A Note from the Editor

An ‘Invasion’ and ‘Occupation’ By Any Other Name

Throughout history, people have sought to gain control, expand power, or exert religious, political, and economic influence over others. The subjugation of peoples is a constant, which has shaped our world.

As Professor Paul K. Davis writes in the Preface to *The Encyclopedia of Invasions and Conquests* [Sacramento, CA and Oxford: ABC-CLIO, 1996] a *conquest* “can best be described as the occupation and long-term domination of one country by another. Using this criterion, colonization can be defined as conquest….If the colonization takes place with little military activity, the term *occupation* is used…. The definition of *invasion* is much more difficult to nail down.” He goes on to note that, at the minimum, it involves the violation of national borders…“with the intent or result of establishing the attacker’s domination over the defender…. Ultimate conquests may be political or economic.”

America’s borders and points of entry, including international airports, are our first line of defense against those who would do us harm, compete for American jobs, or place a burden on public welfare, including those who are infected with a deadly virus! The federal government bears the obligation and responsibility to protect our borders under the United States Constitution (Article IV, section 4). Title 8, U.S. Code, Section 1182 lists the classes of aliens who are supposed to be prevented from entering the U.S. These provisions are intended to keep out criminals and terrorists, and others who pose a threat to the safety and well-being of Americans.

Over the summer we witnessed a surge in illegal immigration. In 2012, President Obama unilaterally authorized Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). This permitted “children” (including people in their thirties), to remain in the country, despite being citizens of other countries who did not legally enter the U.S. Word has spread around the world that Obama will not enforce our immigration laws, and the U.S. Armed Forces are not being deployed at home to secure our borders.

In this issue, our contributors look at some aspects of the invasion and occupation of the United States. We feature a special report by crime analyst Dave Gibson. He shows the impact of illegal aliens on North Carolina, a state that is 1,500 miles from the Texas border. Mr. Gibson’s study is a model that should be replicated in each of the other 50 states.

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