

Hollywood's Time

by Billy "Hollywood" Groves

U. S. Surveillance? What Do You Know About It?

While in the Washington D.C. area last year, I had people tell me about how good America's spying and surveillance capabilities are. They told us how the traffic outside the capitol is monitored by satellites and aircraft in the sky. They also boasted about the government being able to see a person's eyeball through the peep hole in their door from a mile up in the sky.

Since then I have asked many people about this so called technology. Most of them were like me..... they didn't know enough about it to prove or disprove the existence of it. In my mind the next logical question to ask is, if there is so much superior tracking and spying technology in the United States, then why hasn't the U. S. government found Osama Bin Laden? Or why hasn't the the government solved the murders of national celebrities Tupac Shakur and Christopher "Biggie Smalls" Wallace? This is the time when African American News and Issues (Houston, Texas) great African Warrior, Bud John

son, says the theme music from the "Twilight Zone" cranks up. This is the time when you find out what the Native Americans (Indians) found out, that many white man speaks with fork tongues", (tell lies).

The truth of the matter is America is only good at finding Black people and other minorities enslaving them and taking their rights away and teaching them their culture and habits.

Having never worked for the government, I can't say what they have in spy and surveillance equipment. I can say that a lot of information, both good and bad is taken in by paid informants on the ground, not the sky. As the average American citizen, at the end of the day in my mind, it looks like America's spying and surveillance techniques only works where America's money spends.

They can't catch Bin Laden because the war in Iraq is consuming time, attention and money, and American money can't buy the right spys in certain remote areas.

The late great Richard Prior had it right when he said



"Black people go to the courthouse looking for justice and what we find is "just - us". Miseducation, lies and discrimination doesn't come from technology in the skies! God bless America and the rest of the world, too!

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I recently met and had an interesting conversation with Borris Miles of Houston. He was introduced to me by my cousin Joe Ards son of Rev. Joe L. Ards of Crockett. Borris, a Sam Houston State University Criminal Justice Major and former Houston Police Officer, says he is very concerned about some of the conditions in his community and wants to contribute to changing it for the better.

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