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An Open letter to the Right Honourable Jean Chrétien:

Dear Mr. Chrétien:

You were quoted in the September 13 *Vancouver Sun* newspaper saying: “I think that the rest of the [Western] world is a bit too selfish, and that there is a lot of resentment... And necessarily, you know, we’re [the Western world] looked upon as being arrogant, self-satisfying, greedy and with no limits. And the 11th of September is an occasion for me to realize that it’s even more.” Thank you for those brave words.

There is an estimated \$6 trillion worth of oil in the Caspian Sea area. The United States government quietly announced on Jan 31, 2002 that it would support the construction of a Trans-Afghanistan pipeline to the Arabian Sea... One need not even investigate the myriad oil industry connections of President Bush and his inner circle to understand that whatever else, there is immense drive from history’s greatest debtor nation to retain US dollar and economic hegemony on the planet. Thank you for questioning the moral superiority of the United States.

If the United States really wanted to make the world safe from terrorism, should it not first look into its own and G-8 complicities? Together, the G-8 holds 98 per cent of the 31,000 nuclear weapons in the world; spends 75 per cent of the \$800-billion annual world military expenditures; and accounts for 87 per cent of the \$40-billion annual trade in weapons, including biological and chemical warfare ordnance. Since World War II the US has intervened sixty-seven times in other nations’ affairs, occasioning twelve million deaths. Thank you for reminding the West of its own “evil” addiction to wealth, power and weapons of mass destruction.

Terrorism by any other name...

Sincerely

Wayne Northey