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Quote of the Week: Seventh District Congressman Eric Cantor - on Tuesday's terrorism: "If you ever had any question whether we ought to go to war, there is no question after this."

We could always bomb the Taliban in Afghanistan all the way back to the Stone Age, but that's where they already dwell.

Tuesday's terrorism may have accomplished at least one good thing: the emergence of President Bush and those around him. At last the President has gone public. He's out there - sometimes even approaching eloquence. And when he's not speaking, someone on his team seems to be - Cheney, Powell, Rumsfeld, Ashcroft, Laura Bush. The full posse. Good.

Another prospectively positive accomplishment of the 18 hijacker/ terrorists: rendering nearly certain Bush's re-election.

In Tuesday's wake, the administration is encouraging the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank to scrub their annual meetings scheduled for late this month. The meetings aren't necessary, and they seem certain to bring out jerks protesting "globalism" and half of everything under the sun. But never mind: Many protest organizers are planning demonstrations anyway - whether the annual meetings are held or not. Says one heavy-thinking protester-type: "The organizing has already taken place for months . . . , so why stop the organizing just because the meetings are called off?"

A voice from the terror network: Izzat Ibrahim, Iraq's No. 2 in command, speaking to a congregation of Islamic clergymen, on Israeli Jews: "We demand from the Islamic and Arab nation to rise quickly to expel the sons of monkeys and pigs, strangers on the land."

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