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*Does Trump Have a Plan?*

I heard from a reader that Trump is sidestepping a murder rap because boats not displaying flag of origin on the high seas are fair game. Not true—it doesn't matter what boats *display or do*, the US is governed by US law. UCMJ/War Crimes Law (from Commander in Chief on down), *shipwreck survivor's* code is clear. If attack survivors (US boat attacks/killings are illegal), rendered into non-combatants, are killed, this constitutes murder, subjecting perpetrators to life imprisonment or death. Didn't Hegseth say: 'kill everybody'—and tell 800 line officers to *abandon the rules of engagement?*

Trump lies, aggrandizing everything he touches—embarrassing America. Now, it's his new phony leader for Venezuela, Maria Machado, who under cover of night snuck away to Oslo for safety. Like Juan Guido—it's more BS.

As is Trump, I'm a 50's male, and I knew his type back then—an incurious lot, without connection to arts or ethics, soliciting laughs by belittling others. Verbal bullies, going after the weak—who would never to take on a peer.

Trump is unwilling to lose. To that end he chose a pack of moronic advisors (evidence he himself is moronic?), doing his bidding to attain his objective—win/appear to win. Using hotel-brander cunning—he may have a plan.

For certain, his *Gaza By the Sea* branding, made possible by Israel's

genocide, as well as Trump murdering uncharged, unnamed Venezuelans are heartless insipid actions, but, compared with Biden, responsible for a million plus Ukrainian/Gaza deaths, Trump's a second-rate—low-level killer.

Think back on Trump's 1st term when he attacked a Syrian air base after giving advance warning. 2nd term, it's useless B2 Iran strikes, killing but a handful, so that, like W. Bush, in grandiose fashion, he could declare victory.

Trump holds back from mass slaughter, keeping the number of dead low. As a businessman needing to win, he understands the base that elected him expect an end to foreign wars/death—so he pays lip-service to them.

Trump has a simple plan—to win. To that end he's throwing the EU under the bus. Europe is finished and he knows it. It doesn't matter that for the sake of Empire the CIA caused the EU to come into being—and a Trump/Biden UKR proxy war, along with blowing-up NordSteam 2, destroyed the EU economy. Trump maintains his innocence, abstaining from any US responsibility for demise of the EU. Erstwhile allies are of no consequence.

The Medici hegemony that began in Florence, almost 800 years ago, had the best run in history. Europe was the center of the universe, where one after another of the European nations succeeding each other as rulers of the world. Now that's over, and Trump needs to get out while the getting's good.

Since 2000, though not addressed publicly by US presidents, there's been growing concern it's time to abandon NATO/Europe. Trump, with an uncontrollable need to win is the exact best pick to look the other way/take action.

This is why, any of us, constrained by ethical underpinning, have trouble analyzing Trump. Without being him, it's almost impossible to see the world in his terms. What does he want? Success/profit. For that he needs things to happen: to realign with Russia—make some separation between Moscow and Beijing. Trade 80 years of Russia-hatred for energy development. Act

on a huge need to involve himself in Russian economics—to turn a dollar

Is Putin ready to realign? Putin's been ready to be a US trading partner for decades. Trump's plan adjusts momentarily, as a consequence of his limited ability to focus. With his team of conniving lairs to do his bidding (is there a lie they won't tell), Treasury/Sec Bessent offers few facts—only fictions.

Trump walks a narrow path. Along that path, he fabricates, each moment. In pursuance of his plan—he tells so many lies they cease to matter. But, under his PR veneer he has some support from the *intelligencia*—they know the G7 is done. What matters is China/Russia/India/US—and maybe Japan.

Trump knows that illegal immigration destroyed Europe—and will do the same here unless he *tyrannically* undoes Biden's plan to assure that democrats, with 10 million new voters, never lose another election. The PR was other: *not reproducing at sufficient rate to sustain global dominance, we needed immigration.*

That's what's being sold to Europeans. The EU lacked 50 million workers before losing NordStream, but the EU didn't need countless/unvetted migrants with disparate belief structures, who in no way wanted to integrate. Europe needed slow, deliberate, immigration vetting to obtain the skills/desire to be European. Instead they lost their minds—and soon their continent.

Trump, sensing military/business reality, has abandoned his plan to subjugate Russia. Now, with Russia having won in Ukraine, he adjusted/fired General Kellogg. Without taking responsibility for the war, he likely accedes to Putin's demands, drops the sanctions—to make Russia a trading partner.

Trump, seeing he can't take on Putin, makes a global shift. Gone is Greenland—anything else he can't umbrella under his Monroe Doctrine corollary. The Monroe Doctrine had to do with US expansion—Trump's corollary, with its contraction. The original had nothing to do with America controlling the Western Hemisphere—instead, stop further European colo-

nization of the Americas. In exchange, the US would not interfere in Europe.

Russia/China make noise about aligning with Venezuela, but it's far away. Besides, in realpolitik: When Trump owns Venezuela, they buy oil from him. Maduro has agreed to have his oil administered by American corporations. But this is not enough for Trump—he wants complete control of the Americas. No China/Russia to be seen—anywhere.

Can Trump accomplish this? After whipping up Japan to threaten China, Japan's new PM is compromised, left to do Trump's bidding—as his lackey. Don't be surprised if accommodation is made with China, re-identifying Taiwan in the 'One China Policy'. Without the necessity of a Taiwan base to make war with China, Trump is will be as unconcerned for Taiwan as he is for Ukraine/Gaza. 'God bless the United States—and no one else.'

Will China/Russia stay out of Trump's tyrannical hegemony? Before dividing dividing up the spoils will they see that, like Venezuela—they are next? Will the Global South finally stand up to the West, or will they allow Trump to divide up the world as he wishes? Adding-up gains/losses, it's likely Trump accepts a multipolar world with the US stronger than expected—a BRICS/China/Russia/India/Japan/US world?

Trump's blunt-force bullshit is without bounds. He says he stopped Venezuelan drugs by sea—now he will stop it by land. (land is where they keep the oil). It doesn't matter that Trump's DEA issued a report in which they see no fentanyl coming from Venezuela. Trump's lies abound, unabated: *Ukraine officials love his peace plan* (though Zelensky hasn't read it), *and Russia is fine with it*. But, his plan is not a plan—it's a list of talking points. Trump doesn't care—it's what he says it is until he says it isn't.

I recognize much of this is speculative, but I'm betting on it. After a year of watching Trump, I'm betting my portrayal is the essence of who Trump is. Characterized in the mold of Teddy Roosevelt (but not as intelligent), who,

like Trump, saw the world as his plaything. To that end, he killed as needed.

Trump's need for global collateral requires he take control of Venezuelan oil and all of the Americas under his Monroe Doctrine corollary. In return for peace/trade, free to conduct non/America business—does China allow Trump (all dressed up as Mussolini), to subject the Americas into slavery?

Nations who were beneficiaries of the US Marshal Plan came to ruin and regret from being friends of the US. Now, as were nations subject to Rome, the Western Hemisphere will be forced to pay tribute. Others, China and Russia, who made it on their own—are seeing a much better outcome.

Today, I wanted to write about economic consequences of a US economic debacle. But first I had to address Trump, who the world is watching closely, in anticipation of a coming event—America's demise.

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