
Subject: Michael Moore Has Competition.
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The Gulf war is over.

Now for the inspections:

"20 Nov 1997

Following intensive diplomatic action, Iraq accedes to an agreement with the Russian Federation providing for UNSCOM and its full complement of staff to resume work in Iraq. The commission's personnel return to Iraq on 21 November and resume their inspections the following day."

This worked until:

"13 Jan 1998

UNSCOM chief Richard Butler reports to the Council that during the first day of an inspection, Iraq announced it was withdrawing its cooperation with the inspection team, claiming that the inspection team had too many individuals of US or UK nationality"

"Early Feb 1998

A group of international experts and UNSCOM inspectors conduct two technical evaluation meetings (TEM) in Baghdad, reviewing Iraq's VX and missile warhead programs. The report submitted to the Security Council states the group's unanimous conclusion that Iraq has still not provided sufficient information for the commission to conclude that Iraq had undertaken all the disarmament steps required of it in these areas. The commission's experts brief the Council on the outcome of these two TEMs in March 1998. "

This is an inspection. The brief period Iraq chose not to cooperate seemed to have only lasted for roughly 17 or 18 days, give or take. During which time, I'd like for you to note that Iraq was STILL being watched, although to their own terms of non-cooperation:

"22 Jan 1998

Following a visit to Iraq, Richard Butler reports to the Security Council that despite the council's statement insisting on unrestricted access to all sites, Iraq would not permit access to eight so-called presidential sites"

Thats an awfully small gap. Seeing how Iraq was still being watched, WMD transport (if any) would've been detected.

So again, how does this have anything to do with the events of the Quarterly Report of May 2003? That report states nicely that Iraq is disarming. Hell, there were resolutions written that Iraq agreed fully to:

"20-23 Feb 1998

Annan visits Iraq. As a result of his meetings, the United Nations and Iraq agree to terms of a

memorandum of understanding (MoU), which is signed on 23 February 1998. Annan secures Iraq's pledge that it accepts all relevant Security Council resolutions, and will cooperate fully with UNSCOM and the IAEA. The MoU obligates Iraq to provide UNSCOM and the IAEA immediate, unconditional and unrestricted access for their inspections. The United Nations reiterates the commitment of all member states to respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Iraq"

And whats this? That last line? That was conviently ignored in March 2003, don't you think?
