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Mr. Brent Jones
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The USA TODAY
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Dear Mr. Jones,

The article "Officials: U.S. 'outed' Iran's spies in 1997 (Barbara Slavin, March 30, 2004), revealed the fact that the Clinton administration was aware that the Iranian regime ordered the bombing of U.S. Barracks in Saudi Arabia in 1996, which killed 19 U.S. airmen and it struck back by unmasking Iranian intelligence officers around the world and disrupting Iranian-backed terrorism.

The article, gives some more examples of the Iranian backed terrorism, such as seizing the U.S. embassy in 1979, backing the bombings of Beirut in 1983, killing 241 Americans, hijacking a TWA flight on which a U.S. Navy diver was murdered and kidnapping American Journalists and academics in Beirut throughout 1980s.

As the author indicates, Iranian natives are seldom used in terrorist attacks ordered by Iran. Instead, Iran prefers to use trained Islamic fundamentalists from different backgrounds. This makes it difficult to track the attacks back to Iran.

The question is that why the Clinton administration did not disclose the identities of the terrorists backed and trained by Iran? Why the administration chose to believe that Iran has in fact ceased sponsoring international terrorism after 1996? Could it be that Iran simply changed tactics after its operations were being exposed? Why Clinton administration did listed Iranian dissident group in the terrorist list?

Is it possible that if the terrorism was dealt with in its heart, Tehran, it could not have been such a worldwide problem now? Would be very difficult to look at the eyes of the families of 9/11 victims and answer this question.

Regards,

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