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Let's take a step back from the fray and examine the real target in Iraq...what are the inspectors really looking for? The answer is: what they have received from the US – the West's own exports – such as dual-use equipment used for manufacturing of weapons of destruction. This was supplied with the blessing of the US Commerce Dept...\$1.5-b worth of dual-use goods.

The inspectors have destroyed a good deal of the equipment imported in the 1990s, but much still remains. The West's companies and governments are more guilty than most people remember. Following is a listing of some of the items received from the West:

Nassr State Enterprise – Helped extend the range of Iraq's SCUD missiles so they could strike US troops in Saudi Arabia and Israelis in Tel Aviv.

– Also helped Iraq's secret effort to enrich uranium.

– Machine tools and high-speed computers: Leybold Vacuum Systems, Hewlett Packard (US); Matrix Churchill Ltd., MEED International (UK); Heinrich Mueller GmbH (Germany); International Computer Systems (UK)

– Components and know-how for a plant intended for missile production: Anlagen Bau Contor (Germany)

– Missile guidance components: Inwako, C. Plath (Germany)

– Equipment to make missile combustion chambers: H&H Metalform, Leifeld and Co. GmbH (Germany)

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- Magnets for centrifuges for enriching uranium: Rhein–Bayern Fahrzeugbau GmbH & Co KG (Germany)
- Magnets for calutrons for enriching uranium: Voest–Alpine AG (Austria)
- Turbopumps for the engines of SCUD missiles: Thyssen Maschinenbau GmbH (Germany)
- Glass fiber plant useful for making rocket motor casings: Matrix Churchill Corp. (US/UK); Glass Inc. International (US)

Al–Qaqa – Developed explosive lenses for nuclear weapons – High–speed computers: Cerberus, Perkin Elmer Corporation (US)

University of Mosul – Site of Iraq's major missile development center

- Research on chemical and nuclear weapons
- Equipment for enhancing satellite images: E.Z. Logic Data Systems (US)
- Infrared electronic imaging equipment useful for aerial reconnaissance and missile tracking: International Imaging Systems (US)
- Computers and mass spectrometers useful for nuclear weapon work: Finnigan–MAT (US)

Al Kindi – Modification and production of SCUD–B/Al Hussein missiles

- Production of the "supergun"
- Research on missile components and fuel
- High–precision coordinate measuring machines: Mauserwerke Oberndorf GmbH, Zeiss, Mauser (Germany)
- Samarra Drug Industry – Prime production facility for Iraqi mustard gas and nerve agents, according to U.S. intelligence sources
- Reported in 2001 by August Hanning, the director of German intelligence (BND), to be developing new chemical weapons
- Parts for the Samarra chemical weapon complex: Water Engineering Trading (Germany)

– Site construction services: Heberger Bau (Germany)

– Equipment for six separate chemical plants, including facilities and construction components: Karl Kolb and Pilot Plant (Germany)

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– Equipment for chemical, physiological and biological analysis
(Germany)

– According to Hanning, "important components for the production of
poison gas" (Germany)

Hutteen State Establishment – Built testing facility at Iraq's main
nuclear weapon development site – Artillery ammunition for chemical
payloads: Treblan (Spain)

– High-speed computers: E.Z. Logic Data Systems (US); International
Computer Systems (US/UK)

– Machine tools and equipment: Matrix Churchill Ltd., MEED
International (UK)

Salah al Din – Military electronics factory which produced three–

dimensional early warning radars, electronic countermeasures and
inertial guidance components

– Also produced equipment for making nuclear weapon fuel
– Turn-key factory built by Thomson-CSF (France)

– Lasers, laser systems, and "communication/ detection racking
equipment:" Spectra Physics (US)

– Quartz crystals and electronic assemblies for use in radar systems:
Zeta Laboratories Inc. (US)

– Frequency synthesizers for developing surveillance radar: Hewlett
Packard (US)

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I've been frustrated for some time that the administration, foreign leaders, and the press have been referring to the UN personnel charged with determining whether Iraq is complying with UN Resolution 1441 as 'inspectors'. An inspector is one who searches for clues. This is not what the UN team is supposed to do. Their purpose is altogether different.

'Prove' and 'verify' — these are the key operative words. To date, direct and precise dialogue has not taken place. Confusion abounds.

The UN people are charged with only the task of verifying that Iraq has satisfactorily accounted for the existence of their radiological, chemical, or biological weapons capability. They should be called "Verifiers". We already know beyond doubt that these weapons did at one time exist. The question now is: where are they or what happened to them. Because the UN 'verifiers' have been erroneously called 'inspectors' the perception now exists that these UN personnel need more time to do their job, 'to find more clues'.

Does Iraq need more time to comply with the UN mandate to prove that they have destroyed their weapons? Or, have they had enough time? The simple truth is that they would not need more time if the public perception of their task was as 'verifiers'. The question is not about whether the inspectors need more time or whether their numbers need to be expanded. The question is about Iraq demonstrating to the world what happened to these weapons.

Remember when Hans Blix said: "We have found no smoking gun." He should have been called on the carpet right there. He used a turn of language that misdirected the debate from the outset. It implied that the 'inspectors' were looking for 'something.' That phrase in itself changed the nature of the UN Resolution and no one seemed to notice. He was not challenged.

Further semantic confusion has been introduced: disarming Iraq, regime change, destroying weapons of mass destruction. The use of these terms places the burden on the US to disarm Iraq, to do the job Iraq should be doing. Spelling out the definition of 'serious consequences' introduces into the debate additional and troubling notions: the strategy of preemption, a preference for unilateralism instead of multilateralism, charges of bullying, war vs. peace, and so forth. Too many unsettling issues are before the public, contributing to the venom that is now directed at the US from quarters everywhere.

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The debate should be limited as much as possible to the terms: 'Prove' and 'Verify'. The UN doesn't need more inspectors. They don't need more time. Iraq needs to prove the veracity of their claims plain and simple. The simple truth is: after months, Iraq is not willing to comply with the UN Resolution 1441.

Yet, it was up to Iraq to demonstrate their status from the time the UN Resolution was first passed.

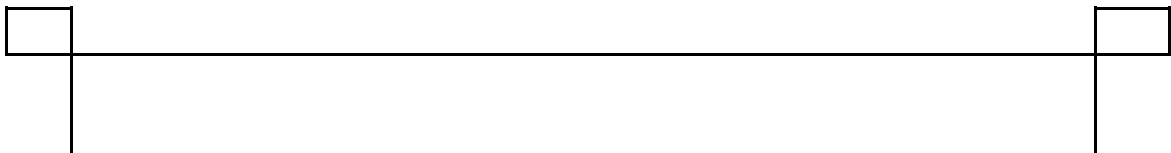
Language is important. Indeed, it may be as critical as policy itself because it provides the ethos within which the policy is implemented.

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