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Subject: OT: Political IQ Test

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Back on topic...

A quote by William Safire, a NY Times columnist, from the editorial page of The Times(Princeton Metro), my local newspaper:

Quote:In the town of Kalar, about a hundred miles northeast of Baghdad, Kurdish villagers recently reported suspicious activity to the pesh merga.

That Kurdish militia has for years been waging a bloody battle with Ansar al-Islam, the terrorist group affiliated with al-Qaida in Afghanistan and supported by Saddam Hussein in Iraq. It captured a courier carrying a message that demolishes the repeated claim of Bush critics that there was never a "clear link" between Saddam and Osama bin Laden.

The terrorist courier with a CD-ROM containing a 17-page document and with other messages was Hassan Ghul, who confessed he was taking to al-Qaida the Ansar document setting forth a strategy to start an Iraqi civil war, along with a plea for re-enforcements. The Kurds turned him over to Americans for further interrogation, which is proving fruitful.

Hello! No link, is there? But wait, it gets better!

Quote:The New York Times reporter Dexter Filkins in Baghdad, backed up by Douglas Jehl in D.C., broke the story exclusively. Editors marked its significance by placing it on the front page above the fold. Although the Washington Post the next day buried it on page 17 (and Newsweek may construe as bogus any Saddam-Osama connection) the messages' authenticity was best attested by the amazed U.S. official who told Reuters, "We couldn't make this up if we tried."

On to the final part...you can look the rest up if you wish to, along with the articles in the NY Times and Washington Post, which were mentioned above. Go ahead, really- please look at them.

Quote:Of the liberation's three casus belli, one was to stop mass murder, bloodier than Kosovo; we are finding horrific mass graves in Iraq. Another was informed suspicion that a clear link existed between world terror and Saddam; this terrorist plea for Qaida reinforcements to kill Iraqi democracy is the smoking gun proving that.

The third was a reasoned judgement that Saddam had a bio-weapon that could wipe out a city; in time, we are likely to find a buried suitcase containing that, too.

That "supposed" link between Saddam and Osama just got some hard evidence backing it up, in case you didn't bother reading that. Not that anyone will actually bother to counter this, since anything else I've said has been talked around or ignored, but the case made by the war opposition is falling apart.

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