

THEODORE DRAPER, A TEACHER FOR OUR TIMES

Via Laura Rozen, I see that Theodore Draper, author of *A Very Thin Line*, has passed away. I quoted from Draper just the other day (in a post currently on ice in the Typepad fridge) and again just a few weeks ago, so it goes without saying that I believe Draper offers us some very important insight for our times. But I'd like to make the case again. Draper's work is still relevant because the same goons he chronicled in *A Very Thin Line* are back at it again, with even more ambitious goals.

I shared some of my concerns with a civilian who had been remotely acquainted with the Luti-Feith-Perle political clan in his previous work for one of the senior Pentagon witnesses during the Iran-Contra hearings. He told me these guys were engaged in something worse than Iran-Contra. I was curious but he wouldn't tell me anything more. I figured he knew what he was talking about. I thought of him when I read much later about the 2002 and 2003 meetings between Michael Ledeen, Reuel Marc Gerecht and Iranian arms dealer Manucher Ghorbanifar – all Iran-Contra figures.

And he's still relevant because he cataloged an approach that the goons are still using. Here are some excerpts from the final chapter of *A Very Thin Line*, presciently titled, "Unfinished Business."