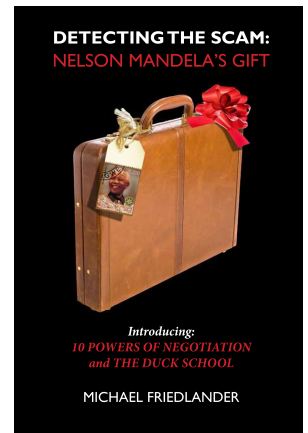


DONALD TRUMP, OBAMA'S PARENTS AND THE DUCK SCHOOL...

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INTRODUCTION...

I belong to the Duck School, the school of common sense—and I suspect most of you do too. A guiding principle of The Duck School is that we have to trust ourselves. Three of its rules are these:

- *If something looks like a duck, walks like a duck, and quacks like a duck, we have to trust ourselves that we might just be looking at a duck...*
- *And if someone tells us the duck is a swan, it doesn't matter how rich or well-educated or powerful the messenger might be, until he can persuade us that what we are looking at is indeed a swan, the duck will remain a duck...*
- *Repetition changes nothing. It doesn't matter how many times the duck is called a swan, it will not turn the duck into a swan.*

The duck we are looking at is a birth certificate issued by the state of Hawaii. During the presidential primaries, both Hawaii's Republican health director, who was appointed by Republican Governor Linda Lingle, and Hawaii's state registrar affirmed the authenticity of this certificate by verifying that the health department holds the President's original birth certificate. Then, in 2008, Jess Henig and Joe Miller at the Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania declared that they had "seen, touched, examined, and photographed the original birth certificate" and that it "meets all of the requirements from the State Department for proving U.S. citizenship." This was the duck we were looking at...

A STARTING POINT: FOCUSING WHERE WE NEED TO FOCUS...

Nobody is suggesting that the President himself orchestrated the grand scam to which the Donald is alluding. No, the only possible Machiavellian villains here are the President's then 18-year-old pregnant mother and his father, who either planned this before the birth or who orchestrated it afterwards.

The alleged scam could never have been about just the citizenship of their unborn child. The law then was as clear as it is now: Any child of an American citizen can easily become a citizen—and there was never a dispute that the President's 18-year-old mother was indeed an American citizen. No, the issue here could only have been

about the child's ability to become president. Here, again, the law was equally clear: he or she had to be born in the United States...

Incidentally, if the parents were hoping for their unborn child to become president, they were almost certainly betting on the fact that it would be a white boy. At that time, it had to be almost inconceivable that a black boy or girl could grow up to be president. Or maybe not...

Equally inconceivable might have been the idea that, whatever the race of their child, the country would later accept as president the child of an interracial couple. Why? At that time, *half of the country had banned interracial marriage*. Would the mood change in time for the presidential aspirations of their child? According to the Donald's hypothesis, presumably this is what the parents believed.

For the purpose of the Donald's hypothesis, however, let's assume the parents of the future president were wild-eyed dreamers and that they really believed in the racial tolerance of America...

A DECISION THEY HAD TO MAKE...

Believing what they apparently did, and as the pregnancy progressed, the future parents had two choices: either they could simply seal the deal by staying in the United States for a few months until their child was born here, or they could leave the country for the birth of their child. If they chose that latter path, however, they would also have to conceive and implement a diabolical plan that would mislead both the state of Hawaii and future presidential opponents into believing that their child was actually born in Hawaii.

According to the Donald, the parents apparently incredibly decided to leave the United States for the birth of their child. Now, before they left, they could easily have made advance plans to have birth announcements published in a local Hawaii newspaper in their absence. To accomplish this, they would only need the help of an accomplice in Hawaii. Unfortunately, this would be the easiest part of the deception...

They would also have to cover their tracks in leaving the United States and while they were in Kenya. They would also have to cover their tracks returning to the United States. And they would have to do all of this in a way that neither a future primary opponent (Hillary Clinton), nor a future presidential opponent (John McCain), nor a future Messiah (the Donald) would ever uncover their tracks. This is what they faced:

- The first problem was that they were an unusual couple—an 18-year-old pregnant white girl and her black husband. For this conspicuous couple, their trip to Kenya was long and circuitous. There were no direct flights from Hawaii to Kenya. There were multiple flights and airports. There were customs and immigration checkpoints. There were surely travel records. *To believe the Donald's theory, however, the young*

couple succeeded in covering their tracks so completely that there was no sign of them ever having made the trip. They were the invisible travelers.

- The second problem was that, once they arrived in Kenya, they would somehow have to be sure that nobody would remember seeing them. Again, this was clearly problematic since a pregnant white woman with her black husband would not have been a common sight in Kenya at that time. *Again, according to the Donald, they apparently succeeded in becoming invisible—although he doesn't explain how...*
- The third problem was that they would also have to be sure that no hospital in Kenya would have any records of her admission and release from the hospital—or any record of the birth of their son. They also had to be sure that somehow nobody—doctors, nurses or attendants—would remember seeing a mixed race couple in the hospital at that time. *Again, according to the Donald, they apparently succeeded in becoming invisible—although he doesn't explain how...*
- The fourth problem was that they would have to be sure that, after the birth of their son, nobody would remember seeing the mixed race couple. As the couple walked and shopped with their new baby, they somehow had to be sure that nobody remembered seeing them. *Apparently, nobody did...*
- Finally, there was the flight home. What is the likelihood that nobody would remember noticing a mixed race couple with a tiny black baby on one of the planes and at one of the airports through which they traveled?

So much for the travel-related problems...

NOW THAT THEY'RE HOME, THEY HAVE TO SCAM THE STATE OF HAWAII...

Now that the new 18-year-old mother and her husband were home, they would somehow have to scam the state of Hawaii into issuing a contemporaneous birth certificate for the infant Obama. This where I hit a brick wall—as presumably did Hilary Clinton and John McCain when they had every possible incentive (and the resources) to expose the scam. I can't figure out how they did this.

I have already noted how Hawaii's health director, Chiyome Fukino (a Republican appointed by Republican Governor Linda Lingle), and its state registrar, Alvin Onaka, both personally verified that the health department holds the president's original birth certificate. I have also noted that, in 2008, Jess Henig and Joe Miller at the Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania declared that they had "seen, touched, examined, and photographed the original birth certificate" and that it "meets all of the requirements from the State Department for proving U.S. citizenship."

How did the President's parent pull this off this amazing scam? I have no idea...

SO, WHY DOESN'T THE PRESIDENT JUST RELEASE THE ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE?

Some might argue that this whole issue would be put to bed if only the President would consent to release just one more document—a document no other citizen is required to release. But what if the document reveals, for example, that the doctors and attendants who delivered the young Obama are now deceased? Does anyone seriously think that this would stop the Donald from arguing another massive conspiracy and alleging foul play in the deaths of those who were allegedly present at his birth. Wouldn't their unavailability only add fuel to the fire that the Donald is stoking for his own personal motives? Why would the President encourage this?

Practically, why wouldn't the President rather just sit back and enjoy the Donald's musings—particularly when there might be policy issues far more damaging to the President on which the Donald could be focusing?

FINALLY...

Whatever the President decides, until the Donald can provide a solid explanation that lays out how the President's then 18-year-old mother pulled off the “greatest scam in history,” and presents facts to corroborate his explanation, the duck will remain a duck...

As a true sign of his patriotism, the Donald and his investigators should perhaps move to Kenya to interview those who might have seen that unusual mixed race couple either in airports, at the hospital or strolling the streets both before and after the birth of the future President. And then he should explain to us how they managed to scam the state of Hawaii.

Sadly, as the Donald is gathering together his evidence in Kenya, some of us might miss him for a while. *Then again, some of us might not...*

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