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**"Our country, right or wrong. When right, to be kept right,
when wrong to be put right."**

[Carl Schurz, US Major General & Statesman (1829 - 1906)]

Rob Mulford goes on trial Wednesday April 25, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. for taking part in the Occupation project (a Nonviolent Antiwar Action) at the office of Senator Ted Stevens on February 20th. Don Muller of Sitka was tried last week of the same offense and sentenced to 90 days with 75 suspended, 3 years probation, and a \$1000 fine. Rob faces possibly the same punishment. It is a sad irony that the two may face harsher punishment than the men responsible for the deaths of hundreds of thousands of innocent human beings.

What can we as citizens do when.....

.....we become aware that perfidious officials in our government and powerful moneyed corporations have exploited the pain that our nation suffered on 9/11/2001, by sowing seeds of fear and hate to advance their own nefarious agenda?

.....we become aware that these same officials have: through a deliberate campaign of deceit; with intelligence and facts fixed around the policy; **planned, prepared, initiated and waged a war of aggression in violation of international treaties, agreements and assurances (Nuremberg Principles) against Iraq, a sovereign nation that was no credible threat to the U.S.?**

..... we become aware that these same officials, in the **planning, preparation, and waging of their war of aggression and occupation** have passed laws to protect themselves from answering to violations of International Humanitarian Law (War Crimes)

..... we become aware that these same officials, in the **planning, preparation, and waging of their war of aggression and occupation** are responsible for the commission of documented egregious violations of International Humanitarian Law (War Crimes) as codified in the Geneva Conventions and Hague Regulations?

..... we become aware that these same officials have willfully failed "*to take all steps to re-establish and insure, as far as possible, public order and safety, while respecting, unless absolutely prevented, the laws in force in the country*" as per U.N. Resolution 1483, establishing the occupational authority, as well as international law as codified in the Geneva Conventions, the Hague Regulations (Article 43) and the U.S. Army's Law of Land Warfare?

..... we become aware that these same officials, in the **planning, preparation, and waging of their war of aggression and occupation**, have and are reaping heavy profit from the execution of war?

..... we become aware that in the **planning, preparation, and waging of their war of aggression and occupation**, their ultimate goal was then as it is now, **the acquisition of Iraq's vast oil wealth?**

..... we become aware that these same officials, in the **planning, preparation, and waging of their war of aggression and occupation**, are responsible for the crippling, the displacement, and the ruin of the lives of additional millions of innocent human beings?

..... we become aware that these same officials, in the **planning, preparation, and waging of their war of aggression and occupation**, are responsible for the death of over 3,300 American Servicemen and Women?

..... we become aware that these same officials, in the **planning, preparation, and waging of their war of aggression and occupation**, are responsible for the death of hundreds of thousands of innocent Iraqi Citizens?

..... we become aware that these same officials, in the **planning, preparation, and waging of their war of aggression and occupation**, are responsible for the life altering injuries of over 50,000 American Servicemen and Women?

..... we become aware that these same officials, in the **planning, preparation, and waging of their war of aggression and occupation**, are responsible for the horror of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, which is destroying the lives of heroes and wrecking families?

What can we as citizens do when.....

..... we become aware that these same officials, in the **planning, preparation, and waging of their war of aggression and occupation**, are responsible for the insanity of Sectarian Violence?

..... we become aware that, because of their **planning, preparation, and waging of their war of aggression and occupation**, we are not safer and that freedom is increasingly more threatened by our own government than by some outside "enemy"?

..... we become aware that much of the world that once considered the U.S. a bastion of human rights and democracy now sees us as an imperialistic threat to world security?

As citizens of the United States of America we are subject to its sovereignty. As a democratic republic the state is an extension of our moral authority and will. Having become aware that high crimes are being committed by the government of our country in our name **should we sit idly; just complain; or trust the Democrats to remedy?**

Four years of using approved methods to correct these miscarriages of justice has shown little remedy in the official channels of democratic governance. The last election was largely influenced by the grassroots efforts of the peace movement and the public's natural tiring of war but the resulting Democratic Party majority in Congress has proven to be nearly impotent with regard to these matters. **The party's leadership disingenuously talks as if they will end the war at the same time they are funding it.** They make nonbinding resolutions. Arrogantly, they insist that Iraq satisfy their benchmarks **as if the poor, beaten, and forsaken people of that country want or do not care** about the violence that has been forced on them by the policies of the United States Government. **They play politics with human lives!**

Because our corporate media are owned by or affiliated with those same moneyed interests afore mentioned, they have been complicit and / or absent from any serious coverage or discussion on the

subject of the legitimacy of the war.

The Constitution of the United States of America states in **Article 6, Section 2:**

"This Constitution, and the Laws of the United States which shall be made in Pursuance thereof; and all **Treaties made, or which shall be made, under the Authority of the United States, shall be the supreme Law of the Land**; and the Judges in every State shall be bound thereby, any Thing in the Constitution or Laws of any State to the Contrary notwithstanding."

Will we get anywhere if we try to press charges on President Bush, Vice President Cheney, and Secretary Rice? Where can we go to have justice served?

What recourse do we have when we become aware that our government and some of the most powerful members of our country are guilty of and / or complicit in the commission of the highest of crimes?

There have been times throughout history when the practice of Nonviolent Resistance as practiced by Mohandas Gandhi or Dr. King has proven to be the catalyst for social, political, and economic justice. We believe that such a catalyst is needed now. **This is the basis of my defense.**

Please help! Be that catalyst!

Rob Mulford, Organizer