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# What Is the Truth About Leo Wanta?

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Who is Ambassador Leo Wanta? If only half of what can be found about him (with little effort) is true, he should be a household name, investigated, interviewed, and "60-Minutes"-ized. Time and Newsweek would have dueling covers and Mike Wallace would be announcing his return. Most people have never heard of him, however, and the mainstream media are conspicuously avoiding him and what could be a huge story.

Wanta is a cacophony of questions.

As of my writing this, our national debt was \$8,532,356,592,155.72. That's \$8 trillion, 532 billion, 356 million, 592 thousand, 155 dollars and 72 cents. The national debt [[http://www.brillig.com/debt\\_clock](http://www.brillig.com/debt_clock)] has continued to grow an average of \$1.70 billion PER DAY since September 2005.

So, where did all these trillions of dollars allegedly come from? No thanks to the either lazy or complicit mainstream media, search engines provide a lot of data worth either reporting or debunking ... but the silence is deafening.

I often note that "It is not a question of WHO is right or wrong but WHAT is right or wrong that counts." In researching the 'Wanta trillions', several of the most prolific sources are admittedly on the Internet 'fringe'. Many are gadflies and provocateurs.

However, there are also substantive, credible sources supporting the 'even a broken clock is right twice a day' axiom. Meanwhile the mainstream media (that spent months on the debunked Joe Wilson/Valerie Plame kerfuffle) haven't done 'Jack' about Wanta.

The International Currency Review's Christopher Story claims to have gotten the "ambassador of a major foreign power to deliver to every New York newspaper" his reports on the Wanta story. [[http://www.worldreports.org/news/25\\_wanta\\_default\\_trigge](http://www.worldreports.org/news/25_wanta_default_trigge)] Reportedly, the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal et al. have the information and have chosen to ignore it. Why?

The International Currency Review reports: "On the assumption that, as originally planned, the 'win-win', above-board, taxable transactions had started up with effect from 1st July 2006, and that the US Treasury would have earned around \$200 billion of windfall taxes per banking day from that date forward, we calculate that the Treasury has so far deprived itself of on-the-books windfall taxes amounting to an estimated \$10.6 trillion (= 53 banking days @ \$200 billion tax receipts per banking day)."

If true, THAT would wipe out our national debt AND put us in the black.

Two major U.S. law firms reportedly helped negotiate the significant settlement that constitutes only a portion of the \$27 trillion offshore fund

established at the end of the Cold War.

The New York Times or the Wall Street Journal could easily vet Wanta's story and either reduce it to the trash heap of Internet Urban Legends, OR launch an investigation that would make Enron look like a small yellow hole in a Montana snow bank.

Is the White House is getting pressure from foreign banks and heads of state to release the \$4.5 trillion?

One source reports (in May 2006), "Wanta verbally agreed to the distribution of the \$4.5 trillion with President Bush along with the assistance of one Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (FISA) court judge and two U.S. Supreme Court Justices."

Michael C. Cottrell, treasurer of the company formed specifically to distribute the money, claims the Chinese have already taken \$5 trillion of the alleged \$32 trillion they are owed. To paraphrase P.J. O'Rourke, "Giving \$5 trillion to the Chicoms is like giving whiskey and the car keys to a teenage boy."

Wanta drops names (big names) the way a New York City pigeon decorates statues. If you subscribe to the 'strangeness' of the 'suspicious death lists' floating through cyberspace during the Clinton years, Wanta should top the lists for someone as a candidate for a 'heart attack' or 'car accident'.

Some of the names Wanta references are dead (Vince Foster, Bill Casey). Many, however, are still around (President George H.W. Bush, Jim Baker).

I confess I don't know what I don't know. I also concede that some of the stuff surrounding the Wanta story doesn't pass the 'smell test'. However, the lack of reportage on a story that potentially could be gargantuan fuels even more questions.

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