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Subject: OT: Political IQ Test

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Quote:1) You didn't read my post: Here: I said that Clinton got super pissed and appointed Richard Clarke to make a plan to kill al Qaeda once and for all. Why isn't al Qaeda gone yet? Because Bush didn't follow up on Clinton's plan.

Clinton fired a few cruise missiles at supposed al Qaeda headquarters locations, and they all missed. That's the extent of what he did. Appointing people does nothing if immediate action is not taken.

Quote:2) After this, Clinton proposed to expand wiretap capabilities for intelligence agencies, which was fought against by the Republican congress on stupid issues which I won't put here because it's kind of long so go and READ MY POST!

Wiretaps. Great, how about increased security around government buildings? So that some asshole with a truckload of fertilizer can't park at the front gate and blow the place apart?

Quote:3) This didn't have anything to do about terrorists. It was a UN peacekeeping mission to settle Somalia down. Clinton didn't go after the dead? You know what would have happened if that task force did? A lot more of them would have died. But I guess it's all in a day's work.

The US Army Rangers have an unwritten rule that no one gets left behind, living or dead. Clinton forced a withdrawal when US forces could have, should have, and would have brought back the dead so their families would not have to watch their mutilated bodies being dragged through the streets.

Quote:Why didn't Clinton send more armor in? Maybe because there was already armor there that the task force could use? It would have taken probably longer to ship in armor and get it all set up then to borrow some from other allied military factions.

Perhaps because there was US armor already in the area? The Joint Chiefs of Staff didn't help much, either; we should have had our own tanks in there- that could have been done very quickly, much faster than going through someone else's chain of command.

Quote:Did you ever read the book, Black Hawk Down? It's a really good book. I haven't seen the movie, but I don't think it would measure up to the book. That whole Somalia situation was pretty ugly, because the U.S. sent in a task force [composed of people from Ranger and Delta forces] hoping to help these people, and then everyone turned on them and then they got in to a huge firefight in the city. That's why there were so many casualties.

The objective was to capture a warlord because all of the aid being sent in was being confiscated by his goons and not going to the Somali people. That could have been accomplished. There were more than enough US troops, armor assets, and aircraft in the region to do that. Clinton pulled out instead.

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