

The Federal Steaming Tea Kettle - 053014

The Teapot Dome scandal was a bribery incident that took place in the United States from 1920 to 1923. President Harding's Secretary of the Interior, Albert Fall, leased Federal oil/gas reserves at Teapot Dome, Wyoming to private oil companies at low rates without competitive bidding. Fall was convicted of accepting bribes from the oil companies. The scandal damaged the public reputation of the Harding administration, which was already severely diminished by its poor handling of the 1922 Railroad Strike and veto of the Bonus bill. For more, click [HERE](#).

At the time, and until the Watergate scandal, the 'Teapot' stood out as perhaps the most extreme example of political skull doggery in American history. But today we have an entire Tea Kettle of scandals. And the noise from the escaping steam is telling us the lid is close to blowing off. Count them: VA, IRS, Benghazi, Fast and Furious, Solyndra, Black Panther, Immigration, Iran, and Syria – to name a few. For more, click [HERE](#). [When you get right down to it 'Solyndra' is identical to the 'Teapot'.]

Think about what has taken place under the Obama Administration. Has there ever been a time of more corruption and ineptness, Obama in particular and Democrats in general? And, frankly, there are many among the Republican Leadership who have not been much better or more innocent. Think about it, listen to what you hear, watch what you see, and then consider what all is taking place as a 'Tea Kettle on Stove Burner.' The steam is escaping in all directions, the lid is rattling as it is poised to fly off and land on the floor, and the screaming sound of an explosion-about-to-occur is filling the room. What then do we expect to happen? What do we think we should do? Should we turn the burner off, should we just take the kettle off the burner, or should we simply remove the lid and let the water continue to boil until there is no more?

If we simply take off the lid and let the boil continue then eventually there is no water left to boil and the kettle itself will grow hot beyond all capacity and be destroyed. If we simply take the kettle off the burner we may save the water and the kettle for a while, but the fire continues. Eventually the kettle must be returned to the burner and thus the boiling will reoccur. If we turn off the burner then the fire of the matter is quenched and the water is kept for safe use. Moreover, the kettle is left for another day to give us what was intended, water warmed to serve our needs.

The hope in writing this is that you and I get the analogy, and realize what has to be done. How it is to be done is the matter at hand. Recognizing the need to do what needs to be done is crucial. Finding the presence of mind and capacity to do it is something else. One of us alone can't do it. A few of us might try but it is not likely we would be successful. More likely we would be scalded in the process. So it will take many of us and that means many of us must hear the scream of the steam escaping from the Kettle. That means many of us must know and understand how to get to the burner and turn it off.