

## BRITISH PERFIDY

**D**OCUMENTS made available by the British government deepen and darken the scandal surrounding the release of Abdelbaset al-Megrahi, the Lockerbie bomber sentenced to life imprisonment in Scotland.

Moammar Khadafy, the Libyan dictator, let it be known that if his agent Megrahi died in prison, severe commercial and political reprisals would follow. The British government, then led by Gordon Brown, panicked.

Conveniently diagnosed with cancer, Megrahi was given three months to live. Whereupon a Foreign Office official by the name of

In other words, a British official conspired with foreigners to thwart British justice. Far from dying, since his release Megrahi has lived happily in a villa in Libya for a year and a half.

● Score one for the radical Left. Its shock troops induced the cancellation of George W. Bush's scheduled trip to Switzerland, where the ex-president was to speak about anti-terrorism and freedom. Geneva authorities no longer believed they could ensure safety.

The agitators were led by the Center for Constitutional Rights, a cabal of American lawyers whose mission since 9/11 has been the defense of terrorists detained at Guantanamo Bay.

The CCR claims the real reason for the cancellation is its ongoing efforts to get European prosecutors to bring about this reckoning by indicting Bush for "torture" and "war crimes."

By these perverted lights, President Obama himself is a war criminal. You'd think that self-preservation would move him to show some leadership, even if decency does not.

— *The editors of National Review, writing in the magazine's March 7 issue*

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Bill Rammell entered into correspondence with his Libyan opposite number, advising him of the right procedure for obtaining Megrahi's release on compassionate grounds.

