"A lie gets halfway around the world before the truth has a chance to get its pants on."

- Winston Churchill

On September 7, 2002 President Bush pronounced:

"I would remind you that when the inspectors first went into Iraq ... a report came out of the IAEA [International Atomic Energy Agency] that they were six months away from developing a nuclear weapon...I don't know what more evidence we need." 1

Bush's claim stoked the fires of war for three weeks before the truth came out:

"There's never been a report like that issued from this agency." 2

--Mark Gwozdecky, IAEA chief spokesman

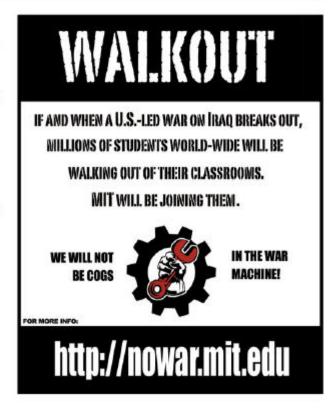
Bush and Tony Blair have also misled the public about satellite photos, hardened aluminum tubes, and intelligence sources that 'prove' Iraqi nuclear activity. Referring to the tubes and other claims by President Bush, Vincent Cannistraro, former head of counter-intelligence at the CIA said:

"Basically, cooked information is working its way into high-level pronouncements and there's a lot of unhappiness about it in intelligence, especially at the CIA." ³

Marine General Anthony C. Zinni, former Commander-in-Chief, Central Command for US Forces in the Middle East, had this to say:

"All the generals see it the same way and all the others who have never fired a shot and are hot to go to war see it another way." ⁴
"We are about to do something that could

"We are about to do something that could ignite a fuse in this region that we will rue the day we ever started." 5



 $^{^1}Bush, Blair\,Say\,International\,\,Community\,\,Must\,\,Act\,\,on\,\,Iraq,\,\, US\,\,Dept.\,\,of\,\,State,\,\,9/7/02.$ http://usinfo.state.gov/regional/nea/iraq/text/0907bshblr.htm

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⁴Gen. Zinni Says War with Iraq is Unwise, Tampa Tribune, 8/24/02. www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/intrel/bush/zinni2.htm

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