them. Wouldn't that prove that Assad is the better option to defeat ISIS?" [64644]

The House Select Committee on Benghazi holds its first public hearing. Assistant Secretary for Diplomatic Security Greg Starr, Chairman of the Independent Panel on Best Practices Mark J. Sullivan, and former Homeland Security Assistant Secretary for Infrastructure Protection Todd Keil testify." When asked by committee chairman Trey Gowdy (R-SC) why then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton did not take active responsibility for the security of diplomatic facilities abroad, even though that had been recommended by an accountability review board after the 1998 embassy bombings in Kenya and Tanzania, Starr responds, "No comment, sir." (Fox News covers about 40

minutes of the hearing. CNN, MSNBC, ABC, CBS, and NBC barely mention the proceedings.) [64466, 64471, 64483, 64491, 64514, 64516, 64519, 64543, 64545, 64546, 64577]

In another House hearing, Congressman Jason Chaffetz (R-UT) addresses Department of Homeland Security (DHS) head Jeh Johnson: “My concern is that the—I have reason to believe that on September 10th there were actually four individuals trying to cross through the Texas border, who were apprehended at two different stations, that do have ties to known terrorist organizations in the Middle East. Are you not aware of that?” Johnson responds, “I’ve heard reports to that effect. I don’t know the accuracy of the reports or how much credence to give them. But I’ve heard reports to that effect.” Chaffetz: “And I guess that’s my concern is, you as a secretary, does that information rise to the level of the secretary?” Chaffetz notes that 466,000 people have been captured crossing the border over the last 351 days, and DHS says 157,000 people got away. Those who were captured came from 143 different countries, including Syria, Iraq and Iran. [64547, 64548, 64626, 64650, 64651]

Secretary of State John Kerry tells the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that the Obama administration does not need permission from Congress to take military action against ISIS in Syria because “good lawyers within the White House, within the State Department, who have examined this extremely closely, have come to the conclusion across the board that the 2001 AUMF [Authorization to Use Military Force] ... includes al-Qaeda. It’s always been interpreted as including al-Qaeda and al-Qaeda, al-Qaeda and associated forces. That is the language, al-Qaeda and associated forces. Now, al Qaeda—ISIL began as al Qaeda.” (More than a few legal scholars have argued that the 2001 AUMF most certainly does not authorize Obama to against an entity that did not exist in 13 years ago. The 2001 AUMF reads, “The president is authorized to use all necessary and appropriate force against those nations, organizations, or persons he determines planned, authorized, committed, or aided the terrorist attacks that occurred on Sept. 11, 2001, or harbored such organizations or persons, in order to prevent any future acts of international terrorism against the United States by such nations, organizations or persons.”) Senator Bob Menendez (D-NJ) responds, “I appreciate your ability as a former prosecutor and a gifted attorney to try to make the case. [But] I will tell you that, at least from the chair’s perspective, you’re going to need a new AUMF.” Kerry replies, “...And we welcome, we would like Congress, please, do this. We want that to happen. We’re not going to make our actions dependent on it happening, but we will work with you as close as we can and should in order to tailor an AUMF going forward and we look forward to that opportunity.” (In other words, “ Obama will do what he damn well pleases whether you like it or not.”) [64565, 64571, 64578]

Senator Bob Corker (R-TN) tells Kerry, “I just want to say, as I’ve said to you, personally, we have three [former] senators, [Obama], vice president [Joe Biden], secretary of state [John Kerry] that are exercising terrible judgment right now. And to say that you’re going to do this regardless of what we say, you’re not going to ask for buy-in by the United States Senate or House of Representatives on behalf of the American people in a conflict that you say is going to be multi-year—some people say a decade—

taking us into another country with a different enemy is exercising the worst judgment possible. And so I've said this to you as strongly as I can personally. That's in essence what you're saying to the chairman right now, saying if Congress wants to play a constructive role, we would welcome that—to me, is a political game. And I'm disappointed that you as secretary of state, after being chairman of this committee, after espousing the views that you have espoused in the past, out of convenience in parsing legal words, would make the statement you just made..." [64565]

Corker asks Kerry, "What Arab Sunni nation is going to have a ground force in Syria? What Arab Sunni country is gonna be flying in and bombing and doing missile raids with an Arab insignia on the side of the plane? Tell me that." Kerry replies, "At this moment, no country has been asked to put boots on the ground nor no country is talking of it, and we don't think it's a good idea right now. So there's no discussion of that at this moment. ...The bottom line is, we will not be successful with a military campaign alone, and we know it, nor are we asking every country to play a military role. We don't need every country to engage in that kind of military action, and frankly, we're not asking them, and we don't want every country to do that." (In other words, few if any nations are volunteering to put "boots on the ground.") Corker also says, "Do you realize how unserious the things that you have laid out and the things that were laid out yesterday sound, when you're discussing training 5,000... [Syrian] doctors and dentists and others in Saudi Arabia over a year. I don't know whether they're being trained for offensive or defensive [purposes]. ...We have a strong sense that our army, our military leaders, have urged you to put special forces on the ground. But, no, we're not going to do that. So, this doesn't even seem serious. It seems like a—it seems like a political answer to the United States as they cry out about this uncivilized activity. But it doesn't seem real to me. ...So I'll just close with this. I'm disappointed. I was disappointed in the briefing we had last week. I do want us to deal with this in an effective way. You've not laid it out in a way that meets that test. I hope when we come back, and before you've put people in harm's way unnecessarily, you have a plan that achieves the end that you just laid out. But we know right now, that's not where you are..." [64568, 64613]

A defensive Kerry responds, "I really find it somewhat surprising for you to suggest that as [Obama] talks to the nation and commits to take [air] strikes in order to deal with ISIL, as we have come back from a week of very serious meetings with nations around the world, all of whom are committed to this, that you sit there and suggest that it's not serious. Let me just tell you something, point-blank. The moderate opposition in Syria has, in fact, been fighting ISIL for the last two years... but they require our support. ...And as ISIS [ISIS/ISIL] has had success, they've used social media and they've appealed to grow their numbers to greater fighters. As they have now suddenly been put on their heels and as the United States and other countries do seriously commit to this endeavor—and believe me, what we're doing is serious—then, if success begins to turn and move towards the Free Syrian Army and the moderate opposition, I believe you'll see greater numbers of recruits [to the moderate opposition]. That's why [Obama] is asking for that open training... in order to try to build that up as fast as possible." (On the one hand Kerry warns that ISIS/ISIL is rapidly expanding its numbers and is a threat, but rather than respond to that threat with immediate military action he wants a few thousand

Syrians to be trained in Saudi Arabia for a year. How large will the ISIS army grow while those few thousand troops are being “vetted” and trained?) [64568]

While Kerry declares that ISIS has “suddenly been out on their heels [sic; set on their heels],” TimesofIsrael.com reports that it has seized 16 Syrian Kurdish villages. According to AFP, “A monitoring group said Islamic State fighters had seized a string of villages as they closed in on Syria’s third-largest Kurdish town of Ain al-Arab. ‘In the past 24 hours, IS fighters have launched a huge offensive and seized at least 16 villages to the east and west of Kobane,’ said Syrian Observatory for Human Rights head Rami Abdel Rahman, using the Kurdish name for Ain al-Arab. ‘The IS is using heavy weaponry, its artillery and tanks,’ he said, adding that thousands of Kurdish fighters defending the town on the Turkish border were being encircled.” [64599, 64600]

Katie Pavlich reports at Townhall.com, “Back in July after a long FOIA lawsuit from government watchdog Judicial Watch, a federal judge ordered the Department of Justice to produce a detailed list or Vaughn Index of documents being withheld from Congress and the American people under ...Obama’s executive privilege claim. A month later in August, a federal judge ordered DOJ to turn over a privilege log of withheld documents to the House Oversight Committee. Both orders were to be completed by October 1. Now, Attorney General Eric Holder is asking a federal judge to delay (again) an order requiring him to turn over thousands of [Operation] Fast and Furious documents, not just a detailed list.” According to Politico, “In a new court filing Monday night, Justice Department lawyers asked U.S. District Court Judge Amy Berman Jackson not to require Holder to turn over any of the roughly 64,000 pages of documents to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee until after her rulings can be appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. ...Jackson has previously denied DOJ permission to file an immediate appeal, although lawyers for Holder indicated in the new filing... that they may do so anyway. Any appeal is likely to take months and perhaps more than a year to resolve. If that process does not begin until Jackson rules definitively on the executive privilege claim ...Obama has made for many of the documents, the timeline for the case being resolved could begin to approach the end of the Obama administration.” (In other words, Obama and Holder are continuing their stall tactics, hoping to run out the clock.) [64467, 64551]

Pavlich also reports, “After a long six year court battle with the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms, Special Agent and whistleblower Jay says he has been vindicated after Federal Judge Francis Allegra ruled in his favor late Tuesday. Dobyms, who infiltrated the dangerous and deadly Hells Angels gang as an undercover agent years ago, brought a lawsuit against the Bureau after supervisors ignored death threats to his family, which included plans to murder him either with a bullet or by injecting him with the AIDS virus, kidnapping and torturing his then 15-year-old daughter and kidnapping his wife in order to videotape a gang rape of her. Contracts were solicited between the Hells Angels, the Aryan Brotherhood and the MS-13 gang to carry out these threats, which were laid out in prison letters and confirmed through FBI and ATF interviews of confidential informants inside numerous detention centers. In 2008, his Tucson home was burned to the ground. When the fire was started, his wife and children were inside.

Luckily, they escaped. Instead of investigating, ATF supervisors accused Dobyns of being the arsonist. ...In the courts view, the evidence showed that [the agency] knew that Agent Dobyns was not responsible for the fire, and still allowed him to be treated as a suspect as a form of payback.” (Although Dobyns’ charges of agency corruption and the retaliation took place prior to Operation Fast and Furious, the agents he exposed were later involved in that operation.) [64468, 64486, 64902]

At MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Florida, Obama tells troops, “We support you. We’re proud of you. We stand in awe of your skill and your service,” but he also says, “I will not commit you and the rest of our armed forces to fighting another ground war in Iraq.” (Obama recognizes their skills, but will not let them use them for their intended purpose: combatting America’s enemies. Instead, he will send them to West Africa and expose them to the Ebola virus, against which their weapons will do nothing.) [64474, 64475, 64513, 64528, 64534]

Putting himself in “blame Bush” mode, Obama says, “And the one thing we have learned is, is that when we do things alone and the countries—the people of those countries aren’t doing it for themselves, as soon as we leave we start getting into the same problems.” (Obama is implying that Bush was a “cowboy” who acted unilaterally in Iraq—when of course he did not—and that ISIS would never have existed had the United States not gone into Iraq in the first place.) “So we’ve got to do things differently. This is why we’ve spent the past several weeks building a coalition to aid in these efforts.” (Obama is implying that Bush had no coalition—even though he had 48 countries involved in the Iraq war.) “And because we’re leading in the right way, more nations are joining us.” (Obama is suggesting that Bush did it “the wrong way.”) “Overall, more than 40 countries so far have offered assistance to the broad campaign against ISIL. Some nations will assist from the air—and already France and the United Kingdom are flying with us over Iraq, with others committed to join this effort. Some nations will help us support the forces fighting these terrorists on the ground. And already Saudi Arabia has agreed to host our efforts to train and equip Syrian opposition forces.” (WhiteHouseDossier.com comments, “Saudi Arabia is giving us...real estate? The Germans, whose safety our troops ensure every day in Europe, is training people to jump out of airplanes? That’s it? What does ‘flying with us’ mean? Is the UK going to drop any bombs, or are they just looking out for flocks of migrating birds? Australia and Canada will send military advisors to Iraq. German paratroopers will offer training. Other nations have helped resupply arms and equipment to forces in Iraq, including the Kurdish Peshmerga [sic; Peshmerga].” [64933]

Politico reports, “Democratic National Committee Chair Debbie Wasserman Schultz [D-FL] is in a behind-the-scenes struggle with the White House, congressional Democrats and Washington insiders who have lost confidence in her as both a unifying leader and reliable party spokesperson at a time when they need her most. Long-simmering doubts about her have reached a peak after two recent public flubs: criticizing the White House’s handling of the border crisis and comparing the tea party to wife beaters. ... ‘I guess the best way to describe it is, it’s not that she’s losing a duel anywhere, it’s that she seems to keep shooting herself in the foot before she even gets the gun out of the holster,’ said

[ambulance-chasing attorney] John Morgan, a major donor in Wasserman Schultz’s home state of Florida.” Wasserman Schultz’s political action committee is called “DWS,” which she claims “stands for Democrats Win Seats,” rather than “Debbie Wasserman Schultz.” [64478, 64479, 64540, 64544, 64572, 64638]

By a vote of 273-156 the House of Representatives approves a \$500 million plan to equip and train Syrian rebels to aid in their fight against President Bashar al-Assad and ISIS. TheHill.com reports, “The ‘yes’ vote was made up of 159 Republicans and 114 Democrats; opposition was just as bipartisan, with 85 Democrats and 71 Republicans voting no.” (Pamela Geller writes, “Obama wants to send the Free Syrian Army into combat, with US arms, against the Islamic State. The problem with this is that it has been abundantly documented that the Free Syrian Army is collaborating with the Islamic State. They also have the same goal: a Sunni Sharia state in Syria. So Obama’s policy is futile and incoherent. ...Why the Republicans signed on to this is beyond me. This is Obama’s abortion. We should be backing the Kurds who established an independent state and the religious minorities who are being oppressed and slaughtered by jihadists. Who is Obama going to arm—‘moderate al Qaeda?’ Mark my words—these arms and these ‘moderates’ will be in the employ of the Islamic State in short order.”) [64506, 64527, 64528, 64533, 64557, 64561]

By a vote of 319-108 the House passes a \$1 trillion continuing resolution to keep the government operating after the fiscal year ends on September 30. [64564]

Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) states, “I do not support arming the rebels in Syria, because the administration has presented no coherent plan for distinguishing the good guys from the bad guys. Every time I have pressed the administration in both open hearings and classified hearings, as to how they would distinguish the good guys from the bad guys, the administration has failed to have an answer that makes any sense.” [64557, 64558]

CNN’s Jake Tapper reports, “A letter issued Wednesday by a top leader of the Free Syrian Army makes it clear that its fighters intend to use U.S. aid to fight not only ISIS but the forces of Bashar al-Assad, regardless of a reluctance by the Obama administration to publicly acknowledge that fact. The letter—issued as Congress began voting on aid and assistance to the rebels—affirms ‘the Free Syrian Army’s continued commitment to removing the twin terrorists Bashar al-Assad and Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi from Syrian soil,’ and directly calls upon the U.S. Congress to help them accomplish that task.” HotAir.com writes, “Serious question: Is this part of Obama’s plan or a deviation from it? Officially, the mission is about stopping ISIS. Officially, it’s also the policy of the United States that Assad must go, a pronouncement issued by President Redlines back in the day when sarin was our big worry in Syria. Now, though, knocking out Assad would be counterintuitive [sic; counterintuitive]. No one on the battlefield, in theory, has a stronger incentive to liquidate ISIS than he does. No one knows ISIS’s Syrian strongholds better than his troops do. If, as everyone expects, our plan to train the ‘moderates’ is destined to fail pitifully, Assad’s infantry may be the last best hope of finishing ISIS off on the ground. ...So yeah, the Free Syrian Army is going to end up fighting ISIS and Assad, most likely with Obama’s blessing. But ...in which order? The

White House wants ISIS gone first [does it?] because they're the side most likely to shelter terrorists with their eye on hitting America, but logically, it's Assad that the Free Syrian Army would want to target first (assuming they want to target ISIS at all). He's their mortal Shiite enemy; if they were to wage war on ISIS first, the two Sunni rebel groups might degrade each other so much that Assad's troops could swoop in and finish off both of them, with Sunni civilians powerless against the regime's reprisals. ... So what's the FSA supposed to do once Assad starts pounding them? Continue fighting ISIS as if nothing is happening? And what's the Pentagon supposed to do once Assad is pounding our proxies on the ground? Hard to see an outcome here where we're not bombing Assad too, if only in defense of our 'moderate' allies." [64549, 64550]

CNSNew.com reports, "Although the overall Consumer Price Index dropped by 0.2 percent in August, the price index for food rose 0.2 percent, with the average price for a pound of ground beef rising to \$4.013 per pound—the first time it has ever topped \$4 per pound. In July, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average price for a pound of ground beef had been \$3.884 per pound—which was the record price up to that point. From July to August, the average price jumped 12.9 cents, an increase of 3.3 percent in one month. ... A year ago, in August 2013, the average price for a pound of ground beef was \$3.454 per pound. Since then, it has climbed 55.9 cents—or about 16.2 percent. Just five years ago, in August 2009, the average price for a pound of ground beef was \$2.134, according to the BLS. The price has since climbed by \$1.879 per pound—or 88.1 percent." [64505]

WND.com reports, "Parents are outraged because they say they're being restricted from accompanying their sick children to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Wednesday because first lady Michelle Obama is visiting—and security measures prohibit both parents from escorting the little patients to medical appointments." (One parent will be allowed to accompany the child, but not both.) [64518]

During the hospital photo-op visit, Mrs. Obama tells several children, "[S]ometimes living in the White House and being married to the president and trying to live a life like that, it can be hard [sic; difficult]." (Why she needs to evoke sympathy for her "plight" from suffering and dying children is not clear.) [64608]

At a "Congressional Picnic at the White House," Obama says, "You know it is, uh, Michelle was traveling to St. Jude's today to be with the amazing kids there, and the doctors and staff, who help families going through really tough diseases [sic]. But she would be the first one to testify that being married to a politician is not easy. And being the partner of a politician, being the child of a politician, it's hard. Sometimes you see your loved one attacked, sometimes you see them not appreciated, and they're away too much, and you're having to shoulder some of the burdens of family. And so, to all the spouses, to all the children, everybody who helps support our public servants and our members of Congress, I just want to say thank you to you as well. For the great job that you do. We really, really appreciate it." [64531, 64532]

In an interview with NBC, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani asks, “Are Americans afraid of getting casualties on the ground in Iraq [with Obama’s ‘no boots on the ground’ pledge]? Are they afraid of their soldiers being killed in the fight they claim is against terrorism? If they want to use planes and if they want to use unmanned planes so that nobody is injured from the Americans [no Americans are injured], is it really possible to fight terrorism without any hardship, without any sacrifice? Is it possible to reach a big goal without that? In all regional and international issues, the victorious one is the one who is ready to do sacrifice. ...When we [Iranians] say the red line we mean the red line. It means we [Shi’ites] will not allow Baghdad to be occupied by the [Sunni] terrorists or the religious sites such as Karbala or Najaf be occupied by the terrorists.” [64520]

In an interview with the Associated Press, new Iraqi Prime Minister Hadier al-Abadi says he does not want U.S. troops or any other troops in Iraq to fight ISIS: “Not only is it not necessary, we don’t want them. We won’t allow them. Full stop. ...The only contribution the American forces or the international coalition are going to help us with is from the sky. We are not giving any blank check to the international coalition to hit any target in Iraq. ...We cannot afford to fight our neighbor [Syria], even if we disagree on many things. We don’t want to enter into problems with them. For us, sovereignty of Syria is very important. [But] The fight will go on unless ISIL is hit in Syria. This is the responsibility of the international community, on top of them the United States government, to do something about ISIL in Syria.” Al-Abadi also says, “I actually find it puzzling that we hold a conference in Paris to help Iraq and to fight terrorism and ...the biggest neighbor of Iraq—Iran—is excluded. That puts me as prime minister in a very difficult position.” (Al-Abadi has his job only because the United States pressured his predecessor, Nouri al-Maliki, to resign—and because Iran, behind the scenes, consented. While al-Abadi wants no U.S. combat troops in Iraq, he has allowed Iranian forces into Iraq to bolster Shi’ite positions. Neither Abadi nor Iran want Sunnis to take control of Iraq; nor do they—or Russia—want them overrunning the Assad regime in Syria. Exactly who is playing whom is not clear, but U.S. taxpayers will be footing the bill.) [64556, 64837]

DailyCaller.com reports, “A school district in the suburbs of Chicago has announced plans to rename two schools in honor of” Obama and his wife. Park Forest’s Forest Trail Middle School will be renamed the “Michelle Obama School of Technology and the Arts.” Beacon Hill Primary Center will be renamed the “Barack Obama School of Leadership and Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.” “School district officials said they chose to name the schools after the Obamas ‘because the values that the First Family models are unparalleled precedents and are values that our students strive to emulate,’ according to The SouthtownStar.” Meanwhile, Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel drops plans to name a new *north* side high school after Obama, when most blacks in the city live on the *south* side. [64521, 64559]

At WND.com Jerome Corsi reports, “At a House Foreign Affairs Committee hearing Wednesday on Ebola, government health workers were unable to answer specific questions posed by Republicans skeptical of ...Obama’s decision to deploy 3,000 U.S. troops to Liberia to combat the disease. None of the government health witnesses

testifying were able to answer basic questions, including how many physicians and nurses would be among the 3,000 troops allocated or what type of protective equipment and training would be employed to prevent infection. The witnesses explained the State Department was in charge of the military mission, not the Pentagon. ...As WND reported, retired Lt. Gen. William G. Boykin has charged that sending American troops to combat Ebola in Liberia is ‘an absolute misuse of the U.S. military.’” [64522, 64535, 64541, 64610]

Dr. Lee Hieb, former president of the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons, observes, “You can see that these doctors, who are highly trained people, got themselves infected. So sending troops into an area, if they’re dealing one-on-one with a patient, they’re not going to be able to protect themselves very well. It’s not easy to [prevent transmission], because you get tired and you get careless and you make some simple mistakes. All it takes is one virus particle. ...You don’t get Ebola from Europe. You get Ebola from Africa. And it’s a really simple formula: Don’t let people fly to America if they’ve been to areas where there’s an outbreak. When there’s an outbreak, stop air [traffic] flow. ...If they’re going to use the troops to do population control, which is one of the ways you contain it, basically you just don’t let anybody out. You’d make a ring around where it is, and you’d quarantine the area.” Dr. Jane Orient, executive director of the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons, states, “It seems irresponsible to send more people there when the ones already there are having trouble leaving. Probably anyone who has been exposed should be quarantined for 25 days since the last exposure.” Elaine Donnelly, president of the Center for Military Readiness, states, “I’m just appalled. Judging from this, the United States seems to have a very confused vision of what ‘national security’ means. But whether 3,000 American troops should be sent into that area of the world to deal with that problem, I do not see the justification. Surely there are alternatives in the international health-care networks. ...Our military people will show compassion in Liberia, as they always do, and they will do everything asked of them. Still, health wars are unhealthy for soldiers and all living things. Like oxymoronic ‘peace wars,’ such as the incursion into Bosnia, deployments such as this put our troops in causes having little impact on America’s national security. Here we have a ‘health war’ that could cost our troops’ health.” [64610]

At ThePostEmail.com retired Captain Joseph R. John writes, “Helping contain Ebola is not the duty of the US Armed Forces to perform. The US military is not an organization that possesses the technology to combat contagious and infectious diseases that have no cure. It is something which the UN Health Organization, together with the National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Disease at the Center[s] for Disease Control and Prevention, should be doing. It is no the mission the military was properly trained to execute. US Armed Forces personnel should be employed in combat operations; this is just another abuse of the US military personnel by Obama. ...Obama’s very dangerous decision will be hazarding the entire nation, especially when the 3000 military personnel return. They should all be quarantined, offshore, for at least two months before they are allowed to set foot back on CONUS [continental United States]. This risky initiative will result in more of the American people not trusting the judgment of [Obama] of the

Speaker of the House, since they are both supporting a policy that is endangering the safety and security of the American people. [64541]

Two U.S. F-22 fighter jets intercept six Russian military airplanes flying near Alaska. FoxNews.com later reports, “Lt. Col. Michael Jazdyk, a spokesman for the North American Aerospace Defense Command, or NORAD, said the jets intercepted the planes about 55 nautical miles from the Alaskan coast at about 7 p.m. Pacific time Wednesday. Tensions are high between the United States and Russia as the two countries are increasingly at odds over Ukraine, where Russian-backed insurgents have been fighting for control of parts of the country. The Russian planes were identified as two IL-78 refueling tankers, two Mig-31 fighter jets and two Bear long-range bombers. They looped south and returned to their base in Russia after the U.S. jets were scrambled. ...Jazdyk said the fighter jets were scrambled ‘basically to let those aircraft know that we see them, and in case of a threat, to let them know we are there to protect our sovereign airspace.’” [64712, 64713, 64900]

On *The Kelly File*, retired Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North says, “In my military mind what you have is Operation Enduring Confusion. [Obama] cannot make up his mind about what he wants. ...I’ve spent my whole life hanging around the U.S. military. ...I’ve spent my life with these young guys. I’m waiting for the general or admiral who will stand up on his hind feet and say, ‘This is ‘mission impossible. Given the constraints that you’ve given we cannot accomplish the objective you have set. It is impossible to do.’ Somebody has to tell the truth. Some general or admiral at the Pentagon or somewhere else in Central Command has got to stand up and say, ‘The mission we’ve been given we can do but we can’t with the constraints you’ve placed upon us.’” [64536]

On *Hannity*, author, attorney, and talk show host Mark Levin comments, “We’re surrounded by knuckleheads, and the problem is they’re supposed to be protecting the country. First of all, it’s September 17th so happy Constitution Day, or ‘what’s left of the Constitution’ day. What the House has done, let me say this, it’s extraordinary. They’ve given Obama authority to train 5,000 moderate ‘whatevers’ in Syria—I guess they know who’s what. This is very interesting to me, Sean. So [Obama] doesn’t think he needs Congressional approval, a declaration of war, what have you, to bomb, but apparently he needs Congressional approval to arm 5,000 whatevers. This is very odd. I just want to point this out. You actually have a revolt going on with the top generals and Obama. I’m not talking about tanks pulling up to the White House, and so forth. These men are trying to communicate to the American people that they are military men and we cannot defeat this enemy unless we use all of our armed forces and armed services. That’s number one. Number two. Obama does not view this as a military action. He keeps telling us, ‘It’s not a war, it’s not a war.’ For him, the truth is, it’s about politics. It’s about containing this issue politically, for him, so he can focus on fundamentally transforming America. And this is a very serious matter to understand. So the generals and the military see this quite differently than [Obama], who really doesn’t want to defeat this enemy or he would go to Congress, get a declaration of war, unleash hell on these cockroaches, and then get out. Instead, he speaks to our military men and tells them, ‘Don’t worry, no combat boots on the ground.’ He has said it a thousand times, so every one of our enemies in every single

language can understand, under this so-called commander-in-chief he has no intention of defeating them, period.” [64563, 64569, 64737]

Sean Hannity suggests Obama just wants to get past the November 4 elections. Levin responds, “I think it’s to get past the Obama administration. He just doesn’t want to deal with this, he sees his [approval] numbers are low, so he’ll do the absolute minimum... He says he’s brought this wonderful coalition together, but they’re keeping it secret. Have you ever heard anything so stupid in your life? There is no coalition. And then he’s talking about training 5,000 moderate whatever’s, 5,000 against 35,000, who are these 5,000? Then he says we’re going to use our air force, but we have to limit civilian casualties. Well, how are we going to use our air force, attack the enemy where it is in Syria, and limit civilian casualties? These generals, the Joint Chief of Staff and the rest of them, they see this as the disaster that it is. So do we. ...I honestly don’t think he [Obama] gives a damn, as hard as that is to believe. How else do you explain him not securing the southern border? How else do you explain him being on vacation while this whole thing is breaking out? How else do you explain sending 3,000 troops to Liberia and other places to fight Ebola, while we don’t have 3,000 troops at his direction on the border, and so forth and so on? The fact of the matter is if this is a war and we want victory, we can defeat them. We can wipe these cockroaches out. If he wants to do something short of that, obviously he can, but I think it’s time for [House Speaker John] Boehner and [Senate Minority Leader Mitch] McConnell, and people to rise up and say ‘We want to know if you want victory. If you’re going to call this a war, we will do a declaration of war, but we’re not going to piddle around like this for political reasons.’” [64563, 64569, 64737]

Levin addresses families of fallen members of the military: “I, on behalf of many people watching, many people in this country, want to apologize to you. I want you to know that your sons and daughters are heroes. They did exactly the right thing. I want to apologize to you for this phony commander-in-chief, who cut and run, and as a result helped build up this enemy, this ISIS, ISIL, shmeitzel, whatever the hell it is, these terrorists, these cockroaches, that we’re now having to deal with, or should deal with, once and for all. And you know what? It just amazes me, do we want to win wars anymore? Because we know how to win them. We remember how we won World War II. If this enemy is as serious as an enemy as the Secretary of Defense and the head of the Joint Chiefs and everybody else knows them to be, then we have to attack them where they are and unfortunately that’s in Syria.” [64563, 64569, 64737]

D. W. Ulsterman posts a message received from one of his “insiders,” who writes, “Benghazi is merely one of many plays within the entirety of the playbook itself. The hearings are largely for show and will remain so while the public suffers from its ongoing indifference regarding the matter. ...[John] Kerry indicated as fact today that ISIL is, or was, al-Qaeda in Iraq. If so, why is no-one asking the current Secretary of State who was funding this earlier version of al-Qaeda in Iraq? Who was responsible for the killing of so many American soldiers? [The answer is Saudi Arabia.] ...After the fall of Saddam Hussein, himself a Sunni, the Iraqi central government was turned over to the Shia [or Shi’ite] majority. That majority, rightfully worried over a long ruling minority that found

itself out of power, sought help from its Shia dominant neighbor, Iran, who was then only too happy to further its own influence in a country it had long been in opposition to. Now think back over the last few years and how unwilling the Obama administration has been to punish Iran for its influence into Iraq. Do you recall how [Obama] himself said nothing during the short lived Green Revolution in 2009 that challenged Iran's power structure? And now do you see how this same Obama administration gives hints of cooperation with Iran in helping to find the ISIL threat? Now you must turn to three other highly influential players in this purposely constructed, convoluted mess: Saudi Arabia, Turkey, and Syria. Saudi Arabia is over 80% Sunni, making it connected by religious interpretation at least, to ISIL and the Sunni minority in Iraq. Turkey is over 70% Sunni, also then linking itself ideologically to ISIL and finally, Syria is 75% Sunni as well. Three prominent Middle East nations and the world's most powerful terrorist organization, all linked by shared Islamic interpretation." [64573]

"But wait, you say, why then is ISIL and the Obama administration so intent on removing Bashar al-Assad from power if he is the ruler of Sunni-dominated Syria? To that I say exactly. Assad has long been viewed as a Muslim of convenience, far too westernized to be trusted, and in more recent years, he has voiced a willingness to lessen tensions between Syria and Israel. Those are the same statements that then marked him as a man in need of removal, seemingly marked by both Islamic fundamentalist groups like ISIL, and highly influential figures within the American White House. I would further elaborate on this by connecting Assad to [Libya's Moammar] Gaddafi. Like Assad, Gaddafi generated a great deal of mistrust and animosity among the Sunni majorities of their respective nations, and the ire of neighboring Sunni powers like Saudi Arabia. ...And what groups now grow in power and influence in Libya as well? ISIL and other similarly focused Sunni dominated Islamic militant groups. I must also add at this point that Barack Obama himself spent some of his most formative years raised in Indonesia, the single most populace Muslim nation in all the world, 99% of which are Sunni Muslim. His father's family originates from Kenya, another nation with a Muslim population dominated by Sunnis. If that comes off too conspiratorial for you, I don't apologize. Instead, I urge you to wake up even more than you already have. The real truth is there for those willing to take a moment to find it. 1+1 still equals 2, and Sunni + Sunni still equals Sunni." [64573]

"...You should by now be wondering where that leaves Iran's relationship to this White House. I have read your occasional reports pointing out the woman you call the de facto president [Obama advisor Valerie Jarrett] and her Iranian birth. Would that make the Persian a Shia in conflict with the overwhelming evidence of an administration supporting the Sunni sphere of influence in the Middle East and the world? To that I will say there is absolutely no conflict whatsoever. If you have not yet asked yourself what the Muslim Brotherhood is comprised of, ask now and I will answer it for you: Sunni. The Persian adviser and the Brotherhood are primarily of the same mind, as are the Brotherhood and their Saudi masters. The Saudis publicly proclaim animosity against the Brotherhood, but they are that group's primary financial backers, with more recent support among the Saudis' cousins the Qataris. Qatar, also Sunni dominated, is being utilized as the more public political front for the Saudis. The House of Saud, a term I

know you to be so fond of using, are masters at distraction and deflection. As for the Persian [Jarrett], she is far more an opportunist than religious advocate. She is above all things, a globalist, and more than willing to use chaos to further the goal of one over many. To do that, there must currently be a balance to the Saudi influence, and therein Iran and the resulting religious divide, serves its purpose. The Persian plays a very dangerous game, with implications far beyond any of our own remaining years, and the blood of billions in the balance. Do not underestimate her. She is not the simplistic caricature you have portrayed her to be. By making her so, you do their bidding and not your own, while my suspicions of your intentions grow tenfold.” (Although Jarrett was born in Shiraz, Iran, her parents were American and she lived there only until about age five, after which the family moved to London and then to Chicago. She was too young to have become a fervent Shi’ite Muslim, but did learn to speak Persian.) [64573, 64574]

The Obama Timeline agrees with Ulsterman’s insider that Jarrett is dangerous. She is nowhere near as intelligent as she believes she is, but that does not make her any less dangerous. What she lacks in IQ she makes up for with allegiance to Obama (whatever the cost), the cause of global socialism, and the destruction of Israel and conservatives.

On September 18 massive counter-terrorism raids are conducted in Sydney, Australia’s northern and western suburbs. According to *The Daily Telegraph*, The raid is believed to have been mounted following months of surveillance of people linked to the terrorist group Islamic State in Iraq and Syria. ...[A]n estimated 600 officers from the Australian Federal Police, NSW counter terrorism unit and ASIO [Australian Security Intelligence Organisation] launched the pre-emptive strike in the early hours of this morning. ...It is believed that a terrorist network had been planning to carry out a series of attacks in Australia.” [64525, 64526, 64542, 64570, 64601, 64611, 64612]

Pamela Geller writes, “Every day it becomes terribly clear how vicious it was of President Clinton to send US troops to fight alongside Albanian Muslims and defeat the Christian Serbs in the cause of Islam. American troops fought in order to pave the way for an Islamic state in heart of Europe—Kosovo. Not only are Muslims from Kosovo going to Iraq and Syria to wage jihad. They are also waging jihad against non-Muslims in Kosovo. Their successful and continuing ethnic cleansing of non-Muslims from parts of the former Yugoslav Republic is owed largely to Bill Clinton’s war in Bosnia, sold to the clueless Clinton administration by the notorious EU dhimmis. The Bosnian capital of Sarajevo, once a symbol of ethnic diversity, has become an entirely Muslim city. All non-Muslims have been ethnically cleansed from Sarajevo.” [64529]

On MSNBC’s *Morning Joe*, “Deputy National Security Adviser Tony Blinken says the Syrians the Obama administration is helping are “folks who want to fight. They want to fight for their families, they want to fight for their towns, they want to fight for their communities, they just need help. They need the training, they need the equipping, they need the advising. If we do that, we believe they’ll fight, and fight effectively.” Blinken says Saudi Arabia will “vet them, identify them, and make sure we’re giving arms and training to the right people.” [64567]

Judge Andrew Napolitano writes at LewRockwell.com, “In 2008 and in 2012, Obama ran as a candidate and an incumbent determined to end American military involvement in the Middle East, not increase it. Hence his promise, by now made many times, that he will not introduce ground troops into this war. Apparently, just as when he bombed Libya into chaotic instability in 2010, he does not consider bombs an act of offensive warfare. ... In another deceptive move, Obama announced on Monday that the operation against ISIS, whether authorized by Congress or not, will be directed by retired Marine Corps General John Allen. This is a novel use of government assets, as Allen is no longer a part of the Pentagon and thus not subject to the military chain of command. Apparently, [Obama] does not trust his military advisers, whose advice he has repeatedly rejected, to run his war. Is the White House planning to run this war directly as LBJ did in Vietnam? Is the State Department? How can a civilian who is not the president command military troops?” [64530]

“On Monday of last week, the White House announced that in its pursuit of ISIS, the U.S. will go wherever it finds ISIS targets, and if ISIS hides in Syria and the government of Syria does not permit U.S. jets to use its airspace, the U.S. will attack Syria. That sounds like Russian President Vladimir Putin in the Ukraine. Attacking Syria because its government denied the U.S. airspace would be an unprovoked and unlawful act of war that would probably provoke Putin. Congress rejected declaring war on Syria just a year ago. If it does so now, there would be no lawful or moral basis for such a declaration, as Syria is a sovereign country, lawfully entitled to control its airspace, that poses no present threat to American freedom or security. The U.S. can no more legally commandeer Syrian airspace than Syria can commandeer ours. Something is amiss here. Last year [Obama] wanted to help ISIS indirectly by degrading the Syrian military. Now he wants to help Syria indirectly by degrading ISIS, but only if Syria stays out of our way. And he is prepared to violate the Constitution, break the law and lie to the American people to achieve his purposes. Why all the unlawfulness, when he could and should leave these disputants to their own devices and keep the American military at home for genuine defensive purposes?” [64530]

In November 2012 General John Allen, once the top U.S. military commander in Afghanistan, was criticized for “inappropriate communications” with Florida socialite Jill Kelley. (Allen retired in February 2013.) Kelly was also linked to the scandal involving now-retired General David Petraeus and his biographer, Paula Broadwell. According to the Associated Press, “Federal officials say Broadwell sent emails to Kelley, perceiving her as a romantic rival. That FBI investigation uncovered emails between Kelley and Gen. John Allen during his time as head of Central Command [at Fort MacDill] in Tampa.” As noted previously in this *Timeline*, Kelley visited the White House just two days before the Petraeus affair scandal broke—and had two visits before that. (Who Kelley met with and why she was granted White House access is not known.) The Obama-supporting Kelley also attempted to use her Petraeus connections to extort \$80 million from an energy company in exchange for lobbying South Korea on a \$4 billion proposal, and a prominent Democrat fundraiser gave Kelley’s twin sister, Natalie Khawam, a \$300,000 loan. Allen once issued a groveling, embarrassing video apology to “the noble people of Afghanistan” after U.S. troops burned several copies of the Qu’ran.

Allen also fired Major General Peter Fuller for—understandably—criticizing Afghan president Hamid Karzai and his regime—after Karzai said he would side with Pakistan if it were to go to war against the United States. Pamela Geller wrote at the time, “I stand with Maj. Gen. Peter Fuller, deputy commander of the NATO training mission. If our military is being run by such spineless, gutless wonders, the weak and pathetic Gen John Allen did Fuller a favor. It sounds to me like this firing came from the Taliban toady in the White House.” (Some might argue that Obama chose Allen to lead his ISIS operation because he “has something on him” and that Allen will do as he is told, while the active-duty generals may be getting fed up with Obama and are ready to stand up to him.) 1733, 1758, 19394, 20073, 20092, 20137, 21949, 26043, 26044, 29446, 29447, 29454, 29455, 29460, 29470, 29472, 29479, 29499, 29535, 29550, 29564, 29581, 40212, 40249, 40252, 40286, 40300, 40301, 40351, 42739]

At PJMedia.com Bridget Johnson notes that General Allen will be assisted by Anne Patterson, Obama’s former ambassador to Egypt who was “reviled [by the Egyptians] for cozying with the Muslim Brotherhood during the summer 2013 Tamarod protests. Both ...Obama and Anne Patterson were lambasted by protesters as propping up the Muslim Brotherhood [and Mohammed Morsi] and sanctioning the Islamists’ abuses against the Egyptian people. As the U.S. envoy in Cairo, Patterson discouraged the epic protests against Islamist rule and reportedly tried to dissuade Coptic Christians from taking part. Egyptian protesters were not shy about expressing their feelings of betrayal, hoisting banners that accused Obama of supporting terrorism in backing the Morsi government and holding photos of Patterson smiling and laughing at a meeting with Brotherhood leader Mohammed Badie. ‘We know what you did last summer,’ read one banner, while another said, ‘Anne Patterson, leave Egypt now and go to hell!!!’ ‘Wake up America, Obama backs up a fascist regime in Egypt,’ said one banner, while another placed an international ‘no’ symbol over Obama’s face and read, ‘Obama, you can’t fool your people and the world any more. You finance & back terrorism.’” (Patterson’s incompetence was rewarded with a promotion to assistant secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs at the end of 2013.) In June 2014 Patterson told the House Foreign Affairs Committee she was “optimistic that the elections in Libya, which were the third in less than two years, would be an important step forward toward Libya’s stability.” Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL) recently stated, “Now we see that that was misplaced optimism as the situation is worse than ever. ...Patterson said ‘the most urgent objective we have is for counterterrorism.’ Yet three years after [the ouster of Moammar] Gadhafi and over a year after the U.S. committed to train the General Purpose Force, GPF, not a single one of the 5,000 to 8,000 planned forces has in fact been trained.” [64633]

As noted previously in this *Timeline*, Patterson did not permit Marine guards at the U.S. Embassy in Cairo to carry live ammunition. In June 2013, at a seminar in Cairo, Patterson criticized planned protests against President Mohammed Morsi and his authoritarian Muslim Brotherhood regime: ‘Some say that street action will produce better results than elections. To be honest, my government and I are deeply skeptical. Egypt needs stability to get its economic house in order, and more violence on the streets will do little more than add new names to the lists of martyrs.’ (The Obama administration, which

welcomed demonstrations against the moderate former president Hosni Mubarak in 2011, suddenly opposes them in 2013—with a radical anti-American heading the Egyptian government.) Patterson also met with Coptic Christian Pope Tawadros II and, according to Raymond Ibrahim at FrontPageMag.com, “asked him to urge the Copts not to participate” in demonstrations against Morsi and the Muslim Brotherhood. “The Pope politely informed her that his spiritual authority over the Copts does not extend to political matters. ...[M]any Egyptian activists are condemning Patterson for flagrantly behaving like the Muslim Brotherhood’s stooge. Leading opposition activist Shady el-Ghazali Harb said Patterson showed ‘blatant bias’ in favor of Morsi and the Brotherhood, adding that her remarks had earned the U.S. administration ‘the enmity of the Egyptian people.’ Coptic activists like George Ishaq openly told Patterson to ‘shut up and mind your own business.’ And Christian business tycoon Naguib Sawiris—no stranger to Islamist hostility—posted a message on his Twitter account addressed to the ambassador saying ‘Bless us with your silence.’ ...[D]espite the fact that if anyone in Egypt has a legitimate human rights concern against the current Egyptian government, it most certainly is the Christian Copts, here is the U.S., in the person of Ms. Patterson, asking them not to join the planned protests. In other words, and consistent with Obama administration’s doctrine, when Islamists—including rapists and cannibals—wage jihad on secular leaders, the U.S. supports them; when Christians protest Islamist rulers who are making their lives a living hell, the administration asks them to ‘know their place’ and behave like dhimmis, Islam’s appellation for non-Muslim ‘infidels’ who must live as third class ‘citizens’ and never complain about their inferior status.” [36944, 37000, 46028, 46029, 46030, 46074, 46141, 46169, 46175, 46181, 46190, 46194, 46195, 46392]

The Obama Timeline believes it is not a good sign that both retired General John Allen and Anne Patterson will be running Obama’s “anti-ISIS” operation. First, Allen is retired and will not have to take orders from General Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, or anyone else—other than Obama. Obama is arguably cutting the active U.S. military out of command decisions, or at least reducing their influence. Allen has shown himself to be a “yes man”—which is probably why Obama selected him. Patterson has shown herself to be sympathetic to the radical Muslim Brotherhood. She is precisely the last person one would want involved in decisions that may impact the future of Syria. (The more cynical may believe that Obama’s selection of Allen and Patterson are not for the purpose of destroying ISIS, but for the purpose of ousting Syria’s Bashar al-Assad and replacing him with a Muslim Brotherhood thug.)

D. W. Ulsterman reports, “White House staff are reportedly livid following a series of publicly aired disagreements between ...Obama and top military officials. Things became so bad this afternoon, a senior White House adviser [Valerie Jarrett?] is said to have yelled out during a phone conference with a group of Senate Democrats, ‘You remind those assh*les who they take orders from!’ Two days earlier it was the top military officer in the nation, Army General Martin Dempsey, who informed Congress ground troops were to be a viable option in the war against ISIS. For days Barack Obama had stated publicly ground troops were not an option. Today it was recently retired Marine General James Mattis, who told the House Intelligence Committee directly called out the foolishness of [Obama’s] willingness to openly share with America’s enemies prior to

impending war, how far we are willing to take that war. [Mattis stated, ‘Half-hearted or tentative efforts, or airstrikes alone, can backfire on us and actually strengthen our foes’ credibility. We may not wish to reassure our enemies in advance that they will not see American boots on the ground.’] General Mattis was in effect, declaring Barack Obama ‘half-hearted and tentative,’ a description that likely made [Obama], a man known to suffer from terribly thin skin, a rather unhappy camper. Interestingly, more information has surfaced recently of the ongoing dispute between Pentagon officials and the Obama White House over Barack Obama’s earlier and quite vocal desire to wage war against Syria. Military leaders, while agreeing it appeared Assad had likely used chemical weapons, ...were increasingly concerned with the White House’s lack of a clear goal or strategy, fearing the conflict was would be hindered by [Obama being] overly concerned with his own political standing and influence rather than the safety of American soldiers fighting an uncertain war.” [64671, 64699, 64717, 64795]

With renewed public interest in the Benghazi scandal with the start of the Select Committee hearings, Americac2c.com posts a 2012 Lou Dobbs interview with retired Admiral James “Ace” Lyons, who states, “The CIA was tracking for months the commander of the Ansar al-Sharia terrorist group that carried out the attack on our consulate. ...I find it incomprehensible that they had no clue that this attack was going to occur, particularly when the consulate on 16 August put out a security message to the Department of State telling them about the out of control militias, heavily armed, roaming throughout eastern Libya. They cited 10 militias and al-Qaeda groups that they said had no fear of retribution from the Libyan government because the Libyan government had lost all control in eastern Libya. The consulate had no confidence in the 17 February Martyr’s Brigade who were assigned the responsibility for the consulate protection, or the local police force...” In a subsequent interview with Dobbs, Lyons says of the Benghazi attack, “What happened was a terrible mistake [by] the Ansar al-Sharia terrorist group. I speculate that Ambassador [Christopher] Stevens was supposed to be kidnapped, held hostage, in exchange for the release of the blind sheikh [Omar Abdel Rahman] that we’re currently holding in prison. That’s the only thing that makes sense to me. Otherwise, he never would have stayed there that night. ...Well, that’s what’s going to have to come out in the hearings. And the only way we’re going to get to the bottom of it, we probably will have to have a special prosecutor and we certainly have to have General [David] Petraeus testifying openly and with granted immunity.” [64620, 64621, 64622, 64623]

In support of Lyons’ kidnapping and prisoner-exchange theory is a cellphone video of the attack in which attackers yelled, “Mahadesh, mahadesh yermi, Dr. Morsi ba`atna.” That reportedly translates to, “Don’t shoot, don’t shoot, Dr. Morsi sent us,” and the dialect is Egyptian, rather than Libyan. Morsi refers to Egypt’s then-president, Mohammed Morsi. Morsi, a member of the Muslim Brotherhood, had promised his supporters he would work to obtain the release of Omar Abdel Rahman, who masterminded the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center. Obama, who has clearly demonstrated his sympathies to Sunni Muslims and the Muslim Brotherhood, obviously could not have released the blind sheikh from prison without a reason. But, one theory goes, he and Valerie Jarrett could have concocted the prisoner exchange scheme with Morsi. Morsi would have obtained

the release of Rahman, and Obama would appear to be a hero—right before the November 2012 election—for having saved the life of Stevens with the prisoner exchange. If the attack on the facility were nothing more than a local mob that was enraged over a YouTube video, none of the attackers would have been yelling, “Don’t shoot, Morsi sent us!” [64620, 64621, 64622, 64623]

At a hearing before the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Secretary of State John Kerry is asked by Congressman Joe Wilson (R-SC), “Yes or no, is America at war?” Kerry replies, “Well, you know, uh, I’m gonna [sic] answer that, Mr. Chairman, but I’m, I’m not gonna [sic], eh, you know, a lot of people are debating this idea of what do you call it, do you call it war? don’t you call it war? Um, it’s not a war like Iraq, where we invaded and had a hundred thousand, hundreds of thousands of troops mobilized, and, uh, uh, you know, 16,000 sorties and so forth, it’s not than kind of war. But if, if, if you care about what you call it, it is a war similar to what we did with al-Qaeda, and, and terror, and sure, what I care about is not what we call it, I care about what we *do*. And I care about making sure we defeat ISIL and, and, if you’re more comfortable calling it a war against uh, uh, this enemy of Islam, then please do so, uh, uh, we’re happy... call it that. Uh, I think it’s much more important to focus on how we’re gonna [sic] do it.” (First Obama, Kerry, and others in the administration declare that the Islamic State “has nothing to do with Islam; Kerry now declares that the Islamic State is an “enemy of Islam.” What it will be declared to be in subsequent days is not known.) [64597, 64598]

Congressman Steve Chabot (R-OH) tells Kerry, “Like everybody in this room, I’m sure I watched [Obama]—many I think were shocked—when he emphasized that the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant was in fact not Islamic. They not simply refer to themselves as the Islamic State. They don’t call themselves the Methodist State or the Episcopalian State or the Baptist State. They’re the Islamic State, and I think for good reason.” Kerry responds, “The Islamic State, they can call themselves what they want to call themselves. We shouldn’t compound the sin by allowing them to get away with it and calling them what they’re not. They’re not a state, and they do not represent Islam. ...So I wouldn’t compound the crime by calling them a state whatsoever. They’re the enemy of Islam. That’s what they are, and as the 21 clerics yesterday said in Saudi Arabia, they are in fact the order of Satan...” Chabot: “It’s clear to me that their [ISIS’s] motivation is their religious fervor, this fanaticism, however misguided it is. That’s their motivation here.” Kerry: “They use that. I don’t know if that is in truth. It’s part of it. The caliphate is certainly on the minds of many, but I think a lot of them are thugs and criminals and people who simply want to go out and maraud and take part in the success of vanquish and be opposed to modernity and a whole bunch of other things.” [64634]

DailyCaller.com reports Fox News anchor Shepard Smith’s grilling of White House press secretary Josh “less than” Earnest. Smith wonders, “when our airstrikes go to a major city, kill a bunch of civilians, and they put [photographs of] that on the Internet, that they’ll be able to recruit more and this will hurt us more than it will help us, I know that’s been part of the equation, and what is the thinking?” Earnest replies, “Well, there are two things about that Shep. The first is we are gonna [sic] have Muslim majority countries, Muslim-led countries, who are part of this coalition. This is not going to be the United

States against ISIL, this'll be the international community, including the Muslim world, against these extremists." Smith: "Like Saudi Arabia's going to have boots over there? Or Jordan?" Earnest: "Well, you know, I will let the individual members of the coalition announce the commitments that they're prepared to make." Smith: "There will be no commitment from those two. I will bet every penny I will ever make at this network." Earnest: "That's a substantial bet, Shep." Smith: "It is a big bet and it's a good bet because it's not going to happen and the whole world knows it. That's why I wonder sometimes, like when the Bush administration was doing this, these questions were asked from this desk and now that you're doing it these are fair questions that deserve answers. We [supposedly] have a coalition of the Muslim world, [but] I don't see it. No one from Saudi Arabia. No one from Jordan, who has its own problems. Turkey has its own problems. We are not getting any help from any of those nations and to suggest that these people, with great respect, from Syria, who are not organized, and the Pentagon says it'll take a year to train, and the Iraqi army, which has already folded and given away the weapons, are going to come together and fight ISIL for us and with us seems like, as [Obama] once put it, something of a fantasy." [64580, 64629, 64642]

On the floor of the Senate, Rand Paul (R-KY) urges his fellow Senators not to approve \$500 million to arm and train Syrian "moderates." Paul says, "Let's not compound the problem by arming feckless rebels in Syria who seem to be merely a pit stop for weapons that are really on their way to ISIS. If there is a theme that connects the dots in the Middle East, it is that chaos breeds terrorism. What much of the foreign policy elite fail to grasp, though, is that intervention to topple secular dictators has been the prime source of the chaos. ...And yet, here we are again, wading into a civil war. I warned a year ago that involving us in Syria's civil war was a mistake, that the inescapable irony is that someday the arms we supply would be used against us or Israel. That day's now—we are now forced to fight against our own weapons, and this body wants to throw more weapons into the mix. It is a mistake to send more arms to the Syrians." [64581]

The Senate passes the legislation to fund the government past the end of the fiscal year and to arm and train Syrian "moderates" by a vote of 78-22. Obama thanks Congress for its "strong bi-partisan support in Congress for the new training effort." He again insists that "American forces that have been deployed to Iraq do not and will not have a combat mission." (That does not, of course, mean they will not be targeted by terrorists or blown up by IEDs.) Senator Mark Begich (D-AK), who opposed linking the rebel assistance to the continuing resolution, says, "This issue with what's going on in Syria should be a separate issue, should be debated separately. I do not support the arming of rebels in Syria." Senator Rand Paul (R-KY) says, "I think it's inexcusable that the debate of whether we get involved in another country's civil war—that we would vote on this in a spending bill." [64583, 64589, 64590, 64605]

Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) votes against the legislation, no doubt to demonstrate to Democrat voters that she is to the political left of both Obama and Hillary Clinton. [64639]

Pamela Geller writes, “It’s madness—we are arming our executioners. How long before these weapons are in the hands of the Islamic State and the ‘rebels’ are fighting for IS [Islamic State]? ...Obama wants to send the Free Syrian Army into combat, with US arms, against the Islamic State. The problem with this is that it has been abundantly documented that the Free Syrian Army is collaborating with the Islamic State. They also have the same goal: a Sunni Sharia state in Syria. So Obama’s policy is futile and incoherent. He is trying to cover for his disastrous backing of Syrian jihadis against Assad last year. He helped create the Islamic State by withdrawing precipitously from Iraq. Then he gave the ‘moderates’ in Syria weapons, but they weren’t moderates and turned over their weapons to the Islamic State, or in some cases the Islamic State captured them. So the Islamic State has won some of its victories with help from American weaponry. Why the Republicans signed on to this is beyond me. This is Obama’s abortion. We should be backing the Kurds who established an independent state and the religious minorities who are being oppressed and slaughtered by jihadis. Who is Obama going to arm—‘moderate al Qaeda?’ Mark my words—these arms and these “moderates” will be in the employ of the Islamic State in short order.” [64589]

Senator Mazie Hirono (D-HI) blocks Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) from receiving unanimous consent to pass legislation that would terminate U.S. citizenship of any American who joins or assists a terrorist group. (Unanimous consent can be blocked by any single senator; Hirono was not the only one ready to do so. The legislation had previously been proposed by Scott Brown when he served as Senator from Massachusetts.) [64607]

The Islamic State [IS or ISIS] releases a video of British journalist John Cantlie. In the video, reports TimesofIsrael.com, “...Cantlie encourages British and Americans to oppose military action against IS and accuses the media of distorting facts about IS to drum up support for war. ...Cantlie mentions in the video that he was captured by IS after coming to Syria in 2012, but doesn’t inform viewers that he was previously kidnapped and released by a group of Islamist extremists in Syria in July 2012. Cantlie returned to Syria after his release, reportedly with executed reporter James Foley, and has been held captive by IS since.” (Cantlie appears alone in the video and is not beheaded.) [64591, 64592, 64603]

At GodFatherPolitics.com Dave Jolly writes, “...Obama is sending 3,000 military troops to the Ebola infected areas of West Africa. Supposedly, the US troops will help distribute supplies and help create treatment centers in strategic areas that can hold up to 100 patients each. ...The US troops aren’t being sent over to actually help fight the disease, but to help provide treatment for those infected. That means that there is a very real likelihood that our men and women will come in contact with the Ebola virus. How many of them will contract the disease? How many of them volunteered to go and how many were ordered to go? What are their chances of bringing the deadly virus back to the US? What precautions are the troops taking to prevent them from contracting the disease and what precautions will be taken to prevent them from bringing it back to the States when they return home? Why are we sending troops instead of medical personnel? One last question is why is Obama sending troops to defeat Ebola but not ISIS? Could it be that

Obama's underlying agenda is to send US troops to the Ebola area, get them infected and then bring it back here to the US to cause an emergency pandemic? I've been stating for the past four years that Barack Obama needs to create some sort of national emergency in order for him to declare martial law, allowing him to seize control of the US government and establish his socialist dictatorship. The economic and job crises Obama tried to create never panned out to be the emergency he needed. But a nationwide Ebola outbreak would be just the ticket for him to set his plan in motion. I'm not saying that this is going to happen, but it wouldn't surprise me if it did." (*The Obama Timeline* does not believe Obama's goal in sending troops to the Ebola area is a bizarre scheme to infect large numbers of Americans with the virus—although one could certainly argue that it would result in the deaths of more conservatives than liberals, considering the make-up of the U.S. military and its families. Rather, it reflects Obama's belief that the military should be used not for fighting wars, but for "social goals," such as helping people in third world countries or rescuing from the roofs of houses people who were too stupid to flee an approaching hurricane.) [64825]

The Kansas Supreme Court sides with Democrats and rules that their candidate for the U.S. Senate, Chad Taylor, can be removed from the November ballot even though he did not follow proper procedures for withdrawing from the race. (Top Democrats persuaded Taylor to end his campaign because he was certain to lose to Senator Pat Roberts (R-KS), while Democrat-turned-independent Greg Orman has a chance to win—and would almost certainly caucus with the Democrats if he does.) [64584, 64698, 64830]

PJMedia.com reports, "Teachers in Reynoldsburg, Ohio, have issued notice they will strike beginning Friday, September 19, after they were unable to agree on terms of a new contract with the Reynoldsburg Board of Education. Teachers objected to provisions in the school board's offer relating to merit pay, class size, and being forced to trade in their Cadillac health care plans for Obamacare. According to the Reynoldsburg Education Association: 'This was a fight that was picked intentionally and with a purpose. The board's first proposal, which they posted publicly on their website, was an appalling list of concessions and corporate reforms; the end of a traditional salary schedule to be replaced by merit pay without defined criteria for obtaining it, *the end of traditional employer health insurance by shifting all employees to the Affordable Care Act*, no language on class size, planning time to be spent in meetings rather than teacher self-directed planning time... [emphasis added]' The school board says it wants to give cash payments to teachers to buy their own health insurance on the 'new state insurance market.' Ohio did not set up a state exchange which means teachers would need to purchase their insurance through the federal exchange under this plan." [64631, 64632]

TheHill.com reports, "Emails sent by liberal activists and obtained by The Hill reveal significant dissatisfaction with Hillary Clinton, the front-runner for the Democratic presidential nomination in 2016. The critical messages about the former first lady show that she has a long way to go to assuage skepticism from influential voices on the left. The Hill reviewed hundreds of emails from a progressive members only Google group called the 'Gamechanger Salon,' a forum where nearly 1,500 activists, strategists and journalists debate issues and craft messaging campaigns. The group includes prominent

Democrats, Sierra Club officials, journalists who work for The Huffington Post and The Nation magazine, senior union representatives, leaders at the Progressive Change Campaign Committee and the president of NARAL. In the emails spanning over a year—starting in June 2013 through July of this year—frustration with Clinton is evident. Clinton’s too much of a hawk, too cozy with Wall Street, hasn’t spoken out enough on climate change, and will be subject to personal questions and criticisms, members of the group stated in the emails. The existence of the group was reported earlier this year by the conservative outlet MediaTrackers.org, but this is the first time the emails have become public.” (The far left wing of the Democrat Party is still angry over her 2003 Senate vote authorizing the war in Iraq. They also resent her “coziness” with Wall Street—apparently unaware that Warren has the same issues—but does a better job of hiding them. Of course, the far left has also been disappointed by Obama, who did not usher in as dramatic a move towards socialism that they had anticipated. To win the 2016 Democrat nomination, Clinton will have to move to the left in order to win the primaries in the most liberal states. But doing so will alienate the more centrist voters.) [64624, 64625]

The Media Research Center reports, “An enormous development in the Bridgegate scandal broke late Thursday afternoon when federal officials reported that they have cleared New Jersey Governor Chris Christie (R) of any wrong-doing relating to the closure of lanes on the George Washington Bridge in September 2013. When it came to the major broadcast networks covering this huge development, ABC and CBS punted on the story and refused to cover it in their Thursday night newscasts. NBC Nightly News did cover the story, however, but only in the form of a news brief that lasted for 38 seconds. This stands in stark contrast to the nearly five minutes (4 minutes and 55 seconds to be exact) that NBC’s evening newscast devoted to Bridgegate when it broke mid-morning on January 8. According to the Media Research Center’s Scott Whitlock, ‘the big three’ networks devoted a combined 88 minutes of coverage to the story in its first two days.” [64627, 64630]

One of Obama’s favorite authors and media commentators, CNN’s Fareed Zakaria, is again accused of plagiarism. Breitbart5.com reports, “After he admitted to plagiarizing from The New Yorker, CNN was one of the outlets that suspended Zakaria in August of 2012. Our Bad Media claims to have found two dozen examples of plagiarism in the scripts for the CNN weekend show ‘Fareed Zakaria GPS.’ About a half-dozen of these occurrences happened after the suspension. ... Apparently, because Zakaria is cherished member of the elite leftwing media, The Washington Post and CNN feel that silence will make it all go away. So far that appears to be the case. Other than Politico’s Dylan Byers, Mediaite, and Poynter, no one other than conservative media outlets have been willing to report or dig into this.” DailyCaller.com notes, “The most damning example the report cites is an introduction to an obscure Dutch documentary on the imprisonment and death of Sergei Magnitsky, a Russian whistle-blower, which Zakaria allegedly copied (almost verbatim) into a segment on the story for ‘GPS.’” (Obama himself can hardly be accused of plagiarizing because he has written so little. His first book, *Dreams From My Father*, was almost certainly ghost-written by William Ayers. His second book, *The Audacity of*

Hope, was written by someone far less skilled than Ayers, and it may have been authored by a campaign staffer.) [64637, 65193, 65281]

WND.com reports, “Two retired U.S. generals have blasted a reported plan for ... Obama to assert ‘personal control’ over the selection of ISIS targets in Syria. Retired U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Paul E. Valley and U.S. Army Lt. Gen. William ‘Jerry’ Boykin said the prospect recalls the Johnson administration’s micro-managing of the war theater in Vietnam, when decisions made from Washington often resulted in selecting the wrong targets. Boykin, an under secretary of defense for intelligence under President George W. Bush, said that while Obama’s reported decision to make all the bombing calls of ISIS targets in Syria were reminiscent of Vietnam, President Lyndon Johnson ‘at least had some military experience.’ ... ‘[Obama] is absolutely not serious about strategy or destroying ISIS,’ Boykin said. ‘There is no way we can destroy ISIS with the strategy he’s laid out, and it’s more problematic if he selects the targets.’ The Wall Street Journal reported Obama said he would exert ‘a high degree of personal control’ over military strategy against ISIS in Syria in an effort to avoid getting too involved in the country’s three-year-old-plus civil war. ... Valley believes Obama should resign. ‘He has no capability of leading this country at this time,’ he said. ... ‘I’m not in favor at all of training and equipping the FSA,’ Boykin said. ‘Who knows who these people are?’ Members of FSA have defected to the Islamic jihadist group Jabhat al-Nusra, which is linked to al-Qaida. Boykin said that if there is a non-aggression pact, it is a strong indication FSA won’t fight ISIS. Their primary objective is bringing down Assad. If what we give them is to fight ISIS, that may not happen. ‘They will use the weapons to attack Christians and attack Israel, and I don’t think (giving FSA weapons) is prudent.’” [64582]

FoxNews.com reports, “A law enforcement bulletin obtained by FoxNews.com warned that Islamic State fighters have increased calls for ‘lone wolves’ to attack U.S. soldiers in America in recent months, citing one tweet that called for jihadists to find service members’ addresses online and then ‘show up and slaughter them.’” [64585, 64586, 64587, 64588, 64604, 65498]

ISIS fighters attack a northern neighborhood of Baghdad. According to Sofrep.com, “[I]n the evening of the 18th, utilizing a combination of VBIEDs [Vehicle Borne Improvised Explosive Device], suicide bombers, mortars, and, according to Shafaaq [News], RPGs, ISIS fighters struck in the Khadhmiya Neighborhood in northern Baghdad. Khadimiya is a majority-Shi’a neighborhood, actually a Shi’a holy city subsumed by Baghdad. It is the site of a major Shi’a shrine, the Al Khadhimiya Mosque, which was built over the tombs of two major Shi’a imams. It is also the site of Camp Justice, a US-run base during the occupation, and also where Iraqi authorities hanged Saddam Hussein. ... [T]his is significant as the first such major attack on Baghdad that ISIS has executed. While the attempt to break into Camp Justice, where ISF says they are keeping some of the most dangerous prisoners, ultimately failed, this was definitely more than just another terror attack to kill a few Shi’a. It had to come from outside, as there are not likely to be any ISIS cells operating in the overwhelmingly Shi’a Khadhmiya. It does not appear, however, to be the beginning of a concerted effort to take Baghdad. While there have

been plenty of fears of ISIS storming Baghdad over the last few months, Baghdad is a much different problem than Mosul. Mosul is majority Sunni, and had little love for the Maliki government, making it appear less pressing to resist (especially when the IA leadership ran). Baghdad is much larger, and has a large Shi'a population that will fight back if ISIS attempts to storm the city. While numbers are always changing, it does not appear at the moment that ISIS has the concentrated military power to be able to storm Baghdad." [64609]

Voters in Scotland reject independence from the United Kingdom by 55-45 percent. British Prime Minister David Cameron states, "The people of Scotland have spoken. It is a clear result. They have kept our country of four nations together. Like millions of other people, I am delighted." (At LewRockwell.com Martin Armstrong writes, "The turnout was the strongest in the NO camp largely because the elderly who rely on pensions were scared they would lose the dole. ... This is the very essence of the civil unrest that lies ahead—it is the classic Ayn Rand scenario. The working class having to support the dole. What happens if they go on strike—Atlas Shrugged. The elderly condemned the working class in Scotland to escalating taxes and a life far worse than they have enjoyed. For this very reason, we will see civil unrest rise in Scotland as it will everywhere else." The "global elites," of course, fear any secession, whether it is Scotland from the United Kingdom or Texas from the United States—because they fear the seceding party might very well succeed.) [64646, 64647, 64648, 64765, 65012]

On *On the Record*, former Navy SEAL Carl Higbie says Obama's appearance at Fort MacDill was "a complete photo op. ... He has touted that he is behind the troops before, and he stands in front of them gets a photo-op and everything like that, while saying, 'I'm going to send 3,000 of you guys to combat Ebola, but I'm not going to send any to combat an actual enemy that's really threatening America. ... I'd say most of the troops, probably over 90 percent, do not support [Obama]." [64618]

On *The Kelly File*, retired General Jack Keane says that in the week since Obama gave his ISIS speech, "when all the details came out about... the actual implementation plans, we [the military experts] have fundamental concerns. First, the air campaign is critical, but it won't be decisive but it's very important. Why aren't we bombing Syria now? It's seven days later, those targets are exposed: support infrastructure, training areas, supply bases for troops and equipment, command and control. The longer we wait... the more opportunity we have for ISIS to protect and conceal those targets. ... The fact of the matter is, [Obama] should have been bombing that night [the night of his speech]. He should have been announcing that campaign that night. That would have taken them by surprise, because I'm convinced that one of ISIS' planning assumptions, given [that Obama] did not cross the red line to do air strikes in Syria a year ago, they believe they [the Obama administration] would not strike them in Syria. That's why they punched up so much stuff in Syria." [64617]

Asked by program host Megyn Kelly about Obama's relationship with the military, Keane responds, "The frustration level in the Pentagon, among the military, and in the Central Command headquarters [that] is overseeing the war, with [Obama] and the White

House is as high as it has ever been. But [Obama] has overruled our commanders time and time again from 2009 to the present, Megyn, and it's been very frustrating to them. [General Stanley] McChrystal and [General David] Petraeus wanted 40,000 troops to go into Afghanistan as part of the surge, [Obama] gave them 25 percent less, or 30,000. They wanted the force to stay there a couple years, [Obama] pulled [them] out after 11 months over the objections of General Petraeus. General [Lloyd] Austin, who's now the Central Command commander, when he was running the war in Iraq, at the end of the war, made a recommendation for 24,000 troops to stay in Iraq. The end result was nothing. General [Joseph] Dunford, the Marine Corps commander of Afghanistan, ...and General Austin, made a recommendation, this year, to [Obama], to keep a residual force in Afghanistan. He has rejected that and said no. And now he's rejecting their recommendations to win this war with ISIS. And also, he's rejecting what they absolutely need... if this weak hand fails, we need U.S. combat forces to come in and take over. And that is still not an option." [64617]

Author Mark Steyn tells radio host Hugh Hewitt, "[Obama] wants to neutralize ISIS, not in terms of driving them from the map in the Middle East, he wants to neutralize them as an issue in November. He wants to be seen to be appearing to do just enough to make ISIS go off the front pages. But other than that, he has absolutely no interest in driving a stake through them." [64643]

At a Democrat fundraiser, Michelle Obama says, "When folks ask me whether I still believe everything we said about change and hope back in 2008, I tell them that I believe it more strongly now than ever before, because, look, I've seen it with my own eyes. While we still have plenty of work to do, we have truly made so much of that change we were talking about. ...[W]hen Barack first took office, [he] took a look at the mess he'd been handed and wondered what on Earth he had gotten himself into. Let me just take you back to how bad things were back then. We were in full-blown crisis mode—do you remember that? Our economy was literally on the brink of collapse. Wall Street banks were folding. Businesses were losing 800,000 jobs a month. Folks on TV were panicking about whether we were headed for another Great Depression—and that wasn't just talk, that was a real possibility. This is what Barack walked into on day one... I could go on. Now, think about how things look today, less than six years later. Our businesses have created 10 million new jobs. The long-term unemployment rate has dropped by more than half over the past four years. We've now had the longest period of job growth since World War II. And as folks across the country have gone back to work, overall unemployment is the lowest it's been in nearly six years. ..." "Just think about how different our country looks to children growing up today. Think about how our kids take for granted that a black person or a woman can be president of the United States. They take it for granted that for the first time in history, there are three brilliant women serving on our Supreme Court. ...I know that we can keep making that change we believe in." Mrs. Obama calls for generous campaign donations because mid-term Democrat election losses would result in "more conflict, more obstructionism, more lawsuits, and talk about impeachment." [64663, 64664, 64701]

On September 19 TheAge.com.au reports that the Australian government “has seized the passports of several of the Melbourne relatives and associates of jailed terror cell leader Abdul Nacer Benbrika as it investigates cell members for recruiting local jihadists to fight in Syria and Iraq. ...The move has infuriated his local devotees, who told Fairfax Media that it amounts to an overreaction by over zealous authorities. However, authorities are concerned Benbrika remains a source of inspiration for a small number of radicalised young Melbourne men.” [64593, 64594]

Sydney, Australia’s *Daily Telegraph* reports, “Prime Minister Tony Abbott this morning confirmed... that intelligence agencies had picked up ‘chatter’ involving a potential random attack on Parliament House, with fears among national security and intelligence agencies that the Prime Minister and other senior government officials were prime targets. As a second man charged with offences today after the biggest anti-terror operation in Australian history, he said security was being upgraded ‘almost immediately.’ ...The ‘chatter’ about Parliament House had been intercepted and they now held fears the building had already been ‘scoped out’ for pre-planning of a ‘Mumbai’ style attack involving automatic weapons.” [64601, 64602]

Algemeiner.com reports, “A senior Israel Defense Forces officer told *The Algemeiner* that he personally witnessed a Hamas fighter seize children to hide behind after firing at Israeli troops during Operation Protective Edge in Gaza.” Colonel Yonatan Branski, who commanded missions in Beit Hanoun during the operation, “described the Gaza terror infrastructure as being ‘like two cities, one above the ground and one beneath the ground.’ ‘There is a whole network underneath the ground with ammunition storages and war rooms,’ he said. ‘They even slept there.’ ‘They don’t have a problem using United Nations facilities or schools,’ he said. ‘They do it all the time; they did it all the time.’ He said that he doesn’t know how Hamas operatives gain access to the UN properties, and added that the UN is ‘not doing enough to stop it.’ ‘Maybe some of the people who work for the UN are... connected to Hamas,’ Branski speculated. ...The most immoral act he witnessed during the Gaza fighting, Branski said, was a Hamas fighter who ‘launched an (anti-tank) missile, and then he grabbed two children... (and) ran with them across the street to hide.’” While Hamas uses children as human shields, Branski defends the practices used by the IDF to avoid civilian casualties: “For example, when you know that there’s an ammunition storage with rockets or a war room of Hamas inside a house where people live and... we sent flyers and told them... we’re going to invade and they should leave the town and go into the City of Gaza to keep safe. And... according to international law it’s considered a military post because it has a military purpose, we still ring them on the phone and we tell them that in five minutes we’re going to bomb the house and people should leave the house. I don’t know any other army which would do something like that.” [64739, 64740]

On *Morning Joe*, White House press secretary Josh Earnest takes issue with military criticism of Obama’s ISSI strategy. Asked if Obama follows the advice of military leaders, Earnest says that Obama “listens very carefully to the advice that he gets from his military commanders... [Obama] appreciates the very solid advice that he’s received from his military commanders.” (Earnest claims not that Obama *follows* the advice, but

that he *listens* to it.) Earnest complains that the media has “misinterpreted [Joint Chiefs of Staff] Chairman [Martin] Dempsey’s testimony, uh, and the rest of the time they essentially quote, uh, they quote people who are either frequent critics of [Obama] or people who supported the previous Iraq conflict. So, the more accurate headline would be, uh, ‘Supporters of the Bush war in Iraq criticize ...Obama’s strategy.’” HotAir.com’s Noah Rothman writes, “It is perfectly enraging that this man would suggest that the fact that these military leaders who served their country for decades are disqualified from offering their expertise on matters martial because of that fact. It is unconvincing and juvenile for Earnest to presume that merely invoking the name Bush will serve to shut his critics up, though this threadbare trick still works on the hosts of MSNBC’s morning show. It is more than a little disturbing that this White House continues to treat this threat to national security as a political problem to be managed rather than addressed comprehensively. This desperation on the part of the administration would be comical if it were not so dangerous.” [64628]

In *The Wall Street Journal*, Dr. Steven E. Koonin, former Undersecretary for Science in the Energy Department during Obama’s first term, writes, “The idea that ‘Climate science is settled’ runs through today’s popular and policy discussions. Unfortunately, that claim is misguided. It has not only distorted our public and policy debates on issues related to energy, greenhouse-gas emissions and the environment. But it also has inhibited the scientific and policy discussions that we need to have about our climate future. ...[T]he crucial, unsettled scientific question for policy is, ‘How will the climate change over the next century under both natural and human influences?’ Answers to that question at the global and regional levels, as well as to equally complex questions of how ecosystems and human activities will be affected, should inform our choices about energy and infrastructure. But—here’s the catch—those questions are the hardest ones to answer. They challenge, in a fundamental way, what science can tell us about future climates. Even though human influences could have serious consequences for the climate, they are physically small in relation to the climate system as a whole.” [64743, 64744, 64745]

“For example, human additions to carbon dioxide in the atmosphere by the middle of the 21st century are expected to directly shift the atmosphere’s natural greenhouse effect by only 1% to 2%. Since the climate system is highly variable on its own, that smallness sets a very high bar for confidently projecting the consequences of human influences. ...While the past two decades have seen progress in climate science, the field is not yet mature enough to usefully answer the difficult and important questions being asked of it. This decidedly unsettled state highlights what should be obvious: Understanding climate, at the level of detail relevant to human influences, is a very, very difficult problem. ...Policy makers and the public may wish for the comfort of certainty in their climate science. But I fear that rigidly promulgating the idea that climate science is ‘settled’ (or is a ‘hoax’) demeans and chills the scientific enterprise, retarding its progress in these important matters. Uncertainty is a prime mover and motivator of science and must be faced head-on. It should not be confined to hushed sidebar conversations at academic conferences. ...Any serious discussion of the changing climate must begin by acknowledging not only the scientific certainties but also the uncertainties, especially in projecting the future. Recognizing those limits, rather than ignoring them, will lead to a

more sober and ultimately more productive discussion of climate change and climate policies. To do otherwise is a great disservice to climate science itself.” [64743, 64744, 64745]

ObamaCare notwithstanding, the Census Bureau reports that in the first quarter of 2014 there were 1.25 million *more* uninsured Americans than in 2013. [64780, 64781]

Secretary of State John Kerry chairs a meeting of the United Nation Security Council, and states, “The coalition required to eliminate ISIL [ISIS] is not only, or even primarily, military in nature. It must be comprehensive and include close collaboration across multiple lines of effort. It’s about taking out an entire network, decimating and discrediting a militant cult masquerading as a religious movement. There is a role for nearly every country in the world to play, including Iran.” Iranian deputy foreign minister Abbas Araghchi says, “We couldn’t agree more that ISIL is neither Islamic, nor a state.” He also calls Israel’s actions in Gaza “genocide” and says the elimination of ISIS must be tied to “an end to the Israeli occupation of Arab lands.” (Iran will help the United States defeat ISIS only if the United States acts against Israel and lets Iran continue its nuclear program.) Pamela Geller observes, “Of course Iran wants the filthy kuffar [the United States] to defeat the Islamic State. The Islamic State is Sunni, Iran [is] Shia. The Islamic State destroyed the Iran-backed Shia government in Iraq. They slaughter Shia with impunity. Iran needs to destroy the Islamic State. Instead of using this as leverage, the dithering Obama sides with our enemies. Again.” (Obama should tell Iran, “The United States will destroy ISIS and keep them out of Iran, but only if Iran ends its nuclear program and stops funding terrorists in Hezbollah. Instead, Kerry merely says Iran “has a role to play.”) [64748, 64749, 64750]

In a speech at a DNC Women’s Leadership Forum breakfast, Vice President Joe Biden expresses a longing for days when the GOP cooperated more with the Democrats. He states, “It was Republicans that [sic; who] were involved, guys like [former Maryland Sen.] Mac Mathias and [former Senator Bob] Packwood and so many others. It wasn’t Democrats alone. Republicans were the sponsors of the raises of the minimum wage. I could go on and on. I’m not joking: This is not your father’s Republican Party, or your mother’s Republican Party.” (Biden’s reference to the womanizing Packwood at a forum about leadership is astounding. Packwood’s atrocious behavior was tolerated by the Republicans because he was a Republican, and by the Democrats because he supported abortion and “HillaryCare.” Once the Democrats had enough votes to no longer need Packwood, he was quickly thrown under the bus.) [54809, 54812, 54814, 55072, 64615, 64616, 64617, 64656, 64661, 64662]

The Associated Press reports on some of the ways the Obama administration has been blocking information from the media. According to AP’s Washington bureau chief Sally Buzbee, “News organizations can’t shoot photos or video of bombers as they take off—there are no embeds. In fact, the administration won’t even say what country the... bombers fly from.” Reporter and photographer access to White House meetings “has become much rarer.” (Instead, the White House releases statements and photographs of its own for release.) “Information about Guantanamo that was routinely released under

President George W. Bush is now kept secret. The military won't release the number of prisoners on hunger strike or the number of assaults on guards. Photo and video coverage is virtually nonexistent." "Day-to-day intimidation of sources is chilling. AP's transportation reporter's sources say that if they are caught talking to her, they will be fired. Even if they just give her facts, about safety, for example. Government press officials say their orders are to squelch anything controversial or that makes the administration look bad." "One of the media—and public's—most important legal tools, the Freedom of Information Act, is under siege. Requests for information under FOIA have become slow and expensive. Many federal agencies simply don't respond at all in a timely manner, forcing news organizations to sue each time to force action." "The administration uses FOIAs as a tip service to uncover what news organizations are pursuing. Requests are now routinely forwarded to political appointees. At the agency that oversees the new health care law, for example, political appointees now handle the FOIA requests." [64685]

FreeBeacon.com reports that Congressman Tim Bishop (D-NY) "warned during a recent speech that up to 40 radicalized U.S. citizens who have fought alongside the Islamic State of Iraq and Levant (ISIL or ISIS) have already returned to the United States, where they could pose a terrorist threat. Bishop claims that of the 100 or so Americans who have traveled to the Middle East to join ISIL's ranks, some 40 have returned and are currently being surveilled by the FBI..." [64686]

Congressman Ed Royce (R-CA), chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, tells Fox News the fight against ISIS is "going to depend now on Congress saying, 'We're going to directly arm the Kurds.' There's [sic; there are] 190,000 men and women in battalions that [sic; who] are fighting ISIL without adequate equipment. We're going to have to go around [Obama] on this and directly arm them. ...So we have Kurds and Arabs on the ground, but the [Kurdish] foreign minister sat in my office... not three or four days ago, and told me again for the umpteenth time... 'Listen, we can't wait for Baghdad to allow us to have the artillery, the long-range mortars, the anti-tank missiles we need to defeat them on the ground. We have 190,000 soldiers—let us do our job.' [Obama] needs to get out of the way here in terms of allowing the types of decisive actions that need to be taken in terms of the air campaign and in terms of arming those Kurds and Arabs that want to do the fighting. ...If we want to do this right—the right way to do it is with the kind of air power we used in the first Gulf War... That's the way to do it, with that kind of an air campaign. And with the kind of campaign on the ground that unleashes the Kurdish and Arab forces to fight ISIL." [64636]

At PJMedia.com, Jihad Watch's Robert Spencer explains why the U.S. government should not arm Syrian "moderates." Spencer writes that the Free Syrian Army is hardly moderate: "In July 2013, Free Syrian Army fighters entered the Christian village of Oum Sharshouh and began burning down houses and terrorizing the population, forcing 250 Christian families to flee the area. ...[J]ust two days after the attack on Oum Sharshouh, Free Syrian Army rebels, targeted the residents of al-Duwayr/Douar, a Christian village close to the city of Homs and near Syria's border with Lebanon. ...Around 350 armed militants forcefully entered the homes of Christian families who were all rounded-up in

the main square of the village and then summarily executed. ...In September 2013, a day after Secretary of State John Kerry praised the Free Syrian Army as 'a real moderate opposition,' the FSA took to the Internet to post videos of its attack on the ancient Syrian Christian city of Maaloula, one of the few places where Aramaic, the language of Jesus, is still spoken. ...The Free Syrian Army attacked the Lebanese border town of Aarsal in conjunction with the Islamic State and the jihadist Nusra Front. ...The Free Syrian Army has admitted that it is working with the Islamic State. ...FSA members have pledged allegiance to the Islamic State, and handed over its weapons to Islamic State jihadis." Spencer concludes, "Placing hope in and giving weapons to the Free Syrian Army to take down the Islamic State is the pinnacle of Obama's fantasy-based policymaking. If only we had a viable opposition party in Congress—then this mad scheme might have been averted." [64773]

D. W. Ulsterman reports, "In December of 2013, the Muslim Brotherhood signed a pact with Ansar al-Bayt, a Sunni fundamentalist terror organization with direct links to al-Qaeda and is also suspected of receiving significant funding from Saudi Arabia. Just prior to his now infamous 2009 speech in Cairo, [there were rumors of] senior adviser Valerie Jarrett's insistence that no fewer than ten members of the Muslim Brotherhood be invited to attend the speech. This demand was largely ignored by most news agencies, but the Atlantic did provide this blurb: 'Various Middle Eastern news sources report that the administration insisted that at least 10 members of the Muslim Brotherhood, the country's chief opposition party, be allowed to attend his speech in Cairo on Thursday.' When then-head of the Muslim Brotherhood, Mohamed Morsi, was brought to power in Egypt shortly after Barack Obama came to power in the United States, the Obama government was quick to push for an expansive arms deal for the Muslim Brotherhood regime. ...Our own media refused to report the fact that in 2013, Egyptian lawyers actually charged Barack Obama for crimes against humanity for his support of what they deem a brutal terrorist organization. Those lawyers are correct in their linking of the Obama administration with the current and horrific violence now spreading throughout the Middle East and if the terrorists succeed, to your own backyard as well." (Ulsterman's post includes an April 2014 video clip of Obama praising the Islamic Society of North America on its 50th anniversary. Obama certainly knows that the ISNA is one of several Muslim Brotherhood front groups in the United States—but he is counting on the fact that few Americans know that. Ulsterman also posts a photograph of "Obama meeting with Anas Altikriti, a top Washington D.C. lobbyist for the Muslim Brotherhood, whose father heads the Muslim Brotherhood in Iraq. It was shortly after this meeting that ISIS forces began pushing into Iraq.") [64640]

Ulsterman also reports, "Another tidbit shared from those in and around the corridors of D.C. power. After giving a tepid speech that resulted in an even more tepid response from an American Legion audience, a clearly disgruntled Barack Obama is said to have complained to staff during his return trip back to the White House how he didn't need the applause, or the support, of military veterans in America. Given the still overwhelming support of [Obama] by the Mainstream Media, he sadly might be right... Video that has since emerged shows ...Obama actually waiting silently until a smattering of applause comes, his eyes blinking repeatedly while flashing angrily at how late and little the

clapping actually is. Other reports have indicated [that he] spoke for a full eight minutes without a single moment of applause, clearly rattling Barack Obama, a politician who has grown used to pre-packaged audiences coached to happily cheer his every word.” [64641]

At FrontPageMag.com Jihad Watch’s Robert Spencer writes, “It is a popular aspect of media mythmaking about the Islamic State that it is so extreme that even other ‘extremists’ such as al-Qaeda shun and repudiate it. But this claim, like the many declarations by both Muslim and non-Muslim leaders that the Islamic State has nothing to do with Islam, is always left unexplained and unsupported. ...The House of Saud is in trouble. They’ve spent billions to propagate worldwide the view of Islam held by the Islamic State and al-Qaeda. They perhaps never envisioned the prospect of a caliphate practically on their doorstep, and challenging their own legitimacy: the monster they created is returning to haunt them, and they know that if they join any military action against the Islamic State, they could face an uprising at home from young Muslims who have imbibed the understanding of Islam that they have so energetically taught. Hence this fatwa [of September 17 by Saudi religious scholars calling terrorism a ‘heinous crime’]: they hope to delegitimize now what they have spent billions to legitimize, and convince their own people that the Islamic State has nothing to do with Islam and must be rejected. ...How ironic: the understanding of Islam that Saudis have worked so hard to spread throughout the world [Wahhabism] is now ‘extremism.’” [64652, 64653]

The Canadian Press reports, “France on Friday became the first country to join U.S. forces pounding targets inside Iraq from the air in recent weeks—this time in pursuit of militants of the Islamic State group. Flying from the United Arab Emirates, two French Rafale jets fired four laser-guided bombs to destroy a weapons and fuel depot outside the northern city of Mosul, part of the territory the militants have overrun in Iraq and neighbouring Syria, officials said. ...One analyst said the French action was more symbolic than substantive—France’s military means in the region are limited—but it could give political cover for other allies to join in and show that the U.S. is not acting alone in a country still sown with deadly violence 11 years after Saddam’s [Saddam Hussein’s] ouster.” (At LewRockwell.com Eric Margolis suggests, “What the French were really doing, of course, was show-casing their new Rafale fighter. There’s nothing like bombing Arabs to sell military hardware, as Israel has long shown. Paris has been desperately trying to sell the Rafale, which is a very capable aircraft, to the Gulf Emirates, Saudi Arabia and India. Delhi signed an order for 126 Rafales in 2012 but has yet to implement it. India knows France is desperate to sell Rafales and has been torturing the French with endless bureaucratic and contract delays while it tries to haggle down the price and improve co-production terms.”) [64654, 64655, 64764]

After a knife-wielding man named Omar J. Gonzalez is arrested for climbing a fence and getting through the North Portico doors of the White House and all the way into the East Room, Richard Grenell—with the nation’s weak border security in mind—tweets, “To be fair, the guy who made it over the fence at the White House should be able to live there now... with his family.” According to FoxNews.com, “After he was arrested, [Gonzalez, an Iraq war veteran] told a Secret Service agent that ‘he was concerned the atmosphere

was collapsing and needed to get the information to [Obama] so he could get the word out to the people.” [64657, 64658, 64659, 64660, 64665, 64702, 64714, 64715, 64802, 64855, 64857, 64888, 64932, 65019, 65288, 65323]

WashingtonTimes.com reports, “The family of Glen Doherty, the former Navy SEAL killed in the 2012 Benghazi terror attack, has filed a \$2 million claim against the CIA and the State Department. Barbara Doherty, the CIA contractor and former SEAL’s mother, filed a claim last week with the two government agencies for \$1 million each. The family does not believe there was adequate security at the U.S. diplomatic outpost and a CIA annex when they were attacked Sept. 11, 2012. Dean Boyd, a spokesman for the CIA, said the agency would have no comment on the potential litigation, the Associated Press reported Friday. The State Department also declined to provide comment to the wire service. Michael Mortenson, a California attorney representing the Doherty family, told AP that his clients have tried to ‘reach a resolution’ with the federal government for two years, but to no avail. Their efforts included outreach to CIA Director John Brennan.” (Such a lawsuit can have advantages over Congressional hearings, at which government officials sometimes refuse to testify. In a private lawsuit, a judge can order such officials to be deposed under oath.) [64681, 64682, 64683]

WesternJournalism.com reports, “One of the stalwarts of the Supreme Court is facing heat from a conservative legal firm after weighing in on a same-sex marriage case pending in a lower court, which could be a violation of the Judicial Code of Conduct. Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg made comments concerning gay marriage cases before the Sixth District Court of Appeals, which governs Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, and Tennessee, saying ‘there will be some urgency’ if the lower court allows same-sex marriage bans to stand. She made the comments before an audience at The University of Minnesota Law School in Minneapolis, according to The Associated Press. But Mat Staver, founder of Liberty Counsel, argues that Ginsburg was taking a stance on an issue that could come before her and therefore violate professional standards; he told The Blaze that making those comments ‘is a violation of ethical code’: ‘Judges are not supposed to make public comments on cases that are pending before them, especially saying which way they would vote before hearing the merits of the matter.’ ...In a press release, Staver asserted that Ginsberg’s comments: ‘implied that the merits of the state constitutional amendments defining marriage as one man and one woman were such that the Supreme Court would have to overturn them with haste, if upheld by the Sixth Circuit Court of appeals.’ Staver added, ‘This is an inappropriate comment for any judicial employee, much less a Supreme Court Justice!’” [64672]

TheBlaze.com reports, “France appears to have abandoned the term ‘Islamic State’ to describe the terror group wreaking havoc across the Middle East and replaced it with a name the militants apparently hate. ...[T]his week France nixed ‘Islamic State’ in an official government release and replaced it with the term ‘Daesh.’ ‘This is a terrorist group and not a state,’ Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius said last week, according to France 24. ‘I do not recommend using the term Islamic State because it blurs the lines between Islam, Muslims and Islamists. The Arabs call it ‘Daesh’ and I will be calling them the ‘Daesh cutthroats.’’ The name ‘Daesh,’ however, is one the militants apparently

hate. According to an Associated Press report, militants have threatened to cut out the tongue of anyone who uses the name, saying it shows disrespect and defiance.” (“Daesh” is a loose acronym for the nation of Islam in Iraq and Sham. Daesh is not an Arabic word, but sounds somewhat like an Arabic word for “trample” or “crush” and another that means “one who sows discord.”) [64666, 64667, 64668]

NYPost.com reports that ISIS fighters are “terrified of being killed by female troops” because they believe they will go to hell if they die at the hands of a female soldier. (They believe “72 virgins” will greet them in paradise only if they are killed by a man.) The Kurdish peshmerga forces have many women combatants, who say ISIS fighters turn and run away rather than fight them. [64708, 64709]

Citizenship and Immigration Minister Chris Alexander announces that Canada has begun invalidating the passports of citizens who have gone to Syria and Iraq to fight with ISIS. NationalPost.com states, “The action means Canadian fighters in Syria and Iraq may effectively be stranded there. Their passports are no longer valid and therefore cannot be used to return to Canada. Nor could they be used to travel elsewhere.” [64771, 64772]

On *Special Report*, Bret Baier notes an upcoming (September 21) *60 Minutes* segment in which former Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta will say the United States should not have pulled out all of its troops at the end of 2011 and should have armed and trained the Syrian rebels when it would have done much more good. (D. W. Ulsterman comments, “The timing of this interview is interesting given it follows other former Obama administration staff and current and former top ranking military leaders also contradicting the Obama policies in the Middle East, and or placing blame for Middle East chaos on the narrow, sloped shoulders of Barack Obama himself. It is likely ISIS would never have gained the power and influence it did in Iraq had a contingent of U.S. military remained there to make certain just such a thing did not happen. By removing all American military from Iraq for political and/or ideological reasons, Barack Obama and Valerie Jarrett directly contributed to the death of thousands and resulting chaos to millions.”) [64669, 64670]

The criticism of Obama by Panetta may have the effect of indicating to others who were in the administration—or who are still in it—that it is now “acceptable” to unleash their own attacks on Obama’s incompetence and poor judgment. At some point the active duty generals and CIA officials (other than its Obama-sycophant head, John Brennan) may finally say to each other, “Enough is enough” and “encourage” Obama to resign. Although that is unlikely, it is a possibility—*especially* if the CIA has enough information on Obama to give him an ultimatum: “You have a choice, Obama. Resign or we will release information about your past.” All of a sudden, Obama may want to “spend more time with his family,” rather than risk national humiliation from the release of information even more damaging than is contained in this *Timeline*.

On September 20 Paul Sperry asks at NYPost.com if Obama is “whitewashing a traitor? Three and a half months have come and gone and the Pentagon has offered no clarity on what happened to alleged Army deserter and Taliban collaborator Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl.

Fellow soldiers and other critics fear the military's now-delayed investigation is shaping up to be a whitewash. ...Since [Obama] traded five imprisoned Taliban leaders for Bergdahl, the US Government Accountability Office has declared the swap illegal, and nearly two dozen House Democrats have joined Republicans in officially condemning the move for making 'Americans less safe.' ...[M]ore than 60% of respondents to a recent Military Times survey believe that Bergdahl should be court-martialed for walking off his post in 2009 and costing the lives of six fellow soldiers who died searching for him. But a senior Army official told me court-martialing Bergdahl would 'make [Obama] look bad.' In spite of damning evidence against him, the official expects Pentagon brass to separate him from the military with a less-than-honorable discharge, sparing Obama total embarrassment. ...The Army investigator, Maj. Gen. Kenneth Dahl, was supposed to submit his findings to brass last month but has asked for an extension. The probe was limited to a 60-day window, which ended Aug. 15. There's no longer a deadline attached, which means the investigation could drag out past the November election. ...Critics doubt Dahl has the skills to conduct a proper interrogation. 'No general does this. They have no training,' said the Army official, who requested anonymity upon describing Dahl as a 'yes-man.'" [64695, 64696, 64704]

Twenty-two Republican Senators write Obama, asking him to explain his plans for an executive order granting illegal immigrant amnesty. They state, "Rather than attempt to hide these actions from the American people until after the midterm elections, Americans should be given the chance to come to their own conclusions... [so] they can then exercise their constitutional right to petition the federal government and let you know their opinions." (The odds of Obama complying with their request are zero.) [64827]

Jack Perry writes at LewRockwell.com that the "real fear over Iran" is its "developing nuclear weapons and a delivery system. We know good and well they won't use them the second they get them. ...But the real power behind nuclear weapons is in keeping them, not using them. Having them renders you practically immune from invasion because you can vaporize the cities of the invading nation. Now, if Iran developed several nuclear warheads plus a delivery system, they would be well on their way to becoming a superpower that would have to be talked with and not talked at. They've evidently already invented a 'dog whistle' capable of calling down our drones. So, by now, they've certainly reverse-engineered drones based off those helpful 'donations' and why build ICBMs when a small enough nuclear warhead could be loaded on to the drone and delivered anywhere on demand. Unlike ICBMs that are usually pre-targeted. If Iran could build itself as a nuclear power, it could offer its 'nuclear umbrella' to just about any nation willing to join it in a Middle East version of NATO and the West would just have to swallow the bitter pill. This is the real fear of a nuclear-armed Iran. Not that they'll use the weapons, but that they'll keep the weapons and assert themselves into a position of power over the West which needs oil. This is one of the real reasons behind toppling Assad: To isolate Iran and remove one of their allies in a reverse 'domino theory.' That's the real reason (or at least one of them) behind jumping into Syria allegedly over ISIL. Iran knows this." [64649]

“...But what of this ISIL threat anyway? Seems to me there are several possibilities. The one that strikes me as most obvious is Russia waiting until we get our aircraft and ships into position, and then Russia declares they signed a military aid pact with Syria to defend Syrian land and airspace against any and all incursions, to include those of the U.S. So, in humiliation, the Great Father [the United States] has to take his ball and go home rather than risk a war with Russia. Putin will take Obama to the proverbial woodshed in retaliation for the Great Father meddling in the Ukraine. What’s Obama going to do? Start a war with Russia over Syria? He’ll need the NATO nations to fight that war. But those nations will leave NATO quicker than patrons from a failing restaurant chain rather than risk angering a Russia just a hop, skip, and IRBM [intermediate-range ballistic missile] away from them. Obama will also need to draft Americans for such a war. And when our Great Father drafts, he won’t see any of the ‘Yes We Can’ posters of his campaign. What he’ll see is ‘No We Won’t’ posters and draft riots that’ll make Ferguson look like a community college cooking class. ...Americans are not going to go quietly into a war with Russia. Especially not when they know Russia can park some ballistic missile submarines off both coasts. The Russians can probably call on Venezuela for air and naval bases, too. One wonders if the banks have a plan to collect mortgage payments on vaporized houses.” [64649]

At Examiner.com Jim Nouri reports, “Libyans in the eastern city of Benghazi witnessed a number of jihadist attacks that left at least 14 people dead on Saturday, according to security officials who routinely monitor Islamist organizations As a result of such civil unrest at the hands of Islamists and militias, ...Obama’s own Secretary of Homeland Security nixed Obama’s plan to lift the ban on Libyans coming to the United States to train as pilots and nuclear scientists... According to a watchdog group in Washington, D.C., Judicial Watch, ...Obama’s own Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson is refusing to comply with his boss’ poorly chosen plan to end the U.S. prohibition on Libyan nationals attending flight schools or attending universities to train as nuclear scientists, which was initiated by President Ronald Reagan in 1983. ...At a Congressional hearing earlier this year, one of the Homeland Security Department officials told lawmakers that former Secretary [of State] Hillary Clinton and the State Department requested the Libyan ban be revoked in 2010. Three years later, the same DHS official, Alan Bersin, informed the congressional panel that Homeland former Security Secretary Janet Napolitano had given the process to amend the regulations relating to Libya her approval. However, the new Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson has all but ignored Obama by telling the lawmakers the Libyan ban would continue. At a House Judiciary Committee hearing this week Johnson confirmed that he has refused to lift the ban especially with the current chaos in Libya.” [64684]

FoxNews.com reports on the closing of a musical stage production about climate change called *The Great Immensity*. The absurdity of the idea of such a musical is exceeded only by the fact that it was funded with a \$700,000 grant from the National Science Foundation. According to Fox News, “The play, which featured songs and video exploring Americans’ relationships to the environment, opened in New York in April with a three-week run before going on a national tour that was supposed to attract 75,000 patrons. But it stalled after a single production in Kansas City, falling short of the lofty

goals outlined in a grant proposal.” Congressman Lamar Smith (R-TX) states, “There is no doubt that the *Great Immensity* was a great mistake. The NSF used taxpayer dollars to underwrite political advocacy dressed up as a musical. And the project clearly failed to achieve any of its objectives.” The NSF states, “This particular project just concluded in August and the final report has not yet been submitted to NSF. Final reports are due to NSF within 90 days following expiration of the grant. The final report will contain information about project outcomes, impacts and other data.” (It can be assumed that no one in the federal government will be held accountable for the waste of \$700,000 in taxpayer funds. Smith has also been critical of a \$20,000 study “on the causes of stress in Bolivia.”) [64679]

At a California Republican convention in Los Angeles, Senator Rand Paul (R-KY) denounces Obama’s abuse of power: “It is a terrible tragedy, it is a danger to us as a country, and we need to do everything we can to stop him from abusing our laws. [He] basically has created a lawless atmosphere in Washington.” Of Hillary Clinton Paul says, “I think she had a 3 a.m. moment. She didn’t answer the phone, and I think it absolutely should preclude her from being president.” Of the GOP, Paul says, “When our party looks like America—with earrings and without earrings, with ponytails and without ponytails, with tattoos and without tattoos—when we look like the rest of America—white, black, brown—we’re going to win again. We’ve got to go out and we’ve got to broaden our party, and when we do, we’ll be a national party again. We will win again.” [64680]

One day after Omar Gonzalez jumped over the White House fence and almost made it into the building, another man—Kevin Carr of New Jersey—attempts entry at a security gate and is arrested after refusing to leave. [64702, 64703]

A petition is started at WhiteHouse.gov urging Obama “to immediately and publicly recognize that Mr. Omar J. Gonzalez, an oppressed migrant, was merely looking for a better life when he entered the White House after going over the classist, divisive and needless fence. In the interest of White House diversity and what will surely result in adding to the rich tapestry of love and community, we further demand that [Obama] reform the mean-spirited laws regulating access to the People’s House. For justice and peace, upon his next return from the back-nine, Mr. Obama must award permanent lawful WH residency to Mr. Gonzalez and his family, along with a permit to work there. Because. END UNFAIR AND DEMEANING WHITE HOUSE ENTRY LAWS! JUSTICE FOR OMAR GONZALEZ AND ALL WHITE HOUSE MIGRANTS!” [64715, 64716, 64784]

At the Maverick PAC Conference, retired Marine Corps Commandant General James Conway says, “I don’t think [Obama’s] plan [to defeat ISIS] has a snowball’s chance in hell of succeeding” without combat troops on the ground. [64706, 64707, 64775]

At NYTimes.com David D. Kirkpatrick writes, “The United States has conducted an escalating campaign of deadly airstrikes against the extremists of the Islamic State for more than a month. But that appears to have done little to tamp down the conspiracy

theories still circulating from the streets of Baghdad to the highest levels of Iraqi government that the C.I.A. is secretly behind the same extremists that it is now attacking. ‘We know about who made Daesh [ISIS],’ said Bahaa al-Araji, a deputy prime minister, using an Arabic shorthand for the Islamic State on Saturday at a demonstration called by the Shiite cleric Moktada al-Sadr to warn against the possible deployment of American ground troops. Mr. Sadr publicly blamed the C.I.A. for creating the Islamic State in a speech last week, and interviews suggested that most of the few thousand people at the demonstration, including dozens of members of Parliament, subscribed to the same theory. (Mr. Sadr is considered close to Iran, and the theory is popular there as well.) ...The prevalence of the theory in the streets underscored the deep suspicions of the American military’s return to Iraq more than a decade after its invasion, in 2003. The casual endorsement by a senior official, though, was also a pointed reminder that the new Iraqi government may be an awkward partner for the American-led campaign to drive out the extremists. The Islamic State, also known by the acronym ISIS, has conquered many of the predominantly Sunni Muslim provinces in Iraq’s northeast, aided by the alienation of many residents to the Shiite-dominated government of the former prime minister, Nuri Kamal al-Maliki. ...Obama has insisted repeatedly that American military action against the Islamic State depended on the installation of a more inclusive government in Baghdad, but he moved ahead before it was complete. ...Mr. Obama has pledged not to send combat troops, but he seems to have convinced few Iraqis. ‘We don’t trust him,’ said Raad Hatem, 40. Haidar al-Assadi, 40, agreed. ‘The Islamic State is a clear creation of the United States, and the United States is trying to intervene again using the excuse of the Islamic State,’ he said.” [64719]

Three soldiers from Afghanistan disappear from a National Guard training program at Camp Edwards, in Massachusetts. Ted Daniel at Boston’s Fox25 tweets, “They’re vetted Afghani Officers, but if they bought civ[ilian] clothes and won’t check into the Base they left, [that is] not good.” CapeCodeOnline.com reports, “Massachusetts National Guard spokesman Lt. Col. James Sahady said the three men were reported missing on Saturday night. ‘There is no indication they pose a threat to the public,’ Sahady said. Local police, state police and base officials were all cooperating in the search for the three men, identified as Maj. Jan Mohammad Arash, Capt. Mohammad Nasir Askarzada and Capt. Noorullah Aminyar.” (Pamela Geller writes, “What are Afghan soldiers doing on our home soil? Especially now, with the jihad raging in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, etc. These are the same ‘Afghan partners’ who are slaughtering our soldiers and military brass in ‘insider attacks’ in Afghanistan. Yesterday’s ‘moderate’ Afghan soldiers are today’s jihadists, and the bloodbath begins. Under Obama’s reign, insider attacks against our soldiers were at record levels. So why would he bring Afghan soldiers here? It is subterfuge. Does Obama intend to fight on home soil? Why would Afghan soldiers need to train at US airbases?”) [64731, 64732, 64746, 64747, 64758, 64848, 64849]

On September 21 an estimated 310,000 irrational people—including global warming huckster Al Gore, an actor named Leonardo DiCaprio, and tens of thousands of socialists and haters of capitalism—attend a “People’s Climate March” in New York City. The city’s socialist mayor, Bill de Blasio, also attends the event. One grossly overweight woman wears a T-shirt that reads, “I fast for the climate.” Some attendees chant “Fuck

the police,” while others call for a “free Gaza,” a ban on fracking, an end to war, and the truth about September 11, 2001. DiCaprio tells the crowd, “To be clear, this is not about just telling people to change their light bulbs or to buy a hybrid car, this disaster has grown beyond the choices that individuals make. This is now about our industries and our governments around the world taking decisive and large scale action. This isn’t hysteria. This is fact.” (DiCaprio is a typical global warming doomsayer: one who looks at a few years of slightly warmer temperatures in the 1990s and believes that somehow “proves” an earth-destroying trend. He may as well find a random grain of black sand on a white beach and scream, “Oh my God! The beach is turning black!”) [64725, 64726, 64727, 64728, 64729, 64730, 64734, 64774, 64785, 64788, 64789, 64794, 64797, 64824, 64831, 64890, 64906, 64907, 64913, 64915, 64936, 64945, 64963, 65017, 65080, 65081]

PJMedia.com later notes, “At the New York [climate march] event, many people noticed that gee, there sure are a lot of communists at this march. But in Oakland—always on the cutting edge—the entire ‘climate change’ movement at last fully, irrevocably and overtly embraced communism as its stated goal. Any concerns about ‘optics’ or operating in ‘stealth mode’ were abandoned. The ‘climate change’ ‘crisis’ is now nothing but the latest justification for ‘total revolution’ and getting rid of capitalism forever. . . . The primary message of the People’s Climate Rally was this: Climate change is caused by capitalism, and merely attempting to *reform* capitalism will not stop global warming; it is impossible to work within the existing system if we want to save the planet. We must replace it with a new social and economic system entirely. Until recently, those attacking the capitalist system as the cause of global warming were intentionally a little vague as to what will replace it if we are to solve the problem. But on Sunday in Oakland, that curtain was drawn back and the new system was finally revealed: Communism. Or at least hardcore socialism as Marx defined it—the necessary transitional phase before true complete communism (i.e. no private property, no families, no individualism).” (The article includes pro-socialist, pro-communist quotes from the event’s speakers, and dozens of photographs of the booths and placards.) [64725, 64726, 64727, 64728, 64729, 64730, 64734, 64774, 64785, 64788, 64789, 64794, 64797, 64824, 64831, 64890, 64906, 64907, 64913, 64915, 64946, 64963, 65017, 65080, 65081]

The marchers, who allegedly care about the environment but who also generally prefer socialism to capitalism, leave behind a mountain of trash. DiCaprio—who likely flew from Los Angeles in his private jet and is perhaps blissfully unaware that the plane uses petroleum-based fuel, petroleum-based tires, petroleum-based furnishings, and metal that has been mined using petroleum-burning machines—is less than happy with a question from PJTV’s Michelle Fields about the carbon footprints of his jet and his yacht. Nor does the crackly-voiced Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. like Fields challenging him to give up some perks to set a “green” example for others to follow. (In a recent interview, Kennedy whined about those who dare to disagree with him on the issue of global warming, saying, “I wish there were a law you could punish them with.”) [64725, 64726, 64727, 64728, 64729, 64730, 64734, 64774, 64785, 64788, 64789, 64794, 64797, 64824, 64831, 64890, 64906, 64907, 64913, 64915, 64946, 64963, 65017, 65080, 65081]

Weather expert Joe Bastardi tells WND.com, “This is not about the weather. It’s not about climate. It’s not about science. Those things are being used to further another agenda. ...The mask came off. It’s about destroying capitalism, destroying freedom as we know it. ...If there was one positive about that climate march, if you go and look at the people marching and the signs they had up, it should be obvious that it’s not the climate they’re concerned about. It’s the destruction of the American way of life as we were taught: the competitiveness, the capitalism, that type of thing where the individual has the chance to pull himself up. That’s what I believe this is about. ...Nature, not man, rules the climate. You can do the math. It’s common sense to understand that the sun, the oceans and stochastic events far outweigh what CO2 can possibly do. It’s boxed in effectively. [CO2 is only] one-one hundredth of the greenhouse gases, the most prominent being water vapor. ...I’d like [Obama] or anybody else to explain to me how we had an ice age at [CO2 levels of] 7,000 parts per million [when the level is only about 400 parts per million]. If you actually looked at the geological time scale and the relationship of CO2 to temperatures, I don’t understand how you can be driving home this point that the United States, or anybody else on the face of the planet, is to blame for so-called climate change.” (ClimateDepot.com writes, “Scientists note that geologically speaking, the Earth is currently in a ‘CO2 famine’ and that the geologic record reveals that ice ages have occurred when CO2 was at 2000 ppm to as high as 8000 ppm. In addition, peer-reviewed studies have documented that there have been temperatures similar to the present day on Earth when carbon dioxide was up to twenty times higher than today’s levels. ...[D]espite the man-made global warming fear movement’s clarion call of alarm, many scientists are dismissing the 400ppm level of carbon dioxide as a non-event. Scientists point out that there are literally hundreds of factors that govern Earth’s climate and temperature—not just CO2. Renowned climatologists have declared that a doubling or even tripling of CO2 would not have major impacts on the Earth’s climate or temperature.” The earth has often had CO2 levels far in excess of 400 parts per million—even before there were SUVs and power plants.) [64963, 64964, 64965, 64966]

Katrina vanden Heuvel, editor of the leftist *The Nation*, appears on ABC’s *This Week* and says Obama “articulated what I think is a pretty good foreign policy organizing principle: don’t do stupid stuff. ...He resisted military strikes in Syria last August. He said at West Point in May that our biggest mistakes have been willingness to rush into military adventures without thinking through the consequences. I regret, I think [that Obama] has surrendered to war party in both parties, to a media that has lathered up hysteria about a threat that is not an immediate threat to this country. There is a barbarism and a gruesomeness to the video tapes that have moved the American people at this stage to support strikes, but the support for ground troops is not there. The support is very thin. The main problem is that too often in this country that we equate doing something with doing something militarily, when what is needed now is tough regional diplomacy, [a] political solution. We’ve spent 13 years of military misadventure in this region. Let us find a different way. Don’t do stupid stuff.” (She does not elaborate as to how one engages in diplomacy with people who slice off the heads of anyone who opposes Islam.) [64718]

On *Face the Nation*, Congressman Mike Rogers (R-MI), chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, states, “Al-Qaeda always has been on ...an immediate path of conducting Western attacks. We shouldn’t forget it. That’s more immediate [with] this ...Khorasan group [of al-Qaeda members in Syria]. We described it as deployed al-Qaeda operatives who were engaging with al-Qaeda and the Arabian Peninsula to develop a terror plot to bring down airplanes. They haven’t lost that interest in doing it. That means it’s serious. They have ...capability, financing and people. All of that’s dangerous.” Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) adds, “Each one of these [terrorist groups] is capable one day, some sooner than later [sic], of a strike against our country. This is not a good situation.” She says of Khorasan, “That group could harm the U.S. even sooner than [ISIS].” (Some may wonder where the name Khorasan comes from. It is an ancient name of the region of what is now northeastern Iran, southern Turkmenistan, and northern Afghanistan. Khorasan, as now used by the Obama administration, is essentially a “branch” of al-Qaeda. In fact, it reportedly does not even call itself Khorasan. But because Obama has bragged that he “decimated” al-Qaeda and has it “on the run,” recognizing that it is still strong and dangerous contradicts the administration’s “message.” Therefore, this particular element of al-Qaeda has its own unique name.) [64720, 64760, 64783, 65159]

On *Meet the Press*, Obama’s ambassador to the United Nations Samantha Power says “The commitments are coming in every day” to build the coalition against ISIS—but she names no nations that have volunteered and provides no details. (Strangely, the program’s discussion panel includes a guest from the gossip web site BuzzFeed.com. How NBC thinks that will lend credibility to the poorly rated program is not clear.) Power also appears on *Face the Nation*, where she says, “[W]e’re going to leave it to other nations to announce for themselves what their specific commitments to the coalition are going to be. [Obama] has said we are not going to allow ISIL to have a safe haven in Syria, but no decisions have been made in terms of how we’re going to proceed in that.” [64722, 64733, 64735, 64798, 64838, 64839]

On ABC’s *This Week*, Power says, “There is universal support, I think, for degrading and destroying this group. I will make you a prediction, which is that we will not do the airstrikes alone, if [Obama] decides to do the airstrikes.” Power says Obama “is relying on military advice from [Joint Chiefs] Chairman [Martin] Dempsey and from [Defense] Secretary [Chuck] Hagel. They believe that the strategy [Obama] has laid out can be successful in degrading and destroying ISIL. And there are troops on the ground, there are Iraqi troops, there are Kurdish troops, there are Syrian troops who have been fighting ISIL at great expense and great sacrifice; fighting on two fronts, fighting ISIL on the one hand and the regime on the other. We think, again, the strategy can succeed.” (Interestingly, Power says the military thinks the strategy *can* succeed—not that it *will*. Laughably, she notes Iraqi, Kurdish, and Syrian “troops on the ground,” as if they just volunteered to join Obama’s coalition when, in fact, they have been fighting ISIS for months without assistance.) Power also claims that Obama’s strategy “has the overwhelming support of the American people, even after ten years of war.” (That is nonsense. The American people overwhelmingly support eliminating ISIS, but they do

not necessarily support Obama's "strategy"—whatever that may prove to be.) [64722, 64733, 64735, 64798, 64838, 64839]

Also on *This Week*, former Defense Secretary Robert Gates says, "I think our goal, actually, ought to be, first, to just set ourselves the objective of pushing ISIS back out of Iraq, getting them out of there, denying them a place where they can have a permanent foothold, if you will, where they might be able to carry out plotting against the United States. ... And I think that broader strategy for the region as a whole really has not been discussed by anybody in this debate. ... We've been at war with al Qaeda for 13 years. We haven't destroyed it yet. We've changed it. We've certainly degraded it in the Afghan-Pakistani area. But all you have to do is look around the world, and particularly in Africa and, and the Middle East, to see that it's still around. So I think destroying [ISIS] probably is ambitious, at least [in the] foreseeable future. But it is a realistic objective to try and push them out of Iraq and deny them a permanent foothold some place. ... What the administration is trying to communicate is that we're not going to send battalions, we're not going to send brigades, but there will have to be, I think, to achieve the mission [Obama] has assigned, some boots on—some American boots on the ground and in harm's way." [64801]

At WND.com Leo Hohmann warns of another danger to Americans and their culture: increased Muslim immigration to the United States and "stealth jihad" via population explosion. Hohmann writes, "Much has been reported about Latin Americans sneaking across the U.S. southern border, but there may be a greater danger looming in America's heartland in the form of nearly 2 million Muslims who have made their way to the U.S. since 1992." Because Muslims tend to have many more children than the average American, over time they can take over a nation. That is happening in Europe, which has more than 18 million Muslims. In France, for example, they number about 4.7 million and represent about 7.5 percent of the population. An immigrant from Egypt, Mark Christian, notes, "Especially in the big cities [in Europe] they [Muslims] have control of certain neighborhoods, not the whole city. ... [In] London, Paris and all over Europe now, when the population gets bigger they call it a 'no-go zone' where the police can't come in and they set their own [Shari'ah] rules. And they have access from the Middle East, so they can go in and get asylum, in many cases even if they've been rejected by their own government for being terrorists. England has been opening its doors for years to the [Muslim] Brotherhood's leaders, after [Prime Minister] Margaret Thatcher had shut them out." Jihad Watch's Robert Spencer: "I think in America we will see the same thing that's happening in Europe happening here. There will be growing enclaves with Muslims living in close proximity, such as Dearborn, Michigan, and Minneapolis, Minnesota, and less and less respect for civil law and more and more for Islamic law. We see it now in Antwerp [Belgium], parts of London and in Malmo, Sweden." (For even discussing the problem of multiculturalism run amok, Spencer and Pamela Geller have been banned from speaking in England.) [64721]

Benjamin Weinthal, a Europe-based research fellow at Washington's Foundation for Defense of Democracies, tells FoxNews.com that "Turkey is going to grant asylum to the Muslim Brotherhood leaders" who have been ejected from Egypt and who are soon be

expelled from Qatar. “The Muslim Brotherhood has already announced, according to reports, that they plan to use their refugee status in Turkey to destabilize... and try to overthrow Egypt’s government. It’s startling, because you have a NATO member, Turkey, that will probably provide refuge to Muslim Brotherhood leaders who will seek to overthrow Egypt. ...[Turkish President Recep Tayyip] Erdogan has refused to join the current U.S.-driven coalition to eliminate the Islamic State from Iraq and Syria. Turkey is a recruitment center for Islamic State fighters. When I was on the Turkey-Syria border at this time last year I saw how porous the border is, and how Turkey’s lax policy showed no real effort to enforce the border. I witnessed radical Islamists crossing into Syria on a regular basis.” (Some may be surprised by Turkey’s actions—but only those who incorrectly believe that its leadership is “moderate.” Under Erdogan the country has moved from a somewhat moderate, secular nation towards a more strict Islamist nation.) [64723]

Fox News also reports that Erdogan “will not reveal details of a covert operation that ensured the release of 49 people held hostage by the Islamic State group. The hostages—46 Turks and three Iraqis—were seized in Mosul, Iraq when militants overran the city in June. They were released and returned to Turkey on Saturday. Turkey says no ransom was paid [Turkey reportedly gave ISIS 49 tanks] and no promises were made but it remains unclear why the IS agreed to let them go.” (The answer may be simple: Turkey allows terrorists to cross its borders into Syria and Iraq and allow ISIS to truck Iraqi oil into Turkey for sale on the black market, and ISIS would rather release 49 hostages than jeopardize its situation. The greater questions may be why Turkey cooperates with ISIS, and why Obama considers Erdogan his closest and most trusted friend among foreign leaders—when Erdogan is giving tanks to jihadist thugs.) [64724, 64751, 64752]

On CNN, Bill Clinton helps to distance his wife Hillary from Obama, telling shameless plagiarist Fared Zakaria, “I agree with her, and I would have taken the chance” to arm Syrian rebels several years ago. ...[Y]ou have to be careful when you make these commitments, because you can’t know [how they will turn out]. But since ISIS has plenty of money, is one of the great bank robbers in human history, among other things, they were going to get their weapons one way or the other. So I would risk it. And besides, when we were talking about doing it, there was no ISIS. ...However, it was a—an argument she lost within the administration and she admitted then and acknowledged in her book that she can’t know that if her recommendation had been followed, it would have worked. That’s one of those things you can’t know. This—that’s why all of these decisions are hard [sic; difficult].” (Clinton is essentially saying that his wife is capable of making difficult decisions and Obama is not.) [64736, 64741, 64742]

Clinton also falsely brags, “When I was president, I’ve told you this before—one of the things I was most proud of is we moved 100 times as many people from poverty into the middle class as moved under President Reagan... and everybody else in the middle did better than they did in the Reagan years.” (According to Politifact.com, “During the eight years under Reagan, the number of employed people went up by 16.1 million, or an increase of 18 percent over the eight-year period. During the eight years under Clinton, the number of employed people went up by 22.9 million, or an increase of 21 percent

over the eight-year period. ...Under Reagan, [the unemployment rate fell from 7.5 percent to 5.4 percent—a drop of 2.1 percentage points. Under Clinton, it fell from 7.3 percent to 4.2 percent—a drop of 3.1 percentage points. ...During the eight years under Reagan, the poverty rate fell from 14 percent to 12.8 percent, or a decline of 1.2 percentage points. During the eight years under Clinton, the poverty rate fell from 15.1 percent to 11.7 percent, or a decline of 3.4 percentage points.” (While the improvements were greater under Clinton, it must be remembered that they came despite Clinton, rather than because of Clinton. Much of the improvement in the economy under Clinton came from a capital gains tax cut and welfare reform—both of which he resisted and were forced down his throat by a Republican Congress. Clinton consistently takes credit for that welfare reform, even though he first vetoed the legislation and was eventually pressured into signing it into law. In 2009, Obama removed the work requirements for welfare—which resulted in his “non-recovery recovery.”) [64736, 64741, 64742]

Iran-backed Shi’ite rebels seize government headquarters in Yemen, prompting the resignation of Prime Minister Mohamed Basindawa. TimesofIsrael.com reports, “Yemeni security officials said heavy fighting has resumed in the capital, Sanaa, Sunday, following days of violence that left more than 140 dead and prompted thousands to flee their homes. The clashes erupted on Sunday around the Iman University, a bastion of Sunni hard-liners that is seen as a recruitment hub for militants. More fighting raged near a major military base in the Yemeni capital.” (This would be the same Yemen that Obama classified as one of his anti-terrorism successes in his September 10 address to the nation.) [64753, 64754, 64866, 64880, 64911]

It is worth noting Robert Spencer’s June 2014 comments on the Sunni versus Shi’ite conflict: “[T]he idea that the Sunni-Shi’ite divide, which is 1,400 years old and goes all the way back to the murky origins of Islam, is something that can without undue difficulty be ‘overcome’ is a sterling manifestation of the general superficiality of Washington’s analysis of the Middle East, during both the Bush and the Obama administrations. Unbeknownst to the analysts and policymakers who have influenced Washington policy for decades now, the Sunni-Shi’ite divide cannot be bridged by negotiations, or by bribes (‘aid’), or by anything but the full surrender of one group to the other—which is not going to happen. This is because the divide has enough roots in each side’s differing understandings of Islam for hardliners in both camps to label the other ‘unbelievers,’ and thus people who can lawfully be killed. Islamic tradition holds that after Muhammad died (which is supposed to have happened in 632 AD), the Muslim community chose his companion Abu Bakr to succeed him as caliph, or successor of Muhammad as the military, political and spiritual leader of the Muslims. But one group among them thought that the leadership belonged by right to Ali ibn Abi Talib, Muhammad’s son-in-law and one of his first followers, and after him to a member of the prophet’s household.” [64755]

“Ali finally did become caliph after Abu Bakr had been succeeded by two other companions of Muhammad, Umar and Uthman, but was assassinated only a few years later. Then in the year 680, his son Hussein was killed in battle with the caliph Yazid I at Karbala in Iraq, and the split between those who believed that the caliph should be the

best man in the community (the Sunnis) and those who believed the Muslims should be led by a relative of Muhammad (the Shi'ites) became formal, bitter and everlasting. There is not much doctrinal difference between the two camps, but since each believes that the other has departed from the truth of Islam, and each (particularly the Shi'ites) nurses centuries-old grudges over ancient wrongs done to them, this split is not going to be 'overcome.' Saddam Hussein kept a lid on it in Iraq by brute force, but now that he is gone and a Shi'ite government is in power there, the Sunnis are determined to wrest control back from them, and the Shi'ites and their Iranian patrons are just as determined to keep it. It is a recipe for endless warfare, until the Mahdi returns and reveals whether he has come as the Sunni or the Shi'ite version. In the meantime, the strength of ISIS, the Shi'ites' determination to win back the territory they have lost, and the very real possibility that Sunni-Shi'ite war could engulf the entire Middle East, are grim monuments to the price of Washington's faulty analysis." [64755]

Memritv.org posts a video showing ISIS' August 11 capture of a fortune in U.S. currency and gold ingots from the home of Osama al-Nujayfi, former Speaker of the Iraqi Council of Representatives, and now Iraq's vice-president. [64761, 64762, 64763]

Reuters reports, "Islamic State militants tightened their noose on a northern Syrian border town on Sunday as the United Nations said the number of Syrian Kurds fleeing into neighbouring Turkey may have topped 100,000 and was likely to go much higher. Residents fleeing the frontier town of Ayn al-Arab, known in Kurdish as Kobani, and its surrounding villages said the militants were executing people of all ages in the areas they had seized to create a climate of fear and slavish obedience. ... A Kurdish politician from Turkey who visited Kobani on Saturday gave a similar account of the Sunni militants' tactics. 'Rather than a war this is a genocide operation. ... They are going into the villages and cutting off the heads of one or two people and showing them to the villagers,' Ibrahim Binici, a deputy from Turkey's pro-Kurdish HDP party, told Reuters. 'It is truly a shameful situation for humanity,' he said, calling for international intervention." [64766, 64767]

ISIS issues an 11-page message, filled with verses from the Qur'an, warning the world. It reads in part, "O America, O allies of America, and O crusaders, know that the matter is more dangerous than you have imagined and greater than you have envisioned. We have warned you that today we are in a new era, an era where the State, its soldiers, and its sons are leaders not slaves. They are a people who through the ages have not known defeat. The outcome of their battles is concluded before they begin. They have not prepared for a battle since the time of Noah except with absolute conviction of victory. Being killed—according to their account—is a victory. This is where the secret lies. You fight a people who can never be defeated. They either gain victory or are killed. And O crusaders, you are losers in both outcomes, because you are ignorant of the reality that none of us is killed but to resurrect the dead amongst us. None of us is killed but to leave behind him a story that awakens the Muslims from their slumber by its recount. And then you see the weak one of us—he who has no experience in fighting and thinks he cannot contribute anything practical on the ground, having no goal except to be killed, so that he can illuminate the path with his blood and thereby enliven the hearts with his story,

generation after generation. He makes his body and remains a bridge for those who awaken after him to pass over. This person has realized that the life of his nation is through blood and the honor of his nation is through blood. So he went on with a bare chest and bare head towards death eagerly searching for life and honor. If he survives, he lives as a victor with freedom, might, honor, and authority. And if he is killed, he illuminates the path for those after him and goes on to his Lord as a joyful martyr. He has taught those after him that might, honor, and life are through jihad and being killed, and that humiliation, disgrace, and death are through submission and subservience.” [64768, 64769]

“O crusaders, you have realized the threat of the Islamic State, but you have not become aware of the cure, and you will not discover the cure because there is no cure. If you fight it, it becomes stronger and tougher. If you leave it alone, it grows and expands. If Obama has promised you with defeating the Islamic State, then Bush has also lied before him. Indeed, our Lord, the Mighty and Majestic, has promised us with victory, and here we are now victorious. He will grant us victory at every event. He is glorified and He does not fail in His promise. And so we promise you by Allah’s permission that this campaign will be your final campaign. It will be broken and defeated, just as all your previous campaigns were broken and defeated, except that this time we will raid you thereafter, and you will never raid us. We will conquer your Rome, break your crosses, and enslave your women, by the permission of Allah, the Exalted. This is His promise to us; He is glorified and He does not fail in His promise. If we do not reach that time, then our children and grandchildren will reach it, and they will sell your sons as slaves at the slave market.” [64768, 64769]

“...And O Obama, O mule of the jews. You are vile. You are vile. You are vile. And you will be disappointed, Obama. Is this all you were capable of doing in this campaign of yours? Is this how far America has reached of incapacity and weakness? Are America and all its allies from amongst the crusaders and atheists unable to come down to the ground? Have you not realized—O crusaders—that proxy wars have not availed you nor will they ever avail you? Have you not realized, O mule of the jews, that the battle cannot be decided from the air at all? Or do you think that you are smarter than Bush, your obeyed fool, when he brought the armies of the cross and placed them under the fire of the mujahidin on the ground? No, you are more foolish than him. You claimed to have withdrawn from Iraq—O Obama—four years ago. We said to you then that you were liars, that you had not withdrawn, and that if you had withdrawn that you would return, even if after some time, you would return. Here you are; you have not withdrawn. Rather you hid some of your forces behind your proxies and withdrew the rest. Your forces will return greater in number than they were before. You will return and your proxies will not avail you. And if you are not able to return, then we will come to your homeland by Allah’s permission.” [64768, 64769]

The statement encourages Muslims, “If you are not able to find an IED or a bullet, then single out the disbelieving American, Frenchman, or any of their allies. Smash his head with a rock, or slaughter him with a knife, or run him over with your car, or throw him down from a high place, or choke him, or poison him. Do not lack. Do not be

contemptible. Let your slogan be, ‘May I not be saved if the cross worshipper and taghūt (ruler ruling by manmade laws) patron survives.’ If you are unable to do so, then burn his home, car, or business. Or destroy his crops. If you are unable to do so, then spit in his face.” [64768, 64769, 64846]

During a meeting with foreign ministers, Secretary of State John Kerry takes time out from trying to build a coalition of countries willing to fight ISIS to complain that global warming is creating “climate refugees.” “We see people fighting over water in some places. There are huge challenges to food security and challenges to the ecosystem, our fisheries and ...the acidification of the ocean is a challenge for all of us. And when you accrue all of this, while we are confronting ISIL and we are confronting terrorism and we are confronting Ebola and other things, those are immediate. This also has an immediacy that people need to come to understand, but it has even greater longer-term consequences that can cost hundreds of billions, trillions of dollars, lives, and the security of the world.” [64778, 64779]

On *60 Minutes*, Obama’s former CIA Director and Defense Secretary Leon Panetta says, “I really thought that it was important for us to maintain a presence in Iraq. The decision [that Obama ignored] was that we ought to at least try to maintain 8,000 to 10,000 U.S. troops there, plus keeping some of our intelligence personnel in place, to be able to continue the momentum in the right direction. And frankly, having those troops there I think would’ve given us greater leverage on [former Iraq Prime Minister Nouri al Maliki] to try to force him to do the right thing as well.” (In other words, Obama’s decision to withdraw all U.S. troops at the end of 2011 was unwise.) Panetta says the United States should have armed Syrian rebels a few years ago, and that Obama’s national security team was “virtually unanimous” with that recommendation—that Obama rejected. Panetta states, “I think that would’ve helped, and I think in part, we pay the price for not doing that in what we see happening with ISIS.” [64759, 64791, 64792]

On September 22 a full page advertisement/editorial in *The Washington Times* asks readers if they are “willing to fully see the evidence” of Obama’s forged birth certificate, and suggests they visit www.mcsoccp.org and www.ObamaReleaseYourRecords.com. [64803, 64804]

On MSNBC’s *Morning Joe*, Secretary of State John Kerry claims the U.S.-led coalition against ISIS has “more than 50 countries total now. ...[E]very single Gulf nation and the surrounding neighbors joined up, one way or the other, to be active in the coalition” including “[Saudi] Arabia, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Jordan, Bahrain, Oman and Kuwait. ...Now the proof will not be in the words. The proof will be in the actions. And we’re not going to take anything to the bank on the basis of a verbal interaction. But at least we know that they are committed, that’s the beginning, and now we will begin to put together the specific tasks that each nation will undertake.” Kerry claims that Turkey will also join the coalition. (What each of the countries contributes remains to be seen, but it is unlikely that any Middle East nation will put Sunni Muslim soldiers in the position of having to kill other Sunni Muslims.) [64800]

Kerry also addresses a climate change meeting at the United Nations, saying global warming is “the most serious challenge we face on the planet. ...[I]t is absolutely imperative that we decide to move and to act now. You don’t have to take my word for it. You don’t have to take Al Gore’s word for it. You don’t have to take the [United Nations’] word and... all those people who are sounding the alarm bells. You can just wake up pretty much any day and listen to Mother Nature, who is screaming at us about it. ...When you think about terrorism, which we think about a lot today; poverty, which is linked obviously to the levels of terror that we see in the world today; and, of course, proliferation of weapons of mass destruction—all of these are challenges that don’t know any borders. [Climate change] ranks right up there with every single one of the rest of those challenges. You can make a powerful argument that it may be, in fact, the most serious challenge we face on the planet because it’s about the planet itself.” [64877, 64884]

At DailySignal.com Robert Graboyes, senior research fellow at George Mason University’s Mercatus Center, explains why so many Americans have lost their health insurance coverage. Every health insurance plan has an actuarial value, or a percentage of medical bills the company pays. One plan may pay 65 percent of the bills, while another, more expensive, plan may pay 95 percent. Under ObamaCare, however, “bronze level plans” must pay, on average, 58-62 percent of medical bills; silver plans must pay 68-72 percent; gold plans, 78-82 percent; and platinum plans, 88-92 percent. That absurd structure means that a policy that pays 85 percent of medical bills is not ObamaCare-compliant, because 85 percent does not fall within the law’s defined rules. In fact, a plan that pays 100 percent of medical bills is not acceptable under ObamaCare, because even the platinum plans are not allowed to pay more than 92 percent of customer expenses. Even worse, explains Graboyes, is that the percentages change every year under the law, thus rendering some plans that had been legal, illegal. [64895, 64896]

The Japan Times reports, “Jordan has arrested 11 members of the Islamic State group who it said confessed to planning ‘terrorist operations’ in the kingdom, a security official said on Sunday. Jihadis from the group have seized swaths of territory in Iraq and Syria, both of which border Jordan, declaring a caliphate and imposing a brutal interpretation of Islamic law. The 11 alleged Islamic State members ‘admitted their links to the leadership of the Daesh [ISIS] organisation in Syria and that they were charged with carrying out terrorist operations in Jordan targeting a number of vital interests,’ the official said, using the group’s Arabic acronym. ...The jihadists’ advances have raised fears that they could gain ground in neighboring Jordan, which is struggling to deal with an influx of 600,000 Syrian refugees and to contain local Islamist groups.” (Jordan is on ISIS’ list of targets, along with Iraq, Syria—and the rest of the world. If ISIS jihadists take control of Jordan and Syria, and the Muslim Brotherhood were to again gain power in Egypt, Israel would be surrounded by regimes dedicated to its destruction.) [64756, 64757, 64770]

A naive Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson tells the House Homeland Security Committee, “From my homeland security perspective, I want people who are living in this country undocumented [illegal immigrants] to come forward, to get on the books, and subject themselves to a background check so that I can know who they

are and whether it's the current DACA [Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals] program or a path to citizenship, whether it's deferred action or earned path to citizenship. From my homeland security perspective, I want people to come forward." Congressman Lou Barletta (R-PA) responds, "Do we honestly believe that any would-be terrorist or criminal or drug dealer is going to come forward to have a criminal background check done on them? They're going to continue to remain underground. Nobody with a criminal record is going to come forward." [64885]

In an insipid interview with Politico, former IRS official Lois Lerner, who targeted conservative organizations with a vengeance and called conservatives "crazies" and "assholes," insists she is not partisan. Lerner, who is now collecting a \$100,000 annual pension from the taxpayers and lives in a \$2.5 million mansion, claims, "I didn't do anything wrong. I'm proud of my career and the job I did for this country. ...Regardless of whatever else happens, I know I did the best I could under the circumstances and am not sorry for anything I did." Lerner claims, "[M]y personal opinions have never affected my work," and whines that she has been criticized "because I declined to talk, and once I declined to talk, they could say anything they wanted, and they knew I couldn't say anything back." (Of course, had Lerner chosen to answer questions under oath she would not have been criticized for keeping quiet.) Examiner.com comments, "While Politico plays up their 'journalistic catch,' [its] story hardly has any direct quotes from Lerner, who practically brought an army of lawyers to the sit down interview including her husband, attorney Michael Miles. In fact, readers of the Politico news piece may be disappointed since Lerner's only on-the-record statement is her claim she doesn't regret doing her job. [64776, 64777, 64787, 64793, 64822, 64823, 64828]

Congressman Darrell Issa (R-CA) states, "The American people deserve the opportunity to hear Lois Lerner's testimony under oath. If Lerner had nothing to hide and did nothing wrong in the IRS targeting scandal, she would have chosen to answer basic questions about her conduct instead of obstructing Congress' investigation. Her decision to make unsubstantiated claims to a media outlet while claiming Fifth Amendment protections from answering Congress' questions is telling. She appears to have great confidence that her allies in the Obama Administration will not consider legal action after she resigned and declined to discuss the IRS' actions against private citizens." [64782, 64810, 64868]

Senator David Vitter (R-LA) charges, "The Obama Administration is bending over backwards to give ObamaCare to illegal immigrants, but won't protect hard working American citizens who are losing their health care coverage. The Obama administration has been granting deadline extensions, making excuses, and turning a blind eye to falsified documents by illegal immigrants. ...Last year was nothing short of a disaster and as a result the Administration continues to bend the rules for people who did not comply with the law in the first place, with an exorbitant cost to the U.S. taxpayer." According to DailyCaller.com, "Obamacare's first open enrollment period, originally scheduled to end March 31, was extended through April 15. But five months later, the Obama administration is still getting around to ensuring that those who have been using Obamacare coverage—and likely taxpayer subsidies—are actually eligible." [64826, 64894]

At Breitbart.com John Nolte comments on a repulsive article by Ezekiel Emanuel, one of ObamaCare's architects and an advocate of health care rationing, in which he said he did not want to live beyond age 75: "Emanuel even includes a monstrous but brightly colored graph that is meant to tell anyone over 75 that their 'last contribution' to society likely occurred more than a decade ago. Good God. The phrase 'the banality of evil' gets bandied about a lot. Emanuel's column, which in reality is a public service announcement meant to begin a debate about the way in which we prioritize healthcare, takes the prize in that department. And yes, Emanuel's article is an act of evil, written by a soulless bureaucrat with no respect or compassion for the individual. Emanuel's only concern is for the collective, the State. And he is exactly the kind of 'medical professional' many feared would grab hold of our healthcare system if the Federal government got their hands on it—which it now has. Thanks Obama! Leftists like Emanuel don't see human life as anything more than utilitarian. They see nothing special or unique or inviolable about the Individual or life itself. For them, creating an orderly and structured Utopia takes precedent over the value and rights of the Individual. Abortion is a perfect example. Unwanted children mess up society. Unborn children with handicaps are imperfect and have no place in a society striving for perfection. So they are stripped of their rights, and as a result, by the millions, we break their spines and suck out their brains and call it 'choice.'" [64869, 64870, 64916, 64949, 64968, 65010, 65064, 65072, 65116, 65189]

"...When you look at society as a whole, instead of people as individuals, wiping out everyone over 75 looks like a great idea. Moreover, so does aborting unwanted pregnancies and 'imperfect' fetuses. Using a slide rule, all kinds of clinical madness sounds smart, even compassionate; The Greater Good, and all that. What's so unsettling is that Emanuel and his ilk aren't trying to save money or improve quality of life. The endgame with ObamaCare has nothing to do with that. ObamaCare is the vehicle and this 'cost-saving' propaganda is nothing more than the roadmap to crafting the Left's twisted version of Utopia. ...I guess that what I'm trying to say is that Ezekiel Emanuel and his ObamaCare death cultists can go straight to Hell." (Using Emanuel's logic, a healthy 65-year-old should be given preference over a morbidly obese 40-year-old with diabetes because the former requires far less medical care and is less of a burden to society. Perhaps he will suggest euthanizing fat people in his next article.) [64869, 64870, 64916, 64949, 64968, 65010, 65064, 65072, 65116, 65189]

At AmericanThinker.com David Catron writes, "Its title [*Why I Hope to Die at 75*] notwithstanding, Emanuel's article isn't really about himself. It is actually a none-too-subtle attempt to make us feel guilty for burdening our families, and society in general, by clinging to life past what he considers the optimum age to die. In other words, it is *you* whom he hopes will go gentle into that good night after three-quarters of a century. Emanuel is a notorious proponent of medical rationing, and has long advocated denying care to the elderly. In fact, just prior to his 2009 appointment to ...Obama's Coordinating Council on Comparative Effectiveness Research, he co-authored an article in the *Lancet* which promotes allocation of health care resources according to the age of the patient. In its introduction, he and his co-authors recommend a rationing system that would prioritize 'people who have not yet lived a complete life' yet go on to claim, 'Unlike

allocation by sex or race, allocation by age is not invidious discrimination.’ Good luck selling that to Granny, who may have her own ideas about the optimum point at which to shuffle off her mortal coil. But, like all progressives, Emanuel is less concerned about the needs of individuals than those of the collective. ...Dr. Emanuel says that life after 75 isn’t worth living anyway. Really? Ronald Regan was 76 when he stood before the Brandenburg Gate and said, ‘Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall.’ Mahatma Gandhi was 77 when he saw his dream of Indian Independence come true. Nelson Mandela became President of South Africa at 76. And Benjamin Franklin attended the Constitutional Convention at age 81. What would the latter have said about Dr. Emanuel’s wisdom concerning the optimum age to die? As Franklin put it in his autobiography, ‘Life’s tragedy is that we get old too soon and wise too late.’” [64869, 64870, 64916, 64949, 64968, 65010, 65064, 65072, 65116, 65189]

Senator James Inhofe (R-OK) blocks Obama’s request for \$1 billion to fight the Ebola virus outbreak in Africa until the Pentagon “outline[s] a plan to protect U.S. military personnel from contracting Ebola.” According to RollCall.com, the Senate Armed Services Committee will allow the Pentagon “to spend \$100 million of the funds until the Obama administration meets the requests put forth by Inhofe. Other committees that must sign off on the reprogramming also released just a portion of the funding with limitations, including the House Armed Services Committee, which released \$100 million, and the House Appropriations Committee, which released \$50 million, according to Inhofe’s office.” [65190]

NationalReview.com reports, “The Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC) is giving ...Obama some wiggle room on his executive action on immigration, saying it can wait even until after a potential December runoff [election] that could decide control of the Senate. After ...Obama announced he would wait until after the November midterms to move forward with executive action to grant legal status to millions of illegal immigrants, the CHC initially said it still [expected] the White House to act by Thanksgiving. But a new resolution passed by the Democratic caucus is now giving him until late December to act. White House chief of staff Denis McDonough reportedly told... the caucus in recent meetings that it was unlikely [Obama] would choose to act by the end of November and wants to wait until after Louisiana’s competitive Senate race, which will probably go to an early December runoff. McDonough reportedly asked the Latino caucus to postpone its demand.” (If neither Senate candidate receives more than 50 percent of the vote in Louisiana, the top two vote-getters will proceed to a runoff election in December. Pundits do not expect incumbent Senator Mary Landrieu or her challenger, Bill Cassidy, to pass the 50 percent threshold on November 4.) [64905]

DailyCaller.com reports, “A Colorado sheriff is angry at the cost and inconvenience of providing beefed up security for Vice President Joe Biden, who visited Aspen last weekend to speak at an invitation-only event sponsored by a private equity firm. Biden traveled in a 40-car motorcade along a 70-mile route between Aspen and the Eagle County airport. Sheriffs’ deputies were tapped to block roads along two major arteries, including an interstate highway, tying up traffic and racking up a hefty bill for overtime. Sheriffs offices also provided helicopter support along the route. ...Biden’s motorcade

disrupted traffic on I-70, Colorado's already-congested east-west artery through the mountains, the town of Glenwood Springs during rush hour and Highway 82 to and from Aspen." [64829]

FoxNews.com reports, "A French citizen was kidnapped by suspected Islamic militants while hiking in a mountainous Algerian region that is a known hideout for North Africa's al Qaeda branch, officials said Monday. The kidnapping comes after the Islamic State extremist group issued a call for attacks on Westerners, particularly French citizens. ... The French Foreign Ministry, in a statement, confirmed the kidnapping and said it had received no claim of responsibility. It didn't identify the man who was abducted. On Sunday, the spokesman for the Islamic State group, an extremist splinter of al Qaeda, called on followers to kill Europeans and Americans, and 'especially the spiteful and filthy French.'" (Considering how much Muslims hate the French, it is surprising that so many of them have emigrated to France.) [64842, 64843, 64850, 64851, 65004]

A "senior administration official" admits that some Americans who have fought with ISIS have returned to the United States. [64844, 64845]

At WND.com F. Michael Maloof writes, "The release by ISIS of 49 Turkish diplomats under mysterious circumstances raises further concern that Ankara's cooperation with the jihadist army could be part of a quiet plan to re-establish the Ottoman Empire, according to some Middle East experts, according to Joseph Farah's G2 Bulletin. Ankara already has allowed ISIS jihadist fighters to enter Syria, launder millions of dollars a day and sell oil taken from occupied Iraq. Turkey said that through 'diplomacy' and 'negotiation' it was able to obtain the release of diplomats captured when ISIS took over Mosul last June. While Ankara initially denied that it paid any ransom or exchanged any prisoners for the diplomats, ISIS now claims Turkey has released 180 of its fighters, according to the Middle East Media Research Institute. Ankara had used the hostage issue as a reason to deny a U.S. request either to get directly involved in attacking ISIS positions in Syria or to allow the U.S. to use Incirlik Air Base to launch attacks. With its main excuse removed, some Middle East experts believe Sunni Turkey's ulterior motive is to quietly work with the Sunni ISIS to reestablish the Ottoman Empire. ... Energy-hungry Turkey continues to buy oil from ISIS produced from captured Iraqi oil wells for less than half of market value. Much of the ISIS oil goes to Turkish companies, providing ISIS with some \$3 million a day to help fund its expansionist activities. Turkey's minister of economy, Nihat Zeybekci, is encouraging Turkish businesses to invest in ISIS-occupied portions of Iraq, and ISIS has openly extended invitations to Turkish businesses." [64854]

Breitbart.com reports, "Children as young as thirteen have left Germany for the Middle East to wage jihad on behalf of the Islamic State, according to Hans-Georg Maaben, the head of Germany's Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution (BfV). 'The youngest was 13,' he said in an interview with the Rheinische Post. Maaben, the president of Germany's equivalent to the FBI, estimates that at least twenty-four children have left their homes in the Deutschland for Syria and Iraq, and among them, five have returned with combat experience. Additionally, as many as four girls left for the Middle East with a 'romantic ideal of marrying a jihadist' whom they had met online. 'The vast

majority are from migration backgrounds,' added Maaben. ...Some 400 German citizens have joined the Islamic holy wars in Iraq and Syria, according to security source estimates... Of the 400-plus who initially left, about 130 have returned to their nation of origin, and another 40 or more have died on the battlefield. A study by Germany's BfV found that the vast majority of the jihadis are poorly educated Muslim men who originated from foreign lands." [64847]

FoxNews.com reports, "Three Afghan National Army soldiers who vanished from a Cape Cod military base where they had been taking part in a training exercise have been found at the Canadian border near Niagara Falls, a senior Pentagon official told Fox News. The men were reported missing by the Massachusetts National Guard Saturday night at Joint Base Cape Cod [Campo Edwards]. ... 'They have been found,' the source said. The men were found near Rainbow Bridge, which spans New York and Ontario, but no other details were immediately available. ...Earlier, Pentagon officials who spoke to Fox News said they did not feel that the missing soldiers posed a public threat." [64848, 64849]

The U.S. military begins airstrikes in Syria, targeting ISIS and Khorasan terrorists, using F-22 Raptor aircraft in combat for the first time—along with other aircraft, Tomahawk missiles, and drone attacks. According to Newsmax.com, "The strikes were carried out by manned Air Force and Navy aircraft, and the Tomahawk missiles were launched from U.S. ships in the northern Persian Gulf and the Red Sea. The aircraft carrier USS George H.W. Bush is in the Gulf. Some of the airstrikes were against Islamic State group headquarters in Raqqa in eastern Syria. Military officials have said the U.S. would target militants' command and control centers, re-supply facilities, training camps and other key logistical site. ...Military leaders have said about two-thirds of the estimated 31,000 Islamic State militants were in Syria." (During the 2012 campaign Vice President Joe Biden criticized Mitt Romney for "being ready to go to war in Syria.") [64796, 64812, 64816, 64817, 64836, 64859, 64862, 64867, 64874, 64875, 64876, 64893, 64912]

CNN.com notes that one of the Khorasan leaders "is believed to be Muhsin al Fadhli, a short and slight Kuwaiti who is 33 years old. A security source in the Middle East tells CNN that al Fadhli arrived in Syria in April 2013 and began working with Jabhat al Nusra. ...At some point, al Fadhli appears to have parted company with al Nusra—perhaps, according to the source, because it saw him as in league with Iran, where he had been based as al Qaeda's senior representative. The source says al Fadhli's new focus on 'external operations' [that is, attacks on the United States and Europe] was revealed by one of his bodyguards, named as Abu Rama, who was recently arrested by the regime of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad." (Some might conclude that Abu Rama was "persuaded" by the Assad regime to give up information about Khorasan's operations and locations. Some might also conclude that the Assad regime is not as unfriendly with the United States as has been assumed.) [64930]

Among the pilots bombing ISIS targets is Major Mariam Al Mansouri, a United Arab Emirates F-16 pilot. (ISIS fighters will not be pleased. Jihadists famously believe that if martyred, they go to paradise and are greeted by 72 virgins. However, they also believe

that if killed by a woman they instead go to Hell.) It is later reported that Al Mansouri's family disowned her for bombing Syrian targets. [64919, 64920, 64921, 65123]

It is worth noting that the F-22 Raptor is the most advanced fighter jet in the world, and the only one that can avoid surface-to-air missiles from Russia's S-300 defense system. Before Obama took office the Air Force wanted 381 of the advanced fighters. In 2009 the Obama administration claimed that 187 were enough—and he called the program “an inexcusable waste of money.” Congressman Howard “Buck” McKeon (R-CA), of the House Armed Services Committee, said at the time, “The case (for 381) was made. If the case hasn't been changed, does he have something that says the threat is less and we don't really need 381?” The Senate gave Obama what he wanted, voting 58-40 to cancel additional purchases. By canceling the F-22 program, Obama had a ready excuse for not selling the advanced plane to Israel, which might want it in for an attack on Iran's nuclear facilities—especially with Iran using Russia's S-300 system. Selling the F-22 would have protected American jobs (95,000 in 44 states), as well as kept the assembly line active in the event the U.S. military needed additional planes in the future. Obama said no to both. In a speech at Elmendorf Air Force Base in November 2009, White House aides demanded that the F-22 parked in the hanger be switched to an older F-15 fighter so that Obama would not be seen with the plane whose production he had canceled. The Weekly Standard wrote, “And keep in mind, Obama was happy to have his picture taken with Hugo Chavez and Daniel Ortega, but the F-22—a plane that Americans can and should be proud of... Obama had them move it out of the shot.” The article's headline: “What Do the Dalai Lama and the F-22 Have in Common? Answer: Obama won't pose for a picture with either of them.” [472, 473, 474, 1688, 1855, 2232, 2261, 2286, 3963, 3964, 3995, 3996, 4519, 4520, 6261, 6747, 6748, 8440, 8464, 8465, 14582, 14583, 43963, 65136]

It is also worth noting that in March 2013 Obama ordered the phase out of Tomahawk missile purchases—dozens of which have been used in the attacks on ISIS in Syria. According to Breitbart.com, “In the first night alone of air operations against Syrian based terror targets, the Pentagon fired off nearly half the number of missiles its pared back purchase program permits for all of next year. If deployed at that rate continuously, the US stockpile of roughly 4,000 Tomahawks would be depleted in less than three months. Obama's cancellation of the cruise missile program baffles defense analysts; given the Administration's 2012 decision to dramatically shrink the size of U.S. Armed Forces to well below that required to ‘conduct large-scale, prolonged stability operations.’ The less capable the US military is to deal with multiple simultaneous and transglobal crisis [sic; crises], goes the accepted thinking of top brass, the more reliant need so-called ‘stand-off weapons’ like the unmanned ship-fired Tomahawk cruise missile that can reach targets thousands of miles away, to make up for the gap in conventional forces. Obama's Tomahawk decision infuriated top officials in the British Royal Navy, whose submarine attack force relies solely upon Tomahawk missiles as their ordnance of choice, and who were not even consulted about the decision before it was announced.” [65136]

Congressman Peter King (R-NY) says that having other nations participate in the air strikes “makes our case better among other Sunnis. ISIS can’t say this is an attack by the infidels [or that] this is an attack by the West. By having other Arab nations involved certainly makes our position better. ...This will be a well-coordinated series of attacks. And they have to go on and on. We cannot just do them for show value. We have to show we’re serious about it. And that is another way to win support in the region by showing that we’re in this for keeps.” [64881]

Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) states, “I support [Obama’s] actions to target ISIL’s facilities in Syria. I have argued for months that ...Obama has the authority to confront this threat to the United States wherever they seek refuge. Defeating this menace to all who value freedom and tolerance will not be easy, but is essential to our security. My thoughts and prayers are with our men and women in uniform carrying out their duties as part of ongoing operations in Iraq and Syria.” [64881]

Israeli Defense Forces shoot down a Syrian fighter in its air space. [64862]

On the *Tonight Show*, Jimmy Fallon quips, “More bad news for [Obama]. Chicago is reversing its plan to name a high school after ...Obama because it received multiple complaints from people in the community. I guess, I guess parents are afraid their kids would spend eight years at the school and still not get anything done.” [64944]

On September 23 Obama states, “Last night, on my orders, America’s armed forces began strikes on ISIL targets in Syria” Noting the assistance of Bahrain, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates, Obama says he is “proud to stand shoulder to shoulder” with them, and “the strength of this [five nation] coalition makes clear that this is not America’s fight alone.” (Some may be surprised that the administration was able to persuade several Middle East countries to join in the fight against ISIS, considering that it means Sunni Muslims killing other Sunni Muslims. But the nations involved are monarchies that fear being overthrown by ISIS more than they fear angering their Muslim subjects. Unbelievably wealthy kings like to remain unbelievably wealthy kings—even if striking ISIS means helping protect Assad, who they have long sought to see removed from power.) [64815, 64818, 64865, 64871, 64874, 64875]

In a letter to House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH), Obama claims he has the authority to conduct air strikes in Syria under Public Law 107-40 and Public Law 107-43. Public Law 107-40 is the September 18, 2001 Authorization to Use Military Force against al-Qaeda in response to the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Public Law 107-43 is the October 16, 2002 Joint Resolution authorizing military action in Iraq against Saddam Hussein. (More than a few lawyers will argue that those laws do not apply to Obama’s actions against ISIS.) [64871, 64872, 64873]

Deputy national security advisor Ben Rhodes says the administration warned Syria not to prevent U.S. aircraft from entering its air space but did not request permission from President Bashar al-Assad. According to Rhodes, the United States did not coordinate military actions with the Syrians or “provide them advance notice of the timing or of

targets that the U.S. was going to strike. In fact, we warned them to not pose a threat to our aircraft.” HotAir.com’s Noah Rothman observes, “Washington is understandably concerned about creating the impression that they are acting in Syria with Assad’s blessing. The State Department insisted that there were no military-to-military contacts between Syria and the U.S., and Assad’s forces were given no indication of the planned timing of last night’s airstrikes. But even Assad’s tacit acceptance of U.S. and Arab military action against targets inside his country necessarily represents some level of coordination. [On CBS’ *This Morning*] Former acting CIA Directory Mike Morell observed that the United States provided Assad with advanced warning of the imminent strikes on Islamist targets in his country so that pro-Assad forces would not target coalition aircraft. That, Morell warned, might prompt a series of escalating of responses from coalition aircraft. It is worth noting, too, that Damascus remains a client of Moscow and there is every reason to believe that some of Assad’s Russian-made air defense systems are operated by Russian advisors. Strikes against pro-Assad targets may have resulted in Russian casualties.” [64862, 64876]

CNN’s Wolf Blitzer defends Obama’s military action in Syria, saying it is only a “modest” war. [64820]

In a subtle dig at Obama’s “no boots on the ground” pledge, House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) tweets, “Godspeed to the men & women of our armed forces leading the fight against ISIL terrorists. Nearly 2,000 on the ground in Iraq.” [64821]

At AmericanThinker.com Thomas Sowell writes, “No one has promoted the dangerous notion that war is optional more than Barack Obama. He declared peace in Iraq when he pulled American troops out, and he declared victory over al Qaeda because his administration had killed bin Laden (with an assist from the Navy SEALs). But all this make-believe has come back to haunt him, as make-believe often does. Make no mistake about it, make-believe wins elections—and winning elections is Obama’s thing. The big problem is that the things that win elections are not the things that win wars. With an eye on the upcoming Congressional elections, Barack Obama has assured all and sundry that there will be no American ‘boots on the ground’ in the fight against ISIS. But telling your enemy in advance what you will or will not do is not the way to win wars. ... When Winston Churchill surveyed the staggering magnitude of worldwide carnage and destruction at the end of World War II, he said that there was never a war easier to prevent than the one which had just devastated so much of the world. He said that the earlier we would have opposed Hitler, the lower the cost would have been. At one time, according to Churchill, a memorandum could have stopped Hitler, given the balance of military power against him early on. ... Although France at that point was militarily capable of stopping Hitler in his tracks [in 1936, when he moved troops into the Rhineland], and preventing World War II, politically the French government dared not move. The French people, with the horrors of the First World War still painfully vivid in their memories, wanted no part in military operations. ... Barack Obama has done more than anyone else to promote the dangerous illusion that we can choose whether to have a war or not. But our enemies have already made that choice. Retired Marine Corps

General James Mattis said: ‘No war is over until the enemy says it’s over. We may think it’s over, we may declare it over, but in fact, the enemy gets a vote.’” [65011]

Obama arrives in New York City to deliver a global warming address at the United Nations. (Of course, because the planet has not been warming for about 15 years, the “global warming” scare turned to a “climate change” scare. But inasmuch as the earth’s climate has been changing for billions of years, even that term is becoming stale. “Climate disruption” is now being used. The major news networks do not bother to broadcast the speech.) As Obama exits the helicopter upon arrival, he shamelessly salutes two Marine guards while still holding a Styrofoam cup in his right hand—apparently too lazy to move it to his other hand or discard it while still on board. [64811, 64813, 64814, 64832, 64860, 64861, 64898, 64926, 64931, 64942, 64943, 64990]

Addressing the United Nations Human Rights Council, Father Gabriel Naddaf, a Greek Orthodox priest in Nazareth, says, “If we look at the Middle East, we realize there is only one safe place where Christians are not persecuted, one place where they are protected, enjoying freedom of worship and expression, living in peace, and not subjected to killing and genocide. It is Israel, the country I live in. The Jewish state is the only safe place where the Christians of the Holy Land live in safety. Christians and Jews live in Israel not only because Christ was originally Jewish, born in Jewish Bethlehem, but because they share a common destiny and a true hope to coexist in peace. Does the world acknowledge Israel for protecting its Christians? Many in the international community have chosen to criticize Israel. This, in my mind, is a double crime, because by doing so the international community helps those striving to annihilate the Jews, the Christians, the Druze, and the Yazidis for political ends. By doing so, the international community unfortunately contributes to exacerbating the humanitarian crisis in the Middle East. It causes Christians to leave the land of Christ searching for a safe haven across the world. It is time for the world to awaken and realize the truth of those striving to destroy the Jewish state, They are hastening the death sentence of Christians in the Middle East and the Holy Land... I, Father Gabriel Naddaf of Nazareth, stand before you and plead, O world leaders and supporters of peace, stop those who want to destroy the only free Jewish state in the region. It is the only refuge welcoming and protecting all of its citizens. It is the only place that does not attempt to push out Christians, forcing them to leave their land in search of security. I implore you from the bottom of my heart to hear the cry of the Christians of the Middle East before it’s too late and people will read about us only in the history books.” (Obama has no comment.) [67163, 67164]

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan says that “six thousand foreign fighters have entered Turkey” despite the fact that “they have been banned. [But] They are under control. We check entry and exit points, but then you know, these people move, of course, from other parts of the border. We try to keep tabs on them. But our goal is to try and ensure that foreign fighters do not go through our borders. We’re very determined to prevent them from doing so.” (His “determination” is not very strong. Vast numbers of ISIS fighters have reportedly entered Syria and Iraq via Turkey.) Erdogan insists, “[W]e do not want to allow foreign fighters who would support terrorism. This is not our goal at all. We are fighting against them. And we will continue to fight against them.” (Of

course, he does not define what he considers “terrorism.” One man’s “terrorist” is another man’s “freedom fighter.”) [64883]

After the passage of “politically correct” legislation in Greece that essentially prohibits criticism of Islam as “racist,” Bishop Metropolitan Amvrosios of Kalavryta and Aigialeia warns, “With the entering into force of the anti-racist bill, all who talk about the motherland and patriotism will risk jail. A priest who will speak up against Jehovah’s Witnesses and other religions... may be declared a racist and imprisoned. ...Soon we will become aliens in our own home country. I do not know whether I will live to see these times, but your children will surely be slaves of Muslims. Greece is disappearing, faith is disappearing... Keep the flame of the motherland and faith. Globalization is not knocking at our doors any more—it has already entered our home.” [65118, 65119, 65149]

At TheDailyBeast.com Eli Lake reports, “Over the summer, as ISIS fighters were winning swaths of territory in Iraq, U.S. intelligence agencies were also focused on the group’s ostensible jihadist rivals in neighboring Syria. American analysts had pieced together detailed information on a pending attack from an outfit that informally called itself ‘the Khorasan Group’ to use hard-to-detect explosives on American and European airliners. As the Khorasan Group came closer to executing the attack, however, U.S. intelligence agencies lost track of the plotters. ‘We had some information on their plans that did not pan out over the summer,’ one senior U.S. intelligence official told The Daily Beast. ‘They shut it down and went dark.’ ... ‘My suspicion is what we are hearing about Khorasan is only part of the group,’ said Daveed Gartenstein-Ross, an expert on al Qaeda at the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies. ‘It strikes me as quite possible we are only hearing about the external operations wing and not the entire organization.’ ...U.S. officials confirm to The Daily Beast that over the summer, the U.S. intelligence community began closely tracking a plot to sneak non-metallic bombs inside European and American airliners. On Tuesday, Army Lt. Gen. William C. Mayville Jr., director of operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said the Khorasan Group was in the execution phase of a plot against the West. ...The Khorasan Group has been experimenting with different types of non-metallic explosives for attacks on Western targets, according to U.S. intelligence officials. Most of the members of the group come from Yemen, Afghanistan, or Pakistan and have for months been coordinating with bomb-makers drawn from al Qaeda’s affiliate in the Arabian Peninsula, the most persistent and creative of al Qaeda groups in efforts to bomb U.S.-bound passenger jets.” [64991]

At HotAir.com Ed Morrissey observes, “[T]hat’s *not* a good sign [that Khorasan ‘went dark’ over the summer]. ...There seems to be no good explanation yet for why they went underground. Word of their existence only began to leak out in the American media over the last few weeks, and perhaps they got spooked by the attention. Then again, it was also not exactly a surprise to see US airstrikes in Syria, with ISIS making themselves a big, fat target for reprisals with the butchering of two American journalists. They may have decided a lower profile was just a better idea for tactical purposes without having an indication that US intelligence had discovered their operations. The other reasons could be more ominous. If they have developed a bomb that they think will pass through Western security checks, they may have shifted to an operational phase. The heightened

security alerts about powered-down cell phones and laptops sprang from intelligence warnings about those efforts, and one presumes that security agents have some way to determine explosive-laden clothing when seen. But if the group went dark because their project went operational, why would their leaders have remained in place, as they seemed to have done?" [64992]

Katie Pavlich reports at Townhall.com, "U.S. District Court Judge Richard Berman has sentenced conservative author and filmmaker Dinesh D'Souza to eight months in community confinement center and five years probation. D'Souza will not face prison time." Federal prosecutors had asked for 10 to 16 months in prison—despite that fact that probation is more typical for such offenses. (D'Souza, a thorn in Obama's side because of his 2010 book, *The Roots of Obama's Rage*, and his 2012 movie, *2016: Obama's America*, which was based on the book, had pleaded guilty to violating campaign finance laws when he gave money to a "straw man" donor to give to the campaign of U.S. Senate candidate Wendy Long.) Author and radio talk show host Laura Ingraham tweets, "Surprised the judge didn't force Dinesh into an OFA reeducation camp for his 'community service.'" (Meanwhile, Obama pal and campaign donation bundler Jon Corzine, who stole more than \$1 billion from clients of MF Global, has not even been indicted for his 2011 financial crimes. Nor was former presidential candidate John Edwards, who reportedly used as much as \$1 million in campaign funds to hide his extramarital affair by paying off mistress Rielle Hunter and aide Andrew Young. Edwards also collected illegal campaign contributions from at least 60 straw donors, most of whom worked at his law firm. None were charged with a crime.) D'Souza's attorney points out, "There is not one person in the United States sitting in prison today for doing what Dinesh D'Souza did." Harvard Law School professor Alan Dershowitz tells Newsmax, "He never should have been prosecuted for this at all. ... Just probation would have been the appropriate sentence in this case. No confinement anywhere." David Mason, a former commissioner of the Federal Election Commission, comments, "It's not going to do anybody any good, I guess that's my first thought. My second thought is that the judge certainly exercised good sense in rejecting the prosecution's call to put him in jail for a one-time thing like this—which was bad judgment, but frankly didn't hurt anybody." [64807, 64808, 64809, 64819, 64887, 64903, 64922, 64947, 64996, 65225]

At PJMedia.com Andrew Klavan writes, "It is not true to say the government of the United States charged Dinesh D'Souza with criticizing [Obama]. It charged him with campaign finance fraud BECAUSE he criticized [Obama]. Dinesh admits he committed the error—a \$20,000 mistake deserving of a slap on the wrist and a fine. But this exceedingly creepy administration leapt on the indiscretion and attempted to get D'Souza thrown in the slammer for up to a year a half—all because D'Souza's hit film, *2016: Obama's America*, insightfully dissected [Obama's] psychology to find what D'Souza calls *The Roots of Obama's Rage*. Rage is right. A year and a half in prison would have kept D'Souza from making a new film for the next election cycle. Fortunately, however, U.S. District Court Judge Richard Berman rejected the government's case and instead gave the filmmaker something like what he deserved: a stern talking to, a fine, eight months in a community confinement center and five years probation. All of which means the man can go on doing what he does: writing intelligent books and making entertaining

films about our current politics. Go get em, Dinesh! And shame on the ‘mainstream’ press who cheered the government on in this vendetta. And shame too on those conservatives who didn’t stand up for the guy in his hour of need, saying, ‘Well, he did break the law, after all.’ That’s crap. D’Souza did wrong, I don’t deny that and neither does he, but the feds came after him like they were crossing the Rhine for what was essentially a moral misdemeanor. If it had happened under a Republican administration to someone like Paul Krugman, whose every word is a moral misdemeanor not to mention a logical felony, the mass media mind would have exploded with indignation. And they’d have been right. This was disgusting stuff, made right by an honest judge. Good for his honor. And good for D’Souza. And good for us.” (Despite avoiding prison, D’Souza has nevertheless been convicted of a felony and has therefore lost his right to vote.) [64996]

On *The Manning Report*, Reverend James David Manning wonders why guards and Secret Service agents recently managed to let two people access the White House grounds without even releasing dogs on them, while Miriam Carey, who merely approached the grounds in October 2013, was shot to death—after she had already stopped her car, more than two miles from the White House. Carey was not armed, and her infant was also in the vehicle. Reports suggest Carey did not try to ram any barriers; she was merely making a u-turn and broke no traffic laws until police started chasing her. Author and columnist R. Emmett Tyrrell wondered at the time if Carey “was read her Miranda rights before she was shot dead in a fusillade of gunfire by a gang of well-armed police who surrounded her car...” The excuse for shooting Carey was that Obama “was threatened.” Miriam Carey’s sister, Valerie, wondered if Miriam was quickly disposed of because her daughter is Obama’s “love child.” [49208, 49219, 49265, 49286, 49299, 49302, 49323, 49434, 49574, 49628, 49661, 49662, 51825, 53032, 59461, 65018, 65019]

Automaker Cadillac, General Motors’ 112-year-old luxury car division, announces that it is moving its headquarters from Detroit to New York City. According to the Associated Press, “Cadillac, which has been steadily losing sales to its German rivals, wants to get closer to its ideal buyers. Executives and marketing staffers will set up shop in a loft office in Manhattan’s trendy SoHo neighborhood starting next year. ... Cadillac will become a separate business unit, giving it more freedom to chase global growth. Most product engineering and design will remain in Detroit. Cadillacs will continue to be built at plants in Michigan, Texas, Canada, Mexico and China.” [64904]

The *Weekly Standard*’s Stephen Hayes, a frequent panelist on the Fox News Channel’s *Special Report*, tweets, “Just informed I’m on the DHSgov terrorist watch list. Explains why I have been subject to extra screening each of my recent trips.” (There is, of course, no reason for such a respected journalist to be on the terrorist watch list—or at least no justifiable reason.) [64833, 64834, 64899]

DailyCaller.com reports, “The Obama administration hasn’t kept track of the \$3.7 billion it spent last year on Obamacare and other federal health programs’ implementation, according to a federal audit. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the agency charged with implementing the health-care law, spent a boatload of money on building and advertising Obamacare exchanges, but it doesn’t have data to show what money it

spent on what efforts—or what parts of it were effective. ...CMS spent a whopping \$3.7 billion in fiscal year 2014; as of September 2013, it had 347 staff members whose total salary costs were \$79.8 million between March 2010 through 2013 [an average of \$229,971 per person], the audit found. Beyond that, not much was clear.” Congressman Dave Camp (R-MI), who requested the audit, comments, “After promising transparency and then ignoring repeated requests from Congress, we now find out that the administration is not even keeping track of how many taxpayer dollars are going out the door. Worse yet, the administration won’t even account for how much it spent on public relations campaigns promoting their unpopular law.” [64835]

JewishPress.com reports, “[T]he two Hamas terrorists, Marwan Kawasme (29) and Amar Abu Aisha (32) have been killed in a complex intelligence operation by the Shabak, IDF and SWAT teams in an overnight operation in Hebron. The two were the terrorists who had kidnapped and murdered the three Israeli teenagers, Gilad Shaar (16), Naftali Frankel (16), and Eyal Yifrach (19). ...The IDF had attempted to arrest the two terrorists, when the murderers began to shoot back. The terrorists were killed in the exchange of fire.” [64840, 64841]

At Townhall.com John Hawkins lists six reasons why Obama has been a failure: “1) He was unprepared for the job... 2) His aims are ideological and political, not practical... 3) He doesn’t know how to work with Congress... 4) He’s narcissistic... 5) He’s a poor planner who doesn’t think things through... 6) He’s habitually dishonest...” [64856]

Leftist Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg is asked by *Elle* magazine, “I’m not sure how to ask this, but a lot of people who admire and respect you wonder if you’ll resign while ...Obama is in office.” The 81-year-old Ginsburg replies, “Who do you think ...Obama could appoint at this very day, given the boundaries that we have? If I resign any time this year, he could not successfully appoint anyone I would like to see in the court. [Senate Democrats] took off the filibuster for lower federal court appointments, but it remains for this court. So anybody who thinks that if I step down, Obama could appoint someone like me [politically far left], they’re misguided. As long as I can do the job full steam... I think I’ll recognize when the time comes that I can’t any longer. But now I can.” [64863, 64864, 64938]

At NationalReview.com Kevin D. Williamson later comments, “Ruth Bader Ginsburg, having decided for some inexplicable reason to do a long interview with a fashion magazine (maybe it is her celebrated collection of lace collars), reaffirmed the most important things we know about her: her partisanship, her elevation of politics over law, and her desire to see as many poor children killed as is feasibly possible. Speaking about such modest restrictions on abortion as have been enacted over the past several years, Justice Ginsburg lamented that ‘the impact of all these restrictions is on poor women.’ Then she added: ‘It makes no sense as a national policy to promote birth only among poor people.’ [In other words, ‘We can’t eliminate poor people unless we give them free abortions.’] This is not her first time weighing in on the question of what by any intellectually honest standard must be described as eugenics. In an earlier interview, she described the *Roe v. Wade* decision as being intended to control population growth,

‘particularly growth in populations that we don’t want to have too many of.’ ...There are two ways to account for humans beings: as assets, or as liabilities. For those who see the world the way Justice Ginsburg does—which is also the way Barack Obama does, along with most of his party—human beings are a liability. That is why they fundamentally misunderstand challenges such as employment; if you see people as a liability, then you see labor in terms of ‘creating jobs,’ i.e. neutralizing that liability with a check every two weeks. It does not matter whether that labor produces anything valuable; if the liability is being met with a sufficient paycheck, problem solved. It should go without saying that Barack Obama et al. do not see themselves as liabilities. They see themselves as assets, which is how left-wing activists and Democratic functionaries justify their own enormous paychecks. And they don’t see their own children as liabilities, either—just *your* kids, loser.” [65077, 65078]

The conservative PAC Americans for Shared Prosperity releases an ad called “Online Profile.” A young woman in the ad says, “In 2008 I fell in love. His online profile made him seem so perfect. Smart. Handsome. Charming. Articulate. All the right values. I trusted him. But by 2012 our relationship was in trouble. But I stuck with him, because he promised he’d be better. He’s great at promises. He told me we’d be safe. have you looked at the news? He’s in my emails and text messages, spying on me but ignoring real threats. He said that we’d finally get on our feet financially. I’ll never pay down what he spent. He thinks the only thing I care about is free birth control. But he won’t even let me keep my own doctor. I know I’m stuck with Barack for two more years. I get that. But I’m not stuck with his friends. I’m looking for someone who gets that this isn’t about *him*. It’s about us.” [64927, 64928, 65128, 65277]

Suleiman Abu Ghaith, a son-in-law of Osama bin Laden, is sentenced to life in prison following his conviction on terrorism charges. Through an interpreter, Ghaith says, “Today, and at the same moment where you are shackling my hands and intend to bury me alive, you are at the same time unleashing the hands of hundreds of Muslim youths, and they will join the rally of the free men.” [64909, 64910, 64914]

Reuters reports, “The United States informed Iran in advance of its intention to strike Islamic State militants in Syria and assured Tehran that it would not target the forces of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, a senior Iranian official told Reuters. The communication, confirmed in part by a senior U.S. State Department official, may signal the estranged foes are inching toward a level of contacts rarely seen in over three decades since the 1979 Islamic revolution when a hostage crisis prompted Washington to sever ties with Tehran. Speaking on condition of anonymity, the senior Iranian official said Tehran had voiced concern for Assad, its closest regional ally and the recipient of Iranian military support during a Syrian civil war now in its fourth year. ‘Iran was concerned about Assad’s position and his government being weakened in case of any action against IS (Islamic State) in Syria and brought this issue up in meetings with Americans,’ the senior Iranian official said. ‘This issue was first discussed in Geneva and then was discussed thoroughly in New York where Iran was assured that Assad and his government will not be targeted in case of any military action against Daesh (Islamic State) in Syria.’ The Iranian official said Iran was informed separately in advance of the

airstrikes launched by Washington and Arab allies against Islamic State positions in Syria for the first time.” [64939]

The *Los Angeles Times* writes, “In Syria... the U.S. has no reliable on-the-ground partner, only disparate ‘moderate’ rebels who have steadily lost territory to Islamist militants. ...Analysts doubt that the White House's initial pledge of about \$500 million will be sufficient to train and equip a new army to defeat the Islamists, who are flush with captured weapons and cash from oil smuggling and other illicit enterprises. Moreover, the Syrian rebels say their principal aim is to overthrow not the Islamists but the Syrian government, whose formidable military is backed by Iran and Russia. ...One of the administration’s favored moderate rebel factions, Harakat Hazm, part of the Free Syrian Army alliance and a recipient of U.S. missiles and training, issued a statement Tuesday denouncing the ‘external intervention’—that is, the U.S.-led bombing campaign in Syria—as ‘an attack on the revolution.’ The group said its main goal was toppling Assad. It is demanding “unconditional arming” of the Free Syrian Army, yet its members also acknowledge fighting alongside Al Nusra Front, the official Al Qaeda force in Syria. Still, the country’s motley bands of fighters labeled as moderates may well be the White House’s best hope for now. It has few other options.” (At JihadWatch.org Robert Spencer writes, “How about this [option]: don’t arm or aid any of America’s enemies. Speak realistically about the jihad threat, and seek to prevent jihad terror attacks at home. Or else go in with ground troops that aren’t crippled by politically correct Rules of Engagement, and crush the Islamic State, and then leave, without indulging in quixotic, self-defeating and ill-informed attempts to create Western-style secular republics in the Middle East.”) [64961]

AT CNN.com Peter Bergen notes that Obama has “authoriz[ed] military operations of various kinds in seven Muslim countries: Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Pakistan, Somalia, Yemen and, now, Syria. The bombing of Syria is the first time the United States has mounted a full-scale war since World War II without any one of the following: A U.N. resolution authorizing force. As part of a NATO operation. An Arab League resolution in favor of military action. A specific U.S. congressional authorization for war in another country. The invitation of the host country to conduct military operations as we have recently seen in Iraq, where the Iraqi government has been begging for U.S. military intervention. Do the thought experiment where George W. Bush had gone to war in another Middle Eastern country without the cover of a U.N. resolution, or of a NATO operation, or of Arab League approval, or of a specific congressional authorization. The howls of protest from American liberals and the Muslim world would surely have been deafening. ...Consider that under Bush there were 48 CIA drone strikes in Pakistan. Under Obama there have been 328, which have killed some two-dozen al Qaeda commanders, according to a count by New America. Consider that under Bush there was only one CIA drone strike in Yemen. Under Obama there have been 99 drone strikes and 15 airstrikes, which have killed more than three-dozen of the group's senior operatives there.” Obama also authorized “the assassination of a United States citizen, the New Mexico-born al Qaeda operational commander Anwar al-Awlaki, who was killed in Yemen in a drone strike in 2011.” [64962]

Speaking at the Clinton Global Initiative's annual meeting in New York City, Obama comments on complaints about the city's traffic: "It's actually pretty smooth for me during the week. I don't know what the problem is. I haven't noticed." (Needless to say, New Yorkers are not amused by Obama's flippant remark.) [64897]

Obama then attends a Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee fundraiser, where he says, "I apologize for the traffic. Not much I can do about it. The blame is spread between me and another 160 or so world leaders who converge upon New York every single year. Yet unlike some of the previous U.N. General Assembly meetings, this one really counts." Obama again blames his predecessor: "We've gone through extraordinary challenges over the last decade, and when I came into office, the world economy was in a free fall—something we hadn't seen since the Great Depression. And we were losing 800,000 jobs a month. We were still in the midst of two wars. Challenges like climate change weren't being addressed." He then brags, "And the good news is this week what you're seeing is what American leadership means. I just came from a meeting in which we were actually able to get Arab countries, many of which have historically been on opposite sides of issues and sectarian conflict in the region, all united around fighting ISIL and eradicating the ideology, the extreme fanaticism that underlies what's happening in ISIL. ... Climate change—we're going to be taking the lead and, in fact, potentially engaging with China in making sure that we move boldly and aggressively in confronting that significant threat. We've unified the world in isolating Russia and supporting not just the Ukrainian people but the core principle that was part of the foundation of the United Nations, which is a respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of small countries relative to large ones. So what we've seen is American leadership at its best. It doesn't mean that the problems are easy or that they're solved anytime soon, but it indicates the degree to which we continue to be the one indispensable nation." Obama then blames Republicans for "some disquiet" among Americans: "[I]t's popular to suggest that somehow that's a problem of both parties, a plague on both their houses. But the truth of the matter is it has to do with a very specific problem, which is, is that the opposition on the other side has become ideologically driven and doesn't seem capable of compromise; cannot say yes even to things they used to be for; and there's been a tendency to put politics ahead of what's best for the next generation." [64935]

WashingtonPost.com reports, "Journalists who cover the White House say Obama's press aides have demanded—and received—changes in press-pool reports before the reports have been disseminated to other journalists. They say the White House has used its unusual role as the distributor of the reports as leverage to steer coverage in a more favorable direction." [64891, 64892]

CNSNews.com reports, "A recent survey found that Democrats believe the threat posed by climate change is greater than the threat posed by either al Qaeda or the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS/ISIL). The Pew Research Center/USA Today survey, conducted between Aug. 20 and 24, shows that 68 percent of Democrats said global climate change is a 'major threat' to the U.S. while 67 percent chose al Qaeda and 65 percent chose ISIS as a major threat to the country. On the Republican side, 80 percent said al Qaeda was the

major threat and 78 percent chose ISIS, while only 25 percent said global climate change was a major threat. Among Independents, 69 percent chose al Qaeda as the major threat, 63 percent chose ISIS, and only 44 percent said climate change.” [64882]

On *Hannity*, retired Lieutenant Colonel Ralph Peters explains why Turkey is not part of the coalition to fight ISIS: “President [Recep Tayyip] Erdogan of Turkey, *his sympathies are with the terrorists!* He is an Islamist himself—not as extreme as ISIS, but he’s more on their team than he is on ours.” Peters also wonders why the air strikes against ISIS in Syria took place *at night*, when the Assad regime had agreed not to interfere with the operations: “These strikes last night were designed to limit terrorist casualties. These were not serious manful strikes. ... Why did we go in at night? There was no air defense threat. We could’ve done it in broad daylight. If you wanted to kill terrorists, you would have hit those headquarters, and compounds, and logistic sites, at 10 or 11 in the morning when they were crowded, with leaders, staff officers, flunkies, etcetera. Instead we hit empty buildings at night. We knocked down antennas, we blew out windows. That is not the way to defeat terrorists who behead Americans. ... Let me give you the measure of success in air strikes against ISIS. It is not knocking out windows. It is acres and acres of dead terrorists. That is tactical success.” [64937, 64941]

Also appearing on *Hannity* is Republican strategist Karl Rove, who ridicules Obama’s Styrofoam-cup salute: “Are we surprised? After all, we’ve got a chai-swilling, golf-playing, basketball trash-talking, leading-from-behind, I-got-no-strategy, Osama-bin-Laden-is-dead, GM-is-alive, community-organizing commander in chief. How disrespectful was that? ... It’s not a latte salute, it’s a chai salute because he drinks chai. I mean, please.” (Obama supporters likely do not mind the attention given to Obama’s “chai salute.” Although it warrants criticism, every media moment spent on his salute is a moment not spent on any of his more other offenses.) [64985, 64990, 65243]

On September 24 France confirms that Herve Gourdel, a French citizen abducted while hiking in Algeria, has been beheaded by an ISIS-related group called Jund al-Khilafa. BBC.com reports, “The fact that Mr Gourdel was a tourist in a region popular with French holiday-makers has added to the sense of shock... In the video posted by his killers, he is shown on his knees with his hands behind his back in front of four masked, armed militants. He is allowed briefly to express his love for his family before one of the militants reads out a speech in which he denounces the actions of the ‘French criminal crusaders’ against Muslims in Algeria, Mali and Iraq. The beheading, the spokesman says, is to ‘avenge the victims in Algeria... and support the caliphate’ proclaimed by IS in Iraq and Syria. Jund al-Khilafa (Soldiers of the Caliphate) pledged allegiance to IS on 14 September. Until then it had been known as part of al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM), which grew out of an Algerian militant group and is now active across North and parts of West Africa.” [64879, 64889, 64901]

National Security Advisor Susan Rice appears on the *Today* program, where she is asked by Matt Lauer, “What happened to the days when the administration was able to say it felt confident that we had dealt a crippling blow to al Qaeda and Islamic militants?” Rice replies, “Well, Matt, understand what we’ve been saying. We have been focused for

many years, as you know, on al Qaeda in Afghanistan and Pakistan, what we call ‘al Qaeda core.’ And that element of al Qaeda, which is the one that hatched the 9/11 plot and executed it, has been substantially degraded and doesn’t at this stage pose nearly the same type of threat that it used to. What has happened, though, over years, is that al Qaeda has metastasized. Imagine a cancer that had an original tumor. Now elements of the cells of that tumor have moved to places like the Arabian Peninsula, Yemen, parts of Africa, Somalia, and what we call the Sahel region, Mali. And now also to Syria. So we are having to deal with each of these cells. As you’ve seen, we’ve taken action in Yemen, we’ve taken action in Somalia, and now we’re taking action, as necessary, in Syria.” [65179]

At WeeklyStandard.com Thomas Joscelyn, a senior fellow at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, later writes, “Rice’s answer is both wrong and myopic. First, the so-called Khorasan group is part of core al Qaeda. The idea that terrorists cannot be core al Qaeda solely because they are located outside of Afghanistan and Pakistan is obtuse. ...Second, al Qaeda’s planned attacks, staged from Syria, directly refute Rice’s claim that ‘it doesn’t at this stage pose nearly the same type of threat that it used to.’ Administration officials justified the airstrikes on the Khorasan group—that is, al Qaeda—by explaining that it posed an ‘imminent’ threat to the West. ‘Intelligence reports indicated that the group was in the final stages of plans to execute major attacks against Western targets and potentially the U.S. homeland,’ Lieutenant General William Mayville, director of operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, explained to reporters after the airstrikes. In other words, ‘core’ al Qaeda in Syria was planning 9/11-style attacks. ...The administration’s cancer metaphor is particularly absurd with respect to al Qaeda. Only by defining ‘core’ al Qaeda in exceptionally narrow terms can one claim it has been decimated. The attack planning in Syria alone is enough to undermine this perception. What administration officials also ignore is that al Qaeda’s geographic expansion, or ‘metastasis,’ has always been part of the plan. Despite al Qaeda’s leadership disputes with ISIL, there are more jihadist groups openly loyal to al Qaeda today than on 9/11 or when Barack Obama took office in January 2009.” [65179]

At the United Nations, Obama delivers what many will consider another “apologize for America” speech. He says, “I realize that America’s critics will be quick to point out that at times we too have failed to live up to our ideals, that America has plenty of problems within our own borders. This is true. In a summer marked by instability in the Middle East and Eastern Europe, I know the world also took notice of the small American city of Ferguson, Missouri, where a young man was killed, and a community was divided. So yes, we have our own racial and ethnic tensions. And like every country, we continually wrestle with how to reconcile the vast changes wrought by globalization and greater diversity with the traditions that we hold dear.” Former police detective and security director Peter Knudsen, Jr. tells Examiner.com’s Jim Kouri, “I was shocked to hear [Obama] make a statement about the police shooting of Michael Brown which is still being investigated. For a man who claims to be a constitutional scholar, he seems to not understand one of the pillars of our judicial system: innocent until proven guilty beyond a shadow of a doubt. I guess Obama knows more than police investigators, prosecutors,

FBI agents, judges, lawyers, and others when it comes to incidents involving police. Now that's some community organizer.” [64886, 64940, 64960, 65203]

Obama also says, “There can be no reasoning, no negotiation, with this brand of evil [ISIS]. ...I have made it clear that America will not base our entire foreign policy on reacting to terrorism. Rather, we have waged a focused campaign against al Qaeda and its associated forces, taking out their leaders and denying them the safe havens they rely upon. ...Those who have joined [ISIS] should leave the battlefield while they can. Those who continue to fight for a hateful cause will find they are increasingly alone. ...It is time for the world—especially Muslim communities—to explicitly, forcefully, and consistently reject the ideology of al Qaeda and [ISIS]. Today, it is violence within Muslim communities that has become the source of so much human misery.

...Ultimately, the task of rejecting sectarianism and extremism is a generational task, a task for the people of the Middle East themselves. No external power can bring about a transformation of hearts and minds.” To the surprise of no one, Obama says, “[W]e have reaffirmed that the United States is not and never will be at war with Islam”—as if repeating those words hundreds of times will change reality. “Islam teaches peace. Muslims the world over aspire to live with dignity and a sense of justice. And when it comes to America and Islam, there is no us and them—there is only us, because millions of Muslim Americans are part of the fabric of our country.” In an effort to further reduce the significance of the threat of radical Islam, Obama insists there is no “clash of civilizations.” (Many would argue that there certainly *is* a clash, and it is between western civilization and radical Islamists who seem to still be in the seventh century. But on *Red Eye*, Andy Levy points out that technically there can be no clash of civilizations when one side is uncivilized.) [64934, 64940, 64960, 65203]

WashingtonTimes.com notes, “Unlike many of his speeches in international forums, Mr. Obama was not interrupted once by applause. Foreign heads of state showed no noticeable reaction and gave [him] a brief, polite ovation at the end of his 40-minute address.” [64934]

After speaking for 38 minutes, Obama reminds everyone else to hold themselves to the 15 minute limit: “I would just observe that, uh, this session will need to end at 5 o’clock, and we have a long list of speakers, uh, including members of the [Security] Council, uh, and so, if we could just, uh, make sure that we’re respectful of, of, uh, some, some time constraints.” [64917, 64918]

At WashingtonTimes.com Joseph Curl writes, “...Obama on Wednesday delivered a speech at the United Nations filled with his usual soaring rhetoric of global collectivism and the importance of ‘international norms.’ But [he] also displayed a shocking naivete about global affairs, religion, Islam—a Pollyannaish interpretation on the state of the world and America’s role in it. ...Of course he waxed poetic about ‘climate change’ and the promise of ‘the children,’ but [Obama] was forced to devote the bulk of his speech to what he called the ‘heart of darkness’ and the ‘cancer of violent extremism.’ He said upon opening his remarks that ‘the shadow of world war that existed at the founding of this institution has been lifted.’ He couldn’t be more wrong. A true man of peace worthy

of the Nobel Prize, Pope Francis, said just the opposite this month in remarkably astute comments to commemorate the anniversary of World War I. ‘Even today, after the second failure of another world war, perhaps one can speak of a third war, one fought piecemeal, with crimes, massacres, destruction,’ the pope said, summing up the conflicts in Ukraine, Iraq, Syria, Israel, Gaza and much of northern Africa, including Libya and Tunisia, not to mention Somalia.” [64950]

“To Mr. Obama, there’s no global conflict of ideology, just ‘pervasive unease in our world.’ To him, the strife is merely the ‘failure of our international system to keep pace with an interconnected world.’ And to him, ‘it is one of the tasks of all great religions to accommodate devout faith with a modern, multicultural world.’ He asked delegates from nations across the world to mull this ‘central question of our global age: Whether we will solve our problems together, in a spirit of mutual interest and mutual respect, or whether we descend into the destructive rivalries of the past.’ His answer? ‘It’s time for a broader negotiation in the region in which major powers address their differences directly, honestly, and peacefully across the table from one another, rather than through gun-wielding proxies.’ Simply believing something doesn’t make it so. [Obama’s] desire for a world in which nations talk openly about their true feelings, perhaps share a good cry together, and sing kumbaya around the campfire, is the height of naivete. So is this passage of his speech: ‘...the United States is not and never will be at war with Islam. Islam teaches peace. Muslims the world over aspire to live with dignity and a sense of justice. And when it comes to America and Islam, there is no us and them, there is only us.’ But Islam and the holy Koran on which Muslim militant groups like al Qaeda and the Islamic State base their actions do call for the extermination of all who do not follow Islam, do demand that followers kill anyone who leaves the religion, do subjugate women. For the record, the Koran contains more than 100 verses that call Muslims to war with nonbelievers. ...[Obama] let loose some passing platitudes... but in the end [he] still labors under the delusion that the Islamic State group and its ilk have ‘perverted one of the world’s great religions.’ He still rejects ‘any suggestion of a clash of civilizations’—despite al Qaeda’s and Islamic State’s express declaration of war against western civilization (and anyone who is not Muslim). In the end, Mr. Obama said: ‘No external power can bring about a transformation of hearts and minds,’ which means America is powerless. The only solution in this multicultural world is sharing our true feelings honestly with those who not only fundamentally disagree with us, but vow to do us harm.” [64950]

At FoxNews.com Richard Grenell writes, “Eighteen minutes into his speech [to the United Nations General Assembly], Obama mentioned ISIS. Then, he went on to talk about ‘violent extremism’ (he never mentioned ‘Islamic extremism’). But after talking about terrorism and ‘taking action against immediate threats,’ Obama transitioned to calling out America’s ‘failure’ and ‘our own racial and ethnic tensions’ in ‘the small American city of Ferguson, Missouri.’ While humility and self-reflection are admirable leadership qualities, equating the burglary-turned-shooting death in Ferguson with ISIS killings and beheadings was a big mistake. In the sentence right before ...Obama’s Ferguson comment in front of 191 other countries, [he] said, ‘In a summer marked by instability in the Middle East and Eastern Europe, I know the world also took notice of

the small American city of Ferguson, Missouri...’ Morally equating the events of Ferguson to Islamic terrorism and Russia’s annexation of Crimea gives foreign diplomats from Arab countries and Russia the excuse they need to dismiss America’s condemnation of their actions. For anyone thinking that ...Obama didn’t purposefully mean to equate the world’s problems with the events in Ferguson, two sentences later Obama blamed globalization for the public’s outrage in Ferguson: ‘And like every country, we continually wrestle with how to reconcile the vast changes wrought by globalization...’ Overstating America’s issues doesn’t make us relatable; it makes others’ issues easily dismissable [sic; dismissible].” [64952]

FreeBeacon.com reports that Obama “favorably quoted and praised on Wednesday in his speech before the United Nations a controversial Muslim cleric whose organization has reportedly endorsed the terror group Hamas and supported a fatwa condoning the murder of U.S. soldiers in Iraq. Obama in his remarks offered praise to controversial cleric Sheikh Abdallah Bin Bayyah and referred to him as a moderate Muslim leader who can help combat the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant’s (ISIL or ISIS) radical ideology. However, Bin Bayyah himself has long been engulfed in controversy for many of his views, including the reported backing of a 2004 fatwa that advocated violent resistance against Americans fighting in Iraq.” [64956, 64957, 64958, 64959, 64970, 64989, 65053]

Congressman Louie Gohmert (R-TX) states, “It is truly unsettling that our commander-in-chief can praise someone with such a radical ideology in the midst of conducting airstrikes against those that hold the same beliefs, then finish his speech at the U.N. with his best impersonation of a determined George W. Bush. Perhaps it is the people he has advising him, but he still has extraordinary difficulty in discerning our friends from our enemies. Case in point, he continues outreach to Iran while their centrifuges continue to spin future death for the U.S. and Israel. It is utterly appalling that [Obama] would go before the United Nations and praise a radical Muslim cleric. ...Obama honored Sheikh Abdallah Bin Bayyah by reading a quote from him on the world stage and [incorrectly] grouping this cleric with those who are ‘Promoting Peace in Muslim Societies.’” [64958]

TruthRevolt.org reports, “An Associated Press fact-check on ...Obama’s climate change speech to the United Nations Tuesday [September 23] accused [him] of clearly spinning the facts and distorting the truth about America’s response to global warming. The AP fact-checker faulted Obama ‘gloss[ing] over some inconvenient truths’ in his global warming lecture Tuesday, particularly in regard to his claims about America’s attempts to clean up emissions at home and his insistence that emissions reductions do not have an impact on the economy. The fact-check says that not only did Obama distort the numbers to claim that in the last eight years the U.S. reduced total carbon pollution ‘by more than any other nation on Earth’—Europe actually reducing theirs by a larger percentage in that time—Obama is hiding the fact that the U.S. has largely lowered those emissions by ‘sending dirty fuel abroad to pollute the same sky.’ ...Obama also tried to claim that we have been able to grow our economy while simultaneously cutting carbon emissions, ‘proving’ there’s no conflict between combating global warming and growing the economy. The AP rips that claim apart, pointing to the Great Recession as the key factor in half of our so-called self-imposed reductions... Another verifiably false statement by

[Obama] was that the Climate Action Plan ‘was working,’ helping lower greenhouse gas emissions in 2012. Major problem: the plan was not even announced until June 2013.” [64948]

Errors in his climate change remarks notwithstanding, Obama is on a fool’s errand. China and other countries are not about to give up industrialization or coal-fired power plants to run their factories so that Obama, John Kerry, and Leonardo DiCaprio can sleep better. FoxNews.com reports, “According to a document deposited at the Geneva-based U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in advance of a planned meeting next month, China—now the world’s largest source of greenhouse gases—insists that the U.S. and other developed countries endure most of the economic pain of carbon emission cutbacks, and need to make significantly more sacrifices in the months ahead. Carbon emission cutbacks by China and other developing countries, the document says, will be ‘dependent on the adequate finance and technology support provided by developed country parties’ to any new climate accord. In other words, only if Western nations pay for it.” India’s prime minister, Prakash Javadekar, says his priority is to reduce poverty in his country, not CO2 levels, and that coal will still be relied on to produce much of its electricity. [64953, 64954, 65041]

CNSNews.com reports, “According to the datasets used last year, October 1st will mark the 18th year of ‘no significant warming trend in surface average temperature,’ says Patrick Michaels, director of the Cato Institute’s Center for the Study of Science. And even if the current 18-year trend were to end, it would still take nearly 25 years for average global temperature figures to reflect the change, said Michaels, who has a Ph.D. in ecological climatology and spent three decades as a research professor of environmental sciences at the University of Virginia. Sooner or later, even Al Gore and the numerous scientists, academics and politicians who agree with him that ‘Earth has a fever’ will have to admit that their climate models predicting catastrophic global warming were off by a long shot, said Michaels, who was also a contributing editor to the United Nations’ second Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report. ‘It has to be admitted eventually that too much warming was forecast too fast. That just has to happen. You can’t go on and on and on,’ he told CNSNews.com. ‘If the surface temperature resumed the warming rate that we observed from, say 1977 through 1998, we would still go close to a quarter of a century without significant net warming because there’s such a long flat period built into the record now.’” Michaels notes that, according to the University of Illinois’ Polar Ice Research Center, Antarctic ice “is at its highest extent measured by the current microwave satellite sounding system” since 1978. “And if you take a close look at the Arctic data, it appears the decline [in polar ice] stopped around 2005/2006, which means we’ve almost had 10 years without any net loss in Arctic ice.” [64999, 65195, 65622]

D. W. Ulsterman provides another report from his D. C. insider, about an Obama “outburst” during “an informal briefing on the expanded bombing campaigns to take place in both Syria and Iraq. Halfway through the already very brief briefing, ...Obama stood up clearly agitated, and walked out of the room... The casually dressed Obama returned to the briefing moments later with a senior adviser [Valerie Jarrett?] alongside

him, though his mood continued to indicate he was still very upset. The senior adviser made a couple pointed remarks to the Pentagon representatives, reminded them [Obama] had already had a very busy day, and then both she and [Obama] once again left the room. Within seconds, Barack Obama returned again to the just concluded briefing, pointing at the still seated Pentagon staff and indicating how ‘inappropriate’ it was to **‘try and paint all of Islam with the same brush.’** [Obama] repeated similar remarks, his mood going from agitation to outrage. His voice carried to several other West Wing offices. The senior adviser, who did not originally return with [Obama] into the briefing, suddenly re-appeared alongside him, as well as [Obama’s] personal aide. She was smiling, and telling everyone ‘we’re done here’ which she repeated several times and then led [Obama] back out into the hallway. News of the outburst reached senior Pentagon officials. They had no reaction. At least no reaction they shared with others.” [66207, 66208]

LATimes.com reports, “One in five U.S. workers was laid off in the past five years and about 22% of those who lost their jobs still haven’t found another one, according to a new survey that showed the extent Americans have struggled in the sluggish labor market since the Great Recession ended. Those who did find work had a difficult time with their job search and the effects of unemployment, the survey by the John J. Heldrich Center for Workforce Development at Rutgers University found. Nearly 40% said it took more than seven months to find employment and about one in five of laid-off workers said all they could find was a temporary position. Almost half—46%—of the estimated 30 million layoff victims who found new jobs said they paid less than their old ones, according to the survey of 1,153 U.S. adults done over the summer. ‘While job growth has been consistent, it has been insufficient to produce enough full-time jobs for everyone,’ the study said.” [65280]

Reuters reports, “U.S. and coalition planes pounded Islamic State positions in Syria again on Wednesday, but the strikes did not halt the fighters’ advance in a Kurdish area where fleeing refugees told of villages burnt and captives beheaded... The U.S. military confirmed it had struck inside Syria northwest of al Qaim, the Iraqi town at the Abu Kamal border crossing. It also struck inside Iraq west of Baghdad and near the Iraqi Kurdish capital Arbil on Wednesday. An Islamist fighter in the Abu Kamal area reached by phone said there had been at least nine strikes on Wednesday by ‘crusader forces.’ Targets included an industrial area... Even as Islamic State outposts elsewhere have been struck, the fighters have accelerated their campaign to capture Kobani, a Kurdish city on the border with Turkey. Nearly 140,000 Syrian Kurds have fled into Turkey since last week, the fastest exodus of the entire three-year civil war.” [64955]

The Middle East Media Research Institute reports on “the establishment of a new militant group in Egypt named Jund Al-Khilafa Bi Ard Al-Kinana (‘The Caliphate Army In Egypt’).” According to a statement from the group, it has “pledged allegiance to Islamic State (IS) leader Abu Bakr Al-Baghdadi, and promised to target Egyptian President Al-Sisi, anyone who is aiding him, as well as Egyptian military and police. It also threatened to target the U.S.’s and other ‘cross worshipers’ embassies and nationals in Egypt.” Pamela Geller observes, “Here is where Obama’s incoherent foreign policy hits a bloody

brick wall. Here's the rub. This new Caliphate Army of Egypt, which pledged its support for the Islamic State, shares the same goals as Obama's party of choice (and who he has supported vigorously since taking office in 2009), the Muslim Brotherhood. I would expect these two jihad groups to work in concert. Will Obama join them? Will he finally and rightly stand with President Sisi against terror? Obama made an enemy out of the Egyptian people because of his support of MB terrorism. It's time to right that monumental historical wrong. Or will Obama continue to insist that Islam is peace and that hundreds of jihadi groups and armies along with millions of Muslims are 'misunderstanding' Islam?" [65143, 65144]

D. W. Ulsterman posts a report from one of his D.C. insiders: "Regarding the earlier update that had [Obama] yelling his defense of Islam to Pentagon staffers. This meeting was linked to an earlier meeting from the prior week between State Dept. and Defense. [The] White House was apparently unwilling to sign off on ISIS bombings in Syria w/o Congressional go ahead to allow subsequent bombing of Assad installments. State was opposed to this due to fears of Russian repercussions, political blowback, and additional hints from Iran they would not support such an agreement. Something happened between that first meeting, and the one referenced in the earlier update that took place at the White House. Word from some on the Hill is [that] a high ranking member of the Senate [perhaps California's Dianne Feinstein] with an established history of personal animosity toward [Obama], threatened to 'expose them all after November' if the White House continued dragging its feet on the ISIL situation. This threat reached the White House inner circle, which is likely exactly what the Senator intended it to do. A week later we had the White House briefing between [Obama] and Pentagon staff taking place. At some point during this meeting [Obama] was told outright by Pentagon officials, '...[Y]ou have no choice. You're exposed here. Besides, this is going to make great television.' That may very well have been the real source of [Obama's] anger during that meeting. He walked out, then it was reported [that Obama], [Valerie] Jarrett, and a personal aide walked back in, and he agreed to the more limited air strikes and training of rebel forces in Syria, with Jarrett clearly twisting his arm to do so." [64951]

"Now here is where things get even more interesting. It is now believed by some that ISIS was tipped off as to the exact timing of the bombing campaign. It is not known by anyone I have contact with, if that came from anyone associated within the administration, another Arab state involved, etc. There is more though. Ansar al-Sharia, the al Qaeda-affiliate group that took the brunt of the initial Syria bombings, has direct ties to the 2012 Benghazi U.S. consulate attack. (The Khorasan Group is simply another affiliate of Ansar al-Sharia, though the administration used the name of that group as political cover.) This was pointed out to me by another congressional staffer who then indicated the motivation for focusing on Ansar al-Sharia was due to that group's leader having hinted during the summer to contacts in Turkey of his intention to leak information pertaining to the others linked to the Benghazi incident if his group was not allowed more influence in the build-up against Assad. These links would apparently prove damaging to Turkey and the White House. If true, and if the Ansar al-Sharia leader was actually silenced, it sends a very strong message to others who may be in the know regarding those earlier allegations of gunrunning from Libya to Turkey and then Syria, to

keep their mouths shut. Perhaps the combination of killing a potential scandal threat, and some ‘great television’ was enough to convince Jarrett, and then Obama, to proceed with the bombing campaign.” [64951]

The report from Ulsterman’s insider is not inconsistent with *The Obama Timeline*’s belief that Obama has no particular interest in going after ISIS. What Obama wants is to oust Syrian President Bashar al-Assad and see him replaced by a radical Islamist regime—to put further pressure on Israel. (That was Obama’s goal with Egypt as well, when he worked to oust Hosni Mubarak.) It is not out of the question to think that it was Jarrett who gave ISIS a heads-up on the coming air attacks, via her connections in Iran. It may also be possible that it was Obama, not the generals, who wanted the air strikes at night—in order to reduce casualties, while still showing that he was “doing something.” (Retired Lieutenant Colonel Ralph Peters is correct to wonder why the bombing missions were not flown during the day, considering that Syria was not going to interfere.)

Obama’s approval rating in New York falls to a record-low 39 percent, according to a Marist College poll—a six-point drop since July. [64986]

At WND.com Jack Cashill, author of the forthcoming book *You Lie!*, notes the whopper Obama told in September 2009: “My father left my family when I was 2 years old, and I was raised by a single mother.” Cashill writes, “In truth, the love was not ‘improbable.’ It was impossible. The couple never lived together, and if they shared anything, it was their contempt for America. ...The one friend who claimed to see the couple [Stanley Ann Dunham and Barack Hussein Obama, Sr.] together, the soon to be deposed Hawaii Gov. Neil Abercrombie, has whittled his original fable of having been there at the birth down to a more credible, ‘I remember [Obama] as a little boy with his grandfather.’ One friend, a Cambodian named Kiri Tith, knew the senior Obama ‘very well.’ He had also met Dunham through a different channel. ‘But he had no idea,’ wrote [Obama biographer David] Maraniss, ‘that Ann knew Obama, let alone got hapai (pregnant) by him, married him, and had a son with him.’ The casual reader of the Maraniss book is left with the impression that Dunham and Obama had a one-night stand that they both regretted, but that they consented to marriage because that is what people did back in 1961. The more cynical reader wonders whether Barack Obama Sr. was fronting for someone else as father.” (*The Obama Timeline* has interviewed students who attended the University of Hawaii with Obama, Sr. They state they never saw Obama with Dunham, never heard of her, never saw him with a child, never heard him say he was married or had a child, and say he dated women other than Dunham at the time.) [64967]

“As to the February 1961 wedding,” continues Cashill, “the usually thorough Maraniss offered no detail at all. His endnotes said only this, ‘Marriage facts recorded in divorce records.’ The immigration authorities certainly wondered about the wedding as well. An April 1961 INS memo notes, ‘If his USC [United States Citizen] wife tries to petition for [Obama Sr.] make sure an investigation is conducted as to the bona-fide of the marriage.’ To be sure, Dunham and Obama claimed a wedding. It suited both their purposes, Obama to extend his visa and Dunham to legitimize her biracial baby with a melanin-rich husband. As to the divorce, Dunham at the time was desperately trying to keep her future

husband Lolo Soetoro in Hawaii. The INS believed her to be married to Obama. Even if she were not married, a divorce would have been useful to clear the way for a marriage to Soetoro. ...The first confirmed sighting of mother and child was in Seattle weeks after Obama's birth. Dunham and the baby would live there for a year. 'Birthers' had known this since 2008." The mainstream media, however, continued to peddle Obama's claim that his parents remained together for two years. [64967]

As noted previously in this *Timeline*, no Obama-Dunham marriage certificate has ever appeared, although a divorce was granted on March 20, 1964. The divorce decree lists a marriage date of February 2, 1961—six months before Obama's birth. On November 5, 1980, Ann Dunham was granted a divorce from Lolo Soetoro. That divorce decree states, "The parties have 1 child(ren) below age 18 and 1 child(ren) above 18." This further suggests that Obama was adopted by Lolo Soetoro. (Dunham's attorney in the divorce, Gilardy H. William, Jr., later becomes the Hawaii attorney for the Democrat National Committee.) The divorce decree lists the names as Stanley Ann Soetoro and Lolo Soetoro. Interestingly, a document purported to be Obama's Kenyan birth certificate and widely considered to be a forgery, lists a birth date of August 4, 1961 but the certified copy itself is dated February 17, 1964. That date would be compatible with a request for the document in connection with the March 20, 1964 divorce of Obama's parents. (That is, Dunham and Obama may have requested a copy of the birth certificate in connection with the granting of the divorce because they had a minor child.) [4, 6, 8, 10, 324, 352, 564, 729, 746, 772, 2287, 4121, 4127, 4128, 4129, 4130, 4146, 4394, 4395, 4747, 64967]

It is also worth noting that the copy of the 1964 Dunham-Obama divorce documentation is short one page. Page 11 is missing from what is supposed to be 14 pages. Divorce records are public records in Hawaii, although birth and marriage certificates are not. When researchers requested the documents from Hawaii, page 11 was not provided. Not surprisingly, it is assumed by many that the missing page is a copy of Obama's birth certificate. A comment by Obama's half-sister, Maya Soetoro-Ng, is also of interest. In an interview she remarked that their mother "started in the Midwest and ended up in Indonesia," while her half-brother Barack Obama "started in Hawaii in essence and, and returned to the Midwest." Some might suggest that the inclusion of the term "in essence" was a Freudian slip, with Soetoro-Ng subconsciously providing for her understanding that Obama had in fact "started out" somewhere other than Hawaii. [4, 6, 8, 10, 324, 352, 564, 729, 746, 772, 2287, 4121, 4127, 4128, 4129, 4130, 4146, 4394, 4395, 4747, 64967]

At WashingtonPost.com Dario Guerrero, who is majoring in "visual and environmental studies" at Harvard University, is receiving a free education because he is an illegal immigrant. "[T]hey gave me a full ride. This meant I wouldn't have to worry about student loans or quarterly tuition payments; that I always had a place to stay away from home; that I could travel every semester, on Harvard's dime, back to California; that my parents would never have to worry whether I'd finish school. Those are luxuries few people, documented or not, ever have. I used to think that being undocumented was a disadvantage to me. I used to mourn the fact that I was different. But ultimately I realize that it was because of, not in spite of, my identity—as an undocumented Chicano—that I was been able to do what I did. Being something different in the socioeconomic fabric of

the United States gave me the perspective I have.” Harvard students who *are* U.S. citizens pay incredibly high tuition rates. Apparently some of their payments are used to subsidize illegal immigrants. (Many believe that Obama enrolled in college as a foreign student from Indonesia in order to receive preferential treatment, and that is why he refuses to allow his school records to be released. His 1980 trip to Indonesia may have been to renew a passport form that country, where he lived in the mid-to-late 1960s.) [64993, 64994]

Author, attorney, and radio talk show host Mark Levin tells his listeners, “A lot of these other countries that still have their own borders and so forth, these are really, uh, very weak countries. It doesn’t take much to overthrow them. Jordan is a very weak country. Yes. Qatar, United Arab Emirates, these are weak countries. Saudi Arabia, believe it or not, which is most of the Arabian Peninsula, or the biggest chunk of it, they can defend themselves to a point, but not with an onslaught. They have a very, very, long border. ...“So look what’s going on. Turkey is run by an Islamo-nazi. ...I believe World War III has begun, and I believe we’re going to be attacked. You just heard, it’s all over TV and radio, that there was an imminent threat against the United States. Do you think that’s going to be the only imminent threat against the United States? You think we took out a building or a compound, and that’s it, there’s no more imminent threats against the United States. ...This is why it is immoral, it is unconscionable, not to secure that southern border, and they won’t. This is why calling everybody under the age of 36 a dreamer, so you think you’re talking about some infant, and then conferring a legal status on them is suicide. [It] Doesn’t matter if the vast majority of people here illegally mean us no harm or love the country. It’s not the vast majority that’s the problem from a national security perspective. It’s a problem from an economic and welfare state perspective, but it’s not the problem, when we’re talking about terrorists secreting into this country to do enormous damage. ...The only people who want the southern border secure are the vast majority of the American people, the vast majority of American people, but apparently our opinion doesn’t matter. ...Just remember: WWI, WWII, we weren’t initially involved in those wars in any significant way, but we were pulled in. And World War III has now broken open...” [65000]

D. W. Ulsterman receives a “decidedly cryptic message” which “appears to hint at a scenario rather grand in scope, and chillingly horrific if accurate.” He posts the message in its entirety, but expresses doubts about whether it is “outlandish and beyond possibility, or something sent by someone in the know.” Readers can decide for themselves whether it may be a valid warning or just the ramblings of a crackpot. *Timeline* comments are in brackets: “It was your video promotion. Illuminati. That was your in. That was when you and I first met. [That is, the writer of the message learned of Ulsterman through a video about the ‘Illuminati,’ a supposed secret group of world leaders and corporate CEOs with insidious plans to establish a ‘New World Order.’] Great minds think alike, or lesser minds enjoy each other’s company? Decided to send you this. Prove my worth. You’re not the only one though. I am a whore. Look to Monday Madness, all according to plan. [Is this a suggestion of massive terrorist attacks on a Monday? At a Monday night football game?] Israeli conflict is the spark to the tinder. The pot has been allowed to boil over. Chaos. It will wash the Great Sea in blood.

Ramadan. Jihad. In this, they are to be the same. One hand cuts off the other. There is no one left to turn over the money lenders' tables this time. They own the temple and the world worships at their feet. Egypt. Jordan. Syria. Iraq. Shadows fall over the Eiffel. [Terrorist attacks in France?] American allies to ash. The king to stumble. [A radical jihadist overthrow of the monarchy in Saudi Arabia, or Jordan, or Qatar, or the UAE?] The hammer to once again stand tall in the west while yellow stars expand their empire in the east. [Is the hammer the hammer and sickle of the flag of the former Soviet Union? Are the yellow stars those of the Chinese flag?] The swift boat rises from the river bed and points its bow to a former destination. [Does the 'swift boat' refer to Secretary of State John Kerry?] The deal has been struck. [A deal between Russia and China?] You are more right than you know. Just enough to be dangerous. Just enough to be something you are not. Just enough to no longer be. I to you, there will be more. Attempt you to me [sic], there will be no more. Post it with a pretty picture. That is your way. We are many, *Bellum omnium in omnes* [Or 'bellum omnium contra omnes'; Latin for 'A war of all against all'].” [65013, 65014, 65015, 65016]

On *Special Report*, George Will comments on Obama's United Nations address: “The pastiche of his golden oldies it is in one sense. First of all, there is the usual progressive invocation of history, which is a proper noun to progressives and the fact that everyone [had] better get on board on the right side of history as he knows the right side of history and history is going to work out, which makes you wonder what all the urgency is about if history is going to work out the right way anyway. Then something that I would love to hear how Putin responds to this: ‘While small gains can be won at the barrel of a gun, it will ultimately be turned back if enough voices support the freedom of nations.’ So it's the voices against guns and I'm betting on the guns and [I'll] bet Putin is also. Then [Obama] lectures the Israelis on their need to understand the hard work of peace. This is a country that has not an hour of peace in 66 years. And then he seems to have a metabolic urge to remind us and the rest of the world something that no one doubts, which is that America has flaws. He says, ‘Islamic state decapitates and crucifies and murders husbands and sells their wives, but we have Ferguson, Missouri.’” [65002]

In an interview with Dexter Filkins, a journalist and critic of the Iraq war, Hugh Hewitt says, “[Y]ou're a very wide open critic of the Bush war, the never ending war, your first book. But buried in this [*The New Yorker*] article, not buried but in the middle of it, is a conversation with Mohammed Ghafar, a 28 year old soldier who said the army never functioned as well as he had hoped, and it grew much worse after 2011. He had respected the professionalism of the Americans, the training they offered, but, ‘Everything changed after the Americans left. The commanders steal everything, they sell it in the local market. It is true the absentee rate soared, the rations went bad.’ In other words, America leaving in 2011 may have been the worst strategic decision of many bad strategic decisions over the last ten years.” [65059, 65060, 65066]

Filkins responds, “It's hard to conclude otherwise, you know, because that... quote from that deserter that I talked to in Kirkuk, I mean, you can almost say the same thing for all of Iraq. We left, the United States left in 2011. We went to zero, and we left. I mean, we packed up and left. So when you drive around Baghdad now, there is not a trace that the

United States was ever there, and I mean apart from the American weapons, but in terms of like [sic] American presence and projects and guidance, gone. And I think that we spent almost a decade there. We paid with a lot of lives and a lot of blood, and building, essentially, rebuilding the Iraqi state that we destroyed. And I don't think it was ready. I mean, it just wasn't ready to function on its own. And it couldn't function without us. And actually, Ambassador [Ryan] Crocker... had a really good description of it. He said, you know, we build ourselves into the hard-drive of the place, and so we, the United States, were the honest broker. We were the only people that could sort of bring all the Iraqi factions together, and then we left. You know, and so the thing doesn't work without us. And you can see that in Iraq at a micro level, like when I talked to that deserter, who said as soon as the Americans left, the commanders started stealing all the money and everybody left, and everything fell apart. Or you can see it at the macro level. I mean, that's what's happened to the Iraqi state." Hughes and Filkins both suggest that a complete withdrawal of U.S. troops from Afghanistan will lead to the same problems now faced in Iraq. [65059, 65060, 65066]

On *Hannity*, Sean Hannity and guest retired Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North ridicule some of Obama's gaffes: saluting a Marine guard while holding a Styrofoam cup in his right hand, referring to corpsman as a "corpseman," saying some of America's "fallen heroes" were in his Memorial Day audience, and failing to place his hand over his heart during the playing of the national anthem while Bill Richardson and Hillary Clinton show proper respect. North observes, "He doesn't give a damn. ... This is the kind of person who truly does not get it. It's not just a matter of optics. It's a matter of caring." North says the troops call Obama's 2011 withdrawal from Iraq "the Obama bug-out." He also says the U.S. military had a "target-rich" environment in Syria to strike ISIS, but Obama's delay in ordering a strike gave the terrorists a "13-day heads up." [65191]

On September 25 ISIS fighters attack and overrun an Iraqi Army base near Baghdad, reportedly capturing and executing about 300 Iraqi soldiers. [65154]

U.S. District Court Judge John D. Bates denies a request from the Department of Justice (DOJ) to delay the release of a list of Operation Fast and Furious documents being protected under an Obama "executive privilege" assertion. (Laughably, the White House argued it had nothing to do with Operation Fast and Furious yet claimed executive privilege so it would not have to reveal documents that showed it did.) Katie Pavlich writes at Townhall.com, "The list, better known as a Vaughn index, was requested through a June 2012 FOIA filing by government watchdog Judicial Watch. When DOJ didn't respond to the FOIA request in the time required by law, Judicial Watch sued in September 2012, seeking all documents DOJ and the White House are withholding from Congress under executive privilege claims. ... Obama made the assertion on June 20, 2012 just moments before Attorney General Eric Holder was held in contempt. In July 2014, after two years of battling for information, Judge Bates ordered the Department of Justice to release the Vaughn Index by October 1. DOJ responded by asking for a month long delay in releasing the list with a deadline of November 3, just one day before the 2014-midterm elections. That request has been denied. A short delay was granted and

DOJ must produce the Vaughn index by October 22.” [64972, 64979, 65003, 65005, 65030, 65062]

Judge Bates states in his ruling, “The government’s arguments for even more time are unconvincing. ...[S]eventy-five days—plus another twenty-one, based in part on Judiciary Watch’s consent—is enough time for the government to prepare the index that this Court has ordered, given that this matter has been pending for over two years. The Court will therefore extend the Department’s Vaughn index submission deadline to October 22, 2014—and no further. [An October 22 disclosure date means that Judicial Watch must be given the Vaughn index about two weeks prior to the mid-term elections on November 4.] The government argues that it must devote significant numbers of attorneys to this matter if it hopes to comply with the current Vaughn index deadline ...But the Department has known about its Vaughn index obligations since July 18, 2014 ...At best, it means the Department has been slow to react to this Court’s previous Order. At worst, it means the Department has ignored that Order until now.” (Via a Vaughan index, also known as a “privilege log,” the government must provide a list of all documents being withheld and, for each document, explain what specific law allows it to be withheld and explain why disclosure would be harmful.) [64972, 64980, 65192]

Judicial Watch president Tom Fitton states, “The Obama administration failed to game the courts and now will have to account for its Fast and Furious lies. Two federal courts have now rejected Eric Holder’s election-related ploy to keep this information from the American people. This is a battle that put Eric Holder in contempt of Congress, saw Nixonian assertions of executive privilege by Barack Obama, and a hapless Congress in the face of all this lawlessness. This latest court ruling shows again that Judicial Watch’s independent investigations and lawsuits are more effective than Congress and the rest of media. We are pleased we may get some accountability for Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry and hundreds of others who lost their lives as a result of Obama’s Fast and Furious program.” [64972, 64980, 65192]

Attorney General Eric Holder announces his resignation, effective with Obama’s selection of a successor and his or her confirmation. Holder says, “I will never leave the work. I will continue to serve and try to find ways to make our nation even more true to its founding ideals.” Obama calls it a “bittersweet moment.” ...Eric has done a superb job.” (Holder does not escape contempt of Congress charges against because of his resignation. Those charges are largely irrelevant, however, as Obama would pardon Holder should he be convicted of anything while Obama remains in the Oval Office.) WashingtonTimes.com reports, “Speculation about possible successors is focusing on Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick, former White House counsel Kathryn Ruemmler, ...Solicitor General Donald Verrilli and Manhattan U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara.” Deval Patrick, who says he is not interested in replacing Holder (because he wants to return to the private legal sector and make a mountain of money), is generally considered to be a failure as governor. After having met with hundreds of Muslims, he gave in to seven demands they presented, including Islamic “cultural awareness training” for law enforcement agencies and forcing private businesses to accommodate Muslims for their Friday afternoon prayers. Patrick told the Muslims, “Yours is a peaceful faith, and I know

that. I know you are worried that others [do not] know that.” Patrick served on the board of ACC Capital Holdings, the parent company of Ameriquest Mortgage, which was involved in the mortgage meltdown crisis. [842, p. 315; 6281, 6282, 6283, 6284, 6592, 7994, 11427, 11428, 11429, 11482, 11483, 25002, 25003, 25004, 25005, 25006, 25007, 25027, 25029, 29510, 21389, 25474, 26017, 26032, 26062, 30642, 30643, 30644, 30647, 30655, 30695, 30701, 30713, 31566, 31567, 31582, 31583, 31584, 31622, 31631, 31649, 33738, 39260 44961, 44962, 45042, 45155, 45157, 53092, 53118, 53196, 53212, 53455, 53459, 53460, 53466, 53472, 54116, 54429, 54509, 54686, 54701, 54853, 54854, 54855, 55443, 64981, 64995, 64997, 64998, 65006, 65009, 65031, 65044, 65045, 65049, 65067, 65068, 65069, 65075, 65093, 65192, 65600]

Kathryn Ruemmler attended Georgetown University with NBC’s Savannah Guthrie—the *only* reporter who was allegedly permitted to “see and touch” Obama’s so-called “birth certificate.” Ruemmler was also involved in deciding which documents from Operation Fast and Furious would be withheld from Congress, and she resisted Congressional requests for Solyndra loan documents, claiming the demand was “partisan politics.” Ruemmler was almost certainly involved in closed door meetings about how to react to the Benghazi scandal when the story first broke. She also likely knew the IRS was targeting conservative groups and helped to cover up the facts. [842, p. 315; 6281, 6282, 6283, 6284, 6592, 7994, 11427, 11428, 11429, 11482, 11483, 25002, 25003, 25004, 25005, 25006, 25007, 25027, 25029, 29510, 21389, 25474, 26017, 26032, 26062, 30642, 30643, 30644, 30647, 30655, 30695, 30701, 30713, 31566, 31567, 31582, 31583, 31584, 31622, 31631, 31649, 33738, 39260 44961, 44962, 45042, 45155, 45157, 53092, 53118, 53196, 53212, 53455, 53459, 53460, 53466, 53472, 54116, 54429, 54509, 54686, 54701, 54853, 54854, 54855, 55443, 64981, 64995, 64997, 64998, 65006, 65009, 65031, 65044, 65045, 65049, 65067, 65068, 65069, 65075, 65093, 65192, 65600]

Donald Verrilli argued on behalf of ObamaCare at the Supreme Court. His performance was largely panned, even though the Court eventually ruled partly in the administration’s favor. In another case, Verrilli also argued—wrongly—that the U.S. Constitution is ambiguous on the issue of recess appointments. Preet Bharara, the federal U.S. attorney in Manhattan, obtained an early release from prison for traitor Lynne Stewart, the left-wing attorney who represented Omar Abdel Rahman—the “blind sheikh” jihadist leader of the 1993 World Trade Center bombing. Bharara, a protégé of Senator Chuck Schumer (D-NY), also brought the charges against Obama critic Dinesh D’Souza. At PJMedia.com Roger L. Simon notes the irony of the Holder/Bharara prosecution of D’Souza, when Holder arranged the last-minute pardon of Marc Rich on Bill Clinton’s last day in office. According to Wikipedia, “In 1983 Rich and partner Pincus Green were indicted on 65 criminal counts, including income tax evasion, wire fraud, racketeering, and trading with Iran during the oil embargo... The charges would have led to a sentence of more than 300 years in prison had Rich been convicted on all counts. ...At the time it was the biggest tax evasion case in U.S. history. ...Rich fled to Switzerland and... never returned to the U.S. to answer the charges. Rich’s companies eventually pled guilty to 35 counts of tax evasion and paid \$90 million in fines, although Rich himself remained on the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s Ten Most-Wanted Fugitives List for many years, narrowly evading capture in Britain, Germany, Finland, and Jamaica. Fearing arrest, he did not

even return to the United States to attend his daughter's funeral in 1996." (Holder was eager to send D'Souza to prison for a crime that typically results in no sentence, yet made sure that Rich was never punished for his significantly greater criminal activity.) [842, p. 315; 6281, 6282, 6283, 6284, 6592, 7994, 11427, 11428, 11429, 11482, 11483, 25002, 25003, 25004, 25005, 25006, 25007, 25027, 25029, 29510, 21389, 25474, 26017, 26032, 26062, 30642, 30643, 30644, 30647, 30655, 30695, 30701, 30713, 31566, 31567, 31582, 31583, 31584, 31622, 31631, 31649, 33738, 39260 44961, 44962, 45042, 45155, 45157, 53092, 53118, 53196, 53212, 53455, 53459, 53460, 53466, 53472, 54116, 54429, 54509, 54686, 54701, 54853, 54854, 54855, 55443, 64981, 64995, 64997, 64998, 65006, 65009, 65031, 65044, 65045, 65049, 65067, 65068, 65069, 65075, 65093, 65192, 65600]

WesternJournalism.com reports, "NBC News is also naming another top candidate [to succeed Holder... someone whose gender and sexual orientation could energize two big segments of the Democrat base the party desperately needs to turn out for the upcoming midterms. 'If Obama decides to replace Holder with a career prosecutor, a top Democratic Hill aide tells NBC News that one possibility would be retiring U.S. Attorney Jenny Durkan in Seattle, who has been described as the first openly gay [lesbian] U.S. attorney.'" [65006]

The Obama Timeline believes Obama will name another partisan thug as Holder's successor, such as California Attorney General Kamala Harris (who has been called "the darling of the Obama activist base of the party") or Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Department of Justice's Civil Division, Tony West, who is Harris' brother-in-law (and who represented the "Gitmo 9" terrorists, as well as John Walker Lindh, the "American Taliban" captured in Afghanistan in 2001). Either would be controversial, but Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) will ram Obama's choice through while the Democrats still control the Senate. Holder has no doubt timed his departure so that the confirmation of his successor would not be put at risk by the possible GOP control of the Senate after the mid-term elections.) Obama may even "pull out all the stops" and nominate current Secretary of Labor Thomas Perez to replace Holder, and then choose someone to replace Perez at the Department of Labor. Perez is arguably further to the political left than Holder. (At a Congressional hearing, Perez was once asked, "Will you tell us... that this administration's Department of Justice will never entertain or advance a proposal that criminalizes speech against any religion?" That is, would criticism of Islam be made a "hate crime?" *Four times* Perez refused to answer the question. Pamela Geller wrote at the time, "Of all the terrible, horrible, frightening things to come out of this rogue administration, nothing is as shocking as this exchange. Obviously Obama's Department of Justice has plans to impose the blasphemy laws under the sharia and criminalize criticism of Islam in some manner or form. My confidential source tells me that Thomas Perez ... 'has been present at Muslim conventions both as a panelist and as a speaker. During a question and answer session a Muslim audience member was hostile, and Perez literally cringed and promised that the DOJ would do better. He also asked that more Muslims join the DOJ—that he would look forward to working with them.'" Perez's extremism has been noted many times in this *Timeline*.) [3112, 3121, 28420, 28424, 28425, 28426, 28481, 28482, 28483, 28484, 34782, 34787, 65290, 65600, 66111]

Although Holder will leave office with 37 percent of Americans having an unfavorable view of him (according to a YouGov poll), former Veterans Administration head Eric Shinseki and former Secretary of Health and Human Services left the Obama administration with worse ratings: 40 and 41 percent, respectively. (It takes a fair amount of incompetence for a cabinet member to be disliked by so much, when most Americans typically do not even know their names.) [65340]

Rush Limbaugh theorizes, “There may be a Supreme Court vacancy, and I can see Barack Obama nominating Eric Holder to fill it.” (Limbaugh’s comment may be intended to frighten the devil out of Republican listeners so that they do not dare fail to vote in November, lest they leave the Senate in Democrat hands. Or his comment may be intended to stir up trouble among Democrats by encouraging leftists to demand the resignation of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg so that Obama can replace her with another leftist. If Ginsburg remains on the court and the Republicans take control of the Senate, Obama would be forced to nominate someone less partisan in order to get that candidate confirmed. If a Republican wins the presidency in 2016 and a vacancy on the court then occurs, that vacancy would certainly not be filled by someone with Ginsburg’s political leanings. Some on the left may be thinking, “It is better to lose Ginsburg now and have Obama name a somewhat-leftist successor than to risk having her replaced by a conservative in a few years.”) Limbaugh also speculates that Holder could be succeeded at the Department of Justice by Secretary of Labor Thomas Perez, “who is Eric Holder multiplied,” or by Senator Claire McCaskill (D-MO), “which would be a loyalty appointment” (That is, McCaskill has consistently voted “the Obama line” in the Senate, and she would do whatever he tells her to do if she were Attorney General.) [64981, 64988, 65024, 65052]

New York City’s communist mayor, Bill de Blasio (Warren Wilhelm, Jr.) tweets, “From civil rights to criminal justice, we are a safer and fairer country because of Eric Holder’s remarkable service.” [64973]

Chris Stigall tweets, “Eric Holder was to justice as Kathleen Sebelius was to web design.” [64974]

Race-hustler Al Sharpton states, “The resignation of Attorney General Eric Holder is met with both pride and disappointment by the Civil Rights community. We are proud that he has been the best Attorney General on Civil Rights in U.S. history and disappointed because he leaves at a critical time when we need his continued diligence most.” Sharpton adds (or warns), “We are engaged in immediate conversations with the White House on deliberations over a successor whom we hope will continue in the general direction of Attorney General Holder.” (Any American who thought his liberties were in danger with Holder at the Department of Justice should be even more worried if Sharpton has anything to do with selecting his successor. Whether Sharpton will suggest convicted cop killer Mumia Abu-Jamal as Holder’s successor is not known.) [64977, 64978, 65008, 65048]

NBC's Chuck Todd makes what is possibly the most asinine statement of his career, telling MSNBC's Tamron Hall, "[Eric Holder] did a lot of the tough stuff that you would exp—you would say, 'Hey, attorney general's gotta [sic] do tough stuff, this is not a forgiving job, you gotta [sic] do the tough stuff.' But, what's interesting about him, he's a very non-political person. And I think people used to, uh, mistakenly think that this guy was, uh, this long-time political operative who happened to be an attorney general. That's not him at all." (To claim that Holder is "non-political" is tantamount to claiming that Obama does not like golf.) [64975, 64976, 64983]

National Review's Jonah Goldberg says Holder has "basically been a political fixer, a firewall for [Obama], a stonewaller, and he serves much the way Bobby Kennedy did for JFK as... a politicized attorney general/hatchet-man... This is going to create some really interesting political problems for the White House when he steps down because the nomination and confirmation battles are going to be very interesting." Goldberg suggests Holder "may be resigning now... this is maybe the last moment he can and get in under the wire with the Democratic-controlled lame-duck Senate... if the Republicans take back the Senate. Harry Reid could then jam him [the successor] through with those revised rules. ...If John Ashcroft had behaved half as politicized as Eric Holder has, *The New York Times* would be sparking riots." [64983]

Congressman Darrell Issa (R-CA), chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, responds to the resignation: "Eric Holder is the most divisive U.S. Attorney General in modern history and, in a vote supported by 17 Democratic House Members, has the dubious historic distinction of being the first Attorney General held in criminal contempt by the U.S. House of Representatives. Time and again, Eric Holder administered justice as the political activist he describes himself as instead of an unbiased law enforcement official. By needlessly injecting politics into law enforcement, Attorney General Holder's legacy has eroded more confidence in our legal system than any Attorney General before him. Through strong arming reporters, practically ignoring high level wrongdoing, blocking his own agency Inspector General's access to information, and overseeing a Department that attempted to stonewall Congressional oversight with denials of what is now established fact, Attorney General Holder abused his office and failed to uphold the values of our Constitution. While President Obama and the Senate should work expeditiously to find a replacement, time and care must be taken to ensure that our next Attorney General recognizes and does not repeat Mr. Holder's mistakes." [64969, 65032]

Congressman Paul Gosar (R-AZ) states, "It's a sad day when America rejoices about the news that the Attorney General of the United States is set to resign. His place in history will be marked by shameful violations of the rule of law and despicable circumvention of the Constitution. The integrity of our government, our Republic, fundamentally relies on the principle that no person, not even the president or the nation's chief law enforcement officer, is above our laws. Over the past 6 years this Department of Justice has been defined by its failures and complete disregard for accountability. From the death of Brian Terry in the Fast and Furious gun running operation, to spying on journalist James Rosen, to tapping the phone records of the Associated Press, and most recently the

unconstitutional Bergdahl prisoner exchange as well as the IRS scandal, there is no question that Eric Holder leaves behind a legacy of lawlessness, incompetence and hyper partisanship. I have been relentless in my pursuit to hold Eric Holder accountable for his actions and will not rest until the door officially hits him on his way out. The American people and U.S. Senate must ensure his replacement is a strict constitutionalist and not a partisan hack. Moving forward, our challenge begins now with rebuilding the trust of the American people and a return to fully upholding the laws of our country.” [64969]

Senator Charles Grassley (R-IA) states, “I had high hopes for his leadership, but Attorney General Holder’s tenure has been strained by his lack of respect for Congress, the American taxpayer, and the laws on the books.” [64997]

Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) calls Holder’s resignation “good news” and says, “Sadly, he has proven to be the most partisan attorney general in our history, repeatedly defying and refusing to enforce the law. It did not have to be this way, but Holder’s leadership has grievously undermined the Department of Justice’s long bipartisan tradition of independence and fidelity to law.” [64997]

Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus says, “along with many Republicans, I have repeatedly called for Eric Holder’s resignation. He lost the public’s trust years ago. His departure is overdue. His politicization of the Justice Department was inexcusable, and his handling of issues—ranging from Fast and Furious to spying on reporters—was unacceptable. Like [Obama], Holder far too often disregarded the Constitution. He allowed the Obama administration to exceed the limits of its power, and he allowed the IRS to harass and target Americans.” [64997]

Cleta Mitchell, an attorney representing conservative groups targeted by Lois Lerner and the IRS, states, “He’s the most partisan, political attorney general in the history of our country. He’s been more interested in the political correctness and carrying out the Obama political agenda than has been his interest in being the nation’s chief law enforcement officer. He has not served our country well. ...The thing that surprised me was it is coming now. It’s good for the country. It’s good for the Constitution. I just hope that his successor isn’t as bad or worse than he is.” [64997]

Kelly Terry-Willis, the sister of Brian Terry, the Border Patrol Agent who was killed with a weapon for Holder’s illegal Operation Fast and Furious scheme, tells Townhall.com’s Katie Pavlich, “I do not find it a coincidence that Eric Holder chose now to resign after Judge [John D.] Bates denied the request from the DOJ to delay the release of the Fast and Furious documents. I personally think Eric Holder was really hoping that the documents would never be made public to my family and the American people. Will we ever get the accountability for my brother, Brian, Jaime Zapata [another slain agent] and every other person who lost their lives to the guns from this horrific scandal? I don't know, but I have a serious gut feeling when we finally see what is in those documents... the dynamics of this investigation are going to change and hopefully the people involved are brought to justice. Eric Holder can run, but there will be no hiding. The truth always reveals itself.” [64971]

The Brian Terry Foundation states, “Despite Holder’s aggressive pursuit of the Mexican nationals directly involved in Brian’s murder, the Attorney General has repeatedly failed to accept responsibility for the ill-fated gun trafficking investigation and has most regrettably failed to hold those DOJ and ATF officials responsible for the many mistakes made in the operation. Despite repeated pleas by Brian Terry’s family, Holder has chosen to not discipline those individuals found at fault by DOJ’s own Inspector General. Despite the clear and present danger that exists even today to law enforcement and the general public on both sides of the border, Holder has repeatedly refused to hold government officials accountable for the deadly mistakes made in Operation Fast and Furious. Immediately after Brian Terry’s murder, Holder’s Justice Department inexplicably denied that ATF had ever ‘walked’ guns despite the obvious testimony of ATF whistleblowers that were part of the operation. Holder’s resignation is welcomed by the Terry Family and should have occurred immediately after Brian Terry’s death and the revelation that the men that killed Brian were carrying weapons supplied to them by ATF. It is the hope of the Terry Family that Holder’s departure will lead to full disclosure of the thousands of documents still sought by investigators still looking into Operation Fast and Furious. It is also our hope that the next Attorney General will do a far better job at protecting the American public and guarding the many rights guaranteed in the Constitution.” [64971]

Congressman Louie Gohmert (R-TX) states, “For many years now, I have been calling for Attorney General Holder’s resignation. Not only has he lied before members of Congress and, ultimately, been held in contempt, he has obfuscated the truth and been the most partisan, partial, prejudiced, and self-pitying attorney general in my lifetime, including [Nixon Attorney General] John Mitchell who went to jail for his crime. As a former judge who has questioned Holder numerous times before the House Judiciary Committee, it is frustrating to seek the truth and receive dishonesty and arrogance from the chief law enforcement officer of the United States government. Additionally, he has prosecuted more people for leaking, which sometimes is an effort at whistle blowing, than all other attorneys general added together. He has not only failed to investigate crimes and potential crimes occurring in this administration, he has been the cover-upper-in-chief and will be sorely missed by those in the administration like Lois Lerner who want to disobey the law and flaunt it. It is my sincere hope that the Obama administration will appoint an attorney general who is reputable and truly desiring to uphold law and order for all Americans—not just cater to this administration’s whims and ideology.” [64982]

FBI Director James Comey criticizes Apple and Google for using encryption on new smartphones that cannot easily be accessed, even with a valid search warrant. WashingtonPost.com reports, “Comey’s remarks followed news last week that Apple’s latest mobile operating system, iOS 8, is so thoroughly encrypted that the company is unable to unlock iPhones or iPads for police. Google, meanwhile, is moving to an automatic form of encryption for its newest version of Android operating system that the company also will not be able to unlock, though it will take longer for that new feature to reach most consumers. Both companies declined to comment on Comey’s remarks.

Apple has said that its new encryption is not intended to specifically hinder law enforcement but to improve device security against any potential intruder.” Attorney General Eric Holder states, “We would hope that technology companies would be willing to work with us to ensure that law enforcement retains the ability, with court authorization, to lawfully obtain information in the course of an investigation, such as catching kidnappers and sexual predators. When a child is in danger, law enforcement needs to be able to take every legally available step to quickly find and protect the child and to stop those that abuse children. It is worrisome to see companies thwarting our ability to do so.” [65139, 65140, 65441, 65543]

Medium.com reports, “Members of Congress have been talking to U.S. generals behind the scenes and urging them to publicly resign ‘in a blaze of glory’ if they disagree with how the White House is handling conflicts in the Middle East, according to U.S. Rep. Doug Lamborn of Colorado. The Republican member of the House Armed Services Committee made the remarks at a Sept. 23 liberty group meeting... During a question-and-answer portion of the forum, a service member urged Lamborn to work with his congressional colleagues in both parties to ‘support the generals and the troops in this country despite the fact that there is no leadership from the Muslim Brotherhood in the White House.’ ‘You know what, I can’t add anything to that, but do let me reassure you on this,’ Lamborn said. ‘A lot of us are talking to the generals behind the scenes, saying, ‘Hey, if you disagree with the policy that the White House has given you, let’s have a resignation.’ ‘You know, let’s have a public resignation, and state your protest, and go out in a blaze of glory,’ Lamborn continued. ‘And I haven’t seen that very much, in fact I haven’t seen that at all in years.’” [65137]

DailyCaller.com reports, “A new report published in the journal *Climate Dynamics* corroborates previous studies showing that the climate will warm less from carbon dioxide emissions than claimed by the United Nation’s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). The report found that doubling carbon dioxide concentrations would only cause 1.64 degrees Celsius of warming in the long term.” [64984]

With November 4 looking like it will be a disaster for the Democrats, *Morning Jolt’s* Jim Geraghty reminds readers of a January 2010 story related by former Arkansas Congressman Robert Marion Berry. After he expressed concern about possible mid-term election losses, Obama reportedly told Berry, “Well, the big difference here and in ’94 was you’ve got me.” (The Republicans went on to win the House in November 2010. In 2014, the Democrats have still “got Obama.”) [64987]

Examiner.com writes, “Declining Obama job approval in New York, California and (probably) Illinois, plus a negative Obama environment in Arizona, put a little wind behind Republicans in House races. And remember that in 2012, when his job approval was 50 percent, Obama carried only 209 House districts, while Mitt Romney carried 226. The shape of the political landscape suggests Republicans will gain House seats from the 234 they won in 2012, and possibly exceed the 242 seats they won in 2010—more than the party has won in any election since 1946.” [65001]

A U.S. drone strike reportedly kills four suspected al-Qaeda terrorists in Yemen. [65141]

FoxNews.com reports, “About 500 troops from the U.S. Army’s 1st Infantry Division in Fort Riley, Kansas, will head to Iraq and other countries in the Middle East next month to help coordinate the campaign against the Islamic State, the Pentagon said Thursday. More than 200 hundred [sic] of the soldiers will be based in Iraq at U.S. Joint Operations Centers (JOCs) in Baghdad and the Kurdish capital of Irbil, and the rest of the contingent will operate out of U.S. bases in the region under the U.S. Central Command, Rear Adm. John Kirby, the Pentagon press secretary, said at a Pentagon briefing. ...Last week, Gen. Ray Odierno, the Army Chief of Staff, said he had signed off on ‘sending another division headquarters to Iraq to control what we’re doing there, a small headquarters.’ The division headquarters would be the first to deploy to Iraq since the 2011 withdrawal of U.S. forces from the country. Kirby said that the ‘Big Red One’ [1st Infantry] troops ‘will have command and control of ongoing advise and assist efforts in support of Iraqi and Peshmerga forces, and continue to help us all degrade and destroy’ the Islamic State terror group, which has taken over swaths of Iraq and Syria.” [65098, 65099]

DailyCaller.com reports, “A Canadian member of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria issued a grim warning for the United States that his group is planning a ‘brilliant attack’ on New York City, and claimed that they have thousands of Western prisoners they are willing to behead. In a video conference interview with Vice News, Farah Shirdon (also known as Abu Usamah Somali) announced the plot while discussing the current operations of the terrorist group. ‘We’ll sure be making attacks in New York soon [with Allah’s permission]. A lot of brothers there are mobilizing right now [thanks to Allah],’ Shirdon told Vice’s [Vice.com’s] Shane Smith. ‘What are they mobilizing for?’ Smith asked. Shirdon laughed and responded, ‘Mobilizing for a brilliant attack, my friend.’” According to Vice.com, Shirdon “is a Canadian citizen who traveled to Syria” to fight with ISIS. “He was most recently seen in an Islamic State video, in which he burns his passport and promises to destroy both the United States and Canada.” Reports that he was killed in combat in August were incorrect; he spoke with Smith on September 23. Shirdon claims ISIS has captured a pilot from the United Arab Emirates. [65007, 65021, 65092, 65124, 65181, 65186]

Newsmax.com reports, “The U.S. believes it has identified the British-accented masked man in the videos depicting the beheadings of two American journalists and a British aid worker, the FBI director says. FBI Director James Comey told reporters at the bureau's headquarters he would not reveal the man's name or nationality. ...In late August, British Ambassador Peter Westmacott said his country was close to identifying the Islamic State group militant.” [65020, 65083]

Iraqi Prime Minister Haidar al-Abadi states that captured ISIS fighters told intelligence agents of a plot to attack subways in the United States and Paris, France: “Today, while I’m here [in New York City for United Nations meetings] I’m receiving accurate reports from Baghdad that there were arrests of a few elements and there were networks from inside Iraq to have attacks, on metros of Paris and U.S. They are not Iraqis. Some of them are French, some of them are Americans. But they are in Iraq.” Congressman Peter King

(R-NY) states, “I have been aware that there are plots that ISIS is planning overseas against other countries, quite honestly, I have not been advised of this—and I have been checking this out—I don’t believe that the U.S. government has been advised of an imminent plot. It could be speculation in Iraq, it could be conversations where they were talking about it as aspirational, but as far as it being in motion I don’t believe it is.” FBI Assistant Director-in-Charge George Venizelos states, “We are aware of the Iraqi Prime Minister’s statements and are in contact with our law enforcement and intelligence community partners as we assess the validity of this threat. The FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force, along with the New York City Police Department, remain committed to protecting this city.” (The U.S. government either does not believe Abadi, or does not want U.S. citizens to know it believes Abadi.) [65022, 65026, 65027, 65058, 65070]

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio tells reporters, “We are convinced that New Yorkers are safe. We are convinced that people should go about our normal routine. Terrorists want us to live in fear. We refuse to live in fear.” [65027]

At JihadWatch.org, Robert Spencer writes, “Oh, the irony. Just days after Mayor de Blasio blasted our AFDI [American Freedom Defense Initiative] counter-jihad ads in New York subways as ‘outrageous, inflammatory and wrong’ comes this new confirmation of how right we are: an Islamic State jihad plot to the New York City subways, announced by Iraq’s Prime Minister and involving jihadists from the U.S. De Blasio and Governor Cuomo are downplaying, but in reality the jihad threat to New York City is ongoing. People should not indeed live in fear, but they should be aware of the nature and magnitude of the threat—which de Blasio seems intent on obscuring.” (The AFDI is running subway ads in New York City that condemn radical Islam and jihadist terrorism. De Blasio and other leftists for some reason find it offensive and distasteful to oppose terrorism and defend liberty. One ad reads, “In any war between the civilized man and the savage, support the civilized man.” De Blasio and those who filed lawsuits to block the ads apparently support the savages. Spencer is, of course, correct. It is ironic that ads condemning terrorism have been placed in subways that may be targeted by terrorists.) [65026, 65028]

In Canada, Sun News reports on a mosque in Toronto that teaches Muslim children about “crafty Jews” and produces school plays that include simulated beheadings. [65023, 65412]

BBC.com reports, “Nine men, including the radical Islamist preacher Anjem Choudary, have been arrested in London on suspicion of being members of a banned organisation. Officers are searching 18 premises in London and one in Stoke-on-Trent. The Met Police said it was part of an ongoing inquiry into Islamist-related terrorism and not in response to any immediate threat to the public. Mr Choudary is the former UK head of the Islamist group al-Muhajiroun or Islam4UK, banned in the UK in 2010. The arrested men, aged between 22 and 51, are being held at police stations in central London.” Robert Spencer writes at JihadWatch.org, “What took them so long? Anjem Choudary for years has been preaching jihad and sedition, and praising Islamic jihad murderers. He was a friend of Mujaahid Abu Hamza (aka Michael Adebolajo), who murdered soldier Lee Rigby on a

London street, and other jihadists. It has struck so many people so odd that he has lived and operated freely in Britain for so long that it has long been widely rumored that he was really a spy, a ‘honeypot’ to attract genuine jihadists who would then be arrested. But apparently he wasn’t. Unless this arrest is an elaborate ruse, it makes clear that Choudary’s longtime freedom was just more of the British government’s suicidal appeasement policy toward Islamic supremacists.” [65029, 65285]

According to a national Rasmussen poll conducted September 19-20, “42% of Likely U.S. Voters believe Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney would be doing a better job... today than Obama is. Thirty-seven percent (37%), however, think Romney would be doing a worse job, while 12% think he would be doing about the same. ...Just 25% think Hillary Clinton who lost the 2008 Democratic nomination to Obama would be doing a better job today. But only 10% believe she’d be doing a worse job. Half (50%) think she’d be doing about the same.” [65084, 65085, 65086, 65087]

The Associated Press reports, “Tens of thousands of young families caught crossing the border illegally earlier this year subsequently failed to meet with federal immigration agents, as they were instructed, the Homeland Security Department has acknowledged privately. An official with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement revealed that about 70 percent of immigrant families the Obama administration had released into the U.S. never showed up weeks later for follow up appointments. The ICE official made the disclosure in a confidential meeting at its Washington headquarters with immigration advocates participating in a federal working group on detention and enforcement policies. The Associated Press obtained an audio recording of Wednesday’s meeting and separately interviewed participants.” [65054, 65057, 65091]

In Ferguson, Missouri, demonstrators still outraged about the shooting of Michael Brown taunt police officers, trying to provoke a confrontation. They get their wish, and several protesters are arrested. Among those arrested is Umar Lee, a Muslim radical who wrote in 2010, “i could cut your neck with the sword of islam, and watch you squeal like a bitch like daniel pearl [sic].” [65040, 65042, 65043, 65050, 65051, 65150, 65151]

On *Hannity*, former Benghazi security personnel Mark Geist, John Tiegen, and Kris Paronto slam two Democrat Congressmen for saying the order to “stand down” on September 11, 2012 was a “myth.” Paronto says, “I want to say to Mr. Smith [Congressman Adam Smith (D-WA)]: was he there that night with us? Where was he? Because that’s what happened. We’re telling you what happened on the ground. ...Don’t call us liars and if you’re going to, come to the studio with us, apologize for it.” [65134]

On September 26 an enraged Alton Alexander Nolen, after being suspended from his job at Vaughan Foods processing plant in Moore, Oklahoma, goes home to get a knife and then returns to the facility to behead a former female co-worker, Colleen Hufford. During the attack, Nolen reportedly shouted “Islamic phrases.” According to WFLA.com, Nolen “was attacking another worker [Traci Johnson] when he was shot and wounded by a company official... While questioning the suspect’s co-workers, investigators learned he had recently started trying to convert several employees to Islam, [Moore Police

Department Sergeant Jeremy] Lewis said. Moore police have asked the FBI to aid in the investigation and look into the man's background because of the nature of the attack, Lewis said. [The second victim] and the suspect were hospitalized and in stable condition Friday, Lewis said." Nolen, a Muslim, has the Arabic message "AS-SALAAMU ATAIKUM" ("peace be upon you") tattooed on his abdomen. A CNN reporter states the beheading has "no link to terrorism"—which prompts someone to tweet, "He wasn't a member of Jihadist Local #492 so..." (Michael Bloomberg has not yet condemned Oklahoma for allowing citizens to carry firearms.) [65033, 65034, 65035, 65036, 65037, 65046, 65047, 65071, 65076, 65079, 65082, 65094, 65096, 65097, 65112, 65113, 65114, 65117, 65206, 65207, 65212, 65370, 65371]

Oklahoma Department of Corrections records show that Nolen has a substantial criminal history, including possession of a controlled substance, escape from detention, assault and battery on a police officer, and intent to distribute cocaine. Oklahoma Highway Patrol trooper Betsy Randolph had a violent encounter with Nolen in 2010. She tells KOCO-TV, "I wish I'd killed him." [65088, 65089, 65090]

Breitbart.com reports, "Nolen posted on Facebook under the name Jah'Keem Yisrael. Over the past year, most of his posts deal with Islam. He writes short statements which are signed off with the phrase '****InfoFromAMuslim****.' On March 7th, Nolen added an image to his Timeline which shows a partially decapitated man with someone standing over him pulling his head back to show the wound. Above the image there is a quote which reads, 'Thus do we find the clear precedent that explains the peculiar penchant of Islamic terrorists to behead their victims: it is merely another precedent bestowed by their Prophet.' Just below the image is a citation from the Quran, 'I will instill terror into the hearts of the unbelievers: smite ye above their necks and smite all their finger-tips off of them.' ...The same day Nolen added the beheading photo he posted a photo to his timeline with which shows a black and white sign that reads: 'Islam will Dominate the World: Freedom can go to hell.' Finally, on the same day (March 7th) Nolen changed his cover photo to an image of jihadists holding rifles and rocket launchers. He wrote, 'With killers and boom.' A month after posting these photos, Nolen was released early from his probation for convictions he received in 2011. The probation was scheduled to end in 2017." (Whether the Obama administration will claim Nolen's actions have nothing to do with Islam remains to be seen.) [65073, 65076, 65109, 65117]

According to Oklahoma's *McCurtain Gazette*, "A classmate of Nolen's, who didn't wish to be identified, told this newspaper that he spoke to a close family member of Nolen's today. He told this newspaper that according to the family member, Nolen was telling coworkers Thursday of an Islamic teaching that said women should be stoned for an offense, and that an argument followed the [remark], Nolen was later fired and returned later Thursday, when he beheaded Colleen Hufford, the family member said." [65090]

It is worth noting that Steve Emerson, executive director of the Investigative Project on Terrorism, warned on April 19, 1995: "Oklahoma City is probably considered one of the largest centers of Islamic radical activity outside the Middle East." [65308]

In Baltimore, Maryland, a man driving a Toyota fires at three pedestrians and shouts, "Jews, Jews, Jews!" According to ABC, "The men weren't hurt, although police found a hole in the glass window of Bais Hamedrash and Mesivta of Baltimore, an all-male private school. ...Although it is unclear if the victims were of Jewish faith, the shooting falls on the same day as Rosh Hashanah, commonly referred to as the Jewish New Year. Police called the shooting a 'bias incident,' in the release." According to Baltimore County Police, "The suspect is described as a white male, brown hair, dark complexion, possibly of Middle Eastern descent." (Obama has no comment.) [65110, 65111]

Spain and Morocco arrest nine suspects in a terrorist cell linked to ISIS. Great Britain arrests two terrorist cell suspects. [65125, 65126]

In Syria, demonstrators protest the U.S. airstrikes, chanting, "There is no god but Allah." "America is the enemy of Allah." "The caliphate was promised by Allah." "Allah akbar." "Oh Obama, you'd better listen... we are a nation that never bows down." Khaybar, Khaybar, oh Jews... the army of Muhammed will return." "Oh, Obama bin Saud... the army of Muhammed will return." "Obama is the enemy of Allah." "The coalition is the enemy of Allah." "The west says that these strikes are supported by the Syrian opposition." "Do you support the strikes? No!" "Oh Obama be patient." "The Syrian people are digging your grave." "Obama, Obama, we are all Osama." "The people want an Islamic state." [65373, 65374]

Kansas.com reports, "European counterterrorism specialists say their American counterparts never mentioned an imminent plot by al-Qaida operatives in Syria to attack Western targets and didn't brief them on the group that's supposedly behind the plan, a previously unknown terrorist unit that American officials have dubbed the Khorasan group. The interviews with the specialists, from two European NATO allies with close intelligence ties to the United States, raise questions about why the United States used its first series of airstrikes on the Islamic State, also known as ISIS or ISIL, in Syria to also attack eight installations belonging to the Nusra Front, an al-Qaida affiliate that anti-government rebel groups consider an important ally in their fight to topple the government of Syrian President Bashar Assad." [65196]

White House press secretary Josh Earnest is questioned by Ed Henry of Fox News: "In terms of decisive action by [Obama], how can you cite as a success Yemen when the country is falling apart?" Earnest: "Because, Ed, what we have seen is the effective deployment of counter-terrorism strategy that involves building up the capacity of local forces, on occasion backed by American military forces, to counter extremist threats that are emanating from that country." Henry: "If it has been so successful why are we pulling our embassy personnel out of there?" Proving he can memorize talking points, Earnest responds, "Ed, what we have been focused on is mitigating the threat from extremists and denying them the kind of safe-haven that would allow them to plot—" Henry: "the embassy said we are pulling out. We have to get our people out of there." Earnest: "Ed, what we have seen in Yemen is the effective deployment of a counter-terrorism strategy to put continual pressure on extremist groups that seek to do harm to the United States."

Henry: “If there is so much pressure why are we leaving?” Earnest: “What that has done is it has prevented those extremist groups from having to plot and plan and carry out, successfully, attacks against the U.S. homeland. That requires vigilance. If we take a day off, they could build up capacity in such a way that would be very dangerous to the U.S. or our interests around the globe. So, I don’t want to signal to you that this has been a mission that has been accomplished, but it has been a strategy effectively implemented in a way that has mitigated the threat from extremist organizations that are dangerous and seek to do harm to the United States.” [65258, 65259]

RT.com reports, “Natural gas deliveries to neighboring Ukraine have been halted ‘indefinitely,’ said Hungary’s prime minister, Viktor Orban, a day after securing a new deal with Russian gas giant Gazprom. Hungary’s gas pipeline network operator FGSZ suspended gas supply to Ukraine as of 4pm GMT on Thursday, citing a need to meet increased domestic demand. ...Russia is Hungary’s sole source of natural gas, and in 2013 sent 6 billion cubic meters. Gazprom’s new South Stream pipeline, due to be complete in 2018, will cross through Hungary.” (Some might interpret this development as Russian President Vladimir Putin telling Hungary, “If you want to continue getting natural gas from Russia, you had better stop selling any of it to Ukraine.” Putin is squeezing Ukraine just as autumn heads toward winter.) [65465]

According to the *Los Angeles Times*, “The Justice Department is expected to issue a broad new policy in the coming two to three weeks banning religious and other forms of profiling by federal law enforcement officers, department sources said Friday. The long-awaited policy will not include an exemption for national security investigations, sources said. National security officials and others in the administration concerned about terrorism lobbied hard for such an exemption, according to congressional sources. ...The new policy, though still being finalized, is expected to prohibit federal agents from conducting undercover surveillance of a mosque, for example, without some information that criminal activity is underway. Under the current rules, approved in the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, law enforcement agencies were given broad latitude to monitor specific religious groups.” [65187, 65188, 65404]

Political strategist and former Bill Clinton adviser Dick Morris writes, “Eric Holder’s resignation, just 40 days before the midterm elections, shows how jittery Obama is about losing control of the Senate this November. While Holder likely is getting out of Dodge before federal judges weigh in and order the release of documents showing he covered up the Fast and Furious and IRS e mail scandals, the timing of his resignation suggests that Obama wants to be sure that he has time for a Democratic lame duck Senate to confirm a replacement. With so much dirty laundry stacked up in the closets of the Justice Department, Obama didn’t dare let in an Attorney General who is not a total sycophant. Were he forced to negotiate with Senate Republicans in order to get confirmation, he might have to accept an honest Attorney General who would clean house and bring all the laundry out in public. Were Holder to resign after the Republicans control the confirmation process, the full dimensions of Obama’s plan for a one-party nation would be exposed. ...The timing of Holder’s resignation is the most eloquent commentary possible on Obama’s real estimate of his chances this November. A confident president

would have felt no pressing need to name a new Attorney General now, with his party still in control. But Holder and the Justice Department have become the key operatives in Obama's power grab and he needs to keep its illegal activities secret." [65025]

Fox News race-baiter Geraldo Rivera tweets, "Our 1st black Attorney General deserved better than blatantly political hatchet job/contempt citation by Darryl Issa the partisan attack dog." (Rivera is suggesting that Issa's legal and justified actions against Holder are racist. In fact, Holder's comment is racist. One does not "deserve better" because he is black. Holder's race is irrelevant. That he has abused his power and failed to enforce the laws of the United States is what is relevant.) [65038]

On *Outnumbered*, Andrea Tantaros says, "I think, really, [Eric Holder] was Obama's cover-up guy. He was one of the most divisive, polarizing, controversial, most dangerous men in America—unethical. He didn't enforce the laws on ObamaCare. He was droning terrorists without a trial while he was giving them [other terrorists] trials in downtown Manhattan. He ran the DOJ much like the Black Panthers would. That is a fact. ...I want to talk about the timing... Don't you find it a bit fascinating? I think they're having him resign now so they can get their next candidate confirmed before the Senate possibly flips into Republican hands." [65127]

Retired General David Petraeus says the latest iteration of the war on terror will take years: "We're talking about years, many years in the case of Syria. What we're doing right now is [only] disrupting. We are gradually chipping away at the strength [of ISIS]. ...I do believe the Iraqis can be the ground forces that can deal with this over time, but again it will be months and years, not days or weeks." [65132]

ABC's Roz Varon reports there are "no flights in or out of [Chicago airports] O'Hare or Midway due to fire reported in basement of #FAA facility in Aurora." (Aurora is a Chicago suburb.) WND.com adds, "While police ruled out terrorism, they refused to speak about possible motives for setting the blaze. They said a fire in the basement of the Aurora facility was set by a 36-year-old man who was found by emergency crews that responded around 5:40 a.m. The man was suffering from burns and also had knife wounds on his hands and arms, Tom Ahern, spokesman for the Chicago office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, told the Chicago Tribune. A man, described as a contract employee, is being treated and questioned about the fire, but police have not released his name or his condition. Investigators believe the man tried to commit suicide, the officials said. 'There is no terrorist act,' Aurora Police Chief Gregory Thomas told reporters. ABC7 reported, however, that the fire is being investigated as an intentional act. Sources told ABC7 the suspect had intimate knowledge of the building and radar system. He cut every radar feed to FAA air controllers before setting gas-soaked rags on fire near sensitive equipment, sources said, and also damaged the communications system. The building filled with smoke, and then water to put the fire out damaged the sensitive gear further. There could be days of potential radar outages at the facility, which could result in significant flight delays. The facility controls air traffic for the entire Great Lakes region. ...Police said the man is a contractor, not an air traffic controller or FAA manager." [65039, 65063]

TheHill.com reports, “First lady Michelle Obama said it was ‘natural’ that kids are ‘grumbling’ over new requirements for schools to fill vending machines and lunch lines with healthier food, but that it would not deter her from improving child nutrition. ‘Change is hard [sic; difficult],’ the first lady said in an interview with Channel One. ‘And the thing about highly processed, sugary, salty food is that you get addicted to it. I don’t want to just settle because it’s hard [sic].’ The first lady said she knew children ‘are grumbling because they have to make changes,’ and said her daughters roll their eyes when she forces them to eat their vegetables. ‘But I know that I’m doing it because I’m giving my kids the best that I know I can give them,’ Obama said. The first lady also encouraged children to try ‘vegetables that have a little flavor, sweetness’ to them like broccoli, celery and carrots. ‘Don’t be mad because there are changes,’ she said. ‘Figure out why the changes are important, and then find out how you make it work for you.’” [65199]

According to a Gallup poll, Obama’s approval rating among Hispanics is only 52 percent. (It was 82 percent in 2009.) [65256, 65257]

The *New Haven Register* reports, “State Rep. Christina ‘Tita’ Ayala, D-Bridgeport, was arrested Friday on 19 voting fraud charges. Ayala, 31, is accused of voting in local and state elections in districts she did not live, the Chief State’s Attorney’s Office said in a press release. The arrest warrant affidavit also alleges Ayala provided fabricated evidence to state Election Enforcement Commission investigators that showed she lived at an address in a district where she voted while actually living outside the district, according to the release. ...Ayala allegedly voted in various Bridgeport Democratic Town Committee elections, a municipal primary election and a state primary election between 2009 and 2012 in districts inconsistent with the location of her residence, according to the release. She is also accused of voting in the Bridgeport state general election in 2012 in a district where she didn’t live. ...Christina Ayala was charged with eight counts of fraudulent voting, 10 counts of primary or enrollment violations and one count of tampering with or fabricating physical evidence. According to the release, fraudulent voting is a felony punishable by not less than one year or more than two years in prison and a fine of \$300 to \$500 per count. Primary or enrollment violations and tampering with or fabricating physical evidence are class D felonies carrying a maximum prison sentence of up to five years per count.” (Many Democrats, including Attorney General Eric Holder, continue to insist that vote fraud is a fiction invented by Republicans.) [65294]

The Department of Commerce reports that second quarter GDP growth has been revised upward to an annual rate of 4.6 percent. (First quarter growth was a *negative* 2.1 percent.) Much of the growth came from inventory expansion, rather than consumer spending. [65055, 65056]

At the White House, Obama records a *60 Minutes* interview to be broadcast September 28. (At PJMedia.com, Bryan Preston writes, “Steve Kroft is conducting the interview, but tough questions may not be part of the plan. Kroft last interviewed Obama alongside

Hillary Clinton in January 2013. That interview ought to have included a number of tough questions, especially on Benghazi. But it was mostly a three-way love-fest. If Kroft is looking for questions to ask, how about asking Obama to address [former Defense Secretary Leon] Panetta's claim that Hillary Clinton really wanted to arm the Syrian rebels—when she was telling *60 Minutes* that she opposed arming the Syrian rebels. If Kroft is ever going to ask Obama any tough questions, this would be the time. The Democrats [up for reelection] want some distance from [Obama], and so do the Clintons.” [65065]

While Obama records a *60 Minutes* interview, DailyCaller.com reports, “Nearly one in four Americans of prime working age are not working, even as [Obama] boasts of falling unemployment numbers and other indicators show economic growth. Since the recession began in 2007, the number of Americans ages 25 to 54 who are not working has grown by more than 3.5 million to 28.9 million, according to an analysis Bureau of Labor Statistics data conducted by Senate Budget Committee Republicans. About 23 percent of the 124.5 million Americans in that age group are either unemployed or are not looking for work. ...Obama boasted of economic gains at a Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee fundraising event Tuesday. Since he took office, unemployment is down, he said, and ‘by every economic measure we are better off.’ Overall unemployment has indeed fallen to about 6 percent, and new data Friday from the Bureau of Labor Statistics puts the real gross domestic product growth at 4.6 percent, up from its last estimate of 4.2 percent. But according to the Senate GOP budget staff’s analysis, the number of Americans working as a percentage is near a four-decade low, and two-thirds of the people who have left the work force since 2009 are below the age of 55. ... ‘These statistics illustrate that the problems in the American economy are deep, profound, and pervasive, afflicting the sector of the labor force that should be among the most productive,’ said a statement accompanying the analysis.” (Of course, the “official” unemployment rate has gone down not because millions of Americans have found job, but because millions of Americans have dropped out of the workforce altogether and, like welfare recipients, are no longer counted in the unemployment calculation.) [65195]

At the Values Voters Summit, Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) quips, “We should insist that ABC, NBC, CBS, they refer to the [White House fence jumping] visitor according to the term that is politically correct, an undocumented White House visitor.” Also speaking at the event is Meriam Ibrahim, the Somali woman who was sentenced to death for being a Christian but who was able to flee to the United States. Naghmeh Abedini speaks about her husband, Pastor Saeed Abedini, a U.S. citizen who has been in Iran’s infamous Evin Prison for two years—with no apparent significant effort by the Obama administration to obtain his release. (When the administration loosened sanctions on Iran it should have demanded Saeed’s release.) She says, “I feel like [my husband has] been abandoned by my government. I hope to meet Secretary of State John Kerry and ...Obama but I haven’t even received a call to say ‘We’re with you, this is an important issue to us.’ And that breaks my heart.” (Obama found the time to meet in person with the parents of U.S. Army deserter Bowe Bergdahl, but cannot find the time to telephone Abedini.) [65074, 65222, 65289, 65324, 65411]

DailyCaller.com reports, “The Obama administration’s Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) told Congress that it’s firing a top official—who already quietly announced his retirement. John S. Goldman, medical director of the Carl Vinson VA Medical Center in Dublin, Georgia, announced his retirement on September 22 after 42 years. The Vinson facility was one of many VA health centers that falsified patient wait times.” (In other words, the VA is trying to take credit for “holding people accountable” for its scandals, even though it is doing no such thing in Goldman’s case.) Congressman Jeff Miller (R-FL) states, “Bragging about the proposed removal of someone who has already announced his retirement can only be described as disingenuous. Department leaders must not tolerate this instance of what appears to be blatant deceit. Such semantic sleights of hand are insulting to the families struck by the VA scandal and only do more harm to the department’s badly damaged credibility.” [65095]

NYPPost.com reports, “More undocumented immigrants will be eligible to join the US military, the Defense Department announced Thursday. The Pentagon is expanding a program that now allows recruiters to target skilled undocumented immigrants with expertise in -areas such as rare foreign languages. The program, called Military Accessions Vital to the National Interest, will now be available to any illegal immigrants who came to the country when they were under age 16 with their parents, -regardless of skill.” Former U.S. Marine and police inspector David Randolph tells Examiner.com, “There are so many questions that need to be answered and those questions may be addressed if the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate debate the issue and allow the American people—those pesky U.S. citizens—to understand the pros and cons of recruiting people who are basically undocumented and unknown.” [65104, 65105]

Fox News’ Ed Henry reports that the White House has no comment on the Oklahoma beheading” “they are ‘deferring to the FBI’ ... unlike Ferguson and other attacks.” [65102]

As Oklahoma police hold an outdoor press conference to discuss the beheading attack, several Muslims standing nearby reportedly read passages from the Qur’an and say, “Praise Allah.” One person present states that out of the 100-120 people present, about 30-40 were Muslims. [65106, 65107, 65138]

According to *The Wall Street Journal*, beheader Alton Nolen was a regular at Masjid An-Nasr, an Oklahoma City mosque. Pamela Geller notes, “At first, the Islamic Society of Greater Oklahoma City had denied that beheader Jah’keem Yisrael, nee Alton Nolan, attended mosque or that they were familiar with him. When pictures emerged of Jah’keem praying at the mosque [on] his Facebook page, their story radically changed. The media seamlessly reports the morphing narrative without question.” [65147, 65148]

Denmark’s TV2 reports that Christians are fleeing Muslim-dominated areas of the country, fearing for their lives, and provides an example of a woman named Jojo: “One day she sat in her car in Nørrebro (a Muslim-dominated area in Copenhagen). Seven young people with Arab background surrounded the car. One of them put his foot up on the hood and stared at her. ‘Do you think I’m looking at you, you fucking ugly whore.

Try to see what clothes you wear, bitch,' he said to Jojo, who dresses as Danish women do: shorts and a t-shirt in the summer. Then he noticed the cross around her neck. 'Well, you have a cross on—then you are also a Christian fucking whore. Do you know what we do to people like you? Do you know what we do to people like you? You get stoned,' he screamed. ... 'I can not be in Nørrebro anymore,' says Jojo, who has decided to move to a shelter for her own protection. ...TV2 News has also interviewed another woman who is persecuted for her Christian faith. She wants to remain anonymous for fear of reprisals and because she and her son are being harassed on the block where they live. Living in that area as a single Christian mother without a Islamic scarf makes her stick out in an area with primarily Muslim families. 'My son is being called everything. I get called all sorts of things. Infidel. Filthy Christians. They tell me I ought to be stoned to death,' she says. 'My son was beaten at the bus stop. He was called pig, dirty potato (Muslim slang for Danes), and that 'you and your mother should die.'" [65122]

On *Special Report*, Judge Andrew Napolitano and columnists Charles Krauthammer and Ron Fournier comment on the coming departure of Attorney General Eric Holder. Fournier notes that Obama is losing his "lightning rod," because Holder attracted much of the criticism that arguably should have been directed at him. Napolitano says, "Every time that Barack Obama has bent, broken, avoided or evaded the Constitution or federal law, Eric Holder has been at his side cheering him on, providing intellectual cover and purporting to give him legal advice authorizing what [Obama] wanted to do." Krauthammer observes that Holder has "been after an agenda and if the Constitution was in the way, he trampled on the Constitution. ...He's a political attorney general; that's not the way it's supposed to be." [65302]

On HBO's *Real Time*, Bill Maher says, "...Obama keeps insisting that ISIS is not Islamic. Well, maybe they don't practice the Muslim faith the same way *he* does, but if vast numbers of Muslims across the world believe—and they do—that humans deserve to die for merely holding a different idea, or drawing a cartoon, or writing a book, or eloping with the wrong person, not only does the Muslim world have something in common with ISIS, it has *too much* in common with ISIS. There's so much talk about wiping out ISIS. You can't. Not with bombs. You can only expose that something is a bad idea, like extended warranties. Cultures are different. It's okay to judge that rule of law isn't just different than theocracy, it's better. If you don't see that you're either a religious fanatic or a masochist, but one thing you are certainly *not* is a liberal. To count yourself as a liberal, you have to stand up for liberal principles, free speech, separation of church and state. Freedom to practice any religion, or no religion, without the threat of violence. Respect for minorities, including homosexuals, equality for women. It amazes me how here in America we go nuts over the tiniest violations of these values, while gross atrocities are ignored across the world. ...We hear a lot about the 'Republican war on women.' It's not cool [that] Rush Limbaugh called somebody a slut. Okay. But Saudi women can't vote. Or drive. Or hold a job. Or leave the house without a man. Overwhelming majorities in every Muslim country say a wife is always obliged to obey her husband. That all seems like a bigger issue than evangelical Christian bakeries refusing to make gay wedding cakes. Ninety-one percent of Egyptian women have had their clitorises forcibly removed. Ninety-eight percent of Somalian women have. Ayaan

Hirsi Ali grew up in Somalia and is one of them. She was scheduled to speak at Yale [University] last week, but the school's atheist organization—my people—complained that she 'did not represent the totality of the ex-Muslim experience.' Meaning what? The women who *like* mutilation? You're *atheists*. You should be attacking religion, not siding with the people who hold women down and violate them, which apparently you will defend in the name of multiculturalism, and then lose your shit when someone refers to Chaz Bono by the wrong pronoun. Donald Sterling isn't allowed to own a team because he told his mistress not to post pictures with black guys. Okay. But if we're giving no quarter to intolerance, shouldn't we be starting with the mutilators and the honor killers? Or will that divert us from the real problem, that when Mel Gibson drinks he calls women 'sugartits?'" [65129]

On September 27, beheadings on U.S. soil notwithstanding, Obama plays golf with aides Joe Paulen and Marvin Nicholson, and ESPN's Tony Kornheiser. [65100, 65101]

In Australia, 24-year-old Lamin Savage is denied bail after being arrested for telling a police officer he was with ISIS and threatening to "cut his fucking head off." [65383, 65384]

The cover of *The Economist* shows Obama in a flight suit on the deck of an aircraft carrier with the headline, "Mission relaunched." [65220, 65221]

Breitbart.com reports, "Suhaib Webb, an Imam with ties to former Al Qaeda mastermind Anwar al-Awlaki, had also previously been the leader of the Islamic Society of Greater Oklahoma City, which had been attended by Alton Nolen—the man who on Thursday beheaded a former coworker after recently converting to Islam... Webb now serves as Imam of the sister organization of the mosque attended by Boston Marathon bombers Dzhokhar and Tamerlan Tsarnaev. Imam Suhaib Webb has a history of ties to radicalism. FBI surveillance documents found that he was a known confidant of Al Qaeda mastermind Anwar al-Awlaki. Just two days before the September 11, 2001 attacks on America, Webb spoke at a fundraiser with Awlaki with hopes to raise funds for Atlanta-based H. Rap Brown [born Hubert Gerold Brown and also known as Jamil Abdullah Al-Amin], a man that [sic; who] shot and killed two police officers. The FBI documents also found that 'Webb and Awlaki may be associated with the Muslim American Society,' which is a group described by the Investigative Project on Terrorism as being 'founded as the United States Chapter of the Muslim Brotherhood.'" [65108, 65135, 65157, 65273]

Meanwhile, the Imam of Nolen's mosque, Imad Enchassi, complains to the media that Oklahoma Muslims are being threatened with beheading. "Yesterday," he states, "our children did not go play outside in the entire state of Oklahoma. We're on a high rate of alert. We contacted the FBI." Enchassi also calls for advertisements criticizing terrorist attacks of jihad to be outlawed, including those placed by the American Freedom Defense Initiative. The AFDI's Pamela Geller writes, "The pro-jihadists hope our ads will threaten lives. They really want a Muslim to be attacked by some nut. They want this deeply, so they can use it to move against free speech. Imagine: would the Daily News in 1942 have run a piece entitled, 'Anti-Nazi ads could threaten lives'? Would they have said that by

waging war against the Nazis and denouncing their ideology, American patriots were ‘fomenting a climate of fear and hate’? These claims that these pro-freedom, anti-jihad terror ads foment fear and hate and endanger innocent people are an insidious attempt to enable jihad terror, Islamic antisemitism and Sharia oppression by stigmatizing and demonizing opposition to them.” [65208, 65209, 65213, 65214]

FoxNews.com reports, “Authorities are treating Thursday’s beheading at an Oklahoma food distribution center as an incident of workplace violence but that is prompting raised eyebrows among some terrorism experts.” (Because Oklahoma has the death penalty, many Americans might prefer that Nolen be tried for murder, convicted, and executed by the state of Oklahoma, rather than have a possibly long, dragged-out federal terrorism trial.) “...Co-workers reportedly said [Alton] Nolen tried to convert them to Islam after his own recent conversion. And Fox 25 in Oklahoma City reports that the FBI is looking into Nolen’s Facebook page. The page has anti-American rants under the name ‘Jah’Keem Israel.’” According to the Associated Press, “Oklahoma prison records show Nolen was released from prison in March 2013 after serving two years of a six-year sentence on charges that included assaulting a police officer and possession of cocaine with intent to distribute.” Nolen’s mother, Joyce Nolen, states, “My son was raised up in a loving home. My son was raised up believing in God. Our hearts bleed right now because of what they’re saying Alton has done.” JihadWatch.org reports, “The Islamic Society of Greater Oklahoma City is in full damage-control and victimhood mode, saying they hardly knew Oklahoma beheader Jah’Keem Yisrael, and asking for protection against ‘backlash.’” [65142, 65152, 65153, 65158, 65171, 65560]

At LewRockwell.com Pay Buchanan writes, “A year ago, the American people rose up to demand that Obama and John Kerry keep us out of Syria’s civil war, specifically, that they not carry out their threats to bomb the army of Bashar Assad. Had it not been for Assad, Hezbollah, Iran, and Russia, the network of death Obama rightly excoriated from that U.N. podium, might by now be establishing its caliphate, not in Raqqa but Damascus. Before we go any deeper into Syria, Congress needs to be called back to debate and vote on whether to authorize this new war. For this war against the Islamic State seems, for some in that blood-soaked region, not so much to be a war of good against evil, but the first of several wars they want America to fight. For them, the Islamic State is to be destroyed by the Americans. Then the Assad regime is to be brought down by the Americans. Then Iran is to be smashed by the Americans. Everyone in the Middle East seems to have in mind some new war for the Americans to fight. How many such wars are in our vital interests? While, undeniably, the Islamic State has shown itself beyond the pale with its beheading of innocents and its massacres of soldiers who have surrendered, let us not forget that our allies abetted these monsters, while adversaries we have designated as terrorists and state sponsors of terror were fighting them. Lord Palmerston had a point when he said Great Britain has no permanent friends, no permanent enemies, only permanent interests. Those interests should determine our policy.” [65115]

Chelsea Clinton Mezvinsky gives birth to a daughter, Charlotte. (Whether the baby looks like Webster Hubbell is not known.) The new grandchild prevents Bill Clinton from

attending a fundraiser for Senator Mark Udall (D-CO), who would rather have Clinton present than Obama. Eager to use the baby as a campaign prop, Hillary Clinton says, “I think my granddaughter has just as much God-given potential as a boy who was born in that hospital on the same day.” [65131, 65170, 65267]

BizPacReview.com reports, “The Justice Department is accusing the Ferguson Police Department of ‘exacerbating an already tense atmosphere’ by allowing officers to wear a bracelet in support of fellow Officer Darren Wilson, who shot and killed unarmed black teenager Michael Brown in August. ... The Justice Department sent a letter Friday to Ferguson Police Chief Tom Jackson after residents complained to federal investigators that officers were wearing bracelets that say, ‘I am Darren Wilson,’ in a show of support for their fellow officer...” [65133]

Several rockets fired into Yemen explode outside the U.S. embassy in Sanaa. Al-Qaeda claims responsibility. [65141, 65155, 65156]

At NationalReview.com Andrew C. McCarthy sheds some light on the name Khorasan: “There is a reason that no one had heard of such a group until a nanosecond ago, when the ‘Khorasan Group’ suddenly went from anonymity to the ‘imminent threat’ that became the rationale for an emergency air war there was supposedly no time to ask Congress to authorize. You haven’t heard of the Khorasan Group because there isn’t one. It is a name the administration came up with, calculating that Khorasan—the Iranian–Afghan border region—had sufficient connection to jihadist lore that no one would call [Obama] on it. The ‘Khorasan Group’ is al-Qaeda. It is simply a faction within the global terror network’s Syrian franchise, ‘Jabhat al-Nusra.’ Its leader, Mushin al-Fadhli (believed to have been killed in this week’s U.S.-led air strikes), was an intimate of Ayman al-Zawahiri, the emir of al-Qaeda who dispatched him to the jihad in Syria. Except that if you listen to administration officials long enough, you come away thinking that Zawahiri is not really al-Qaeda, either. Instead, he’s something the administration is at pains to call ‘core al-Qaeda.’ ... You see, there is a purpose behind this dizzying proliferation of names assigned to what, in reality, is a global network with multiple tentacles and occasional internecine rivalries. As these columns have long contended, Obama has not quelled our enemies; he has *miniaturized* them. The jihad and the sharia supremacism that fuels it form the glue that unites the parts into a whole—a worldwide, ideologically connected movement rooted in Islamic scripture that can project power on the scale of a nation-state and that seeks to conquer the West. [Obama] does not want us to see the threat this way.” [65160, 65261]

“For a product of the radical Left like Obama, terrorism is a regrettable but understandable consequence of American arrogance. That it happens to involve Muslims is just the coincidental fallout of Western imperialism in the Middle East, not the doctrinal command of a belief system that perceives itself as engaged in an inter-civilizational conflict. For the Left, America has to be the culprit. Despite its inbred pathologies, which we had no role in cultivating, Islam must be the victim, not the cause. As you’ll hear from Obama’s Islamist allies, who often double as Democrat activists, the problem is ‘Islamophobia,’ not Muslim terrorism. This is a gross distortion of reality, so

the Left has to do some very heavy lifting to pull it off. Since the Islamic-supremacist ideology that unites the jihadists won't disappear, it has to be denied and purged. The 'real' jihad becomes the 'internal struggle to become a better person.' The scriptural and scholarly underpinnings of Islamic supremacism must be bleached out of the materials used to train our national-security agents, and the instructors who resist going along with the program must be ostracized. The global terror network must be atomized into discrete, disconnected cells moved to violence by parochial political or territorial disputes, with no overarching unity or hegemonic ambition. That way, they can be limned as a manageable law-enforcement problem fit for the courts to address, not a national-security challenge requiring the armed forces." [65160, 65261]

"...[O]ur moderate Islamist partners have no interest in fighting Syria's al-Qaeda affiliate. Yes, they reluctantly, and to a very limited extent, joined U.S. forces in the strikes against the Islamic State renegades. But that's not because the Islamic State is jihadist while they are moderate. It is because the Islamic State has made mincemeat of Iraq's forces, is a realistic threat to topple Assad, and has our partners fretting that they are next on the menu. Meantime, though, the Saudis and Qatar want no trouble with the rest of al-Qaeda, particularly with al-Nusra. After all, al-Qaeda's Syrian branch is tightly allied with the 'moderate opposition' that these 'moderate' Gulf states have been funding, arming, and training for the jihad against Assad. Oh, and what about those other 'moderates' Obama has spent [years] courting, the Muslim Brotherhood? It turns out they are not only all for al-Qaeda, they even condemn what one of their top sharia jurists, Wagdy Ghoneim, has labeled 'the Crusader war against the Islamic State.' ...Obama has his story and he's sticking to it. But the same can be said for our enemies." [65160, 65261]

At a forum held by the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Congresswoman Marcia Fudge (D-OH) says, "So, we're saying to the Democratic Party... you'd better pay attention to us [blacks], because if you don't, everybody loses. If we win, everybody wins. If we lose, everybody loses when black folk don't vote [sic]. ...If we [blacks] don't vote, believe it or not, they [whites] are going to file articles of impeachment against [Obama]. If we don't vote, the street in front of your house is not gonna [sic] get fixed. If we don't vote, we gonna [sic] have hungry children across this country." [65295]

At the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Annual Legislative Conference Phoenix Awards Dinner, Obama says, "If it wasn't black tie, I would have worn my tan suit. I thought it looked good." He also pleads with Democrats to vote on November 4: "All around the country wherever I see folks, they always say, 'Oh, Barack, we're praying for you. ...Eh, I'm, you're so grey, look, look, you get all grey-haired, you're looking tired, we're prayin' for ya [sic]. ...We need more than prayer, we need to vote! It will not relieve me of my gray hair, but it'll help me pass some bills.'" (The brief video clip of Obama's statement is disturbing, not just because of the phony southern black accent. D. W. Ulsterman writes, "There's something very 'off' in this man's eyes. Perhaps it is terrible fatigue and/or stress, perhaps something else. The voice is strained, out of breath, the eyes distant and glassy. Whatever is going on, it is concerning to have

anyone looking and sounding like this, let alone the [current temporary occupant of the Oval Office].”) [65130, 65200]

Obama tells the audience, “[O]ur work is not done when too many children live in crumbling neighborhoods, cycling through substandard schools, traumatized by daily violence. Our work is not done when working Americans of all races have seen their wages and incomes stagnate, even as corporate profits soar; when African-American unemployment is still twice as high as white unemployment; when income inequality, on the rise for decades, continues to hold back hardworking communities, especially communities of color. We’ve got unfinished work. And we know what to do. That’s the worst part—we know what to do. We know we’ve got to invest in infrastructure, and manufacturing, and research and development that creates new jobs. We’ve got to keep rebuilding a middle class economy with ladders of opportunity, so that hard work pays off and you see higher wages and higher incomes, and fair pay for women doing the same work as men, and workplace flexibility for parents in case a child gets sick or a parent needs some help. We’ve got to build more Promise Zones partnerships to support local revitalization of hard-hit communities. We’ve got to keep investing in early education. We want to bring preschool to every four-year-old in this country. And we want every child to have an excellent teacher. And we want to invest in our community colleges and expand Pell Grants for more students. And I’m going to keep working with you to make college more affordable. Because every child in America, no matter who she is, no matter where she’s born, no matter how much money her parents have, ought to be able to fulfill her God-given potential. That’s what we believe.” (The problems Obama cites are generally *caused* by government, and his solution is to impose even *more* government.) [65178]

In Ferguson, Missouri, a police officer is shot in the arm. According to Stltoday.com, “[T]he police officer, during a business check, saw a male subject in the rear of the Ferguson Community Center. When he approached, the person began to run and the officer followed on foot. During the pursuit, the man spun around and fired at the officer, who was hit in the left arm, before disappearing in the wooded area behind the center.” (The shooting appears not to be related to an ongoing protest that was taking place at the same time.) [65182, 65183]

NBC’s *Saturday Night Live* pokes fun at Obama, with a mock pep talk in which he is advised, “We just want to take a minute to say, cheer up ...Obama, because no matter how hard things seem right now, things are gonna get easier. ... You thought people flipped out over you in a tan suit? Wait till they see you in a purple suit. ... [I]f you had a better approval rating, you’d have to be all over the country campaigning for other Democrats. But they don’t want you anywhere near them now. So why don’t you just skip the campaign tour and hit up the ‘On the Run’ tour with the *real* first family, Jay-Z and Beyonce.” [65184, 65185]

On September 28 voters in Switzerland overwhelmingly reject a referendum calling for replacing the nation’s private health care insurance system with a government system. (Whether Swiss voters have been paying attention to ObamaCare’s problems is not

reported.) Yahoo News reports, “Critics say the current system is unfair because basic coverage costs a millionaire no more than it does a low-paid worker.” (A loaf of bread also costs millionaires no more than it does a low-paid worker. The price of a product or service should be based not on the buyer’s income, but on the cost of providing that product or service and a small profit.) Yahoo News notes, “The results also underlined the national divisions over the hotly-contested issue as the country’s German-speaking regions voted against the plan, while their French-speaking counterparts were in favour.” That is not surprising, as socialism appeals more to those with French “leaning” than those with German backgrounds.) [65198]

In the Netherlands, a 14-year-old is suspended from high school after producing a video in which he announces his support for ISIS and threatens to behead Jews. (There are almost one million Muslims in the Netherlands. Most are from Turkey and Morocco. As is common throughout Europe, their unemployment rates are much higher than those of the native population, and large numbers of Muslims live off welfare programs.) [65314, 65315, 65316, 65317]

On *This Week*, House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) says, “If the goal is to destroy ISIS as a whole, I don’t think the strategy that [Obama] outlined will accomplish that... At the end of the day, I think it’s gonna [sic] take more than airstrikes to drive them out of there. At some point somebody’s boots have to be on the ground. ...If I were [Obama], I probably wouldn’t have talked about what I *wouldn’t* do. And maybe we can get enough of these [non-American] forces trained to get them on the battlefield. But somebody’s boots have to be there. ...These are barbarians. They intend to kill us. And if we don’t destroy them first, we’re gonna [sic] pay the price.” [65194, 65254]

Boehner also says he would call back the members of the House of Representatives for a vote in authorizing military action against ISIS in Syria and Iraq if Obama wants a resolution. (Of course, Boehner knows that Obama wants no vote in the House, because that would also mean a vote in the Senate—where Democrats up for reelection want no part of an action that would cost them some votes on November 4.) [65255]

On *Fox News Sunday*, Deputy National Security Advisor Tony Blinken is asked if the beheading in Oklahoma was an act of terror. He responds, “We don’t know. The FBI has an active investigation. I’m not going to get ahead of it. Let’s see what they find.” (Blinken also appears on *Face the Nation*, where he is not even asked about the beheading.) Senator John Barrasso (R-WY) says that Obama “has an obligation to call us back tomorrow to start this [war] debate. ...I don’t think [Senate Majority Leader] Harry Reid [D-NV] wants this debate or the vote. I think we have an obligation; the prime minister of Britain called the parliament back. No member of Congress should be left off the hook. The Constitution is clear, Article I, Section 8, power [is] vetted in Congress to declare war. If you go back to the founding documents of this nation, the decision of going to war was to be made by people closest to the ground, the elected officials, to make those decisions. I think that the public deserves it. They should be demanding it. [Obama] is putting together an international coalition. It’s time to put the coalition together at home as well.” [65216, 65217, 65242, 65255]

A Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant in Leicester, England stops using “wet wipes” because their alcohol content might offend Muslims. The *Leicester Mercury* quotes customer Graham Noakes: “I explained that it wouldn’t affect me. In fact, I told them I like alcohol, so it wouldn’t bother me in the slightest. When they wouldn’t give me one, I was disgusted. I will never be going to KFC again. ...I’ve never experienced anything like this before, I couldn’t believe it. Why shouldn’t I be allowed a wipe for my hands? They use wipes in hospital, what happens when we start being told we can’t have wipes there? I just can’t understand it.” [65218, 65377]

Pamela Geller reports, “Mufid Abdel Qader, the younger half-brother of Hamas’ supreme political leader and world’s leading terrorist, Khaled Mashal, was the founder and incorporator for the Islamic Society of Greater Oklahoma City mosque, the beheader’s [Alton Nolen’s] mosque. Abdulqader, one of the Holy Land 5 jihadists, was convicted of providing material support to terrorists in the largest Islamic terrorism funding trial in our nation’s history. These mosques are bases of hate and treason, and must be monitored and shuttered if jihad-related activity or preaching is found to be taking place in these fortresses. Abdulqader worked in concert with many American Muslim leaders, including Hamas-CAIR and its founder Nihad Awad, to fund terrorism. CAIR was named as an un-indicted co-conspirator in the Holy Land Terror funding trial as well.” (The Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development “charity” was the major U.S. source of funding for Hamas.) According to DiscovertheNetworks.org, “[F]or a number of years Abdulqader also performed as a singer in a band named Al Sakhra (‘The Rock’), which toured the United States from coast to coast for appearances at Hamas fundraisers. Al Sakhra’s songs were replete with lyrics urging hatred toward Jews, encouraging violent holy war, and glorifying the martyrdom of suicide bombers.” [65145, 65146]

According to KRMG.com, while one Muslim was beheading a woman at an Oklahoma food processing plant, another was being arrested in Oklahoma City for threatening to behead a co-worker at a nursing home: “Police tell Newsok.com, Jacob [Mugambi] Murithi had been working at the Bellevue Nursing Home in northwest Oklahoma City. He’s said to have threatened the unidentified co-worker on Sept. 19. She told officers Murithi identified himself as a Muslim. He then mentioned he ‘represented ISIS and that ISIS kills Christians.’ He’s currently at the Oklahoma County Jail on a terrorism count. Police say his bail is set at \$1 million.” (Asked by the co-worker why ISIS members kill Christians, Murithi replied, “This is just what we do.”) [65202, 65204, 65215, 65244, 65260]

In the *Los Angeles Times*, Jonathan Zimmerman, a professor of history and education at New York University, defends the barbaric beheadings performed by ISIS terrorists by noting that “[i]n 1623, just two years after Native Americans and Pilgrims dined together at the first Thanksgiving, Pilgrim commander Myles Standish decapitated an enemy Indian chieftain and impaled his head on a pike outside of the Plymouth fort,” and “one of our allies, Saudi Arabia, still practices beheading. ...Indeed, beheading is as old as human civilization itself. So it also reminds us how close we remain to savagery, which is what makes decapitation so repulsive and alluring at the same time. We don’t want to

behold our own brutal natures. ...Condemning Islamic State on Wednesday, ...Obama said it 'forces us to look into the heart of darkness.' The allusion was to Joseph Conrad's classic 1899 novel, in which a deranged white colonist in Africa erects human heads on the fence around his house." Zimmerman's "we are all savages" article may please readers of the leftist *Los Angeles Times*, but most Americans would reject his argument. That *some* people are savages does not mean that *all* people are savages. Zimmerman's "moral equivalence" claptrap is, of course, accepted by the typical leftist. Regrettably, he is hardly unique among modern "intellectuals." At JihadWatch.org, Robert Spencer writes, "Zimmerman's line of thinking, followed out to its logical conclusion, would have the West abandon all efforts to defend itself and surrender to the global jihad. What is astonishing is that this counsel of despair has become so mainstream, such that its author is a professor at a major university, and his piece is published in a respected newspaper. If our age weren't so sick, both Zimmerman and the Los Angeles Times editors would never get close to any positions of influence." [65210, 65211]

The *Los Angeles Times* also reports, "Finding a doctor who takes Obamacare coverage could be just as frustrating for Californians in 2015 as the health-law expansion enters its second year. The state's largest health insurers are sticking with their often-criticized narrow networks of doctors, and in some cases they are cutting the number of physicians even more, according to a Times analysis of company data. And the state's insurance exchange, Covered California, still has no comprehensive directory to help consumers match doctors with health plans. This comes as insurers prepare to enroll hundreds of thousands of new patients this fall and get 1.2 million Californians to renew their policies under the Affordable Care Act. Even as California's enrollment grows, many patients continue to complain about being offered fewer choices of doctors and having no easy way to find the ones that are available. ...Health Net has proposed the most dramatic change for 2015, the data show. It's dumping the PPO network... and switching to a plan with 54% fewer doctors and no out-of-network coverage, state data show. Yet premiums for that stripped-down policy are going up as much as 9% compared with pricing for the PPO." [65325, 65326]

Abu Mohammed al-Golani, leader of al-Qaeda's Nusra Front, releases a 25-minute audio recording in which he warns all nations participating in the fight against ISIS: "This is what will cause the battle to be transported to the hearts of your own homes; because Muslims will not stand idly by and watch Muslims be bombed and killed in their countries while you are safe on [in] your countries. The price of war will not be paid by your leaders alone. You will pay the biggest price. ...We will use all that we have to defend the people of Syria... from the Crusader alliance, and we will use all possible means to achieve this end." [65306, 65307]

On *60 Minutes*, Obama avoids taking responsibility for failing to recognize the rise of ISIS, using the word "they" rather than "we" when he tells Steve "Softball" Kroft, "I think our head of the intelligence community, Jim Clapper, has acknowledged that I think they underestimated what had been taking place in Syria." (It was *after* ISIS took Fallujah in Iraq that Obama called it a "JayVee team," and its was *after* ISIS took Mosul that Obama admitted he did not have a strategy for dealing with the terrorist army.

Anyone watching the evening news programs knew ISIS was a growing threat—yet Obama seemed not to be aware of it. According to FoxNews.com, “A military intelligence official [stated] that the Obama administration had options on the table to target senior leadership of ISIS—as well as the Al Qaeda-aligned Khorasan Group—in the 18 months leading up to the strikes in Syria which began last week. The official, who is familiar with the data collection, said the threat from ISIS and Khorasan was well-documented in [Obama’s] daily brief for over a year, but the White House failed to act. The official said the intelligence community ‘pushed hard’ to identify the leadership of both groups for targeting purposes and these options were presented to [Obama’s] team—and ‘every option was denied.’”) [65161, 65162, 65246, 65249, 65253, 65265, 65278, 65305]

Obama again insists the nation is not at war against ISIS. Instead, the United States is only “assisting Iraq in a very real battle that’s taking place on their soil, with their troops. This is not America against ISIL. This is America leading the international community to assist a country with whom we have a security partnership with; to make sure that they are able to take care of their business.” Clearly in his “I am not George W. Bush” mode, Obama says, “I distinguished ...between counterterrorism and the sort of occupying armies that characterized the Iraq and Afghan War. That’s very different from us having 150,000 troops in Iraq on the ground or 60,000 in Afghanistan.” Despite suggesting the United States will not do the heavy lifting in the non-war, he says, “America leads, we are the indispensable nation. We have capacity no one else has. Our military is the best in the history of the world. And when trouble comes up anywhere in the world, they don’t call Beijing. They don’t call Moscow. They call us.” Obama also naively suggests, “What we also have to do is we have to come up with political solutions in Iraq and Syria in particular, but in the Middle East generally, that arise in an accommodation between Sunni and Shia populations that right now are the biggest cause of conflict, not just in the Middle East, but in the world.” (The Sunnis and Shi’ites have been in conflict for centuries. Neither side has been or will be willing to accept “political solutions” any more than Hamas will recognize Israel’s right to exist.) [65241, 65246]

On the issue of the economy, Obama tells Kroft, “When I came into office, our economy was in crisis. We had unemployment up at 10 percent. It’s now down to 6.1. We’ve had the longest run of uninterrupted private sector job growth in our history. We have seen deficits cut by more than half. Corporate balance sheets are probably the best they’ve been in the last several decades. We are producing more energy than we had before. We are producing more clean energy than we ever had before. I can put my record against any leader around the world in terms of digging ourselves out of a terrible, almost unprecedented financial crisis. Ronald Reagan used to ask the question, ‘Are you better off than you were four years ago?’ In this case, are you better off than you were in six? And the answer is, the country is definitely better off than we were when I came into office [perhaps unless the question is, ‘Are you more likely to be beheaded than you were six years ago?’], but now we have to make—” Kroft interrupts, “Do you think people will feel that?” Obama: “They don’t feel it. And the reason they don’t feel it is because incomes and wages are not going up. There are solutions to that. If we raise the minimum wage, if we make sure women are getting paid the same as men for doing the same work,

if we are rebuilding our infrastructure, if we're doing more to invest in job training so people are able to get the jobs that are out there right now, because manufacturing is coming back to this country. Not just the auto industry that we've saved, but you're starting to see reinvestment here in the United States. Businesses around the world are saying for the first time in a long time, 'The place to invest isn't in China. It's the United States.'" (Obama is essentially saying, "Americans are too stupid to realize they are better off, because they are looking at their paychecks rather than Wall Street.") [65248]

TheDailyBeast.com's Eli Lake writes, "There's one problem" with Obama's statement that the intelligence community "fail[ed] to predict the rise of ISIS. ... The intelligence analysts did warn about the group. ... Reached by The Daily Beast after Obama's interview aired, one former senior Pentagon official who worked closely on the threat posed by Sunni jihadists in Syria and Iraq was flabbergasted. 'Either [Obama] doesn't read the intelligence he's getting or he's bullshitting,' the former official said. ... [O]ther senior intelligence officials have been warning about ISIS for months. In prepared testimony before the annual House and Senate intelligence committees' threat hearings in January and February, Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn, the recently departed director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, said the group would likely make a grab for land before the end of the year. ISIS 'probably will attempt to take territory in Iraq and Syria to exhibit its strength in 2014.' Of course, the prediction wasn't exactly hard to make. By then, Flynn noted, ISIS had taken the cities of Ramadi and Fallujah, and the demonstrated an 'ability to concurrently maintain multiple safe havens in Syria.'" One staffer tells the *Daily Mail*, "Unless someone very senior has been shredding [Obama's] daily briefings and telling him that the dog ate them, highly accurate predictions about ISIL have been showing up in the Oval Office since before the 2012 election. ... We were seeing specific threat assessments and many of them have panned out exactly as we were told they would." [65163, 65165, 65249, 65272, 65293]

At WND.com Aaron Klein reports, "Russia has delivered a behind-the-scenes threat to retaliate if airstrikes carried out by the U.S. or its allies target the regime of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, Middle Eastern security officials told WND. The security officials said Russia complained Sunday in quiet talks with United Nations representatives that the Obama administration's current aerial campaign against Islamic State fighters in Syria is a violation of international agreements regarding control of Syrian airspace. The officials said Russia warned it could potentially retaliate if U.S. or Arab airstrikes go beyond targeting Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, or ISIS, and instead bomb any Syrian regime targets. The officials told WND they do not have any information about the seriousness of the Russian threat or whether Moscow meant it would retaliate directly or aid Assad's air force in a military response." [65219]

Obama advisor Valerie Jarrett appears in a cameo role in the television program *The Good Wife*. [65245, 65342]

At WND.com Dr. Gina Loudon writes of researcher Trevor Loudon's (no relation) work to combat communism: "Loudon's investigative work began after watching the rise of communism in his home country of New Zealand. Worried the same thing might happen

in the U.S., he asked a former communist to explain how it happened. That confidant, Loudon told WND, revealed the big secret of the Marxists is that they make small gains by infiltrating institutions that have political influence—like churches, labor unions and universities—and spread their [ideology] from there. In time, the communists within rise up to infiltrate and control the much larger, mainstream political parties and institutions. ...WND asked Loudon why he, a New Zealander, even cares what happens to America. Loudon, the former vice president of the ACT Party, the New Zealand version of the Libertarian Party, explained, ‘If America goes down, every country goes down. Russia, China and Iran are expanding. America is retreating. If this continues, the bad guys will carve up the planet amongst themselves. There is nowhere to run. ... You’ve got to realize that communists have been infiltrating the Christian Churches in America for 100 years. They have instituted ‘liberation theology’ (Christian Marxism), and they have done the same thing in the Middle East to Islam.’ [65284]

“...Islam became a battering ram against the West. Now, that doesn’t mean that every Islamic terrorist understands that, just like every union member doesn’t understand that unions have been taken over by the Marxists, just like every Democrat doesn’t realize that their party has been taken over. The communists... will work with the radical gay movement, they’ll work with the feminist movement, the Chicano movement, Buddhists, Hindu, they will infiltrate whatever it takes to get power. ...The GOP has been infiltrated to some degree, but because the Marxists have so effectively infiltrated the unions, and the unions are so overwhelmingly Democrat, less Republicans are infected by Marxism today. Dick Lugar, R-Ind., was a hard core, leftist, anti-American. [Jacob] Javitz, the former senator from New York, also had his roots in the Communist Party, for example. I’d say in the Republican Party, you have one third progressives, one third go-alongs-to-get-alongs and one third constitutionalists and patriots. The real battle in this country is which faction is going to win? If the progressives win, we’re done. If the real, hardcore conservatives like Ted Cruz, [Trey] Gowdy, [Rand] Paul, [Louie] Gohmert, [Jim] Bridenstine come to ascendance, then this country has a chance of fighting back.” [65284]

“...Even from a purely secular point of view, this is a battle between good and evil. It really comes down to [the writings of John] Milton... This comes down to the reason Satan left heaven. To Satan, it was better to rule in hell than serve in heaven. This is the motivation of the communists. They want power. They want to rule. They don’t give a d— what this earth turns into as long as they are running things. The only reason communism is still soft in some countries is because you still have [American] freedom left. If there was universal communism, you would have North Korea over the entire planet. There would be no checks, no balances, nowhere for people to run, there would be hardcore Leninism, absolute tyranny and the revolution would consume its own. ...These people who get into the communist movement do not understand that. Everybody is equally trapped in this horrible situation in North Korea now. Even the top people in the North Korean government are still trapped by the system. You would have that worldwide. Nobody wins. Everybody loses. And evil rules.” [65284]

On September 29 *Morning Joe* host Joe Scarborough responds to the FBI's claim that their investigation of Oklahoma beheader Alton Nolen has found no links to terrorism and was not copying the ISIS beheadings in Syria: "Workplace violence. Really? Despite the fact the attacker's Facebook page had pictures of Osama bin Laden, let's see, the Taliban, gruesome beheadings by ISIS. Pictures celebrating the destruction of the Twin Towers, and his promise that America would go up in flames? And, also, his declaration that, quote, Islamic terrorists behead their victims because the precedent was bestowed by their prophet. How stupid does the FBI really think we are? And who exactly are they afraid of offending? ISIS?" [65346]

The *Washington Post* reports, "The man who jumped the White House fence this month and sprinted through the front door made it much farther into the building than previously known, overpowering one Secret Service officer and running through much of the main floor, according to three people familiar with the incident. An alarm box near the front entrance of the White House designed to alert guards to an intruder had been muted at what officers believed was a request of the usher's office, said a Secret Service official who spoke on the condition of anonymity. The female officer posted inside the front door appeared to be delayed in learning that the intruder, Omar Gonzalez, was about to burst through. Officers are trained that, upon learning of an intruder on the grounds, often through the alarm boxes posted around the property, they must immediately lock the front door. After barreling [sic; barreling] past the guard immediately inside the door, Gonzalez, who was carrying a knife, dashed past the stairway leading a half-flight up to the first family's living quarters. He then ran into the 80-foot-long East Room, an ornate space often used for receptions or presidential addresses. Gonzalez was tackled by a counter-assault agent at the far southern end of the East Room. The intruder reached the doorway to the Green Room, a parlor overlooking the South Lawn with artwork and antique furniture, according to three people familiar with the incident." Even worse for the Secret Service is the fact that Gonzalez overpowered a female Secret Service agent and had to be stopped by an *off-duty* agent who merely happened to be walking through the building. [65166, 65172, 65173, 65251, 65276, 65292, 65335, 65343, 65347]

In New York City, the American Freedom Defense Initiative places "stop the hate" anti-jihad ads on 100 city buses and at subway stations. (Not surprisingly, the leftist media blasts the ads, calling them "inflammatory." Why being opposed to radical jihadists and beheadings is "inflammatory" is not explained.) [65312, 65313, 65376]

JPost.com reports, "Three French-national suspected jihadists, arrested in Turkey after traveling to Syria, were charged by the French Republic on Saturday with planning terrorist attacks. They were charged with 'criminal association with the aim of planning terrorist acts,' Pierre Dunac, one of the lawyers, told the French news agency, AFP. One of the suspects is Abdelouahab el-Baghdadi, 29, the brother-in-law of Mohammed Merah, the Islamist who, in March 2012, killed seven people in the south of France, including four Jews and three children, before being shot dead in Toulouse by the special anti-terrorist unit of the French police. Merah's brother has been in prison since, and his sister, Souad, Baghdadi's wife, also has been investigated." [65318]

NYTimes.com reports, “By late last year, classified American intelligence reports painted an increasingly ominous picture of a growing threat from Sunni extremists in Syria, according to senior intelligence and military officials. Just as worrisome, they said, were reports of deteriorating readiness and morale among troops next door in Iraq. But the reports, they said, generated little attention in a White House consumed with multiple brush fires and reluctant to be drawn back into Iraq. ‘Some of us were pushing the reporting, but the White House just didn’t pay attention to it,’ said a senior American intelligence official. ‘They were preoccupied with other crises,’ the official added. ‘This just wasn’t a big priority.’” [65168, 65336]

White House press secretary Josh Earnest denies that in his *60 Minutes* interview Obama was blaming the intelligence agencies for the failure to recognize the threat of ISIS. He tells reporter’s, “That is not what [Obama’s] intent was. What [Obama] was trying to make clear [was] how difficult it is to predict the will of security forces that are based in another country to fight. ...[Obama is the] commander in chief and he’s the one who takes responsibility [for national security], and [he] continues to have the highest degree of confidence in our intelligence community to continue to provide that advice.” [65168, 65169]

ABC’s Jonathan Karl asks Earnest about Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Bret McGurk’s November 2013 testimony that the intelligence agencies knew of the threat from ISIS. “This is one of your key people in Iraq,” notes Karl, “who was raising this alarm in November of last year. Did this message get to [Obama]? Did he believe it? Did he not hear it?” Earnest responds that he cannot reveal details of such conversations, and adds, “What was not predicted was how quickly and how successfully ISIL would be able to make this significant advance across Iraq in a way that has allowed them to hold so much territory.” (ABC does not include the exchange on its evening news broadcast. Instead, notes the Media Research Center, it reports on the wedding of actor George Cooney.) Lee Smith tweets, “If Obama blames IC [intelligence community] for not knowing about ISIS, why trust him that IC will know when Iran is on verge of breakout [with its nuclear weapons program]?” [65282, 65291, 65336, 65344, 65351]

On MSNBC, retired Rear Admiral Joe Sestak, a former Democrat Congressman is asked, “How did the U.S. intelligence community get it so wrong on ISIS?” The leftist host, Jose Diaz-Balart, is taken aback by Sestak’s response: “I don’t think they did. If you remember back in January and February, the head—the general, the Defense Intelligence Agency, actually testified before the House and the Senate that in 2014 ISIS would take over large swaths of territory. In fact, at the time he had testified, they had already seized Ramadi and Fallujah—35 miles from Baghdad. I think it was pretty obvious from his testimony that they had the capability... So I think it was slow on the part of the entire administration to assess that they—what they had to do in order address this threat.” (In other words, the military and the intelligence had it right, and the White House had it wrong.) [65345]

Also on MSNBC, Jose Diaz-Balart and Chris Matthews provide a poverty excuse for racial Islamists. Matthews says, “Unfortunately, there’s a parallel with the African-

American kid in a North Philly situation, where you grow up in a row house where there's [sic; there are] no more factories around; there's [sic] no more jobs around; there's [sic] no more blue-collar options, and the only deal being offered you is from the drug dealer." (Matthews' statement is arguably racist. He implies that blacks living in American ghettos turn to crime and violence because they are unable to recognize other options and do not have the intelligence to understand that such a life is immoral. Blaming radical Islamism on poverty is just as absurd. Osama bin Laden was quite wealthy, for example, and many Muslims have left comfortable lives to engage in jihad. Removing morality and Islam from the decision-making equation is a pathetic attempt to provide an excuse for savage acts. It is typical of leftists like Matthews to blame the person's surroundings, rather than the person, for his acts.) [65470]

Pamela Geller comments on Obama's *60 Minutes* appearance: "Even in the worst of times, as the country and the world roils in chaos, Obama thinks only of his own precious hide, with never a thought for the country he chose to serve. When the spineless Commander-in-Chief laid the blame of his failure on the Islamic State on US intel community on 60 Minutes last night, it belied the power of even the most delusional. For years I and a handful of my colleagues had warned of the rise of the jihadists in Libya, Syria and Iraq. This was no surprise. This was the outcome of a [commander in chief] who denied the global jihad, Islamic doctrine and the aspirational goals of Islamic supremacists. If I knew, [Obama] didn't?? And worse still, the man with no foreign policy experience didn't need to be briefed in person on intelligence issues, but claimed to have read intel briefings on his iPad. Colour me skeptical, but I would hardly call Reggie Love's billet doux 'intelligence briefings.' It became something of a scandal before his re-election that Obama regularly missed out on intelligence meetings and briefings. It should have routed his election chances, especially in light of the jihadist murder of our Ambassador and attaches in Benghazi, but the media provided the essential cover for this saboteur. Obama was wrong. Wrong on Iraq. Wrong to cut and run. Wrong on helping to install an Iran-backed Shia government in a Sunni state. Wrong to not have negotiated a status of forces agreement. Wrong on Egypt. Wrong on Syria—he backed the Islamic State before he was against the Islamic State. The same groups he armed against Assad last year are now the groups he opposes. Wrong on Egypt by backing the terror group, the Muslim Brotherhood, and we lost a valuable ally. Wrong on Libya by supporting the jihad overthrow of Qaddafi. Wrong on Gaza, Hamas and Israel." [65305]

At FrontPageMag.com Daniel Greenfield reports, "Imam Imad Enchassi, a Lebanese immigrant who claims to be a Palestinian Arab, was the Imam of the Oklahoma beheader's mosque. While he is running the usual routine about peace and love, a story relayed to Robert Spencer by a former congregant shows a different side of him. 'The Imam was Imad Enchassi the last I heard. He was a friend of mine. He is a Lebanese-born Sunni who hates Israel. He once gave a sermon that the Israelis were trying to collapse al-Aqsa mosque by digging tunnels underneath it. They have no issue with Palestinian suicide bombings because, as it was explained to me, that is the only weapon the Palestinians have.' That's not a surprise, as Imam Imad Enchassi denounced Israel on social media and claimed to have family in Gaza who were killed during conflicts with Israel. Considering that Israel targets Hamas terrorists, that certainly raises some

questions. He also appears to be an officer in the state chapter of CAIR, a front group for the Muslim Brotherhood, and has numerous photos showcasing his involvement with Islamic Relief, an organization whose international chapters have had alleged ties to Hamas.” [65201, 65202]

At Townhall.com Lawrence Meyers reports, “A source who has asked to remain anonymous due to their proximity to the investigation, said that much of the blame for the murders [of four Americans in Benghazi on September 11, 2012] rests squarely within the State Department, then under the command of Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. The State Department had final decision-making authority over all of the following: The selection of the 17 February Martyrs Brigade, affiliates of terrorist organization Ansar al-Sharia, as security for the U.S. Special Mission Compound, which housed the Ambassador; The refusal to provide U.S. Special Forces as security for the Ambassador; The location of the compound, which was located next door to an outpost of terrorist organization Ansar Al-Sharia; The ‘stand down’ order that delayed military contractors at a nearby CIA Annex from aiding the compound. ...17 Feb was chosen to handle security for the Ambassador. Who made the ultimate determination? A source close to the investigation says Hillary Clinton made that decision. ‘She could have outsourced that work to anyone,’ the source says. ‘17 Feb was never properly vetted. Even a casual look at Middle East newspapers would have revealed them to be Ansar al-Sharia affiliates. As early as that summer, the Libyan government was conducting air strikes on 17 Feb. Obviously, nobody at State read these reports.’ The source went on to say, ‘The 17 Feb guys that resided on the compound were paid by us, were fed by us, we gave them cars, they swam in our pool, and they repaid us by participating in the attack.’” [65224]

In a presidential poll in Wisconsin, Congressman Paul Ryan (R-WI) leads Hillary Clinton 47-46 percent. (November 2016 is two years away, and who the 2016 candidates will be is not known. But if Clinton cannot defeat Ryan in a Democrat state that Obama won by six points in 2012, she may not be the easy White House winner many believe her to be.) [65263, 65264]

AFP reports, “China will begin direct trading between its yuan currency and the euro starting on Tuesday, the national foreign exchange market’s operator said, as Beijing seeks to broaden the unit’s global usage. The China Foreign Exchange Trade System already offers a platform for yuan-euro transactions but direct trading means the US dollar will not be used as an intermediary currency to calculate rates, according to a statement released Monday. The market operator said the move aimed to promote bilateral trade and investment, facilitate the use of yuan in cross-border trade and lower conversion costs. ...China is seeking greater use of the yuan—also known as the renminbi (RMB)—in line with its status as the world’s second-largest economy and to challenge the US dollar, analysts say.” [65466]

Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu addresses the United Nations, stating, in part, “[E]verywhere we look, militant Islam is on the march. It’s not militants. It’s not Islam. It’s militant Islam. Typically, its first victims are other Muslims, but it spares no one. Christians, Jews, Yazidis, Kurds—no creed, no faith, no ethnic group is beyond its sights.

And it's rapidly spreading in every part of the world. You know the famous American saying: 'All politics is local'? For the militant Islamists, 'All politics is global.' Because their ultimate goal is to dominate the world. Now, that threat might seem exaggerated to some, since it starts out small, like a cancer that attacks a particular part of the body. But left unchecked, the cancer grows, metastasizing over wider and wider areas. To protect the peace and security of the world, we must remove this cancer before it's too late. Last week, many of the countries represented here rightly applauded ...Obama for leading the effort to confront ISIS. And yet weeks before, some of these same countries, the same countries that now support confronting ISIS, opposed Israel for confronting Hamas. They evidently don't understand that ISIS and Hamas are branches of the same poisonous tree. ISIS and Hamas share a fanatical creed, which they both seek to impose well beyond the territory under their control. ...[W]hen it comes to their ultimate goals, Hamas is ISIS and ISIS is Hamas. And what they share in common, all militant Islamists share in common: Boko Haram in Nigeria; Ash-Shabab in Somalia; Hezbollah in Lebanon; Al-Nusrah in Syria; the Mahdi Army in Iraq; and the Al-Qaeda branches in Yemen, Libya, the Philippines, India and elsewhere." [65311, 65350, 65380]

Netanyahu continues, "Some are radical Sunnis, some are radical Shi'ites. Some want to restore a pre-medieval caliphate from the 7th century. Others want to trigger the apocalyptic return of an imam from the 9th century. They operate in different lands, they target different victims and they even kill each other in their quest for supremacy. But they all share a fanatic ideology. They all seek to create ever expanding enclaves of militant Islam where there is no freedom and no tolerance—where women are treated as chattel, Christians are decimated, and minorities are subjugated, sometimes given the stark choice: convert or die. For them, anyone can be an infidel, including fellow Muslims. Ladies and gentlemen, militant Islam's ambition to dominate the world seems mad. But so too did the global ambitions of another fanatic ideology that swept to power eight decades ago. The Nazis believed in a master race. The militant Islamists believe in a master faith. They just disagree about who among them will be the master... of the master faith. That's what they truly disagree about. Therefore, the question before us is whether militant Islam will have the power to realize its unbridled ambitions." [65311, 65350, 65380]

"...[D]on't be fooled by Iran's manipulative charm offensive. It's designed for one purpose, and for one purpose only: To lift the sanctions and remove the obstacles to Iran's path to the bomb. The Islamic Republic is now trying to bamboozle its way to an agreement that will remove the sanctions it still faces, and leave it with the capacity of thousands of centrifuges to enrich uranium. This would effectively cement Iran's place as a threshold military nuclear power. In the future, at a time of its choosing, Iran, the world's most dangerous state in the world's most dangerous region, would obtain the world's most dangerous weapons. Allowing that to happen would pose the gravest threat to us all. It's one thing to confront militant Islamists on pick-up trucks, armed with Kalashnikov rifles. It's another thing to confront militant Islamists armed with weapons of mass destruction. ...Ladies and gentlemen, would you let ISIS enrich uranium? Would you let ISIS build a heavy water reactor? Would you let ISIS develop intercontinental ballistic missiles? Of course you wouldn't. Then you mustn't let the Islamic State of Iran

do those things either. Because here's what will happen: Once Iran produces atomic bombs, all the charm and all the smiles will suddenly disappear. They'll just vanish. It's then that the ayatollahs will show their true face and unleash their aggressive fanaticism on the entire world. There is only one responsible course of action to address this threat: Iran's nuclear military capabilities must be fully dismantled. Make no mistake – ISIS must be defeated. But to defeat ISIS and leave Iran as a threshold nuclear power is to win the battle and lose the war. To defeat ISIS and leave Iran as a threshold nuclear power is to win the battle and lose the war. Ladies and gentlemen, the fight against militant Islam is indivisible. When militant Islam succeeds anywhere, it's emboldened everywhere. When it suffers a blow in one place, it's set back in every place. That's why Israel's fight against Hamas is not just our fight. It's your fight. Israel is fighting a fanaticism today that your countries may be forced to fight tomorrow..." [65311, 65350, 65380]

The State Department issues a travel warning for Yemen, stating, "Today, the Department of State ordered a temporary reduction in the number of U.S. Government personnel in Yemen. We are taking this step out of an abundance of caution and in response to recent political developments and the changing, unpredictable security situation in Yemen. The Embassy did not suspend operations and will continue to operate, albeit with reduced staff. Maintaining the security of our staff is among the highest priorities of the Department. We are continuing to closely monitor developments in Yemen and will calibrate our response as the situation develops. ...U.S. citizens remaining in Yemen despite the Travel Warning in effect should limit nonessential travel within the country, be aware of their surroundings whether in their residences or moving about, and make their own contingency emergency plans, and provide their current contact information and next-of-kin or emergency contact information." [65266]

TakiMag.com writes, "After nearly six years as the nation's first black Attorney General—during which time he went around the nation being black, reminding people that he's black, and deflecting all criticism on the grounds that his critics simply can't stand the fact that he's black—Eric Holder announced last Thursday that he is resigning his post. Although lionized by a brainless and supine progressive media as a man on 'a quest for racial justice' who served as 'a link to the civil rights community and that tradition of black protest and righteous anger,' his tenure was one of bitter racial division and flagrant flouting of the nation's laws. Holder had not even been Attorney General for two weeks when he infamously called America 'a nation of cowards' regarding race. When asked whether Christians would receive protection under the Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2009, he said no, because Christians are not 'one of these protected groups' like gays and blacks. He suggested that people criticized both him and Barack Obama because 'we're both African American.' ... 'I am not the tall US attorney, I am not the thin United States attorney. I am the black United States attorney,' the beady-eyed mulatto solicitor once explained, as if anyone needed reminding. He added, 'there's a common cause that bonds the black United States attorney with the black criminal.' Yes. It's obvious. Although he swore to uphold the law, he established an indelible pattern of sidestepping it whenever he found it convenient. ... Goodbye, Eric Holder. You taught many people to hate anew. If that was your intent, you performed your job admirably. Now please go away." [65271]

On CNN, former Secret Service deputy assistant director John Tomlinson states that *The Washington Post* was mistaken when it claimed Obama has “faced three times as many threats as his predecessors.” He tells Brooke Baldwin, “I appreciate the opportunity to correct that because as I’ve been told by the Secret Service recently, the information that there was a spike three times the normal threats against presidents, that information is simply inaccurate. ...I’m sure the information is being put forward in good faith, but simply the facts don’t bear it out, and I would defer to the Secret Service to perhaps instruct whoever came up with the number to correct it so we don’t inadvertently mislead either the public or the media, or protectees.” [65274, 65275]

NationalReview.com reports, “An internal Secret Service report revealed more than ‘1,000 security breaches and vulnerabilities,’ according to a House investigator who said that a ‘politically correct’ culture is endangering ...Obama. ‘There are new details that will come out that—you really have to question if security is their number one objective,’ [Congressman] Jason Chaffetz [R-UT], who sits on the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee that is holding a Tuesday hearing on the Secret Service, tells National Review Online. ‘They want to be politically correct.’” [65279]

Examiner.com reports, “Another court case which challenges the Obama Administration, *Taitz v. Johnson*, 1:14-cv-00119, is seeking to stop the trafficking of illegal aliens by the Obama administration and to stop the spread of infectious diseases, crime and terrorism. The case was filed in Texas federal court by Dr. Orly Taitz, Attorney, and it sues government officials, Jeh Johnson, Secretary of Department of Homeland Security; Sylvia Burwell, Secretary of Health and Human Services; Barack Obama, ...and U.S. Border Patrol, Rio Grande Valley Section, Brownsville Station. Dr. Taitz’ case describes personal injury which she has suffered from exposure to disease while treating immigrants at her California dental office. Taitz states that an injunction is needed to stop ongoing exposure to infectious diseases and re-infection. In a revised complaint, Taitz alleges fraud by the Obama administration by misinforming the public of the presence of infectious disease and lists the following points: ‘1. Fraud in advising the public that illegal aliens transported to California and other locations are healthy. 2. Fraud in stealing tax payer funds to provide free medical treatment to illegal aliens. Medical/Dental is a California division of Medicaid, a federal program which was supposed to provide care for U.S. citizens only. 3. Fraud in claiming that criminal records of illegal aliens were checked, when they were not checked and exposing the plaintiff and others similarly situated to the threat of crime and terrorism.’ ...A reply from the defendants is due by October 3, 2014. Taitz’ immigration case is scheduled for an injunction hearing in Brownsville, Texas, U.S. District Court, on October 29, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.” [65286, 65287]

Veteran *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* reporter Meg Kissinger claims that while covering a Milwaukee event with Michelle Obama and the Democrat candidate for Wisconsin governor, Mary Burke, she was told by Obama and Burke aids she was not allowed to speak with anyone in the crowd. “To say that I was creeped out,” states Kissinger, “is an understatement. This is what reporters do in America: we speak to people. At least that’s

how I've been doing things, at all kinds of political events, since 1979." [65297, 65300, 65386, 65403, 65457]

At the State Department, Associated Press reporter asks spokeswoman Jen Psaki why India's Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, was invited to a state dinner during the Hindu period of navratri: "I'm just wondering if anyone thought it was really that much of a good idea to host and dinner and lunch for the visiting president [sic; prime minister] who is the middle of a fast?" Psaki responds, "We certainly understand that and recognize it and respect it, his fast. It's a way of honoring an individual." Lee: "Are these people going to be actually eating in front of him?" Psaki: "I don't have the menu in front of me, Matt." Lee: "So he's going to be sitting there drinking his water or lemon flavored water and everyone else is going to be chowing down on a four course meal in front on him?" Psaki: "We can check and see what the menu is if it's of interest to you," Psaki replied. Lee: "Is there actually going to be food served? It seems a little impolite if someone can't eat because they're doing a religious [fast]. You wouldn't invite a practicing Muslim to lunch in the Middle of Ramadan would you? It seems kind of odd they would choose an event and then a lunch with someone who can't eat." [65303]

Pamela Geller later comments, "Apparently Obama's respect and tolerance for religion extends only to the Muslim faith. His endless supplications to Islam are legend—Obama's apology tour to the Muslim world, his black-tie Iftar dinners, the movie screenings of *'Islam, What a Billion Muslims Really Think'* at State, followed by Ramadan dinners, his refusal to acknowledge jihadist doctrine and/or global jihad, his acquiescence to jihad groups at home and abroad, his DoJ suing to impose the sharia, and the unending bending over to Islamic supremacist groups, etc. The Christians and the Jews enjoy no such treatment. Who can forget Obama bringing Netanyahu in the back door and leaving him in the kitchen for hours? Or his attack on Christianity via Obamacare? ...Disrespecting a nation of 1.252 billion. Well done. I am not surprised that he would treat Modi so poorly. Islamic supremacists and their leftist lapdogs despise Modi because he has taken a tough stance on Islamic terror." [65304, 65360]

The Islamic State (ISIS) releases another video showing captive British journalist John Cantlie. TimesofIsrael.com writes, "The slick, five-and-a-half-minute video mocked ...Obama's September 10 speech laying out his strategy for countering IS. 'When exactly Gulf War III will start and how long it will take isn't covered,' said Cantlie, clad in an orange jumpsuit and sitting in front of black background. 'US advisors working with the Iraqi Army have described their performance as 'consistently grim.'" 'The Free Syrian Army are proven to be an undisciplined, corrupt, and largely ineffective fighting force... Giving the FSA 500 million [dollars] now is a completely pointless exercise,' he continued. 'Never mind the fact that the FSA sells the weapons the West gives them to arms dealers and smugglers, and much of it then ends up with the Islamic State.' ... 'For their part, the Islamic State say they welcome meeting Obama's under-construction army. Join me again for the next program.'" [65309, 65310]

In a video taken at a soccer game in Casablanca, Morocco, fans of the Raja Casablanca Soccer Team chant, "ISIS! ISIS! Let's go on jihad!" [65375]

IsraelNewsAgency.com reports, “Israeli security sources say that the deadly Ebola virus may be spreading among member of ISIS (Islamic State) in Syria. The report states that dozens of ISIS terrorists have come down with symptoms identical to the killer virus which has claimed over 6,574 victims in five West African countries—Senegal and Nigeria are the other two—with 3,091 deaths reported. ... ‘We know that ISIS has training camps in Africa and it is highly possible that this is where contact with the disease was made,’ said Avi [Avi Lipkin?], a global, anti-terrorism consultant. ‘This would add new meaning to the US stating that ‘no boots would be on the ground as both missiles and Ebola penetrates one of the worst evils the world has ever known.’” [65436, 65437, 65555, 65556, 65557]

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At WashingtonTimes.com Wesley Pruden writes, “Maybe ...Obama is beginning to understand the Islamist threat against America. Maybe. If he does, we’ll owe a debt to the Americans who lost their heads to the barbarians. He still doesn’t understand what he has to do about it. He talks about ‘degrading’ the barbarians, when the word he should be using is ‘destroying.’ He must make it clear that he takes no prisoners and is not interested in ‘bringing the enemy to the bargaining table.’ It’s too late to ‘win their hearts and minds.’ He must make them dead, and for good measure promise to bury them with pig entrails, as [General] John J. Pershing dealt with Muslim extremists with dispatch and efficiency in the Philippines just before the outbreak of World War I. He threw the fear of Allah into them, and maybe Mr. Obama could, too. ...But he isn’t conducting a buildup of planes and forces, one that would persuade the foe that the United States means sustained business, relying instead, as Rowan Scarborough reports in The Washington Times, on whatever planes are already on hand in the region. [Obama] apparently has a strategy, developed since his earlier admission that he didn’t have one, of waiting on Iraqi troops to get their act together and go to war. If the past is a guide, this will be the mother of all waits.” [65355]

“...[Obama] is more determined to shift the blame for falling asleep while ISIS collected the men and resources to run amok in Iraq, and to save the reputation of Islam against those he says pervert the religion of peace. He insists that no matter what, the 1,600 American advisers and ‘special operations’ troops he has dispatched to the war is all he’ll send. ‘We are assisting Iraq in a very real battle that’s taking place on their soil, with their troops,’ he says. ‘This is not America against ISIL, this is America leading the international community to assist a country with whom we have a security partnership.’ This is the familiar claptrap of diplomatic bureaucrats that reassures nobody and frightens everybody. ...[Obama] insists that the fault for enabling the barbarians to slip up on us is not his, but the fault of the intelligence services. That’s not true. Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn, the director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, predicted to Congress last February that

ISIS ‘probably will attempt to take territory in Iraq and Syria to exhibit strength in 2014.’ [Obama] can still run, but he can’t hide.” [65355]

The *Daily Mail* reports, “Fierce fighting has been reported on the outskirts of Baghdad where ISIS militants are attempting to seize control of the Iraqi capital—despite ongoing Western airstrikes against the terror group. The fighting is taking place just one mile to the west of the city, with government forces desperately trying to hold off the militants, who allegedly killed up to 1,000 soldiers during clashes yesterday. ISIS have held a number of towns and villages close to the Iraqi capital since earlier in the year, when government troops melted away following a lightning advance in the west of the country—enabling the terrorist group to seize further swaths of territory for their so-called caliphate.” (No one should be surprised if Baghdad falls to ISIS. Without the presence of U.S. troops to keep an eye on Iraqi army leaders, the forces have deteriorated. It is also not surprising that, in the face of oncoming ISIS fighters, many Iraqi soldiers take off their uniforms and flee—because they joined the army not to fight for their country, but only to receive a paycheck.) [65319, 65320]

At JihadWatch.org Robert Spencer writes, “To the American Public: In light of the wars and violent turbulence that currently engulf the Middle East and parts of Africa, a coalition of concerned citizens, journalists, and activists are launching a campaign to expose a most infamous and pernicious sponsor of Islamic terror: the Gulf state of Qatar. ... Hamas, a Qatari client, launched a war against Israel this summer. There is an ongoing genocide across Iraq and Syria, with mass graves and grisly beheadings of Christians and Shiite Muslims. Boko Haram continues to rampage across Nigeria, threatening the political stability of Africa’s largest economy and population. Qatari fingerprints are on each of these crises. Over the course of the next month, companies, organizations, and individuals with significant investments and activities with and in Qatar will be identified and contacted with the reality of their host country. These letters, once published, will be sent to press outlets around the world. We call on the parties identified in this campaign to review the evidence, which is all credibly sourced and vetted. In light of the terror, slavery, genocide, and narcotics trafficking, we urge the parties to demand that Qatar immediately cease any and all involvement in these activities.” [65321, 65322, 65369, 65385]

Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) releases a video message. According to Memri.org, AQAP spokesman Nasr bin ‘Ali Al-Ansi calls for “attacks on American and Western targets everywhere in response to the attacks launched by the U.S.-led international coalition against the Islamic State and Al-Qaeda in Iraq and Syria. Al-Ansi said that the U.S. was the main culprit in the war against the Muslims, and therefore must be attacked. He added that the U.S.’s allies would also ‘pay a heavy price’ for supporting it in its efforts.” [65378]

On CNN, reporter Jim Sciutto tells program host Anderson Cooper the “one thing you can say with certainty is that the intelligence community warned often and loudly about the threat from ISIS.” [65336]

At HotAir.com Noah Rothman, commenting on the Obama administration's pathetic attempts to justify its failure to deal with the rise of ISIS and Obama's lame attempts to blame others for his failure to act on intelligence brought to his attention, concludes, "How much damage could [Obama] have avoided doing to his administration if he had just said, 'I underestimated ISIS and I overestimated the Iraqis.' His critics would have had a field day with it for 48 hours, but the media would have quickly moved on to another story. It would have disappeared in short order. Now, the intelligence community is out for blood, and [Obama] has sparked a bureaucratic war inside the Beltway. Much like his response to ISIS, Obama's underestimation of the intelligence community will likely prove to be shortsighted." [65341]

On September 30 Breitbart.com writes, "A new Government Accountability Institute (GAI) report reveals that ...Obama has attended only 42.1% of his daily intelligence briefings (known officially as the Presidential Daily Brief, or PDB)" from 2009 "through September 29, 2014. The GAI report also included a breakdown of Obama's PDB attendance record between terms; he attended 42.4% of his PDBs in his first term and 41.3% in his second." An unnamed "national security staffer" tells the *Daily Mail*, "It's pretty well-known that [Obama] hasn't taken in-person intelligence briefings with any regularity since the early days of 2009. He gets them in writing." (In fact, Obama does not even receive his briefings on paper; he reportedly reads them from an iPad.) One aide states, "It's starting to affect morale around here [in the White House]. Any time you're hired by a boss to advise him about what to do in a high-stakes area, and he [Obama] ignores you for a long time, it's going to gnaw at you." (DailyCaller.com estimates that Obama "has spent more time golfing than he has spent listening to daily intelligence briefings. ...[H]e's spent almost 700 hours in 875 'Presidential Daily Briefings' since 2009. But he's also spent roughly 800 hours on almost 200 golf trips since his first inauguration.") [65161, 65164, 65165, 65352, 65363, 65379]

Julia Pierson, director of the Secret Service, is grilled by the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee over security breaches at the White House. Pierson tells the committee, "It is clear that our security plan was not executed properly. I take full responsibility; what happened is unacceptable and it will never happen again." Pierson is asked by the committee why she bragged last week that her agents showed "tremendous restraint" during the fence-jumping incident. Congressman Jason Chaffetz (R-UT) comments, "Tremendous restraint sends a mixed message... the message should be overwhelming force." Congressman Darrell Issa (R-CA) asks, "How could Mr. Gonzalez scale the fence and why didn't officers immediately apprehend him? How was he able to sprint 70 yards, almost an entire football field, without being intercepted by guards inside the fence line? Why didn't security dogs stop him in his tracks? What about the SWAT team? Why was no guard stationed at the front door of the White House? And why was the door left unlocked? ...Whether deficient procedures, insufficient training, personnel shortages, or low morale contributed to the incident, this can never happen again." (Someone should be fired over the incident, but Obama has consistently shown an aversion to firing anyone for anything. When he appointed Pierson to her position in March 2013, he stated "Julia is eminently qualified to lead the agency that not only safeguards Americans at major events and secures our financial system, but also protects

our leaders and our first families, including my own.”) Not surprisingly, Pierson calls for more funding for the agency. (She does not explain why it would cost more money to lock White House doors or release guard dogs on intruders.) [65166, 65167, 65173, 65176, 65180, 65177, 65197, 65233, 65279, 65299, 65347, 65348, 65349, 65402]

During the hearing, Congressman John Mica (R-FL) holds up a sign with the logo of the security service ADT Corporation and asks the witnesses, “Have you ever heard of these guys?” Mica also suggests some “inexpensive vegetation” to slow down would-be attackers. Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC) blames the security lapses on the “sequestration,” a charge quickly pounced on by Congressman Trey Gowdy (R-SC), who forces Pierson to admit that sequestration was not an issue. [65174, 65175, 65357]

WashingtonPost.com reports, “A security contractor with a gun and three convictions for assault and battery was allowed on an elevator with ...Obama during a Sept. 16 trip to Atlanta, violating Secret Service protocols, according to three people familiar with the incident. Obama was not told about the lapse in his security, these people said. The Secret Service director, Julia Pierson, asked a top agency manager to look into the matter but did not refer it to an investigative unit that was created to review violations of protocol and standards, according to two people familiar with the handling of the case who spoke on the condition of anonymity. The incident, which took place when Obama visited the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to discuss the U.S. response to the Ebola crisis, rattled Secret Service agents assigned to [Obama’s] protective detail.” (Obama was reportedly not made aware of the security breach until September 30.) [65252, 65401, 65406, 65418, 65455, 65471]

DailyCaller.com reports, “Tens of thousands more Obamacare cancellations are going to pile up over the next month, potentially putting pressure back on the health-care law in the weeks before the election. Insurance companies across the country are slated to send close to 50,000 people cancellation notices before November, according to the Morning Consult. That includes at least 30,000 New Mexicans who will be kicked off their plans, the Albuquerque Journal reported Tuesday. ...Another 14,000 people in Kentucky (mostly Humana customers) and 800 Moda customers in Alaska will receive cancellation letters by Oct. 1. ...This month, around 2,000 people will receive notices from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee. And Colorado officials admitted last month that another 2,000 customers would be losing their coverage this year, on top of almost 250,000 who had their policies cancelled in 2013.” [65399]

At WeeklyStandard.com Thomas Joscelyn writes, “[Y]ou have heard of the Khorasan group before. It is, to put it simply, al Qaeda. Ayman al Zawahiri, the head of al Qaeda, ordered trusted operatives from Afghanistan, Chechnya, Iran, Pakistan, Yemen, and North Africa to relocate to Syria. Some of the al Qaeda operatives involved are so notorious that U.S. counterterrorism officials have tracked them, off and on, for more than a decade. Zawahiri tasked his men with plotting mass-casualty attacks in the West. And, al Qaeda reasoned, Syria offered distinct advantages over other prospective launching pads. Until the U.S.-led military intervention, al Qaeda’s terrorists had established safe havens inside the country that allowed them to set up laboratories and

bomb-making factories for testing new explosive devices. Western counterterrorism defenses have made it difficult for al Qaeda to get bombs on board planes and well-trained operatives in place to carry out their missions. So the terrorists are seeking undetectable explosives, like the underwear bomb that nearly took down a Detroit-bound plane on Christmas Day 2009. The number of Western foreign fighters inside Syria today is unprecedented, providing al Qaeda with a deep pool of recruits. Many Western fighters have gone off to fight for Jabhat al Nusra, al Qaeda's official branch in Syria. ... Syria also offers a geographic advantage. It is much easier for al Qaeda recruits to travel to and from Syria than, say, the remote regions of Afghanistan and northern Pakistan. Indeed, American and European counterterrorism authorities are already attempting to track hundreds of fighters who have returned to the West from Syria." [65179]

Examiner.com reports, "Kenyan police officers raided and shutdown a radical Sunni madrassa (Islamic school) for using an extremist Islamic curriculum. The madrassa which was targeted by police, is said to be connected with Kenyan family members ... Barack Obama, according to reports overseas. ... The school is located about 40 miles away from Kenya's capital city, Nairobi, and was targeted by cops after Kenyan teenagers and young adults were questioned about their connection to Somali terrorists, most of whom belong to the al-Qaida linked Al-Shabaab." [65296]

NewsOK.com reports, "A U.S. district judge in Muskogee has sided with Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt against the U.S. government in the state's lawsuit against the Affordable Care Act [ObamaCare]. Pruitt's suit [*Pruitt v. Burwell*], like similar ones in other states and the District of Columbia, claimed the IRS improperly allowed subsidies for insurance coverage purchased in states that have health care exchanges operated by the U.S. government. U.S. District Judge Ronald A. White has had the state case for two years. But his ruling on Tuesday came after the same issue has already made it through two federal appeals courts—one in Virginia and one in the District of Columbia—and is now awaiting consideration by the U.S. Supreme Court. The two appeals courts issued conflicting rulings on the same day in July. In his ruling, White relied on the District of Columbia appeals court, which narrowly ruled that the Affordable Care Act specifies that federal subsidies are available to people who purchase health care insurance through a state exchange, or marketplace. The IRS formulated a rule in 2012 that applied the subsidies to those who purchased insurance on federal exchanges as well [even though the law states the opposite]. Most states, including Oklahoma, chose not to establish their own exchanges so millions of dollars in subsidies have been [illegally] flowing to people who purchased insurance on federal exchanges." Pruitt states, "The Obama administration created this problem and rather than having an agency like the IRS rewrite a law it didn't like, the administration should have done the right thing and worked with Congress to amend the law. Oklahoma was the first to challenge the administration's actions and today's ruling vindicates what we recognized early on and that is the administration can't rewrite the Affordable Care Act by executive fiat." [65298, 65358, 65408, 65495]

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that an individual who had recently traveled in Liberia has been diagnosed with the Ebola virus in Dallas. The

patient, who left Liberia on September 19, is being treated at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas. According to WashingtonTimes.com, “About four days lapsed in between the patient becoming symptomatic and being admitted to the hospital... During that time the person came in contact with a ‘handful’ of people, including relatives, who will be monitored for the disease for 21 days. There is an ongoing investigation as to whom may have been directly exposed, Dr. Frieden said. The patient’s flight information was not released. There are no other Ebola cases in Texas at this time, officials said.” [65301, 65387, 65405]

The U.S. and Afghan governments sign an agreement that will allow 9,800 U.S. troops to remain in Afghanistan beyond 2014. [65339]

Jim Kouri writes at Examiner.com, “Within hours of CBS TV’s airing of the Sunday night *60 Minutes* interview of ...Obama in which he all but blamed the intelligence chief and his underlings for intelligence failures regarding the strength and capability of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, lawmakers, commentators, former military and intelligence officers, and law enforcement officials on Monday morning rebuked [him] for his deceptive comments. ... ‘*This was not an Intelligence Community failure, but a failure by [White House] policy makers to confront the threat,*’ [House Intelligence Committee Chairman Mike Rogers (R-MI)] said in a statement released first thing Monday morning. ‘*For over a year, U.S. intelligence agencies specifically warned that ISIS was taking advantage of the situation in Syria to recruit members and provoke violence that could spill into Iraq and the rest of the region,*’ Rogers said in his statement. In fact, Rogers said his committee had formally advised the Obama administration to take action to address the increasingly serious terror threat in 2013. ‘*Additionally, national security experts—both inside and outside the government—repeatedly warned, a year before ISIS’s drive into Mosul, that the Iraq Security Forces faced severe pressure; the House Intelligence Committee held a hearing on that very issue in early 2014,*’ he noted.” Former police counterterrorism unit member Joel Levanthal comments, “If Obama was caught with his ‘pants down’ it was the fault of the national security team that he selected—such as his close minions like Susan Rice and other empty suits—to help him protect the nation and the American people. Nothing is ever Obama’s fault. And the news media—who you’ll recall kept asking President [George W.] Bush if he would publicly apologize to Americans [over Iraq]—isn’t about to ask Obama to apologize for his missteps.” [65356]

On *Hardball*, host Chris Matthews discusses the first Ebola case in the United States with ObamaCare architect Dr. Ezekiel Emanuel (brother of Obama’s former chief of staff, Rahm Emanuel). Matthews says, “I’m just trying to follow the logic here. Everybody’s being told, don’t worry unless they have the infectious symptoms, you can see them, that you don’t have to worry about catching them. Yet, this guy picked up the disease apparently from somebody who did not have the infectious symptoms.” Emanuel responds, “[D]on’t hypothesize because we just don’t know. We have no idea what he did or didn’t do and how he got it. I’m sure that’s going to be vital information to try to understand the transmission, but the idea that there’s going to be a widespread outbreak here, I think is just, again, it’s a bit of fear mongering. We have a single case. This is not

a big, widespread—” Matthews: “Yeah, yeah, but I’m just going back to [Obama’s] statement, doctor, and that is that [he] said it would be unlikely if we had a case in this country. Unlikely to even have one case. You want to see the tape again?” Emanuel: “He said there wouldn’t be an Ebola outbreak.” Matthews: “No, and in the second part of his sentence he said in the unlikely case someone brings it here. In the unlikely case someone brings it here. Well, they’ve done it. We’re living in the world of the unlikely already. That’s all I’m saying. I’m not fear mongering. I’m stating the facts and I wonder if everybody else is.” ...Emanuel: “The reason we can be assured here that this isn’t going to be a major outbreak is we have a CDC that can do very good contact tracing. We have a very good health system that takes universal precautions on all patients, with the gloves. And you’re not regularly in contact with people’s bodily fluids the way it is much more common in Liberia. I think those things distinguish it. And I don’t think we should get into a panic because we were reassured it would never be in the United States.” Matthews: “No, [Obama] said it was unlikely two weeks ago. Well, it’s not the unlikely, it has happened. It’s here.” [65366, 65367, 65458]

D. W. Ulsterman reports on a remark heard “during a private DNC fundraising event earlier this week and within earshot of several others. A member of the Obama White House, allegedly after having a few drinks, responded loudly to the topic of the Oklahoma beheading tragedy by exclaiming how awful it was how they (the White House) ‘couldn’t catch a break.’ Her words were deemed unusual and/or offensive enough they were then shared with others not attending the event. This White House staffer went on to explain how bad the timing was due to [Obama] having just given a prime-time address to the nation in which he told the American public how his top priority was keeping the nation safe, and that he had in fact ‘made America safer.’ ‘So now we get the news report of that poor woman, and you know? We just can’t catch a break around here! [Obama] tells the people he’s keeping them safe and now this? The timing of it, talk about bad luck. We have the elections coming up, you know, it just makes us look bad.’ Beyond the very poor taste and selfishness of the White House staffer, such comments give insight into why the FBI was dispatched so quickly to Moore, Oklahoma, and why local authorities soon after were declaring the murder as an example of ‘workplace violence,’ despite significant evidence that the alleged killer, Alton Nolen, was an ISIS sympathizer with links to a Muslim Mosque known for ties to radical Islam. The same mosque in fact, linked to the Boston bombings of 2013.” [65368]

“Everything the Obama White House does is through the prism of politics, and protecting the image of Barack Obama. For them, a woman losing her life to a domestic Muslim fanatic is not the real tragedy. This White House sees the tragedy being how that killing makes the White House appear to the American public. It’s ‘bad timing,’ and ‘bad luck,’ and a situation that must then be controlled so as not to be seen as further evidence [that Obama] is either grossly incompetent, or willfully lying over and over again. The administration hoped Barack Obama’s prime-time speech outlining his plans to use U.S. military to attack ISIS in Iraq and Syria would make Americans feel safer. What that speech neglected to admit was that it has been six years of anti-American rhetoric, military budget cuts, and ongoing indifference to the realities of a dangerous world that has made Americans much less safe and emboldened those who wish to do us harm.

Barack Obama began his tenure [in the White House] apologizing *for America*. It is long overdue he now apologizes *to America*.” [65368]

Plainfield, Vermont’s Goddard College announces that convicted cop killer Mumia Abu-Jamal (born Wesley Cook) will deliver the commencement address on October 5. According to WashingtonTimes.com, “The college said Abu-Jamal’s speech has been prerecorded by Prison Radio.” [65372, 65431, 65499, 65628, 66033]

Ailina Tsarnaeva, the sister of Boston Marathon bombers Tamerlan and Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, appears in a New York City court after being charged with harassing and threatening the life of her former boyfriend’s new girlfriend. Tsarnaev reportedly told the woman, “I have people. I know people that can put a bomb where you live.” According to Yahoo News, Tsarnaeva is also “scheduled to go before a judge in November in Boston, where she’s facing jail time for allegedly lying to police investigating a counterfeit money ring back in 2010. While she isn’t charged with passing fake bills, police say Tsarnaeva knows the identities of those behind the operation but misled investigators. A warrant was issued for her arrest last year when she skipped a court appearance, but in October 2013, she was released on \$1,500 bail—though she was too broke to pay it. ... Meanwhile, her older sister, Bella, 26, is still under legal scrutiny after she was arrested in December 2012 and charged with drug possession and distribution charges after police responding to a domestic violence incident at her Fairview, N.J., apartment found marijuana there.” (Why the sisters have not been deported is not clear.) [65381, 65382]

At DailyCaller.com a “ranking Department of Defense official with a background in U.S. special operations and combat experience in Iraq and Afghanistan” writes that Obama “has taken a lot of flak since his Sunday night ‘60 Minutes’ interview, in which he blamed the intelligence community for his failure to tackle the threat posed by the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria. And that is right and proper. Because not only was his excuse of blaming us a lie, but when questioned on his lie, White House press secretary Josh Earnest doubled down with a whole new lie—both of which are easily, publicly proven false. On Sunday, Obama said the intelligence community had underestimated the rise of ISIS, saying in an interview with CBS, ‘Our head of the intelligence community, Jim Clapper, has acknowledged that, I think, they underestimated what had been taking place in Syria.’ But we know that isn’t true, as nearly a dozen administration officials have testified to the threat posed by ISIS publicly over the last year. The fact that [Obama] chose to use the word ‘they’ instead of ‘we’ immediately drew condemnation from friend and foe alike, who saw it as [Obama’s] attempt to pass the buck. To mitigate the fallout, Earnest’s office issued a statement stating that, ‘...A lot of that [decision-making] was predicated on the will of the Iraqi security forces to fight for their country.’ But this was also not true.” [65398, 65483, 65484, 65487]

“In 2010, General Lloyd Austin, then-commander of United State Forces in Iraq, directly informed the president that over 20,000 U.S. troops would be required to maintain the gains made by U.S. forces against al-Qaida and its affiliates, and to mentor the fledgling Iraqi security forces—because he knew they were not ready to go out on their own.

...Today, Gen. Lloyd Austin is in command of U.S. Central Command—the U.S. combatant command in charge of fighting all wars in the Middle East, Central Asia and parts of North and East Africa. From that post, he once again recommended to [Obama] that ground forces would be required in order to achieve the White House’s goals, this time against ISIS in Syria and Iraq. Once again, [Obama] overruled his commanding general and has chosen to use air strikes alone to ‘destroy’ a terrorist army of 30,000. [Obama] clearly does not think the mission is worth the cost necessary to complete it; but by pursuing his ends without authorizing the necessary means, he is dooming that mission to failure. The United States military and intelligence community have learned a lot over the past decade of conflict. Our commander in chief, unfortunately, has not. Since the start of his administration, President Barack Obama has ignored his generals and the intelligence community. Over the past few weeks, he has half-heartedly pursued a strategy that destines us to fail in our mission, and over the past three days, he and his White House have lied to prove otherwise. To those who wear our nation’s uniform, or serve in her intelligence community, that’s insult—and injury.” [65398, 65483, 65484, 65487]

Newsmax.com reports, “Islamic State militants are reportedly within a mile of Baghdad despite battling Iraqi forces and U.S.-led airstrikes, and there is ‘immense fear among everybody,’ the vicar of the only Anglican church in Iraq said Tuesday. ‘We are at a crisis point,’ Canon Andrew White, vicar of St George’s Church in Baghdad, told Sky News. ‘People know ISIS are coming nearer. ...They said it could never happen, and now it almost has. Obama says he overestimated what the Iraqi army could do. Well, you only need to be here a very short while to know they can do very, very little. ...This is horrendous. We have civilians being killed [by the U.S.-led coalition bombing], yet [the Islamic State] are moving toward Baghdad.’” Via telephone, White tells CNSNews.com, “The future’s very bleak. For the first time, I’ve had to consider the very real fact that Christianity could be at an end here. We don’t know if it will survive. Nobody wants to stay here. Everybody wants to get out of here. [It] is basically the worst it’s ever been. People are very fearful ...with what has happened. ...People are fleeing in the hundreds. What we’ve seen recently is, we saw all the people who were made to leave Mosul and Nineveh, and now we’ve seen several come back to Baghdad because things are so bad in the north. ...[The Christians have] no longer got their homes or their security, and they’re living in camps. We’re having to take them food and medicine and sleeping equipment, so things are really bad.” [65400, 65410, 65592]

FreeBeacon.com reports, “The Obama administration must acknowledge the existence of an independent investigation into former White House senior economics adviser Austan Goolsbee’s alleged unauthorized access to the Koch brother’s tax returns, a court ruled Tuesday. A federal judge ruled the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) must disclose to watchdog group Cause of Action whether records of an investigation exist. Cause of Action filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit after TIGTA refused to confirm or deny the existence of the investigation in what is commonly known as a ‘Glomar response.’ ...Former White House Council of Economic Advisers chairman Austan Goolsbee sparked a mini-scandal in 2010 when he told reporters during a background press briefing that Koch Industries—the company of

libertarian philanthropists Charles and David Koch—paid no income taxes. Conservative lawmakers and activists said Goolsbee’s statements not only unfairly singled out [Obama’s] political opponents but also used confidential IRS documents to do so.” [65417]

In a letter to Senator Jeff Sessions (R-AL) and Congressman Fred Upton (R-MI), the Government Accountability Office affirms that the Obama administration cannot bail out health insurance companies that lose money because of ObamaCare with the approval of Congress. FreeBeacon.com explains, “At issue is the ‘risk corridors’ program, which aims to stabilize the insurance market on the new health insurance exchanges during the early years of Obamacare. Because the law requires insurers to offer coverage to those with pre-existing conditions and limits how much insurers can charge older and sicker patients, insurers who join the exchanges risk getting stuck with a disproportionate number of older and sicker beneficiaries, translating into losses that could discourage companies from participating. The ‘risk corridors’ program is one of several provisions within Obamacare aiming to mitigate this problem. In theory, it’s supposed to do so by making payments to insurance companies who experience higher-than-expected medical losses from a stream of money collected from insurers who have lower-than-expected losses. But a scenario in which the risk pool is so skewed toward older and sicker Americans that there are large industry-wide losses could result in a de facto bailout of the insurance industry by requiring an injection of money from taxpayers. This potential scenario has prompted the attention of a number of Republican lawmakers.” [65419, 65420]

At the Heritage Foundation, Congressman Bob Goodlatte (R-VA), chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, says, “If [Obama] were to take further action [with an executive order granting amnesty to illegal immigrants], I believe it would be very important for Congress to undertake a challenge to that. I would hope we would go to court very quickly and seek an injunction restraining the administration from granting those kind of work authorizations that I don’t think the law in any way provides for. ...Most people feel immigration reform is needed, but there’s disagreement on what it should be. But when you try to bring legislative bodies together and you have to work out the differences and in the middle of that [Obama] says, ‘Here is my list of things... and if you don’t do it I will,’ those who agree with [Obama’s] policies can sit back and say, ‘Well I don’t need to enter into tough negotiations about what needs to be done to enforce the law or reform the law and instead, I will just wait for [Obama] to act.’ ...[Obama] does not have the authority to act. We should challenge.” [654334, 65435]