

Opening Notes for Session # 1 of Politics of Assassination. . . .

ERA OF REGIME CHANGE: During Bush II and the post September 11, 2001, and decision of the Bush inner circle to invade Iraq under the operational term the Bush people characterized as Regime Change. . .

Actually, the invasion of Iraq in 2003 under the guise that somehow Saddam Hussein was involved somehow with Al Qaeda in the attacks on the NY Towers and the Pentagon was not anything new in the American experience.

What I mean is that is that actually the 2003 attack on Iraq was really the culmination of a 110 year period during which the American government overthrew 14 governments for various reasons---economic, political, and ideological reasons . . .

The pattern started in 1890s with the overthrow of the Hawaiian Monarchy and continued apace right up to 2003. . . .

Philippines, Cuba, TR Corollary to the Monroe Doctrine (reserved the right of US to unilaterally intervene in any Latin American country that threatened the stability of the Western hemisphere (as we interpreted stability/usually meant for security for US economic investments; Overthrow of the democratically elected government of Iran in 1953(by the CIA); 1954 the ouster of the democratically-elected government in Guatemala by the CIA; 1972 the CIA (at the instructions of Nixon/Kissinger overthrew the democratically-elected government of Salvador Allende (was responsible for his murder and for the assassination of the Chilean Military's General Rene Schneider (because CIA could not recruit him in its plans to oust Allende); 1963 the murder of; 1963 the murder of So. Vietnam's president Ngo Dinh Diem and his brother (arranged by Ambassador Lodge and a CIA operative and elements of JFK's staffers. . . .but w/o Kennedy's approval) . . .This record of overthrow or regime change is unexampled in world history.

global presence—800-900 military bases around the world

projection of power/ interventionism

Ike and Northwoods

Before his 2nd administration came to an end President Eisenhower favored any plan that would be a cover (excuse) for a U.S. invasion of Cuba. This was true right until he left office in 1961.

I don't if he would have accepted any of the hair-brained schemes that are part of the Lemnitzer-JCS included in Operation Northwoods.

But all indications were that he was serious about getting rid of Castro (by any means necessary. . . .I don't know. Personally, I am glad he was never tempted by Northwoods. But he would have signed off on any JCS plan to justify the US invasion of Cuba.