

US COVERT OPERATIONS AGAINST IRAQ  
DURING THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION

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(ABSTRACT)

During the Clinton administration, a series of unsuccessful covert operations against the regime of Saddam Hussein and support for Iraqi opposition groups were carried out. In retrospect, these actions were an extension of the 1991 Gulf War against Iraq and a precursor to the 2003 War, which finally removed the dictator but has now involved the US in a virulent Iraqi insurgency. This paper will not only analyze these covert operations, but also seek to ascertain what lessons they might have held for US mistakes later made in the 2003 War and its aftermath. The data for this paper were gathered through fieldwork in Iraq, interviews with US intelligence officials and Iraqi opposition leaders, as well as secondary sources.



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Dear Professor Datlof:

I would be very grateful if you would consider my proposed paper "US Covert Operations Against Iraq During the Clinton Administration" for your 11<sup>th</sup> Presidential Conference/William Jefferson Clinton on November 10-12, 2005. My paper fits well into your categories of foreign policy, Middle East, Iraq, and/or terrorism, which you listed in your call for papers you sent me. As requested, I am also submitting a one-page abstract and copy of my CV along with this letter of intent. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Michael M. Gunter'.

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