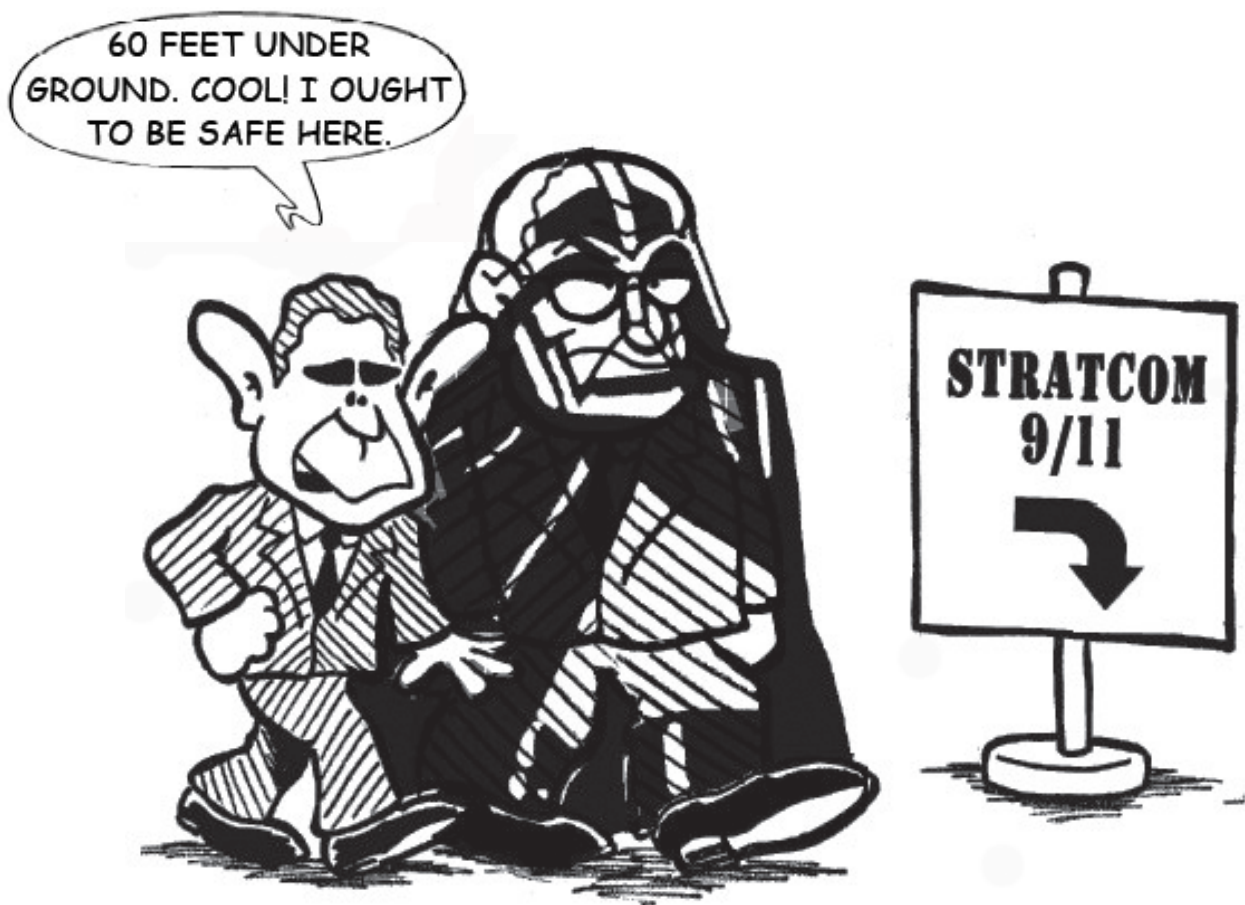


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The Most Dangerous Place on the Face of the Earth



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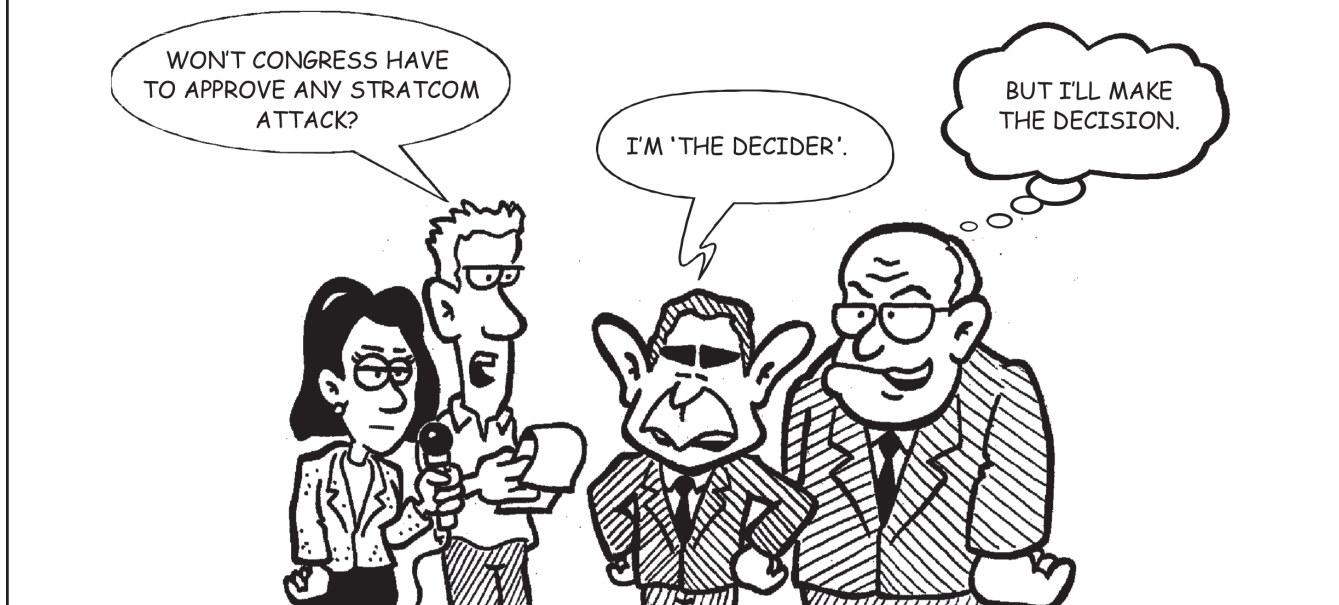
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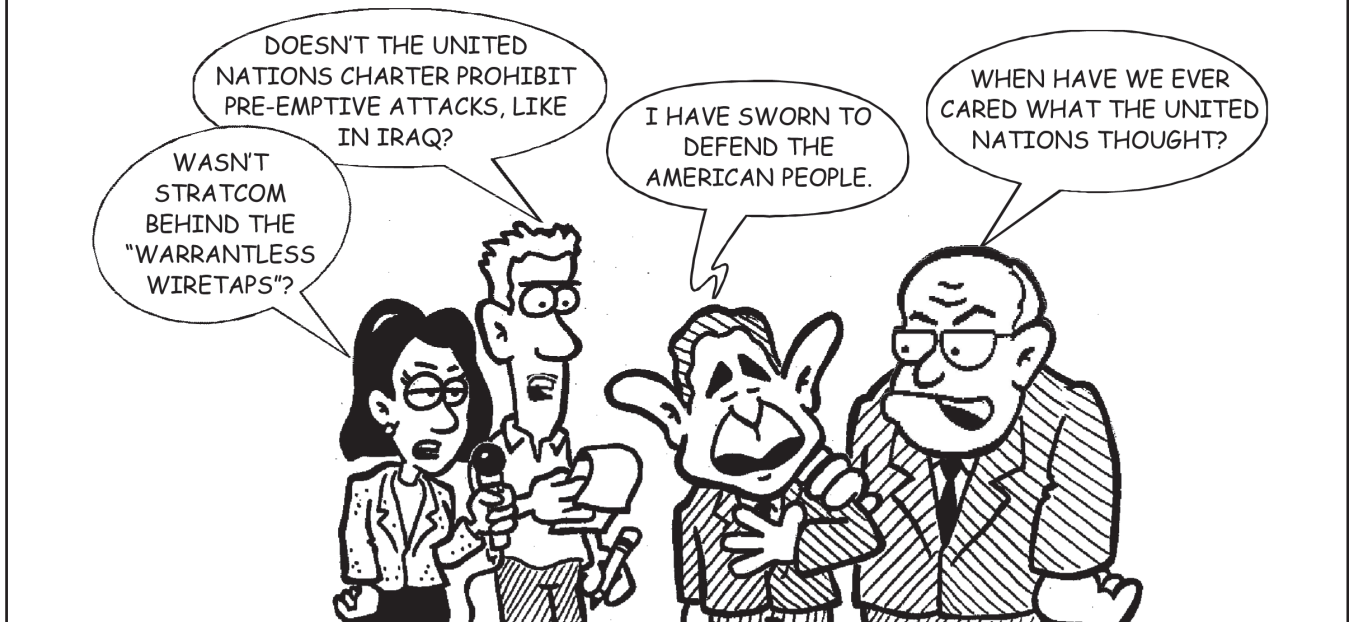
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Top Ten Points about StratCom

On 9/11, President George W. Bush was rushed to U.S. Strategic Command's underground headquarters outside Omaha, Nebraska for safekeeping. From that day forward, the legendary command that for over half a century had maintained America's nuclear deterrent would never again be the same.

1. Within months of the terrorist attack of 9/11, StratCom began undergoing a drastic makeover at the hands of the Bush/Cheney Administration. From its previously 'unthinkable' mission of nuclear holocaust, StratCom was tasked with offensively waging the White House's "War on Terror". The command now fields eight missions—nuclear weapons; cyberwarfare; missile defense; global command and control; intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance [ISR]; global strike; space; and combating weapons of mass destruction.

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2. Although Offutt Air Force Base in Bellevue, Nebraska remains the command headquarters, StratCom now boasts a network of hundreds of military bases distributed around the globe. The command's broadened missions in computer warfare, signals intelligence and Homeland Security give it direct authority over the four services—Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force—and indirect authority over multiple agencies like the National Security Agency, Defense Intelligence Agency, CIA and FBI.

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5. StratCom, as an extension of the executive branch, has become an accessory in flouting both national and international law. It's usurping Congress's authority to declare war, conducting constitutionally suspect "warrantless wiretaps" on our citizens, developing new generations of nuclear weapons, pursuing 'first-strike' Star Wars missile defense systems and launching 'vigilante-style' preemptive attacks—like the one on Iraq.

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9. The key elements of StratCom's mission—such as global missile defense—will greatly exceed, in size and cost, many of the major military-industrial projects of the past. With the current Pentagon budget already totaling well over a half-trillion dollars annually, paying for the cost of such StratCom projects will necessarily translate into cuts in social spending and entitlements programs, like Medicare and Social Security.

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