

Courting Disaster: How the CIA Kept America Safe and How Barack Obama Is Inviting the Next Attack - by Marc Thiessen
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Few Americans know of al Qaeda's 2006 plot to hijack seven American passenger jets and blow them up as they crossed the Atlantic. Fewer still know that this was just one of many post-9/11 terrorist plots that were foiled thanks to information obtained by waterboarding the captured 9/11 mastermind, Khalid Sheikh Mohammed . Yet, immediately upon taking office, President Barack Obama began to dismantle this vital program, and released reams of documents describing the techniques used to interrogate KSM and other high-value terrorists -- claiming that such techniques not only constituted "torture" but were also ineffective. While Obama's release of these documents has done enormous damage to our national security, it has also make it possible to prove that he is wrong on both counts.

Courting Disaster: How the CIA Kept America Safe and How Barack Obama Is Inviting the Next Attack contains some of the most sensitive intelligence information our country possesses: the secrets behind how the CIA successfully interrogated the men who killed thousands on September 11, 2001, and stopped them from killing thousands more. Written by former Bush administration insider Mark Thiessen -- who spent countless hours with the individuals who ran the CIA program -- Courting Disaster tells the story of how America's dedicated intelligence professionals went head- to-head with the world's most dangerous terrorists, got them to tell us their plans, and kept America safe for eight years -- until Barack Obama exposed their secrets to the enemy, unilaterally disarmed in the face of terror, and invited the next attack.

In exposing these secrets, writes Thiessen, President Obama repeated a number of lies about the CIA program -- falsehoods that have been widely echoed in the news media and have become part of the conventional wisdom. Courting Disaster challenges that conventional wisdom, and refutes the false arguments that have been made by Obama and the critics of the CIA program.

America has gone nearly eight years without another terrorist attack on our soil for one reason only: in the months and years after 9/11, we captured many of al Qaeda's top operational leaders and got them to tell us what they were planning. This achievement is taken for granted in some quarters today. But think back to that morning of September 12, 2001. Would you have believed, back then, that it was possible? If not, read Courting Disaster to find out who to thank, how they did it -- and how President Obama is putting America in danger again.

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