

It's time to demand accountability

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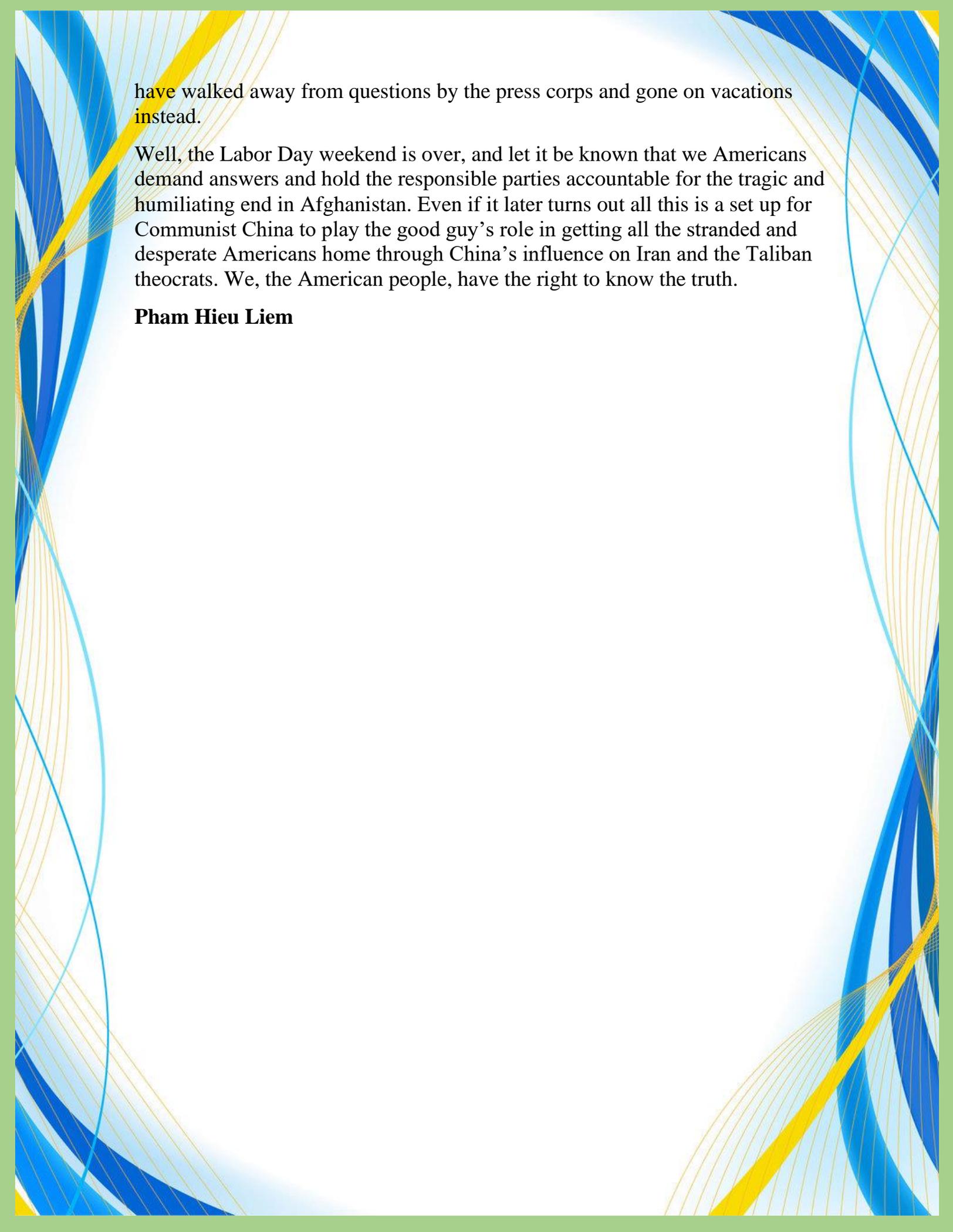
The end of the long Labor Day weekend traditionally signals the return to normal after the easy living of summer. This should mark the beginning of serious inquiry into the mishaps and tragedies that occurred almost a month ago during the American withdrawal from Afghanistan. While most Americans agree with ending the 20-year war, which began as justified retaliation against the Taliban for having allowed Al Qaeda terrorists to use Afghanistan as a base for training, planning and carrying out attacks on US soil, the war dragged on with endless “mission creep” even after the honcho terrorist Osama Bin Laden had been eliminated.

The State Department during President Trump’s administration negotiated with the Taliban resistance and the US installed Afghan government for conditions designed to lead to an orderly US disengagement from the country.

Unfortunately, as soon as President Biden set a date of August 31, 2021, for ending the war, all hell broke loose. The Afghan Army trained and supplied by the US folded faster than a domino game against the advancing Taliban fighters. Thousands of Americans and allied Afghans got stuck behind the enemy lines and at Kabul airport. The responses from the Biden administration were timid, bordering on bizarre, which led to a terrorist attack that killed 13 American service men and women, scores of Afghans and wounded many more. In the end, several hundreds, probably thousands, of Americans were left stranded in Taliban controlled Afghanistan after the last American soldier took off and President Biden proclaimed that the Afghan war is over.

The unprecedented display of unwillingness and incompetence of the Biden administration toward stranded American citizens in Afghanistan is simply unacceptable to the American people.

No one from the administration has given any satisfactory response to the debacle. No one has given satisfactory explanations regarding reports that the State Department caused some Americans and other qualified people to be turned away at the airport in Kabul or have been denied permission to depart from other locations. No one has resigned or taken proper responsibility. Several officials



have walked away from questions by the press corps and gone on vacations instead.

Well, the Labor Day weekend is over, and let it be known that we Americans demand answers and hold the responsible parties accountable for the tragic and humiliating end in Afghanistan. Even if it later turns out all this is a set up for Communist China to play the good guy's role in getting all the stranded and desperate Americans home through China's influence on Iran and the Taliban theocrats. We, the American people, have the right to know the truth.

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