Intermission – Before the Final Act

I found it important and very useful over the years to maintain a sense of humor even when dealing with tedious situations. And We are in the middle of a tedious situation!

I am drafting this unplanned piece for you on Christmas morning 2007. A belated *Merry Christmas* to all!

For Our Common Perspective

We have completed 3 of the 6 Existing Industry Re-structuring proposals. If you read through the first three you are familiar with the similar pattern they each follow.

The first three on Medical Insurance, Pharmaceutical, and Tobacco industries are viewed as prudent and publicly necessary Changes for the sake of our individual and collective national Health. They are not little, but comparatively speaking they are the light-weights of these six proposals.

The last three on the Oil, Banking, and Defense industries are clearly the heavy-weights, yet are absolutely 'bone marrow level' required Changes to the National System. Such seemingly radical, yet fully practical Changes to these critical industries will need to be publicly mandated to insure their prompt implementation. Further, for us to realize the benefits such Change will bring to our economy and our National Security. They without a doubt are the heavy-weights of An American Agenda and represent the ultimate domestic battles in this, our Second American Revolution.

There are surely some that are wondering how We could actually do (be allowed to do) all that was laid out in the previous 24 American Agenda proposals. The final three will really have those citizens questioning the rationale of the writer! To those I say – consider that more than a few of the American colonists thought that Thomas Paine was 'a bit' irrational when he boldly wrote that the colonies needed to make a "declaration of independence" from England. And, as he wrote to the colonists on the hard issues of their day, in the opening words of *Common Sense*,

Perhaps the sentiments contained in the following pages, are not YET sufficiently fashionable to procure them general favour; a long habit of not thinking a thing WRONG, gives it a superficial appearance of being RIGHT, and raises at first a formidable outcry in defense of custom. But the tumult soon subsides. Time makes more converts than reason.

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It is now 7:03 am on New Years Day 2008, and I am refining this piece. It is the first day of the year that very well, will come to define our nation to ourselves and to the world. For it is the year of the most important <u>and</u> critical, Presidential and U.S. Congressional campaign of our lifetimes <u>and</u> in our nation's lifetime. That is a prime the Reason why I was driven to write this book. We must come to the defense of our country and our desired way of life!

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The American colonists indeed did <u>not</u> have the Right to do what they collectively decided to do just six (6) months later. They deliberately claimed and took the Right to correct the obvious flaws in the National System of their day. To call to *justice* the Few that were in the *habit* of abusing the Masses for suit their selfish purposes or simply their mood.

My hope and intent is that by this point the reader has become somewhat comfortable with the Common Good based reasoning offered thus far in CS2, and the hard, prudence of the problem solving methodology used in the Medical Insurance, Pharmaceutical, and Tobacco proposals. That hoped for comfort level with this national Change process will be a true benefit as We now review the last three — most radical and absolutely necessary of the American Agenda proposals.

I would submit to you that We American Citizens have the Right and the Obligation to our selves, our families, and those that will follow us – to do whatever is deemed to be fair, appropriate, and necessary to Preserve the Common Good of the United States of America.

To passionately Protect it from any forces, foreign <u>and</u> domestic, that of their own free will would put at risk the Life, Liberty, and Pursuit of Happiness that the Founders declared, the blood of the American colonists secured, and that all those who so bravely served our country over those 232 years have faithfully guarded. That is our Common Challenge in 2008 and beyond — to our selves and to our Posterity.

The Ends <u>Do</u> Justify the Means. Especially when it is used to reverse practices that were built using that philosophy – and that resulted in deliberate harm to people, other businesses, society, the economy, national security, and the environment. It is a reckoning!

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In approaching the nationally, practical re-structuring of these essential national industries, We must seek to reconcile our shared perception of them. We must right now begin to look upon them as though We are their Common Owners and

Leaders, rather than their Common Servants or Followers.

In Plain Truth, the Energy, Banking, and Defense functions in <u>every</u> country in the world are consciously structured to *serve and benefit either* – the Few that actually govern that National System and control the general population, <u>or</u>, the Many and to promote the Common Good. It is *a question of balance* of Power and Influence that every nation in the history of the world has and does struggle with.

Today in America, my fellow citizens the time is at hand for Us to rectify the growing, destructive imbalance to Protect and Insure the Common Good. This is our *unavoidable* moment in time.

These critical industry proposals may also seem somewhat brief, since they represent such large and somewhat complicated National System functions. However, We will address our relative issues with these industries and what I term the People's Sense regarding the desired resolutions to be realized. I write to the Silent Majority in the common interest of the Silent Majority.

As you review the final three American Agenda proposals, place yourself in the position of the caretaker and guardian of the Common Good of all 300 million of your fellow citizens – not a small subset thereof. Consider that We <u>must now</u> become the new stockholders and owners of these critical elements of our National System — and our Charge and Charter is to logically re-structure these currently dysfunctional, national necessities into a highly functioning Democratic Economic model. One that will first, stabilize the quality of <u>all</u> of our citizen's lives, and then will insure our American National System's viability for the future.

I assure you, my fellow Americans that We not only have the Right, but also have the Ability and absolute necessity to do *all these hard things*!

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That is all.

Next, Payback Time for Big Oil.

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