Quote of the week: "..a miracle....We consider health reform to have been an important battle and a success of his (Obama's) government." - Praise for the recently enacted health bill from the Cuban communist dictator

Fidel Castro

Foreign Policy: It is stunning how the Obama administration is fervantly pursuing a foreign policy that praises those who would destroy us yet punishes our allies and friends. The president's multiple snubs of Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu at the White House have been well publicized. The snubs included the conspicuous absence of public appearances with the Prime Minister, rudely making him wait in the White House while Obama had dinner, and unwarranted public criticism of the Israeli settlements in Jerusalem, and all the while we continue to engage the regimes in Iran and Syria. These actions show just how backwards this administration has things. Rather than criticize the Jerusalem settlements, I believe that the U.S. should move our Embassy from Tel Aviv, where it is now located, to Jerusalem. After all, the Israeli government is located in Jerusalem and we should have our diplomats there as well. This will serve both a practical purpose and signal support to Jerusalem as the current and historical capital of the country.

Unfortunately the Obama administration's snubs of our friends are not limited to just Israel. Recently, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton offered to help "negotiate" the fate of the Falkland Islands between Argentina and the United Kingdom. You may remember the 1982 Falklands campaign which earned then British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher the title of the 'Iron Lady'. These island's occupants are 100% British either by birth or descent and their inclusion as a part of Britain predates Argentina's existence as a country. What the Obama administration is doing here is the equivalent of the British government offering to "negotiate" the Hawaiian Islands between the U.S. and Japan in 1941, since the Japanese clearly thought that they were entitled to them. Here is a link to an article I wrote recently for *London's Daily Telegraph* newspaper on this subject.

The "special relationship" between the U.S. and the U.K. has existed for decades through presidents and prime ministers of all parties in both countries. However, President Obama appears not to believe in either American exceptionalism or the 'special relationship' with the U.K., who is unquestionably our closest ally on earth. As this President inexorably tries to wreck all that is good about America, I refuse to stand by and watch. As Co-Chairman of the U.S./U.K. caucus in Congress, we will be stepping up efforts to establish close relationships between Members of Congress and Members of Parliament of all parties and in all regions of both countries. We can keep this relationship special through Congress regardless of what President Obama may do.

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Until next time, I remain respectfully,

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