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*Co-Existence—Or What Happens When 2 Worlds Collide*

On Friday, Trump meets Putin in Anchorage—the same day I’m having 5 septic systems cleaned out. I can’t help but wonder if there might not be some corollary in the 2 events?

With Trump saying that he is on board with the Europeans, expectations for this meeting are in doubt. Prior to scheduling Anchorage, several working groups were set up to deal with the simple stuff, Russian embassies, naming a Russian ambassador, stolen Russian FOREX, secondary sanctions. As of now, none of these are functioning.

Trump talks about a land swap and a cease fire. Are either of those things probable from the Russian side? I’m thinking Putin sees this as a kind of *meet and greet*, buying time while Russia pushes battle-lines forward—towards certain Ukrainian surrender.

According to the Russian constitution, Russia can’t give back territory captured/absorbed into the Russian Federation. Putin could withdraw from regions not ratified into the Federation, in exchange for sanction removal, end of Ukraine weapons re-supply, return of foreign reserves—and end of US/Ukraine intelligence—StarLinks.

Does Trump understand the parameters? Doubtful. The US, viewing the global stage as its hegemony, doesn’t appreciate that resistance to the

Empire grows only stronger. As when Obama (Saoudis), conducted a 10-year bombing campaign against Yemen, Yemen grew much stronger—to where it now controls much of Israeli shipping lanes.

Trump sees himself as the referee for the Russia/Ukraine war, when in fact he himself, and the nation he represents, the US, by his own admissions caused the war—a proxy war to destroy Russia. Also, Trump takes credit for ending NordStream 2, for Javelins that destroyed Russian tanks before they could take Kiev. Is this Biden's war?

Trump goes into this meeting with abominable poll numbers. His handling of Russia is down 5%. His handling of Ukraine is down 16%. And these numbers pale to the schism in his base over Epstein. Making it worse, the US/Israel/Ukraine are on short-term schedules, whereas Iran/Russia/China play the long game—all the time the world.

There is much that Trump does not understand, beginning with BRICS. BRICS is not about a currency to rival the dollar. Nor is it a military alliance. BRICS is doing business, based on trust. BRICS has what the US lacks—trusted levels of predicability.

Trump, by many, is seen as a serial liar. He does lie, but at the risk of offending readers, Trump, more and more (maybe it has to do with diminishing mental ability), does not have mental acuity to reason to a conclusion—yet he retains his hubris/ego.

As a result, attempting to understand Trump, makes for mind spasms as to Trump's next move. Now, *with a Billy Clinton (Epstein) stain on the blue dress moment*, and his base in revolt, it's more difficult/frightening to read him. What's not difficult to read is his elevating stakes of the game. Letting the world know he's transferred nuclear missiles to Britain/maneuvered nuclear submarines closer to Russia—is lunatic brinksmanship.

Somehow, Trump thinks he holds the winning hand in his dealings with Putin. The likes of Newt Gingrich, Senators, Kennedy/Lindsey Graham echo Trump's view that Putin is a thug who attacks civilians. More lies—the US/Israel/Ukraine does that.

As days go by, control becomes a major aspect of the Trump motif. Crime in DC, according to Trump, at the beginning of 2015, was at a 30 year low. Now, 7 months later, Trump is taking over the streets of DC by emergency executive order, using the National Guard to remove homeless citizens. Is DC a shit-hole? For certain, but does Trump have concern for legality as he proceeds? His out-of-control spending breeds homelessness. The National guard in DC shares an Israeli/Gaza optic. What's next?

Getting ready for Anchorage, I rewatched the 1956—*Invasion of the Body Snatchers*.

I forgot what it was about that movie that resonates deep in my soul—a people fated to live a day to day existence in a collective, devoid of all human emotion and ethics.

What I fear is an America when the Constitution/Bill of Rights no longer matters—all but forgotten 10 Amendments built around justice—our republic's 250 year history, and its offer of quality of life that comes from justice and equality for all—under the law.

When Trump was asked if he's read The Constitution, he said no—he has people for that. Considering Trump wants out of Ukraine, we might best gauge who Trump is by what he wants to do next, pivot to Asia to take on China. Trump's neocons refer to China's contracts with nations as *trapped diplomacy*. In other words, China, rather than supporting nations through Belt/Road, traps them—to later be taken advantage of.

That's disinformation from Obama/Biden/Trump. In 12 years of the Belt/

Road, there has been no seizure of assets by China—for unserviced loans. China does business without spreading ideology. 80% of the world, especially the young, trust China more than the US. China has signed-over 1100 projects, forgiven some, repossessed none.

Trump wants to pass Ukraine (and war against Russia), over to Europe, so he can deal with the more pressing problem of China. What's likely to take place in Anchorage? Maybe some talk about a nuclear treaty—renew treaties Trump scrapped at behest of Bolton? Maybe a comprehensive security agreement for Russia/Europe?

There's no way. Trump hasn't a clue what that is. Besides, it would be going against the neocon/arms producers. Land-swap—whatever the hell that is—and a cease fire? Putin will agree to a cease-fire if his terms of 2022 are met. This is a good optic for Putin—a willingness to come to US soil. He gets to show his willingness to negotiate—and he gets to buy some time to crush the Ukrainian army into submission/defeat.

What's in it for Trump? He gets to back off from 100% tariffs. What is difficult for Trump is all the threats—if Putin will not go for the cease fire—Trump will go after him. If Putin simply provides historical analysis for his position (Trump will be incapable of following), Trump might just blow-up the meeting. Or, Trump goes along with Russia's requirements for comprehensive security? As the Brits would say: *Not bloody likely*.

If the only measure for the success/failure of the meeting were next week's gold price—that would tell the tale. Gold rising shows distrust of government. That's my bet.

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