A TWO-PRESIDENT, THREE-TERM POLICY COUP

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This YouTube has been getting some belated attention. In it, Wes Clark reveals he heard, on roughly September 21, 2001, that Bush had a plan to take out 7 countries in 5 years. Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, and Iran.

He told this story about 6 years later. He called it a policy coup.

That was 5 years ago. Since that time, largely in response to the Arab Spring, we "liberated" Libya. We're preparing to (if have not already done so) arm al-Qaeda related rebels in Syria. We're inventing reasons to sanction a Lebanese terror-related political party. We've been violating sanctions to wage war in Somalia, including with drones, and have fiddled with several incarnations of government. And our Iran sanctions—which are fairly clearly about regime change—are really beginning to hurt the Iranian people.

Sure, while the US has helped birth South Sudan, we didn't overthrow it. But throw in Yemen, where we've hand selected the President who will be a partner in our drone strikes in his country, and we've been fighting in almost the same 7 countries Bush's NeoCons picked out in their impotent response to 9/11.

Syria? Check. Lebanon? Check. Libya? Check. Somalia? Check. Sudan Yemen? Check. Iran?

The methods may be different. But I'm not sure how the Nobel Peace Prize winner's objectives, at least, are all that different.