

P-BOB's EXCEPTIONAL ABSENCE – (WAIT! THERE'S MORE!)

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(Please review the **GLOSSARY of GOVSPEAK** near the end of this report.)

“As I looked out a moment ago from the Reichstag, that embodiment of German unity, I noticed words crudely spray-painted upon the wall, perhaps by a young Berliner: ‘This wall will fall. Beliefs become reality.’ Yes, across Europe, this wall will fall. For it cannot withstand faith; it cannot withstand truth. The wall cannot withstand freedomGeneral Secretary Gorbachev, if you seek peace, if you seek prosperity for the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, if you seek liberalization: Come here to this gate! Mr. Gorbachev, open this gate! Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!” - Ronald Reagan – June 12, 1987

Yesterday I sent out the first commentary on P-BOB's conspicuous absence at the ceremony surrounding the 20th anniversary of the destruction of the Berlin Wall. As I stated, I was unsure if Hillary was asked to speak. It wasn't long before my son Jason advised me that he had heard Hillary's speech and her introduction of a video that P-BOB had sent for presentation at the ceremony. I could tell he meant for me to know that if I saw their speeches I would be even more embarrassed than I already was.

Well, responding to Jason's encouragement, I found a video of both P-BOB's and Hillary's short speeches. He was right – it was embarrassing. Paraphrasing Jason's description only slightly, Hillary introduced the President by juxtaposing the fall of the Berlin Wall (and Soviet oppression which was not mentioned by her) with P-BOB's own success tearing down the walls of discrimination, racism and all the other “challenges” our country has faced. (Reminiscent of my messiah commentary?)

Here is an exact quote from Hillary's introduction: “I am deeply honored to introduce now a message from someone who represents the fall of different kinds of walls – of walls of discrimination, of stereotype, of character, the walls that too often are inside minds and hearts. Let me introduce a message from President Barack Obama.”

While I listened to both of their speeches I heard the following references:

- Obama was very precise to refer to “our friends on both sides of the Iron Curtain”. (Who's he “kissin' up” to there?) To his credit he did mention that the wall represented tyranny – but from whom? And he did mention the “Iron Curtain” without reference to what that really meant. There was absolutely positively no mention of the Soviet Union – the builder of the wall and the oppressor of East Germany and other eastern European countries. And there was not a hint in his remarks of true leaders/heroes of the event, President Ronald Reagan and his faithful partner/supporter Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher of the U.K.

- Hillary left out references to all the things that P-BOB did, and added references to Poland and the Polish Pope as heroes of that era. In reference to saving West Berlin, she referred only to “allies doing the airlift” – nothing about the role of the U.S. in leading that effort.

In P-BOB’s short 2 ½ minute speech, he managed to make it “all about him.” I quote Da’ Prez: “Few would have foreseen that a united Germany would be led by a woman from Brandenburg or that their American ally would be led by a man of African descent. But human destiny is what human beings make of it.” Re-read that quote! He mentions himself as the “leader of the American ally.” Someone described this as “scrubbing” Reagan from the history of the event. And our President is selfishly trying to gain advantage from that “scrubbing”. Jason described it as “revisionist history at its finest.”

I am told that Michael Reagan (President Reagan’s son) did an analysis of the entire ceremony and came up with some interesting observations (I have not yet reviewed this analysis). According to Michael, there is no mention of who built the Berlin Wall or the communist scourge over many countries in Europe. There was **only** one reference to Ronald Reagan during the entire day. There was only a vague mention of Pope John Paul II and Walesa (by Hillary). Gorbachev was the one praised for causing the wall to come down. And there was no mention of this event representing the failure of communism.

As I wrote yesterday, the problem was, this would not have been an occasion of praising P-BOB or his vision – rather, it could have developed into an occasion reminding the world of America’s exceptional performance in freeing Germany, and Ronald Reagan’s most heroic efforts leading the process. **P-BOB just couldn’t have that! He wouldn’t have been the focus of attention.** (Sadly, his fears were groundless.) According to P-BOB, America is NOT exceptional. He has expressed his view that the U.S. is just one of many countries, each with visions of being exceptional. **Where is he leading us?**

“We live today in the world that Ronald Reagan began to reshape It is a very different world, with different challenges and new dangers. All in all, however, it is one of greater freedom and prosperity, one more hopeful than the world he inherited on becoming president With the lever of American patriotism, he lifted up the world. And so today, the world – in Prague, in Budapest, in Warsaw and Sofia, in Bucharest, in Kiev, and in Moscow itself, the world mourns the passing of the great liberator and echoes his prayer: God Bless America.” – Former Prime Minister, Lady Margaret Thatcher in her eulogy to Ronald Reagan in 2004.

GLOSSARY of GOVSPEAK (Language of our Government)

P-BOB – President **B**arack **O**bama
MESSIAH – Another name for P-BOB
POTUS – President **O**f **T**he United States
POTUS(-1) – Same as W
SILLY – Short for former POTUS “Slick Willy”

Da’ Prez

THE ONE – One more name for P-BOB
W – Former POTUS, George **W.** Bush

Da' Rest

A'DEM – Democrat or **A DEM**ocrat
A'REP – Republican or **A RE**publican
A'GOTUS – **A**ttorney **G**eneral **O**f **T**he United States (say: “a goat t’us)
BIPPY – That place that many in STYMIED sometimes put their brain containers
CHA-FED – **CHA**irman of the **FED**eral Reserve
COS-E – Chief **O**f **S**taff (Rahm) **E**manuel (pronounced “cozy”)
COTUS – **C**ongress **O**f **T**he United States
DA'DEMS – Democrats
DA'REPS - Republicans
DA'VEEP – Vice President Joe Biden
DA'VEEP(-1) – Prior Vice President Dick Cheney
DA'VEEP(-2) – Al Gore
DO-P-OTUS – **D**aughters **O**f the **P**resident **O**f **T**he United States (say: “dopy Otis”)
FA-FLITTER – P-BOB ‘flits’/prances like **F**red **A**staire(**FA**)(separated at birth?)(say: fay-flitter)
FIDO-TUS – **F**irst **D**Og of **T**he United States – **FF**OTUS’s pet (say: “fido t’us”)
FFOTUS – **F**irst **F**amily **O**f **T**he United States (pronounced with an opening “flutter”)
FLOTUS – **F**irst **L**ady **O**f **T**he United States
GITMO – That place that P-BOB just don’t ‘git’
HE-SING’N – Describes P-BOB’s “head swiveling” while at the TOTUS (pronounced “he singin”)
HORTUS – **H**ouse **O**f **R**epresentatives of **T**he United States (pronounced “whore t’us”)
HUGS – Conveys P-BOB’s **HUG**e Smile
J-SECOTUS – **J**oint **S**ession of **C**ongress **O**f **T**he United States (say: jay secotus)
J-STRAPS – Another name for P-BOB’s “supporters” (you know how to pronounce it)
KSM – **K**halid **S**heikh **M**ohammed – the senior terrorist enjoying time at GITMO (say: “kiss ’im)
FL-M-Ob – **F**irst **L**ady **M**ichelle **O**Bama (pronounced just like it’s spelled)
MAJHORTUS – **HORTUS MA**Jority Leader, Maryland’s Steny Hoyer
MALSOTUS – The dynamic **SOTUS MA**ority Leader, Nevada’s Harry Reid (seniority got him the job)
MILHORTUS – **HORTUS MI**nority Leader, Ohio’s John Boehner
MILSOTUS – **SOTUS MI**nority Leader, Kentucky’s Mitch McConnell (also must have relied on seniority)
PATOTUS – P-BOB’s **P**osition **A**t the **T**eleprompter **O**f **T**he United States
PEP – Precipitous **E**nvironmental **P**rograms (pronounced “pep”)
PORK – Refers to any absurdly expensive aspect of P-BOB’s **O**verdone **R**ecovery **K**it (spend on everything)
P-PPPPP – P-BOB’s **P**enchant for **P**ushing **P**recipitous and **P**eculiar **P**rograms (say: “pee pep”)
PRESOTUS – **P**REsident of **SOTUS** – Same as DA’VEEP
SCOTUS – Supreme Court **O**f the United States
SECS – **SE**cretary of **S**tate (would that be Hillary?) (pronounced “sex”)
SHORTUS – The (Loud) **S**peaker of **HORTUS**, Nancy P
SOTUS – **S**enate **O**f **T**he United States
STYMIED – **S**Table of the ‘**Y**ncredibly **MI**sinform**ED** (all of P-BOB’s “folks”)
TOTUS – **T**eleprompter **O**f **T**he United States
T-SEC – **T**reasury **SE**cretary what’s his name
T-SEC(+1) – Whoever replaces the T-SEC
T-SEC(-1) – The former T-SEC
WB – Popularly known as “**W**ater**B**oarding” – the technique P-BOB just don’t ‘git’
WH – P-BOB’s current residence (the **W**hite **H**ouse)

I extend thanks, as always, to the many writers, commentators, researchers, and others, from all political extremes, whose hard work helps me greatly. They gather details and present much information. About all I do is gather, organize, summarize, and attempt to fill in with comments – commonly referred to as my frequent “**RANTS**”.

More comments will follow on important topics and personal thoughts as our President battles through tough territory. I want to join other conservatives in recognizing and respecting our new President – and supporting him when we should. But when we oppose our President’s policies, we should act in accordance with values of decency – but that doesn’t preclude a healthy dose of sarcasm and satire, which are valuable tools for political commentary.