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Subject: :/ What a dumbass.

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Aircraftkiller"Blah blah blah, I won't address the points, I'll just say Fox News is bad again, that'll shift his attention away from what his original statement was.."

Did you not read? He was talking about Bushwatch being bad and FOX being good, right? Well, first, I posted a link from a website that talks about FOX's conservative bias. Then, in the NEXT PARAGRAPH I went back to bushwatch.com.

Crimson:

1) Clinton did a great job defending America against terrorism. After the attack on the U.S.S. Cole, Clinton put Richard Clarke in charge of creating a comprehensive plan to wipe out al Qaeda. Clarke produced a strategy paper on December 20, 2000. The plan involved these things:

- 1) Break up al Qaeda cells and arrest their personnel.
- 2) Systematically attack financial support for its terrorist activities.
- 3) Stop its funding through fake charities
- 4) Give aid to governments having trouble with al Qaeda. (Uzbekistan, the Phillipines, and Yemen.)
- 5) Scale up covert action in Afghanistan to eliminate the training camps and reach bin Laden himself.

Clarke also proposed bulking up support for the Northern Alliance and putting Special Forces troops on the ground in Afghanistan.

But the plan was never carried out. It was completed just a few weeks before Bush was inaugurated, and Clinton did not want to hand Bush a war when he came in to office. He trusted Bush to defend America. It was probably the biggest mistake of his career.

(A former senior Clinton aide told Time "We would be handing [the Bush Administration] a war when they took office.")

Clinton's national security advisor, Sandy Berger attended ten briefings for his successor, Condoleeza Rice, and her deputy Stephen Hadley. Berger made a special point of attending the briefing on terrorism. He told Dr Rice, "I believe the Bush Administration will spend more time on terrorism in general, and on al Qaeda specifically, than any other subject."

When Time asked about the conversation, "Rice declined to comment, but through a spokeswoman said she recalled no briefing at which Berger was present."

Here's a December 31, 2001 New York Times article: "As he prepared to leave office last January, Mr. Berger met with his successor, Condoleeza Rice, and gave her a warning. He said that terrorism-and particularly Mr. bin Laden's brand of it-would consume far more of her time than she had ever imagined."

Bush announced a task force on MAY 8, 2001 that would be led by Vice President Cheney, and said that he himself would "periodically chair a meeting of the National Security Council to review these efforts." Bush never chaired such a meeting, though. Probably because Cheney's task force never actually met.

On April 30, Clarke presented an updated version of his plan to deputies of Cheney's Chief of Staff, Lewis Libby, the State Department's Richard Armitage, DOD's Paul Wolfowitz, and the CIA's John McLaughlin. They were impressed, and called for four meetings: One on Pakistan, One on al Qaeda, One on Indo-Pakistani Relations, and a fourth to integrate the three meetings. Sure, scheduling these meetings would take months and delay the possibility of acting on the plan to roll up al Qaeda, but it was sort of a step in the right direction.

On July 10, 2001, Phoenix FBI Agent Kenneth Williams sent a memo to headquarters regarding concerns over some Middle Eastern students at an Arizona Flight School, who were suggested as being al Qaeda operatives by Williams, and he urged the FBI to look in to their backgrounds. Had to dots been connected, 9/11 could have possibly been prevented.

Meanwhile, Richard Clarke and George Tenet were going nuts. Bush administration insiders would later say they had never been fully on board. Tenet was getting more and more reports of terrorism-related radio chatter. In mid-July, "George briefed Condi that there was going to be a major attack" an official told Time.

On August 6th, CIA Director Tenet, delivered a report to President Bush entitled "Bin Laden Determined to Strike in U.S." The report warned the al Qaeda might be trying to hijack airplanes. President Bush did nothing to follow up on the memo.

On July 16, the deputies finally met in the integration meeting and approved the plan to send it to the Principals Committee, which would not meet on the plan until September 4th. (Just so you know, President bush spent 42% of his first 7 months in office either at Camp David, the Bush compound in Kennebunkport, or at his ranch in Crawford, Texas. On August 3rd, after signing off on a plan to cut funding for programs guarding unsecured or "loose" nukes in the former Soviet Union, he headed to Crawford for the longest presidential vacation in 32 years. On September 4th, the Principals Committee got together to approve the plan for Bush, but advise a phased-in approach, with the first phase to be demand cooperation from the Taliban. Only 8 months after Clarke briefed Condi on the plan, and almost 11 months after Clinton told Clarke to create it, his plan was finally on the move.

Oops, too late

Crimson2) Kerry issued a statement saying HE KNEW HIS MIC WAS STILL ON! Whether he knew or not, he owned up to his comments. Now he made his bed and has to lie in it, whatever the result. Don't try and say it was an accident because it WASN'T.

That's his way of saying that he has no intention of taking his comments back, and I would too if someone accused me of having a girlfriend with NO PROOF at ALL.

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