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7. Stephen Van Evera, *The Causes of War: Power and the Roots of Conflict* (Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, 1999), pp. 191–192.

8. Van Evera, pp. 182–183.

9. President Bush's Interview with Diane Sawyer, 16 December 2003, http://www.abc.org.

10. Elias Canetti, *Crowds and Power* (New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1984), p. 73.

11. Bradley A. Thayer, *Darwin and International Relations: On the Evolutionary Origins of War and Ethnic Conflict* (Lexington: The University Press of Kentucky, 2004), pp. 77–78, 243–274.

12. Title 18, Sections 1340–1340A, http://uscode.house.gov/download/pls/18C113C.txt

13. Memorandum, Jay S. Bybee, Assistant Attorney General to Alberto R. Gonzales, Subject: Standards of Conduct for Interrogation under 18 U.S.C. 2340–2340A, 1 August 2002, in *The Torture Papers*, pp. 172–217, at pp. 200, 203.

14. David Alan Rosenberg, "The origins of overkill: Nuclear weapons and American strategy, 1945–1960," *International Security* Spring 1983, 7(4):3–71.

15. "A nation challenged: Notes found after the hijackings," *New York Times*, September 29, 2001.

16. "Focus special: The Atta document in full: Last words of a terrorist: 'All of their equipment and gates and technology will not prevent, not harm, except by God's will. The believers do not fear such things. The only ones that fear it are the allies of Satan,"' *The Observer*, September 30, 2001, p. 17.

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