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## *Sidebar*

### **The New Atlantic Union**

I The USA is the world's super power: (a) militarily and (b) economically. President Bush's successor will need to maintain that status. America's theme of doing social good and spreading democracy will be a vital challenge for our *next* president. A new Europe is surging. New faces—Sarkozy's France and Merkle's Germany—are good allies. We know that the UK, Italy, Poland, Japan, and others are good allies. Perhaps on March 9, Spain will elect a pro-US president (Mariano Rajoy) and will join the international effort for democracy and combating Islamic radicalism. I see a *new* "Atlantic Union" developing—forced by Putin's Russia that refuses to follow a democratic path and has become verbally aggressive. Russia will not be an open democracy anytime soon. The present Europe is not the anti-USA of 2003 and 2004. More important, it needs US backing to confront the new and provocative Russia (under Putin/Medvedev). Thus, I see a *new* "Atlantic Union" developing to meet the troubling times. Our next president must recognize this development and step forward—extending the helping hand of the USA. America (if it wishes to maintain its world power status) should not withdraw from this challenge. The *new* "Atlantic Union" must be created and protected.

### **Declaration Of War**

II 9/11 (2001) was an authentic declaration of war (Jihad). Radical Islam will not stop its belligerent actions. They will attack the USA, the *new* "Atlantic Union" countries, and their own Muslim Nations (recently, Algiers). The US presidential aspirants should not forget this Declaration Of War, and the intelligent electorate should not forget to vote for a strong (ant-Jihad) candidate. The *next* US president will not be able to ignore this threat. To take a step backwards will be a sign of surrender—a moral defeat. Europe must not be abandoned. Our next president (much like President Bush has done) should indicate to our allies (worldwide) that the US is a friend, a strong defender of freedom. And our "allies" must defend American principles—like Sarkozy is doing. He understands the values of a friendly US and the need for mutual protection (even if there are cultural fundamental differences). 9/11 set the stage for mutual understanding and common cooperation. The future of liberty (freedom) is directly linked to the international fight against radical Islamism. In my opinion, the *new* "Atlantic Union" acknowledges the bloody threat and is ready to contest it "hand in hand" with the US. Mr. President (the *next* one), are you ready?