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C H A P T E R 1

A TERRORIST WAKE-UP CALL TO WAR

They came out of a morning sky, American commercial aircraft piloted by religious fanatics who had hijacked four planes loaded with innocent passengers. Within hours almost 5,000 American men, women, and children were suddenly dead, murdered in a vicious act of terrorism that wrenched us all into a new kind of war. It is a war in which every individual American suddenly finds him- or herself on the front lines, the possible target for the next act of terror the enemy chooses to launch.

We have no way of knowing how long this fight will continue, how many more acts of terrorism we will suffer, or what sacrifice we will have to make to defeat our enemy. What we do know is that we will prevail.

We will not win because of our great wealth, scientific know-how, or sophisticated military machinery. We will certainly not win because of our political leaders' courage, strength, intelli-

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gence, and skill in making war. We will win because we are a nation of *individual* freedom lovers who will take any risk, pay any cost, or suffer any indignity as long as the sacrifice contributes to the eventual victory of freedom.

If we have good leaders in times of war, it is because lovers of freedom will demand that the men and woman we elect be courageous, daring, clever, and committed to victory. If we have heroes in times like this, it is because we have a nation laced with people willing to become heroes without hesitation when fate places them in a situation where the choice is not life or death but whether to die a free individual who fights back with the last breath of life rather than a coward who dies cringing in fear.

We saw that demonstrated on the very first day of this war when some of the passengers on United Flight 93 chose to fight back against their kidnappers and die as heroes while saving the lives of hundreds, perhaps even thousands, of innocent citizens inside the unknown target where the hijackers intended to aim the plane.

Terrorism and Tyranny—Two Faces of the Same Coin

Both terrorism and tyranny involve the use of unjust violence against innocent people in order to force them to do things they don't want to do or to stop doing things that they want to do. When we talk about tyranny, we are referring to those who hold political power and use violence to maintain that hold. When we talk about terrorism, we are talking about those who are trying to gain political power through the use of violence directed against innocent civilian populations.

We all know that one man's terrorist is another man's freedom fighter and that Reuters upholds the principle that we do not use the word terrorist. To be frank, it adds little to call the attack on the World Trade Center a terrorist attack.

—Stephen Jukes, Reuters' global head of news

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The above statement by a representative of our modern news media vividly demonstrates how the use of the words *terrorist* and *terrorism* have been deliberately confused. Stephen Jukes' statement ignores the difference between the two kinds of violence committed in the pursuit of political goals—acts of war and acts of terrorism.

Whether someone is called a terrorist or a freedom fighter is not determined by who is cheering him on. No matter how offensive or laudable we find the political aims of a group that commits an act of violence, determining whether an act of deadly violence is called an act of war or terrorism is determined by the *target chosen*, not the politics of the attacking force.

Acts of war are directed against the personnel, installations, and war machinery of the enemy. The targets are usually military, but not always. When civilian targets are hit, the targets are the civilian officials who hold political power and control the military or who are directly engaged in population control and suppression. A legitimate act of war always tries to avoid injuring uninvolved civilian populations.

An act of terrorism, on the other hand, is an act of violence committed against civilians who have no direct role in the decision-making process of the government and who are not engaged in any way in military operations.

- The identification and assassination of an insurgent guerrilla leader is an act of war, but the destruction of the entire village where he hid the day before is an act of terror.
- The assassination of a military commander of an occupied territory is an act of war. The deliberate murder of civilian hostages in the town where it happened is an act of terror.
- Blowing up a barracks filled with occupation troops stationed in a foreign country or a hostile naval ship in a foreign port is an act of war. Blowing up a church where such soldiers mixed with ordinary civilians is an act of terror.
- The Japanese attack on the U.S. Navy in Pearl Harbor in December 1941 was an act of war, even though it was a sur-

prise attack. The attack on the United States on September 11, 2001, was a pure act of terror.

True Freedom Fighters Don't Kill the Innocent

A terrorist will commit acts of extreme violence in an attempt to force an enemy to act in the way he desires. The theory behind acts of terror is that ordinary people, frightened by the terror, will force their government to give in to the political demands of the people committing the terrorism. Acts of terrorism are always committed by unpopular political groups who can't achieve their goals through peaceful means or military action. Unable to win by diplomacy or waging war, they turn to acts of terrorism, hoping to further their cause by making the whole world their enemy.

The problem is, it doesn't work. It almost always has the opposite effect. It scares the civilian populations to the point where they will applaud any action their government takes to counter the terrorism, even if it means almost total loss of their own personal freedom.

We've have seen how miserably the theory of terrorism failed on September 11, 2001. Never, since the attack on Pearl Harbor 60 years before, have we seen Americans and their political leaders so united in a single common cause. We have seen how miserably it failed after the bombing of the Murrah Building in Oklahoma City, when the federal government enjoyed wide-ranging approval to further curtail the rights of Americans who had nothing to do with that crime.

People who love and fight for freedom do not commit acts of terror, ever! Anyone who truly believes in freedom can never condone or participate in any act of terror. A freedom fighter, whether operating as part of an army or alone and in secret, will only consider committing acts of violence as a last-resort measure, when the situation has deteriorated to the point where civilians are being killed by a government out of control.

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Those fighting for freedom want only to convince governments to leave them alone to enjoy freedom. When terrorists refuse to leave free people alone, freedom fighters respond with acts of war, not terror. The brave civilians on United Flight 93 committed the first act of war in response to the terrorism of September 11, 2001. Those heroes pointed the way, showing how each one of us, acting as a free individual, can help wage the war on terrorists, just as free individuals can wage war against tyrants.

Individual Resistance to Terrorism and Tyranny Starts with One Free Human Being

Every freedom-loving individual has a role to play in the fight against tyranny and terrorism. Acts of invisible resistance to both tyranny and terrorism occur when individuals—acting without direction or guidance from any leader—resist, obstruct, frustrate, expose, and interfere with tyrants and terrorists and those who actively support or execute the orders of tyrants and terrorists.

Individuals involved in invisible resistance act alone or in cooperation with a few trusted friends or others who also face the same immediate risks. They pick their own targets or, in the case of terrorism, their targets pick them. They choose their own form of action depending upon the opportunities available and individual abilities and limitations.

Individual Resistance to Terrorism— the Easy Part of the Equation

Individual resistance to terrorism requires the same mindset that we use when defending ourselves against criminal attack. Smart ordinary citizens don't go looking for criminals to attack; indeed, they do everything within reason to avoid any contact with criminals. We avoid dark streets and other places where criminals are likely to lurk. We put locks on our doors, keep a watch on those around us, especially when dealing with strangers, and we arm and prepare ourselves to handle criminal

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attack should it occur. When criminals do attack, brave men and women fight back. We also cooperate with police authorities when we have information on criminal activities.

Those of us who want to do our part to resist terrorism will go about our daily lives and hope that we never actually have to deal with a terrorist. At the same time, we will be alert to the fact that they are out there, that they are planning more attacks, and that any one of us might suddenly find him- or herself in a situation in which how one reacts may not only mean the difference between one's own life and death but the lives of thousands of our fellow citizens.

Invisible resistance to terrorism consists of three basic rules of action:

1. Do every thing possible to ensure you do not become a victim of a terrorist.
2. If, despite those efforts, you find yourself involved in a terrorist action or engaged with anyone you suspect intends to commit an act of terror, be prepared to do everything possible to frustrate the will of the terrorist, including the use of deadly resistance.
3. Demand that our political leaders give full attention to fulfilling their oath of office to defend our country against such acts in ways consistent with the U.S. Constitution.

The terrorists who carried out the attacks on September 11, 2001, were living among us. While the pundits have talked about possible failures by our government in identifying them beforehand, there must have been many situations in which a *single, alert citizen* could have frustrated their plans. It might have been an airport security guard, an alert airline agent, a suspicious neighbor, a hotel clerk, or even a waitress or taxi driver.

We have to admit that none of us suspected that such things would ever happen. Now we are warned. Therefore, every one of us must go about our daily lives aware that someone we meet

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along the way may be planning to commit an act of terror. We are already seeing evidence that Americans are intent on resisting terrorism. Crop duster pilots are taking key parts of their planes home at night. People on fishing trips are watching who might be dumping what in a reservoir. Citizens across the country are buying gas masks, water filters, medicines, and firearms. Many are changing travel plans by driving a car instead of flying so that they can always go armed, ready to resist with deadly force if necessary.

Our political leaders are also reacting. They know that we will hold them to their promises to find and punish those responsible as well as those who harbor and support them. We have made it clear that should they fail to do so, we will take our revenge on them at election time.

We will endure and we will defeat the campaign of terror that has been launched against us. But when that job is done, we will still have the problem of the drift of our country into democratic mob tyranny.

Individual Resistance to Tyranny— the Difficult Part of the Equation

Once we have identified, punished, or neutralized those responsible for the events of September 11, we will have a much more difficult problem to deal with—the problem of what has happened to freedom in our own country. The part that any ordinary citizen will play in the fight against terrorism depends on luck of the draw, with most of us having little or no opportunity to act at all except to live our lives without fear, but every one of us can take action against democratic mob tyranny.

Prior to September 11, 2001, those willing to fight for freedom had concluded that the greatest danger to our freedom was the drift into democratic mob tyranny deliberately manipulated by our own political leaders. We rightly understood that the enemies we must fear most are not the ones on a foreign shore but the enemies of freedom inside our own borders.