**Counterterrorist effort off-target**

Government debates what type of attack we must fear most, prepare for

By MICHAEL DOBBS

Washington Post

Over the past few years, as concern grew about the possibility of a large-scale terrorist attack against the United States, senior U.S. officials and counterterrorism experts discussed the concept of a "biological Pearl Harbor," a terrorist attack that would cause a massive, biological release of deadly pathogens.

But one predicted the catastrophic event that actually took place: hijacked commercial airline crashes into American financial and military centers.

Like President Bill Clinton before him, Barack Obama has placed extraordinary attention and national security resources into addressing another "asymmetric threat" to American security: the terrorist threat.

And like Fordham University's Ray Cline, a former top military intelligence official, Obama's government also appears to be neglecting new and even more-destructive methods of terrorism.

**Conventional threats**

Within hours of the attacks on the Pentagon and American Airlines Flight 77, U.S. government and military experts were arguing over whether successive shocks to traditional counterterrorist resources would reduce the ability of terrorist groups to conduct successful terrorist attacks. Some experts believed the attacks had reduced the ability of terrorist groups to conduct successful attacks.

We need to devote more attention to conventional terrorism strategies. We need to address the possibility of a conventional weapon attack in the wake of the 1993 World Trade Center bombing and the Oklahoma City bombing of 1995. Billions of dollars have been spent on anti-terror efforts, but these efforts are largely focused on terrorism from abroad.

**Unexplored tactic**

McGurk, a former senior intelligence official, who advocated a strategy of "relational terrorism," brought up the idea of a "rogue state." McGurk believed that it was possible for a rogue state to conduct a terrorist attack in the United States.

**With the White House in the background, a uniformed Secret Service agent, guards the nationwide automatic weapon massacre, extinguish the sky today after terrorist attacks.**

By SHARON COHEN

The Associated Press

Airport police officer R. Monroe of Ontario, Calif., searched a unidentified man today. The man, who was curious as to why the airport was shut down, was searched by officers at the point for two of the doomed planes.

Los Angeles International Airport and Sonoma International Airport were evacuated except for essential personnel.

At Chicago's O'Hare Airport, passengers were searched and checked. At Las Vegas' McCarran International Airport, travelers were searched and checked.

**Options for retaliation are unlimited**

By BOB DEANS

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One President Bush, the President, shared his war on terrorism, and the Bush administration began to prepare for a terrorist attack.

But Bush did not tell his officials about the attack.

The administration's immediate response was only the beginning of what promises to be a long and difficult transition period, preparing for the next possible attack.

There is no map to follow for this new form of warfare.

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