

May 30, 2006

Dear George,

Re: the man in Michigan who sent Dick Cheney an email saying he wishes Cheney would have a heart attack.

I read that your Secret Service arrested some poor guy in Michigan who sent an email expressing his wish that Dick Cheney would have another heart attack. Seems this fella was under the illusion that Americans still have the right to express their intense anger toward big shots. Guess you showed him!

Now, I see where you're goin' with this George. I mean freedom is okay for history books and folks on horseback. But, hell George, this freedom stuff is real dangerous in the twenty-first century. I can see that *you* understand the dangers. I know you've got no use for freedom, because otherwise your Praetorian Guard wouldn't have arrested this guy just for hoping that Dick's ticker would go on the fritz again. And, of course I know you've got no use at all for those stupid outdated notions called representative democracy, and all that junk. I mean if you cared what people thought you'd be listening to them and you'd be opposing amnesty for millions of lawbreaking illegal aliens instead of supporting it like the American Bankers Association, the poultry processors and the US Chamber of Commerce want you to do. And it sure as heck is clear that you absolutely have no tolerance for notions like upholding laws you don't like or some dumb, old fashioned idea that your power is limited by the United States Constitution. You showed us how your power is unlimited when you signed that agreement with Mexico and Canada called The Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America and didn't bother to submit it to the Senate for ratification as a treaty or even ask Americans whether they really wanted to begin the process of dissolving our borders and surrendering our sovereignty to the meth makers in Mexico City.

But George, I gotta tell you, arresting this fella in Michigan was *premature* and for that reason it was stupid. Now, you understand that I didn't say it was "wrong" to arrest this guy for expressing his opinion. I know that freedom stuff is old hat. I said "premature." That's because the rest of the country hasn't caught up to where you are on this issue. I mean, *you* know that this guy should be put in the slammer for wishing nasty things on one of your boys, but most Americans are too behind the times to get it. They don't agree with you. You gotta give them time.

I have to admit George that personally I do think this guy had the right to say what he said. But of course, in my family we've got a history of saying what we think. Heck, my German grandmother was ratted on to the Gestapo in the late '30's when the people in her apartment building were listening to Hitler give a speech, and she said she wouldn't listen to any more of that crap. Next thing she knew, the Gestapo was all over the building asking about her loyalty to the Fuhrer. Well, good thing most of her neighbors liked her, 'cause they all lied and said she was a good German and would never insult the Fuhrer.

But see, my grandmother was old fashioned like me and that Michigan guy. And see, Hitler didn't arrest people for stuff like that until he was a little further on in his career than you are. And by the time grandma was given the third degree by guys in leather topcoats everyone in Germany already knew it wasn't healthy to say bad things about the guys at the top. Everyone knew they'd better keep their mouths shut, and those that didn't, well they were just plain stupid 'cause they got free tickets to Dachau (that was a concentration camp, Georgie).

But George, it's still too early for *you* to start arresting people for sayin' stuff you don't like. Don't be so impatient, you'll get there in time; at the rate you're importing Third World people into this country with no concept of democratic institutions, pretty soon you'll be able to send the Secret

Service (conveniently abbreviated as "SS") to stick guys like this in concrete and no one will even notice, and if they did they'd damn sure wanna keep quiet about it.

So George, just take it easy. You've got two and a half years to continue to undermine American democracy until the Constitution says you gotta retire. And I've got lots of confidence in you Georgie boy. In two and a half years I wouldn't be surprised if you just decided to stay on another decade or so. I mean after all, this changing Presidents and electing a new one every few years, it's so damn old fashioned. That stuff belongs to the past. Just like allowing guys in Michigan to say stuff you don't like.

Adios,

Peter

P.S. Just wanted to reassure you that I want nothing but the best of health for you.