## On our knees for America while domestic government agencies increase their arms

America is in trouble. I came across three items this week which illustrate that fact.

"WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange appeared to suggest Tuesday that re-cently murdered Seth Rich, a 27-year-old Democratic National Committee staffer who was shot near his townhouse in Washington, D.C. last month, was the source of the WikiLeaksexposed DNC emails.

Assange hinted at the newest revelations during an interview on the Dutch television program Nieuwsuur.

"Our whistleblowers go to significant efforts to give us material, at often very significant risks," Assange said. "There was a 27 year old, works for the DNC, who was shot in the back, murdered just a few weeks ago for unknown reasons other than that he was walking down the street in Washington."[1]

Some posit that Seth Rich should be added to the growing Clinton body count. If so, what high mountain of hubris did the pantsuit candidate stand on at her convention to call for more gun control in light of Seth Rich's assassination?

And by the way with all the politicians drooling on themselves to take guns from the hands of citizens what they are not telling us is the very sinister side of this.

Our Founders warned us of the severe danger of having a standing army. Since World War II we have ignored that warning. But now a new threat is that we now have a force the size of an army on our soil that is not officially military but has as great a fire power as the entire force of U.S. Marines.

"Open the Books, a taxpayer watchdog group, released a study Wednesday [June 22, 2016] that finds domestic government agencies continue to grow their stockpiles of military-style weapons, as Democrats sat on the House floor calling for more restrictions on what guns American citizens can buy.

"The 'Militarization of America' report found civilian agencies spent \$1.48 billion on guns, ammunition, and military-style equipment between 2006 and 2014. Examples include IRS agents with AR-15s, and EPA bureaucrats wearing camouflage.

"'Regulatory enforcement within administrative agencies now carries the might of military-style equipment and weapons," Open the Books said. 'For example, the Food and Drug Administration includes 183 armed "special agents," a 50 percent increase over the ten years from 1998-2008. At Health and Human Services (HHS), "Special Office of Inspector General Agents" are now trained with sophisticated weaponry by the same contractors who train our military special forces troops.'

"Open the Books found there are now over 200,000 non-military federal officers with arrest and firearm authority, surpassing the 182,100 personnel who are actively serving in the U.S. Marine Corps.

"The IRS spent nearly \$11 million on guns, ammunition, and military-style equipment for its 2,316 special agents. The tax collecting agency has billed taxpayers for pump-action and semi-automatic shotguns, semi-automatic Smith & Wesson M&P15s, and Heckler & Koch H&K 416 rifles, which can be loaded with 30-round magazines.

"The EPA spent \$3.1 million on guns, ammo, and equipment, including drones, night vision, 'camouflage and other

deceptive equipment,' and body armor."

Harrington continues, "Open the Books appealed to both liberals like Bernie Sanders—who has called for demilitarizing local police departments—and conservatives in its report.

"'Conservatives argue that it is hypocritical for political leaders to undermine the Second Amendment while simultaneously equipping non-military agencies with hollow-point bullets and military style equipment,' Open the Books said. 'One could argue the federal government itself has become a gun show that never adjourns with dozens of agencies continually shopping for new firearms.'"

And add to that "how many millions of rounds of ammunition their local and State police agencies are amassing. And don't let anybody tell you all of this ammunition is for "practice." We are talking about hollow-point pistol rounds and military rifle rounds such as 5.56 and .308 calibers. [Chuck Baldwin states,] I would take an educated guess (based on my conversations with both ammunition and arms suppliers and police officers themselves) that your local police agencies have enough ammunition stockpiled to kill the entire population of your community four or five times. But these numbers pale in comparison to the numbers of guns and ammunition being amassed by federal agencies-including agencies that nowhere come close to being categorized as "police" agencies....So, while federal agencies in Washington, D.C., are being increasingly militarized, the American people are being told they need to surrender their means of selfdefense."[2]

The third item relates to the warning President Eisenhower issued in his 1961 speech,"

"This conjunction of an immense military establishment and a large arms industry is new in the American experience. The total influence – economic, political, even spiritual – is felt in every city, every State house, every office of the Federal government... we must not fail to comprehend its grave implications. Our toil, resources and livelihood are all involved; so is the very structure of our society.

In the councils of government, we must guard against the acquisition of un-warranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the militaryindustrial complex. The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists and will persist."[3] That was in 1961.

He warned us that the interests of businesses who make money from perpet-ual war in collusion with politicians and high level members of the military whose interests are served to push for perpetual war will lead to the destruc-tion of our land.

Well consider the 2016 update given at the first weekend of August, WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange added to that warning with this,

"Google has been to the White House, on average over the last four years, once per week-more than any other single company. It spends more money lobbying Washington, D.C., than any other single company. Hillary Clinton's former staffer, Jared Cohen, was hired by Google in 2009 to head up Google's internal think tank. There's a lot of other interconnections between Google and the state. Eric Schmidt is now also, at the same time as being chairman of what is now Google's parent company, Alphabet, is chairman of the Pentagon innovation board.

So you have a connection between Google, the Clinton campaign, which will be almost certainly the next White House, and the Pentagon. And this triangle is extremely worrying, because, as time goes by, Google is understanding that it does have an ability to influence election campaigns. It's also bought more than 10 drone companies. It's integrating its mapping data in order to better be able to fly and navigate drones around the world, is expanding into every country in the world.

And it has a very strange, quasi-religious vision of the future, of this vision of the singularity. It's really a-I've done research that it's very disturbing what they believe in Silicon Valley, that they believe they can create a massive artificial intelligence, more powerful than any human being or any society's ability to think. And, of course, we all know what happens when such power is in limited hands.

And so, Google in the White House will be, essentially, an unregulatable company... you can just completely forget about any kind of antitrust legislation being used on Google if there is a Hillary Clinton White House." Then his interviewer asked, "I'm reminded that Benito Mussolini, the fascist dictator, said that fascism more appropriately should be called corporatism, because it merges the private power of corporations with the military might of the nation-state. And, of course, he thought that was a good thing. It occurs to me that you were describing our newer, kinder, gentler, smiling face of fascism, where all of the information that we receive is controlled by that same collusion between government and major transnational corporations, and now our ability to even talk to myself, or ourselves."

To which Julian replied, "Yes, there is a merger going on at a rapid pace be-tween the largest American corporations and the traditional aspects of the U.S. state, the military intelligence aspects." [4]

America is in trouble. What should we as disciples of Jesus Christ do? Turn to 1 Peter 2:5, because the first thing we must understand is who we are in this world and then what it is that Jesus Christ calls upon us to do.

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