

Greetings to all,

I am writing to you at this time from [Kansas City](#), where we have scheduled a [special meeting](#) with Dr. James Ricks for tomorrow.

It has been an unbelievable week in every way. Domestically, a political firestorm is brewing over the interrogation of terrorists, who's involved and who signed off. It should be entertaining and it may even turn out to be important.

We've watched in amazement as the administration has taken over Chrysler, running roughshod over contractual agreements with lenders and stockholders, awarding the iconic manufacturer's assets to the unions and to [Fiat](#), the Italian automaker. Dealerships, even in Tyler are getting "[termination notices](#)." One can only guess what the legal fallout may entail, or whether it will matter.

There is no constitutional sanction for such dictatorial interference in the private sector, but we've sailed into uncharted waters. Columnist George Will wrote a column on this subject yesterday. His title was, [A Tincture of Lawlessness](#). We can only wonder what manner of shocking government actions lie ahead.

The pope was in Israel this week, repeatedly "preaching" that Israel must give up much of Jerusalem for a Palestinian state and recede behind pre-1967 borders. This, according to many observers, would amount to national suicide.

In a powerful and virtually unreported retort, one of Israel's leading rabbis suggested the pope "divide Rome" rather than Jerusalem. The headline on [WND](#) read, [Rabbi to pope: Go Split Rome](#). Mainstream and even most conservative commentators declined to share the searing jab with their audiences. You figure it out.

Following on the heels of last week's update, demonstrating the new US/Mideast policy blaming Israel for impeding peace in the region, and even for Iran's nuclear program, is the following development. [Prime Minister Netanyahu is reaching out](#) to Egypt, Saudi Arabia and possibly others in the region who realize the peril a nuclear Iran represents. Diplomatic relations between Israel and the current US administration could hardly be worse.

It seems that dangers are on the rise wherever you look. Freedom and liberty are being trampled in the West, [the Middle East is headed for major fireworks](#) and the [pope just demonstrated his intention to be a pivotal player](#).

This week's Garner Ted Armstrong telecast results were not available in time for this update and will be reported next week. I hope you all have a great Sabbath and that our meeting here in Kansas City is profitable as well.

Until next time,

Mark Armstrong

Articles mentioned in this Weekly Update: [see below for actual URLs]
[Chrysler Cuts Six East Texas Dealerships](#)

[Tincture of Lawlessness - Obama's Overreaching Economic Policies](#)

[Rabbi to pope: Go split Rome](#)

[Netanyahu looks for Arab ally against Iran: Israeli experts](#)

[Abdullah: War in Middle East if no peace deal](#)

[Reflections on Pope's Holy Land Tour](#)

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