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ENCOURAGING NEWS Inbox

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The following is from a good friend that used to work for me and he also worked overseas for nearly 25 years, mostly in Saudi. I received this email message appended below his insight about the happenings going on now with Georgia recount. I hope he's right. I just heard on NewsMax that shocking news to be announced by Trump lawyers about the Georgia recount coming out Monday or Tuesday.

ENCOURAGING NEWS Saturday Afternoon 1:15pm EST, November 21, 2020

Hi Shermie.

Encouraging details are emerging from Lin Wood about tabulation of US votes on computers located in Spain. In addition, Computers were seized in Germany by US government. Lawyers should not reveal "specific factual evidence" before using that evidence in court lest opponents have more time to create a rebuttal. Note in interview below that Lin Wood references specific vote tallies that show Trump won over 400 electoral votes. So those tallies must have been sent to a computer in Europe to be manipulated for a slight Biden win before being sent back into USA.

Remember rumors in 2016 of CIA in Langley, Virginia, being threatened with bomber already in air unless they IMMEDIATELY ceased transmissions that were intended to alter election for Hillary C. Brenan was head of CIA then. I suspect that with Brennan's departure, those computers and software were moved to locations outside the USA. Remember that vital computers always have a backup in a distant location. In this case, I SUSPECT that the locations were in Spain and Germany. US Government has more clout to seize hostile computers in Germany than in Spain. So I suspect that real evidence will soon be presented and arrests immanent within next two weeks.

Also note Republican Governor of Georgia who appointed female Georgia Senator Leflor appears to be vulnerable to blackmail for kickbacks for overpriced purchase of Dominion voting systems. The Governor ignored Trump's advice to appoint a setting member of US House of Representatives, Collins I think.

Georgia Republican Secretary of State appears to be owned or blackmailed but have not seen proof other than his inept actions to conceal invalid Biden votes such as mail-in votes with NO CREASE on ballot to indicate that they were actually mailed.

Both Republican Governor of Georgia and Republican Secretary of State of Georgia may yet go to jail for their crimes.

North Georgia and down through Atlanta to Macon has long been a hot spot of Mafia activity since the 1970s.

About 50 years ago I was warned about my plans to open a neighbor bar with sandwiches, jukebox, and beer (maybe mixed drinks later). I was told that I would be ok as long as I was losing money but as soon as it became profitable I would be forced to sell at a bargain price or else my customers would be assaulted and afraid to patronize the bar. Those were the days when tens of thousands of young adults in their twenties were moving into Atlanta into the area where I proposed to open the neighborhood bar. The person who warned me worked at a more upscale mafia establishment.

So crooks have long ago been active in Atlanta and surrounding areas. I remember when Lester Maddox was elected Governor in spite of opposition from Atlanta Constitution newspaper and Atlanta business elites. Mafia halted plans for prostitution and gambling in estate leased near Buckhead in north Atlanta.

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I suspect that both Governor and Secretary of State in Georgia are both motivated by greed and not politics.

I still believe that Trump will be inaugurated on January 20, 2021.

Jim

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Netanyahu phones freed spy Pollard: 'we're waiting for you'

PM promises Jonathan Pollard, and wife Esther, comfortable life in Israel as a free man after 35 years; 'Your nightmare is over and you can come home to Israel'

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Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Tuesday phoned Jonathan Pollard, the former U.S. Navy analyst convicted of spying for Israel in the 1980s, telling him: "We're waiting for you."

The U.S. Justice Department announced last Friday that Pollard had completed his parole, clearing the way for him to move to Israel 35 years after he was arrested.

"You should have now a comfortable life where you can pursue, both of you can pursue your interests," Netanyahu said in a conversation with Pollard and his wife Esther. Netanyahu's office released excerpts of the videotaped conversation.

Esther Pollard is undergoing medical treatment in New York for cancer. It is not yet clear when the couple will be able to move to Israel.

Netanyahu promised top-notch medical care for Esther Pollard, and speaking in Hebrew to her, said the country is ready to receive them with "open arms."

"Your nightmare is over and you can come home to Israel," Netanyahu said.

Pollard, a civilian intelligence analyst for the U.S. Navy, sold military secrets to Israel while working at the Pentagon in the 1980s. He was arrested in 1985 after trying unsuccessfully to gain asylum at the Israeli Embassy in Washington and pleaded guilty. The espionage affair embarrassed Israel and tarnished its relations with the United States for years.

Pollard was given a life sentence and U.S. defense and intelligence officials consistently argued against releasing Pollard. But after serving 30 years in federal prison, he was released on Nov. 20, 2015, and placed on a five-year parole period that ended last week.

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Supreme leader dismisses talks as Iran looks to post-Trump future Khamenei accuses U.S. of interfering in regional affairs and unfairly attempting to limit Iranian missile program, says his country's efforts at negotiations got them nowhere Reuters Published: 11.24.20, 17:04

Iran's supreme leader dismissed the prospect of new negotiations with the West on Tuesday, even as the Tehran government spoke optimistically about the return of foreign companies in "the absence of Trump" and his sanctions.

President-elect Joe Biden's victory has raised the possibility that the United States could rejoin a deal Iran reached with world powers in 2015, under which sanctions were lifted in return for curbs on Iran's nuclear program.

President Donald Trump abandoned the deal in 2018, and Tehran responded by scaling down its compliance.

Biden's staff says the former vice president aims to restore the deal provided that Iran again abides by it. But diplomats and analysts have also said this was unlikely to happen overnight, as the adversaries would both want additional commitments.

Washington wants Iran to curb missile programs which are not covered by the nuclear deal, and reduce its interventions in the Middle East. Iran has long said it will not negotiate over missiles, and no talks can begin unless Washington returns to the nuclear agreement and lifts sanctions unconditionally.

In remarks reported by state television on Tuesday, Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei expressed skepticism about the entire project of negotiating with the West. "We once tried the path of having the sanctions lifted and negotiated several years, but this got us nowhere," he said.

"They interfere in regional affairs, they tell us not to intervene. And while Britain and France have nuclear missiles, they tell us not to have missiles. What does it have to do with you? You should first correct yourselves."

Khamenei has long criticized negotiations with the West. Nevertheless, he gave his ultimate blessing to the nuclear agreement when it was reached.

The U.S. sanctions restored under Trump have since hit Iran's economy hard, undermining pragmatist President Hassan Rouhani's argument that opening the country up to the world would improve the quality of life.

Government spokesman Ali Rabiei said on Tuesday that foreign companies were already preparing to return.

"Recently, contacts about opening offices and the presence of foreign companies in Iran have increased," Rabiei told a news conference that was streamed live on a government website.

"Certainly, with the... lifting of the oppressive sanctions and the absence of Trump, the presence of foreign companies and a willingness to invest in Iran will increase."

A European diplomat said companies were still wary of a lack of transparency in Iran and that Biden lifting sanctions would not be enough to lure them back. "There's just no benefit for a major company to play around in a market with so little financial transparency. No compliance officer is going to sanction such a move."

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Israel sends delegation to Sudan to firm up ties

According to Intelligence Minister Eli Cohen, initial meetings in Khartoum will be small and focus on security matters in preparation for larger talks on possible economic cooperation in near future

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Israel sent a first delegation to Sudan on Monday after the countries announced a U.S.-brokered agreement on Oct. 23 to take steps towards establishing ties, Army Radio reported.

Israeli and Sudanese officials had no immediate comment.

Speaking last week, Intelligence Minister Eli Cohen said the initial delegation to Sudan would be small and tasked with security matters. A larger delegation would follow to address possible economic cooperation with Khartoum, he told Ynet TV.

Sudan followed the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain in becoming the third Arab government to engage Israel with the encouragement of Washington, which sees such contacts as helping to isolate Iran and sidestep stalled Palestinian statehood talks. But the military and civilian echelons of the transitional Sudanese government have been divided over how fast and how far to go towards normalizing relations with Israel.

On Monday, Education Minister Yoav Gallant confirmed that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had visited Saudi Arabia for talks with Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, in a possibly related breakthrough.

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Mossad Chief Yossi Cohen were also reportedly part of the meeting.

Defense Minister Benny Gantz and Foreign Minister Gabi Ashkenazi were kept in the dark about the flight.

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Netanyahu makes secret Saudi Arabia trip for talks with bin Salman PM accompanied by Mossad chief Yossi Cohen, met by Pompeo on brief visit to Neom; PM's office declines to comment as Netanyahu aide alludes to peace making effort on social media; defense, foreign ministers not informed of meeting in advance Itay Blumenthal, Itamar Eichner Published: 11.23.20, 10:11

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday made a secret trip to Saudi Arabia for talks with Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman on Sunday,

The prime minister was accompanied by Mossad Director Yossi Cohen and U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo also attended the meeting.

The Prime Minister's Office declined to comment, but Netanyahu's close aide Topaz Luk appeared to confirm the meeting with a Twitter post that took a swing at Defense Minister Benny Gantz for busying himself with political maneuvers as the prime minister was engaged in peace efforts.

"Gantz is playing politics while Netanyahu is making peace," Luk wrote in Hebrew.

Luk was apparently referring to Gantz's announcement on Sunday of a governmental committee to investigate alleged corruption in the purchase submarines from Germany. Neither Gantz nor Foreign Minister Gabi Ashkenazi were informed of the trip in advance, despite joining Netanyahu for a memorial service for David Ben-Gurion earlier in the day.

Netanyahu remained on Saudi soil for at least four hours. He and Cohen left Ben-Gurion International Airport at 7:50pm on a private jet and landed in Saudi Arabia at 8:30pm, returning to Israel after midnight.

The visit to the Neom, a coastal city in the Gulf state, came as the outgoing administration of U.S. President Donald Trump was reported to consider a military strike on Iran, Saudi Arabia's long-time foe.

Iran had reportedly put its allies in the region on high alert in anticipation of an American strike.

U.S. President-elect Joe Biden has publicly advocated for a return to the 2015 Iran nuclear deal, which Trump withdrew from in 2018.

According to reports in Saudi Arabia, the crown prince has expressed support in establishing relations with Israel but his father King Salman is opposed to such a move. According to the Wall Street Journal, bin Salman knew in advance of the UAE's intention to sign its recent normalization agreement with Israel, but did not notify his father of the move for fears the king may try to stop it.

Trump has said publicly that he believes the Saudis would follow the UAE, Bahrain and Sudan and establish ties with Israel.

Saudi Foreign Minister Faisal bin Farhan Al-Saud, who was likely present during Netanyahu's meeting with bin Salman, said Saturday that the kingdom supports full normalization with Israel but reiterated Riyadh's long-held stance that such an agreement could only come after the creation of a Palestinian state.

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Gantz forms inquiry committee into Submarine Affair

Governmental panel, which set to publish findings in 4 months and would require any citizen who is subpoenaed to appear before it or face possible imprisonment, will investigate mass graft case which already saw the prosecution of several Netanyahu associates

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Defense Minister Benny Gantz announced Sunday the formation of a governmental committee which will investigate the alleged submarine graft case, which allegedly saw Israeli officials advocating for the purchase of submarines and patrol boats in return for kickbacks.

The panel will be headed by former Tel Aviv District Court Judge Amnon Strashnov, a former IDF chief military counsel, and will also include former navy commander Avraham Ben Shushan and former Defense Ministry acquisitions director Yael Grill.

The so-called submarine affair, known as Case 3000, allegedly saw Israeli civilian and military officials advocating for the purchase of submarines and patrol boats from German shipbuilder Thyssenkrupp in return for payoffs. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is also accused of approving Thyssenkrupp's sale of submarines and antisubmarine warships to Egypt.

The case was under severe public scrutiny when it was first revealed, with several officials linked to the deal and being investigated over allegations of conflict of interest, bribery and corruption among others.

While the affair led to the prosecution of some of Netanyahu's associates, the prime minister himself was never a suspect in the case.

Gantz's office said the findings of the committee will be presented within four months and will be shared with the public "transparently."

The committee is to be established under military law, which would require any citizen who is subpoenaed — including Netanyahu and his associates — to appear or face possible imprisonment.

"In light of these consultations and current information to which he is privy, Gantz has come to the conclusion that a formal inquiry by a Defense Ministry commission will be able to shed light on some of the processes that led to the procurement of submarines and patrol boats, looking at the procedures and contracting execution," the defense minister's office said in a statement.

Coalition chairman and close Netanyahu ally Miki Zohar slammed Gantz, saying his decision to establish the committee is "no less than a provocation against Likud and its leader."

"Even though Gantz knows well that Netanyahu had nothing to do with the submarine story, he is acting to be smirch him while endangering the coalition," Zohar said.
"This is yet more proof that Gantz is dragging Israel to elections during a global crisis."

Likud Public Security Minister Amir Ohana responded that he may also form a ministerial committee to probe Gantz's role in the bankruptcy of his former cybersecurity company, The Fifth Dimension.

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Biden team ready to lead the world & vows to renew allies of Paris climate accord

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With new national security team, Biden stresses alliances, U.S. leadership
Biden said his team reflects the fact that America is back, ready to lead the world, not retreat from it, saying world leaders expressed their anticipation of the U.S. reasserting its role as global leader

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President-Elect Joe Biden on Tuesday stressed his plans for a foreign policy based on the United States taking a global leadership role and strengthening its alliances in the Asia-Pacific region after four turbulent years under President Donald Trump.

Introducing his planned national security team, Biden said his selection for Secretary of State, Antony Blinken, would rebuild morale and trust in the U.S. State Department.

The team embodied his core belief "that America is strongest when it works with its allies," Biden said.

"It's a team that reflects the fact that America is back, ready to lead the world, not retreat from it," he told a news briefing in Wilmington, Delaware.

Biden said had been struck in calls with world leaders "by how much they're looking forward to the United States reasserting its historic role as a global leader over the Pacific, as well as the Atlantic, all across the world."

Biden vowed to strengthen alliances in the Asia-Pacific stressed the diplomatic experience of his team, which had, working with partners, secured "some of the most defining national security and diplomatic achievements in recent memory."

"That's how we truly keep America safe. Without engaging in needless military conflicts, and our adversaries in check," he said.

During the election campaign, Biden vowed to reverse Trump's decision to pull the United States out of the Paris accord on climate change, take a tough line on China's expanding influence worldwide and rejoin the Iran nuclear accord if Tehran resumes strict compliance.

In addition to Blinken, Biden's team includes Jake Sullivan as national security adviser and Linda Thomas-Greenfield as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

Biden, who is due to take office on Jan. 20, said he hoped the Republican-dominated Senate would give a prompt hearing to his nominees.

Blinken also stressed the need to work with allies, who Trump often made a target for public criticism as part of his "America First" approach to foreign policy.

"We can't solve all the world's problems alone" he said. "We need to be working with other countries, we need their cooperation, we need their partnership."

Thomas-Greenfield added: "I want to say to you: America is back. Multilateralism is back. Diplomacy is back."