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## THE 2010 BIG PICTURE

At the end of every year I do a big picture briefing on the world and where we stand in relation to the deteriorating condition of our liberty. This is a chance to step back and take stock of all the damage that happened this past year, see past the duplicity of deception and also update my readers on the larger global threat of war which is still headed our way. While most of you are concerned about the economy, we must always remember that nations don't die from economic collapse—the faked collapse of the Soviet Union notwithstanding. Countries die from military conquest when their citizens become complacent and get so focused on economic hardship that they fail to see the enemy prepping for the attack—just as in the years prior to WWII.

Only when Hitler became too strong to stop did our leaders raise the alarm, when they knew the war had become inevitable. We are approaching that stage right now, and it doesn't help public awareness that no one in government nor the media is giving any hints that Russia or China is the real enemy. Yes, they offer diplomatic cautions about China each year, but dismiss the warning with a mere call for increased transparency—fat chance. With underlying malice of deception, our government is intent on lulling us to sleep about the Russian bear and the Chinese dragon, knowing that they will strike someday—advancing the globalist agenda. And that is precisely why our leaders are building so many deep bunker systems. They intend to survive. So should you.

My preparedness recommendations have not changed since last year, so after reading this brief, I would encourage you to go back into the archives

(Latest Brief at [worldaffairsbrief.com](http://worldaffairsbrief.com)) and read the last section of last year's briefing. That way I won't have to repeat it here. The 2010 password is still good through today and part of tomorrow. Current subscribers will receive a new password for 2011 on Saturday—file it away where you can find it. If you've forgotten the current password, just wait until tomorrow for the new one.

## Let's start with a tour around the hot spots of the globe.

**IRAQ:** After more than nine months of wrangling, a “unity” government is finally formed combining most of Iraq's disparate factions, including the Muktada al Sadr's anti-American Shiite militia. Unity governments never work, and they are usually cobbled together after significant pressure from an outside power. Power sharing agreements start out with one faction (al Maliki) running the show, with promises of giving up vital ministry posts to his political enemies in the coalition—but somebody always gets betrayed and the coalition breaks down. So, it is not surprising to hear al Maliki give a rousing speech about how all US soldiers must leave Iraq—with no fudging of timetables. He can only be lying.

Sam Dagher of the **Wall Street Journal** has the mainstream view: “Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki ruled out the presence of any U.S. troops in Iraq after the end of 2011, saying his new government and the country's security forces were capable of confronting any remaining threats to Iraq's security, sovereignty and unity... A majority of Iraqis—and some Iraqi and U.S. officials—have assumed the U.S. troop presence would eventually be extended, especially after the long government limbo. But

Mr. Maliki was eager to draw a line in his most definitive remarks on the subject. ‘The last American soldier will leave Iraq’ as agreed, he said, speaking at his office in a leafy section of Baghdad's protected Green Zone. ‘This agreement is not subject to extension, not subject to alteration. It is sealed.’”

Nonsense. He’s just posturing in public to placate the Sadarists in his unity government. The Sadarists don’t know it yet but they’ve already been sold out as al Maliki is planning other side agreements for US contractors and “training” assistance to allow the US a continuing presence. All of this is merely a tactic to draw out the US presence until the coming attack on Iran can once again excuse another round of troop surges.

**IRAN:** As usual in any high profile conflict, the US is playing both sides—haranguing Iran over sanctions and then allowing plenty of loopholes for favored US companies who want to continue to sell products into the Iranian market. Despite sanctions the US has secretly allowed certain American companies to do billions of dollars in business with Iran and other countries blacklisted as state sponsors of terrorism, according to an article this week in the New York Times. These include companies like Kraft Food and Pepsi-cola and also, naturally, our too-big-to-fail banks. “[A] little-known office of the Treasury Department has granted nearly 10,000 licenses for deals involving countries that have been cast into economic purgatory, beyond the reach of American business.” I’m sure this doesn’t surprise you. Our government rarely tells the whole truth.

Meanwhile, Admiral **Mike Mullen**, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs reassured the King of Bahrain that the US is ready and willing to attack Iran, given the proper provocation. JournalNow.com quoted him as saying “‘We’re very ready,’ an unusually direct acknowledgment that the United States has contingency plans to counter Iran should it make a move [*Pres. Ahmadinajad is just unstable enough to fall into some trap. Any military move, however*

*small, could be used by the US or Israel*]. ‘There are real threats to peace and stability here, and we’ve made no secrets of our concerns about Iran.’” I’m still predicting that Israel will start this war which has been in the planning phase since 2004. The US and Israel are still waiting for the right provocation so that it doesn’t look like the act of blatant aggression it really is.

**ISRAEL:** Israel, at least for now, was able to successfully defuse the settlement expansion issue and derail Obama’s quick push for a token peace plan agreement with the Palestinian Authority. But, they aren’t out of the woods. The Israeli military has gone into full war preparation. It’s now a race to see which comes first—the long anticipated Israeli air assault on Iran’s nuclear plants (which will provoke a major regional war with Hezbollah, Syria, Jordan and Egypt) or the long anticipated rocket barrage from Lebanon and Syria—which, in turn, will provoke that same regional war and justify an immediate Israeli attack on Iran. Israel, in the latter case, would only do the initial strike and call upon the US to take over as it returned to confront the missile war with its neighboring states. The surrounding Arab states have thousands of mostly non-precision missiles pointed at Israel and the IDF knows that Israel will suffer significant damage under any number of scenarios. One Israeli general even admitted that Israel’s vaunted “Iron Dome” missile shield system of interceptors had only enough capacity to defend the military—too bad for you civilians. That’s not how it was sold to the public.

**CHINA:** This article from the UK Telegraph pretty well sums it up: “China preparing for armed conflict ‘in every direction.’”

“China is preparing for conflict ‘in every direction’, the defense minister said on Wednesday in remarks that threaten to overshadow a visit to Beijing by his US counterpart next month. In the coming five years, our military will push forward preparations for military conflict in every strategic direction,” said Liang Guanglie in an interview published by

several state-backed newspapers in China. "We may be living in peaceful times, but we can never forget war, never send the horses south or put the bayonets and guns away," Mr. Liang added.

"China repeatedly says it is planning a 'peaceful rise' [*the old Sun Tzu doctrine of feigning peace while preparing for war*] but the recent pace and scale of its military modernization has alarmed many of its neighbors in the Asia-Pacific, including Japan which described China's military build-up as a 'global concern' this month.

"China also announced this month that it was preparing to launch its own aircraft carrier next year in a signal that China is determined to punch its weight as a rising superpower. The news came a year earlier than many US defense analysts had predicted. China is also working on a 'carrier-killing' ballistic missile that could sink US carriers from afar, fundamentally reordering the balance of power in a region that has been dominated by the US since the end of the Second World War.

"As China modernizes, Mr Liang pledged that its armed forces would also increasingly use homegrown Chinese technology [*borrowing heavily from stolen US technology*], which analysts say still lags behind Western technology even as China races to catch up.

"The modernization of the Chinese military cannot depend on others, and cannot be bought," Mr Liang added, "In the next five years [*giving us more time to prepare*], our economy and society will develop faster, boosting comprehensive national power. We will take the opportunity and speed up modernization of the military."

**RUSSIA:** An interesting quote has surfaced from a Russian journalist confirming what I have long said about how Clinton's ruthless attack on Serbia embittered the Russians against the US and free markets: Alexander Zhylin wrote, "Generals have told me that we must build a monument to Clinton because the campaign over Kosovo drastically

changed political attitudes here. Now there is no more opposition to the idea that Russia should restore its military potential."

The Russians are doing just that. I recently covered the Russian deployment of the newest version of the Topol-M ballistic missile (RS-24). After 2012, Russia will deploy only the newer version. The RS-24 ICBM is designed to carry four nuclear warheads. Meanwhile the US keeps disarming—which is always a prelude to another world war.

Nobody talks about Russia's main factory bunker complex anymore—so busy is the government trying to assure the US about Russia's peaceful intentions. Here's a dated article (1997) by Bruce Balfour on both **Yamantau and Kosvinsky Mountain complexes** [they are within a several miles of each other] which is sufficient to acknowledge Russia's military intentions:

"According to a CIA report, construction work is continuing [*it is completed now*] on a 'nuclear-survivable, strategic command post at Kosvinsky Mountain,' located deep in the Ural Mountains about 850 miles east of Moscow. Satellite photographs of Yamantau Mountain, also located about 850 miles east of Moscow in the Urals near the town of Beloretsk, show continued digging at the 'deep underground complex' and new construction at each of the site's above-ground support areas, the CIA stated. Yamantau Mountain means 'Evil Mountain' in the local Bashkir language.

"The command post at Kosvinsky appears to provide the Russians with the means to retaliate against a nuclear attack," the CIA report said. "The rationale for the Yamantau complex is unclear [*the CIA always dismisses it as "defense" which they cannot possibly know, having never been in it*]. According to the CIA report, the Russians are building or renovating four complexes within Moscow that would be used to house senior Russian government leaders during a nuclear strike [*remember, this is after the supposed "fall of the*

*Soviet Union*”]. A map published in the report showed new subway construction under way from Victory Park Station in Moscow to Mr. Yeltsin's dacha, some 13 miles west of the Kremlin and about four miles from the Moscow Ring Road.

“Additionally, the CIA report stated that a bunker for Russian leaders at Voronovo, about 46 miles south of Moscow, is nearly complete. A second bunker located at Sharapovo, some 34 miles from Moscow, has a special underground subway running directly to it. The subway system for Russian leaders allows for ‘rapid evacuation of leaders during wartime from Moscow,’ the CIA said. Presumably, the leadership would then be flown to the Yamantau or Kosvinsky complexes.”

In June of 1997 a Congressional Record insertion disagreed with the CIA’s contention that this was defensive:

(1) “Reports indicate that Russia has been pursuing construction of a massive underground facility of unknown purpose at Yamantau Mountain and the city of Mezhgorye (formerly the settlements of Beloretsk-15 and Beloretsk-16) that is designed to survive a nuclear war and **appears to exceed reasonable defense requirements.**

(2) “The Yamantau Mountain project does not appear to be consistent with the lowering of strategic threats, openness, and cooperation that is the basis of the post-Cold War strategic partnership between the United States and Russia [*what an understatement*]. Russia appears to have engaged in a campaign to deliberately conceal and mislead the United States about the purpose of the Yamantau Mountain project, as shown by the following:

(A) “People's Deputy Leonid Akimovich Tsirkunov, commandant of Beloretsk-15 and Beloretsk-16, stated in 1991 and 1992 that the purpose of the construction there was to build a mining and ore-processing complex, but later claimed that it was an underground warehouse for food and clothing.

(B) “M.Z. Shakiorov, a former communist official in the region, alleged in 1992 that the Yamantau Mountain facility was to become a shelter for the Russian national leadership in case of nuclear war.

(C) “Sources of the Segodnya newspaper in 1996 claimed that the Yamantau Mountain project was associated with the so-called ‘Dead Hand’ nuclear retaliatory command and control system for strategic missiles.”

In a front page **NY Times** article in 1997, it was noted that “Since the end of the Cold War in 1991, U.S. intelligence sources believe the Russian government has pumped more than \$6 billion into Yamantau alone, to construct a sprawling underground complex that spans an area as large as Washington, D.C., inside the Beltway -- some 400 square miles.”

The most telling remark came from then-Commander of the U.S. Strategic Command (STRATCOM) Gen. Eugene Habiger, who called Yamantau “a very large complex -- we estimate that it has millions of square feet available for underground facilities. **We don't have a clue as to what they're doing there.**” No clue? Surely you can imagine something, General. This is the same clueless commander who did a PBS special about his comradery with his Russian peers in the missile service. The film showed Habiger waxing eloquent about Russian transparency as the film crew was guided through some very old missile bunker complex—obviously obsolete.

Former Rep. **Roscoe Bartlett**, R-Md., was the only Congressman sufficiently worried to issue this warning. “The Yamantau Mountain complex is located close to one of Russia's remaining nuclear weapons labs, Chelyabinsk-70, giving rise to speculation it could house either a nuclear warhead storage site, a missile base, a secret nuclear weapons production center, a directed energy laboratory or a buried command post. Whatever it

is, Yamantau was **designed to survive a nuclear war.**” That is right.

In other news, the Russian high command is relishing the naiveté of the French in accepting Russian proposals to “help NATO” guard it’s eastern border (with Russia!) by installing Russian anti-ballistic missile systems there. How convenient. I’ll bet those ABMs never get launched against an incoming Russian missile strike! Fools or traitors are born every minute in Europe.

While things are going in favor of Russian rearmament and against Europe (which is getting more and more dependent upon Russia for natural gas and strategic minerals) my projected timetable for war remains unchanged. It is not imminent, and probably will take until the end of the decade to fully materialize. If it comes earlier, you can tell by watching the signs: The two key trigger events to watch for will be either Russian troops moving in to occupy portions of the Baltic States or Eastern Europe in support of “beleaguered Russians” living there (same excuse Hitler used) or an attack on South Korea by the North—which would probably require a nuclear response (tactical nukes) by the US to stop. That would hand Russia and China the excuse to launch nuclear missiles at the US to take down “the bully of the world.”

**EUROPE:** 2011 will see a widening debt crisis in Europe and the FED will once again offer more paper dollars to bail out the banks there. Ireland is still not out of the water since it’s residents won’t tolerate the necessary austerity measures to allow the Irish government to stop deficit spending. Spain and Portugal will see their debt ratings go to the bottom this year too. One of the disadvantages the European nations have individually compared to the US is that they cannot exceed a set 3% limit of monetary inflation. They can’t just print their way out like the US can and does. Any threat of default in the EU will be met with new calls for more sovereign EU powers to deal with the crisis—always strengthening the NWO in Europe, never

allowing it to go back to sovereignty. Watch out for a potential collapse of British debt too.

Protestors are demonstrating and striking all over Europe telling governments they won’t accept austerity measures and cuts in tuition and welfare benefits. That’s the socialist mentality for you – a death knell for Europe.

**UNITED STATES:** The US won’t come out unscathed either. 2011 will see the probable start of a wave of municipal bond defaults and the need for a federal bailout of at least half a dozen states. Perennially bearish monetary advisor **Martin Weiss** has the facts:

“I predicted that rich states like California and New York — plus thousands of cities of all sizes around the country — would suffer a similar crisis of default. **Moody’s, S&P and Fitch** are paid huge fees by thousands of state and local governments for giving them ratings that are typically overinflated. They’re paid additional fees for rating the insurance companies that supposedly guarantee the municipal bond payments for investors. And then they rake in all those fees year after year simply by maintaining ratings that are often based on grossly outdated data.

“Now, that municipal bond ratings farce — based on payola and riddled with conflicts of interest — is collapsing for three reasons: **First**, it’s collapsing because the entire concept of municipal bond insurance — riddled with the same conflicts — has crumbled. Two of the largest bond insurers — Ambac and FGIC — are already bankrupt, with FGIC now subject to possible liquidation by New York State regulators. MBIA Inc., the only surviving bond insurer among the Big Three, has just been downgraded by three notches to B- — deep into junk territory.

“Result: Hundreds of thousands of investors who bought insured bonds are now vulnerable. They thought they were buying protection against default. Instead they got little more than a pig in the

poke. **Second**, it's collapsing because many cities are years behind in providing accurate financial data ... while their finances have deteriorated in a matter of months. Consequently, a large portion of the data is not only grossly outdated ... it's downright wrong, failing to properly reflect the recent sharp deterioration in local finances.

**“Third**, the muni bond ratings farce is collapsing because of the disastrous situation on the ground. Consider these excerpts from 60 Minutes: ‘In the two years since the ‘great recession’ wrecked their economies and shriveled their income, the states have collectively spent nearly a half a trillion dollars more than they collected in taxes. There is also a trillion-dollar hole in their public pension funds. The states have been getting by on billions of dollars in federal stimulus funds, but the day of reckoning is at hand. The debt crisis is already making Wall Street nervous, and some believe that it could derail the recovery, cost a million public employees their jobs and require another big bailout package that no one in Washington wants to talk about.

“California, which faces a \$19 billion budget deficit next year, has a credit rating approaching junk status. It now spends more money on public employee pensions than it does on the state university system, which had to increase its tuition by 32 percent.

“Arizona is so desperate it sold off the state capitol, Supreme Court building and legislative chambers to a group of investors and now leases the buildings from their new owner. The state also eliminated Medicaid funding for most organ transplants.

“Then there's New Jersey. It has the highest taxes in the country, a \$10 billion deficit and a depressed economy when first-year Governor Chris Christie took office. But after looking at the books, he decided to walk away from a long-planned and much-needed project with New York and the federal government to build a rail tunnel into Manhattan....said Christie, ‘The bottom line is I

don't have the money. And you know what? I can't pay people for those jobs if I don't have the money to pay them. Where am I getting the money? I don't have it. I literally don't have it. ... The day of reckoning has arrived. That's it. And it's gonna arrive everywhere. Timing will vary a little bit, depending upon which state you're in, but it's comin'.’

“But if you think California and New Jersey are in bad shape, wait till you see Illinois! 60 Minutes also interviewed Illinois state paymaster Hynes — a man who currently has about \$5 billion in outstanding bills in his office and not enough money in the state's coffers to pay them. Care to know how far he's behind in paying his bills? Six months — precisely the situation I witnessed decades earlier in Brazil. And care to know how many people are clamoring for the money? Consider his response to that precise question by the 60 Minutes interviewer: ‘Tens of thousands if not hundreds of thousands of people [are] waiting to be paid by the state. Pretty much anybody who has any interaction with state government, we owe money to,’ Hynes said.

“That includes the University of Illinois, which is owed \$400 million; Small businessmen, such as Mayur Shah, who owns a pharmacy in Chicago and has been waiting months for \$200,000 in Medicaid payments; and 2,000 not-for-profit organizations that are owed a billion dollars by the state.

“The big problem: The more the cities and states slash their budgets ... the more it sinks their local economies ... and the more additional cuts they have to make. Governor Christie of New Jersey, for example, cut his budget by 26 percent. He cut billions to schools. He laid off thousands of teachers. He cut another 1,300 state workers. He drastically reduced funding to cities, counties and villages, all in trouble themselves. Yet, despite all those cuts, New Jersey is STILL facing another \$10 billion of red ink in 2011.

“And that’s just the immediate problem. Long term, say 60 Minutes and many analysts, it’s much worse. In New Jersey alone — \$46 billion in unfunded liabilities to pensions and \$66 billion in unfunded liabilities for health care. Sound familiar? It should. Because it’s happening in states all across the country — and it parallels two looming disasters at the federal level — Social Security and Medicare”

As I mentioned recently, this future economic disaster will fall upon the Republican Congress and all their pledge to rein in spending will go out the window of necessity. There is no shortage of crises on the horizon to justify continued stimulus spending. I still don’t believe it will reach the level of significantly higher inflation next year—real inflation is running in the 5-7% range. However, if the predicted food shortages develop, prices could start rising rapidly. Also, if the US and Israel attack Iran, expect to see gasoline rise to above \$5 a gallon.

Crises are the food for tyranny. As **John Griffing** wrote this week, “What does any would-be tyrant need in order to gain control over the lives of citizens? Three things come to mind: **martial law, socialized medicine, and food dependency.**”

**The Growing Police State:** I personally don’t think martial law will be declared until wartime, but the police state is already here and probing our resistance. It is instructive to watch the 3 main pillars of a police state as they have developed in the last few years in this country: 1) an ample supply of **unprincipled police officers/former military** that are willing to treat citizens roughly in violation of their rights upon the orders of higher authority (many come from mercenary or military backgrounds), 2) a ready and **ever-present excuse** —the phony terror threat that justifies this abuse, and 3) (most importantly) a **corrupt court system** filled with judges too compromised or weak to stand up for citizens when they bring their complaints before the judges. Not a single complaint has been ruled upon in favor of the

victims of TSA abuse and less than 2% of police abuse cases.

The most disturbing thing about the recent spate of TSA groping of victims is that when they make any verbal protest in the least, or worse, mention anything about their constitutional rights, they are taken out of sight of the public into a separate room and subjected to harassment, foul language and rough handling, including being thrown to the floor and handcuffed. No witnesses are allowed, and the TSA are now primed to make sure no one is secretly recording their actions. In virtually 100% of cases of TSA abuse and harsh treatment, the agents have filed **false reports** claiming that the victim attacked them or goaded them into strong action. With no other witnesses allowed it is always their word against yours. The courts have always sided with the TSA.

The conduct of local police assisting TSA is also servile and appalling. It is clear they have been given orders by their chief to do anything the TSA tells them, which is particularly galling. No longer are they acting as arbiters between the aggrieved citizen passenger and the TSA. They always take the side of government. It is also very disturbing to note that all forms of law enforcement are told to confiscate any recording device or cell phone that documents potential abuse.

That’s a major hallmark of the police state. It is already here folks, even if you haven’t experienced it. The system is in place and the courts have become complicit. The only way they get away with it is by NOT declaring martial law, by using it only selectively as they are now.

Griffing continues: “By way of executive proclamation, President Obama has secured for himself the power to declare **martial law** in the event of a national ‘emergency,’ real or contrived, and without the accountability typically required by the Posse Comitatus Act and the National Emergencies Act of 1976. This is the legacy of the ‘conservative’ Bush administration. National

emergencies have now been transformed into power-grabbing devices thanks to the virtually unnoticed National Security Presidential Directive (NSPD) 51.

“NSPD 51 empowers the president to co-opt all state and local government authority in the event that he declares a national emergency [*this has been facilitated by the creation of more than 70 **Fusion Centers**, paid for by the feds and staffed by local law enforcement. Their primary task is to surveil and make lists of potential dissidents*]. This is a self-declared power not subjugated to the National Emergencies Act of 1976 as in previous directives.

“President Obama quickly went beyond NSPD 51, signing an order creating a ‘**Council of Governors**’ who would be put in charge of declaring martial law. The directive is in direct violation of Posse Comitatus and the Insurrection Act. This ‘Council of Governors’ answers only to President Obama [*but is put in place to look as if our own governors are doing it to us*].

“In October of last year, President Obama declared a national emergency in the midst of the much-hyped swine flu crisis. This declaration was largely overlooked. By combining his October declaration with the provisions of NSPD 51, President Obama can now be considered virtually uninhibited by Congress and free to flip the switch at any moment.

“**Socialized Medicine:** Whether or not Republicans achieve repeal, a precedent has been set. It is unlikely that the full damage of ObamaCare can be completely undone without Republican control of the White House. The U.S. government can now dictate the coverage and benefits of most Americans -- i.e., those on Medicaid, Medicare, and SCHIP, which together account for thirty percent of the population. In addition, government can punish Americans without insurance with unconstitutional fees and fine employers who refuse to provide every single employee with premium health benefits, making economic

recovery unlikely... Who would seriously suggest that health care will not be used as a political weapon? When the government has all power and no accountability, it has very little reason to use that power responsibly. Accountability is what makes the American model work. But accountability is removed with ObamaCare.

“**Food Dependency:** The one area where elites have been so far reluctant to venture is food. Food is the stuff of life. Control over food would mean direct control over the political decisions of average Americans. The elites have slipped the slope, passing legislation that will give federal bureaucrats jurisdiction over food ‘production’ -- i.e., who produces food, what kinds of food are produced, and in what quantities. However, this is not a debate about food regulation or food inspection. What is taking place is in fact a coup d'état, with dinner tables as the strategic weapons.

Meet the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA), a new legislative proposal designed to centralize control over food stocks to protect Americans from ‘terror.’ The motive may indeed be to protect the food supply from the actions of terrorists [*not at all*], but what about acts of government terror? What good, for example, can be gained from removing the right of Americans to grow their own food [*for sale or profit*], as several of the provisions of the Food Safety Modernization Act do?

“The FSMA doesn't merely wrest control of the food supply from citizens. Dangerously, the FSMA proceeds to transfer U.S. food sovereignty to the WTO, with one provision reading, ‘Nothing in this Act shall be construed in a manner inconsistent with the agreement establishing the World Trade Organization or any other treaty or international agreement to which the U.S. is a party.’ This provision is significant, since the WTO draws all its food safety standards from the controversial Codex Alimentarius, which is thought by some to be a vast postwar scheme to control the world's population by means of food. The bottom line vis-à-vis food is

that Americans lose control, and foreign bureaucrats gain control.

Natural News picked up a related piece on the conspiracy to push for the approval of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO) in Europe so that the US will have an excuse to push it here. “Wikileaks continues to rock the political world by shedding light on conspiracies, corruption and cover-ups. The latest batch of diplomatic cables released by Wikileaks reveals what can only be characterized as a U.S.-led conspiracy to force GMOs onto European countries by making those countries pay a steep price if they resist.

“The cable reveals the words of Craig Stapleton, the US ambassador to France, who was pushing the commercial interests of the biotech industry by attempting to force GMOs into France. ‘Europe is moving backwards not forwards on this issue with France playing a leading role, along with Austria, Italy and even the [European] Commission... Moving to retaliation will make clear that the current path has real costs to EU interests and could help strengthen European pro-biotech voice.’

“Got that so far? His own words: ‘Retaliation’ as a way to ‘make [it] clear’ that resisting GMOs will have a price. Stapleton goes on to say something rather incredible:

“Country team Paris recommends that we calibrate a target retaliation list that causes some pain across the EU since this is a collective responsibility, but that also focuses in part on the worst culprits. The list should be measured rather than vicious and must be sustainable over the long term, since we should not expect an early victory...”

The global GMO conspiracy is no longer a theory. As Jeffery Smith said today in a Democracy Now interview: “We’ve been saying for years that the United States government is joined at the hip with Monsanto and pushing GMOs as part of Monsanto’s agenda on the rest of the world. This lays bare the mechanics of that effort. We have

Craig Stapleton, the former ambassador to France, specifically asking the U.S. government to retaliate and cause some harm throughout the European Union.”

#### **OUR MANDATE FOR CHANGE IN 2011:**

Ron Paul’s Campaign for Liberty had a great list of what we should demand of Republican leaders in Congress this next year:

1) “**End the Mandate**, which would repeal the unconstitutional law that will force Americans to buy health insurance [*hopefully, the courts will take this one down*];

2) “**Defund ObamaCare** -- with President Obama sure to veto a full repeal, our best chance is to cut every single dime in funding before ObamaCare destroys the rest of our private health system and herds millions more into the government-run machine;

3) “**Kill the Cap and Trade** Tax scheme that would drive already sky-high energy costs through the roof, massively hike taxes on hardworking Americans, and give the federal government unprecedented control over the economy [*this probably will not happen. The Chicago Climate Exchange just shut down this past week—indicating the PTB don’t think Cap and Trade will pass*];

4) “**Audit the Fed and US gold stocks**, so the American people can finally see the corruption and economic devastation caused by a handful of bankster bureaucrats;

5) “Passing Rand Paul’s **Balanced Budget Amendment**, so politicians can no longer just spend and spend and spend [*He is NOT suggesting a constitutional convention to do this, which would be very dangerous. A constitution convention cannot be limited to this one subject*]. It is clear Congress will never cut spending unless it is forced to. And Rand’s amendment requires a supermajority to raise taxes and a DECLARED war

for any exceptions, so the accounting games will finally end;

6) **“Repeal the PATRIOT Act** and stop the new, even more dangerous National ID Bill. These atrocious schemes take away our rights in the name of so-called ‘security.’ Our Fourth Amendment rights should not be given away in the name of fighting terrorism. Illegal wiretaps and searches must end now.”

### **WHAT THE US WILL LOOK LIKE IN ANOTHER DECADE**

Clark McClelland had a pretty good list of prognostications, focusing on things that are dying within our high tech commerce and culture [*My comments in brackets*]:

1. **“The Post Office.** Get ready to imagine a world without the post office. They are so deeply in financial trouble that there is probably no way to sustain it long term. Email, Fed Ex, and UPS have just about wiped out the minimum revenue needed to keep the post office alive. Most of your mail every day is junk mail and bills [*I don’t agree that it will go bankrupt. It will simply become permanently subsidized*].

2. **“The Check.** Britain is already laying the groundwork to do away with checks by 2018. It costs the financial system billions of dollars a year to process checks. Plastic cards and online transactions will lead to the eventual demise of the check. This plays right into the death of the post office.

3. **“The Newspaper.** The younger generation simply doesn’t read the newspaper. They certainly don’t subscribe to a daily delivered print edition. That may go the way of the milkman and the laundry man. As for reading the paper online, get ready to pay for it. The rise in mobile Internet devices and e-readers has caused all the newspaper and magazine publishers to form an alliance. They have met with Apple, Amazon, and the major cell

phone companies to develop a model for paid subscription services.

4. **“The Book.** The same thing will happen with books. You can browse a bookstore online and even read a preview chapter before you buy. And the price is less than half that of a real book. [*Disagree. There are many large format books and technical books that don’t format or view well electronically*]

5. **“The Land Line Telephone.** Unless you have a large family and make a lot of local calls, you don’t need it anymore. Most people keep it simply because they’ve always had it. But you are paying double charges for that extra service. All the cell phone companies will let you call customers using the same cell provider for no charge against your minutes.

6. **“Music.** This is one of the saddest parts of the change story. The music industry is dying a slow death. Not just because of illegal downloading. It’s the lack of innovative new music being given a chance to get to the people who would like to hear it [*Actually, it’s a lack of really good new music—that’s why people are buying more of the old*]. The record labels and the radio conglomerates are simply self-destructing. Over 40% of the music purchased today is ‘catalog items,’ meaning traditional music that the public is familiar with. Older established artists. This is also true on the live concert circuit [*True, the music world is dividing into two parts—the standards and classics, vs. the new generation of corrupt bad music.*]

7. **“Television.** Revenues to the networks are down dramatically. Not just because of the economy. People are watching TV and movies streamed from their computers. And they’re playing games and doing lots of other things that take up the time that used to be spent watching TV. Prime time shows have degenerated down to lower than the lowest common denominator [*that’s because the commercial model of the networks only focuses on the tastes of a low brow and vegetative class of*

people in the US who are also the ones dumb enough to buy things being advertized—especially the agonizing-to-listen-to drug ads]. Cable rates are skyrocketing and commercials run about every 4 minutes and 30 seconds. I say good riddance to most of it. It's time for the cable companies to be put out of our misery [*Not going to happen—they are taking a much larger share of the network audience and are NOT shrinking*]. Let the people choose what they want to watch online and through Netflix.

8. **“The ‘Things’ That You Own.** Many of the very possessions that we used to own are still in our lives, but we may not actually own them in the future. They may simply reside in ‘the cloud.’ Today your computer has a hard drive and you store your pictures, music, movies, and documents [*might happen—its going that direction, but it’s too dangerous to have everything online—which is what Cloud Computing is all about*].

9. **“Privacy.** If there ever was a concept that we can look back on nostalgically, it would be privacy. That's gone. It's been gone for a long time anyway [*All telephone calls and emails are computer recorded and filtered for key words*]. There are cameras on the street, in most of the buildings, and even built into your computer and cell phone. But you can be sure that 24/7, ‘They’ know who you are and where you are, right down to the GPS coordinates, and the Google Street View [*not to mention tracking devices in cars and credit cards*].

10. **“Most American Industry:** We are witnessing the deindustrialization of America. Tens of thousands of factories have left the United States in the past decade alone. Millions upon millions of manufacturing jobs have been lost in the same time period. The United States has become a nation that consumes everything in sight and yet produces increasingly little. Do you know what our biggest export is today? Waste paper. Yes, trash is the number one thing that we ship out to the rest of the world as we voraciously blow our money on whatever the rest of the world wants to sell to us.

“Here are the facts:

#1 The United States has lost approximately 42,400 factories since 2001. About 75 percent of those factories employed over 500 people when they were still in operation.

#2 Dell Inc., one of America 's largest manufacturers of computers, has announced plans to dramatically expand its operations in China with an investment of over \$100 billion over the next decade.

#3 Dell has announced that it will be closing its last large U.S. manufacturing facility in Winston-Salem, North Carolina in November. Approximately 900 jobs will be lost.

#4 In 2008, 1.2 billion cell phones were sold worldwide. So how many of them were manufactured inside the United States? Zero.

#5 According to a new study conducted by the Economic Policy Institute, if the U.S. trade deficit with China continues to increase at its current rate, the U.S. economy will lose over half a million jobs this year alone.

#6 As of the end of July, the U.S. trade deficit with China had risen 18 percent compared to the same time period a year ago.

#7 The United States has lost a total of about 5.5 million manufacturing jobs since October 2000.

#8 According to Tax Notes, between 1999 and 2008 employment at the foreign affiliates of U.S. parent companies increased an astounding 30 percent to 10.1 million. During that exact same time period, U.S. employment at American multinational corporations declined 8 percent to 21.1 million.

#9 In 1959, manufacturing represented 28 percent of U.S. economic output. In 2008, it represented 11.5 percent.

#10 Ford Motor Company recently announced the closure of a factory that produces the Ford Ranger in St. Paul , Minnesota. Approximately 750 good paying middle class jobs are going to be lost because making Ford Rangers in Minnesota does not fit in with Ford's new ‘global’ manufacturing strategy.

#11 As of the end of 2009, less than 12 million Americans worked in manufacturing. The last time less than 12 million Americans were employed in manufacturing was in 1941. [END]

#12 In the United States today, consumption accounts for 70 percent of GDP. Of this 70 percent, over half is spent on services.

#13 The United States has lost a whopping 32 percent of its manufacturing jobs since the year 2000.

#14 In 2001, the United States ranked fourth in the world in per capita broadband Internet use. Today it ranks 15th.

#15 Manufacturing employment in the U.S. computer industry is actually lower in 2010 than it was in 1975.

#16 Printed circuit boards are used in tens of thousands of different products. Asia now produces 84 percent of them worldwide.

#17 The United States spends approximately \$3.90 on Chinese goods for every \$1 that the Chinese spend on goods from the United States.”

## **GLOBAL COOLING AND THE MOTHER OF ALL WINTERS**

Nothing seems to deter the establishment from blaming any weather change, hot or cold, on Global Warming. But astrophysicists claim it's not going to take many more years to completely embarrass the Global Warming crowd. The Sun will have its say. Listen to this explanation by astrophysicist Piers Corbun—using solar data to predict weather. [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TkzNmWICig8&feature=player\\_embedded#](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TkzNmWICig8&feature=player_embedded#)

**Final Comment:** Next year is going to be a test year for the Republicans elected in the Tea Party Rebellion. Many had jumped on the Tea Party bandwagon but were merely masquerading as real conservatives. We'll get a good chance to track their actions and motives this year and adjust our targets for the 2012 election. Our goal must be to build support for really principled statesmen and make sure they have the support necessary to get elected. 2010 gave us a start, let's keep on building and sifting.