

MANCHURIAN CANDIDATE – MORE HOLLYWOOD BUSH-WHACKING

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Wherein does the danger to America lie – militant Moslems, Stalinist states with nuclear arsenals, the People's Barbed-Wire Enclosure of China (with the world's largest population, a super-charged economy and galloping military expansion)?

Not at all. Once again, Hollywood liberals have brilliantly discerned the real threat to our nation's security – multinational corporations which contract with the military, contribute to candidates and exercise shadowy influence over the political world, defense establishment and even our national security apparatus.

In the 1962 version – a classic in every sense – the villains were communists, teamed with power-hungry politicians posing as patriots. In the awful remake, the bad guys practically have Republicans stamped on their foreheads.

Whereas the original opens with a patrol being captured during the Korean War and brainwashed by Chinese agents in Manchuria (hence, the Manchurian Candidate).

In the updated, Ralph Nader version, the patrol is captured during the 1991 Gulf War. The soldiers, led by the ever-valiant Capt. Marco (Denzel Washington), is spirited away to a secret laboratory somewhere in the region, where they undergo high-tech mind control – brain implants that control both memories and actions (when the trigger is pulled).

As in the original, Raymond Shaw (Liev