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CLINTON ON TERRORISTS:

Thirty-eight days after Clinton took office, the car bomb attack on the World Trade Center launched him in to action. He captured, tried, convicted, and imprisoned the men responsible: Ramzi Yousef, Abdul Hakim Murad, and Wali Khan Amin Shah. These men are all currently behind bars. These people were involved in further plots to kill the Pope and blow up 12 U.S. jetliners simultaneously. [Sons of b*tches] But neither happened. And neither did the huge attacks that were planned against the FBI building, the Israeli embassy in Washington, UN Headquarters, the LA and Boston airports, the Lincoln and Holland tunnels, and the George Washington bridge. Why, you ask? Because Clinton thwarted them.

How, you ask?

For one, he tripled the FBI's counterterrorism budget and doubled counterterrorism funding overall. And rolled up al Qaeda cells in more than 20 countries. And created a top-level national security post to coordinate all federal counterterrorism activity.

[iSalon.com[/i]]Between 1996 and 2001, federal spending on counterterrorism increased dramatically to more than \$12 billion annually. The FBI's counterterrorism budget rose even more sharply, from \$78 million in 1996 to \$609 million in 2000, tripling the number of agents assigned to such activities and creating a new counterterrorism center at the bureau's Washington headquarters.

His first crime bill contained stringent antiterrorism legislature, as did his second. The Clinton administration sponsored a series of simulations to see how local, state, and federal officials should coordinate their responses to a terrorist strike. He created a national stockpile of drugs and vaccines, including 40 million doses of smallpox vaccine. And a huge long list of other stuff.

Barton Gellman's four-part series for the Washington PostBy any measure available, Clinton left office having given greater priority to terrorism than any president before him. [Clinton's administration was the] first administration to undertake a systematic anti-terrorist effort.

So on this counterterrorism stuff, you'd think both parties would be willing to put politics aside and work together, right? Wrong. Once Republicans took hold of the Congress, they fought Clinton with the same bitterness as the Whig Congress fought President James Knox Polk. Republicans fought Clinton on terrorism spending. When Clinton asked for more antiterrorism funding in 1996, Orrin Hatch objected. "The administration would be wise to utilize the resources Congress has already provided before it requests additional funding." After the Oklahoma City bombing, Republicans objected to Clinton's proposed expansion of wiretap abilities.

House Speaker Newt GingrichWhen you have an agency that turns nine hundred personell files over to people like Craig Livingstone, it's very hard to justify giving that agency more power

Gingrich was making a remark about Filegate, one of the many FOX-hyped investigations that

yielded nothing and fizzled out.

In 1998, when Clinton struck targets in Sudan and Afghanistan with Tomahawk missiles in retaliation for terrorist strikes against embassies in Tanzania and Kenya, Gingrich said, "The President did exactly the right thing. By doing this, we're sending the signal that there are no sanctuaries for terrorists." Then, on September 13, 2001, Gingrich told FOX, "The lesson has to be that firing a few Tomahawks, dropping a few bombs is totally inadequate."

Immediately after the embassy bombings, Clinton issued a presidential directive authorizing the assassination of Osama bin Laden. The final al Qaeda attack of the Clinton administration came with the bombing of the U.S.S. Cole, which is where I come to Richard Clarke's anti-Qaeda plan.

Oh, I know! Let's talk about Reagan's relations with terrorists!

Nearly five hundred American lives were lost between the 1983 Marine barracks bombings in Beirut and the destruction of Pan Am Flight 103. Reagan's only direct response was a single bombing run against Libya in 1986. Reagan supplied arms to violent Muslim extremists among the Afghani Mujahedeen, as well as friends in Iraq and Iran.
