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These are a few of the private corporations which are profiting from the Bush administration’s War on Terrorism. They are sending our troops into the line of fire, killing innocent people, and causing the world to turn against us. While our education and health care systems crumble and our state and local governments face a budget crisis, private interests are collecting our tax dollars through contracts with the defense department.

Haliburton

Oil services, construction, and military support contracting company. Dick Cheney, CEO from 1995 to 2000, still receives up to $1 million a year. Began construction and management project of military facilities in Kuwait and Turkey last fall worth close to $1 billion. Holds stakes in 2 firms that sold Iraq $73 million worth of oil production equipment in the late 90’s. Is under investigation by SEC for $234 million in artificial revenue inflation. Owns at least 44 offshore tax havens. Paid $302 million in taxes in 1998 and got an $85 million tax refund in 1999.

Bechtel

One of the world’s largest construction contractors. The first company to receive contracts for the reconstruction of Iraq, a project worth up to $105 billion over ten years. Sold “dual use” chemical production technology to Iraq prior to 1991. Owner Riley Bechtel is a member of president Bush’s export council to advise the government on how to create markets for American companies overseas. Senior vice-president is Jack Sheehan, a member of the Pentagon Defense Policy Board. Board of directors includes former secretary of state George Shultz.

Lockheed-Martin

Makes $26.5 billion a year selling weapons. Lynne Cheney is a former board member. As Governor of Texas, Bush tried unsuccessfully to give Lockheed the state’s welfare system. Spent $2.7 million on 2000 presidential campaign.

Kellog Brown and Root

Wholly owned subsidiary of Haliburton. Runs military support across the globe. Awarded a no-bid contract by the Pentagon to put out oil fires in Iraq. In 2001 Pentagon issued LOGCAP, a ten year mandate to send KBR anywhere in the world to run military operations for profit.

Boeing

Earned $17 billion in defense contracts last year. Main contractor in Star Wars program. As of 2001 the Air Force is required to lease 100 Boeing 767 tanker aircraft for $20 billion, more than the cost of purchasing them. Lobbyists include Linda Daschle, wife of senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, and Chris Williams of the Pentagon Defense Policy Board. Now lives in Chicago and will not have to pay taxes for 20 years.

Carlyle Group

Private investment management firm and major defense contractor. Owns 49% of United Defense Industries and subsidiary contractors training the Saudi National Guard. Employees include George H.W. Bush, Frank Carlucci (former defense secretary and director of CIA), James Baker III (Bush 1’s secretary of state), John Major (former UK Prime Minister), Arthur Levitt (former SEC chairman), Fidel Ramos former Philippine president, and Afsaneh Masheyekhi- former World Bank Treasurer, etc. etc.

Dyncorp