

AN OPEN RESPONSE TO THE NEW YORK POST
RE: "\$580M Oil Trades Made Minutes Before Trump's Key Iran Announcement
Draw Scrutiny"

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WHEN OIL IS THE BLOOD MONEY OF WAR

To the editors of the New York Post and to the American public:

Your report today — that **\$580 million in oil futures contracts changed hands in a single minute**, exactly fifteen minutes before President Trump posted on Truth Social about "productive conversations" with Iran — is not merely a financial story. It is a prophetic indictment.

I write to you as a former New Orleans firefighter, as the son of **SFC Terry Gilman Arcemont — decorated combat veteran, recipient of the Purple Heart, Silver Star, Bronze Star, and Oak Leaf Cluster, Killed in Action on the Imjin River, South Korea, 1967** — and as the founder of a Hebrew covenant ministry that has spent decades documenting the gap between declared peace and profited war. My father gave his life under the flag of a nation that told him his sacrifice was for peace. What I watch today tells me that some among the powerful have learned to **sell peace announcements the same way they once sold wars**.

I. THE CIVIC INDICTMENT: THIS IS WHAT INSIDER TRADING ON WAR LOOKS LIKE

The Financial Times, the BBC, and Bloomberg have all corroborated the data: **6,200 Brent and WTI crude futures contracts — worth approximately \$580 million —**

were executed between 6:49 a.m. and 6:50 a.m. Eastern Time on March 24, 2026. President Trump's Truth Social post announcing "productive conversations" with Iran arrived at 7:04 a.m. The S&P 500 surged +240 points within six minutes. Iran denied all of it twenty-seven minutes later.

A veteran hedge fund trader told the Financial Times: ***"It's Monday morning, there's no important data today, there aren't any Fed speakers you'd want to front-run. It's an unusually large trade for a day with no event risk. Somebody just got a lot richer."***

This is not isolated. We already documented in a formal Louisiana Congressional Report addressed to Senators Cassidy and Kennedy — submitted earlier in 2026 — that the intersection of geopolitical announcements, energy pricing, and financial markets has been systematically exploited. Now we have a one-minute, \$580 million data point that demands the following:

- **The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) must immediately open a formal investigation into the identities behind these trades.**
- Congress must examine whether any person with advance knowledge of a presidential social media post used that knowledge to position in financial markets — a clear violation of securities and commodities law.
- CME Group's daily disclosure framework is structurally inadequate for an era of social-media-driven market events. Real-time transparency must be mandated.
- The pattern involving pre-positioned trades before the capture of Nicolás Maduro on January 3, 2026 must also be re-examined in light of this new evidence.

The White House has denied wrongdoing. That denial is not sufficient. The American people — and the soldiers' families who have buried their loved ones under promises of national security — **deserve a transparent accounting, not a press office statement.**

II. THE PROPHETIC WITNESS: THE COVENANT WARNED US ABOUT THIS

The Hebrew covenant text — what the world knows as the Tanakh — spoke to this pattern millennia before financial futures markets existed. **Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 56:11** describes those who shepherd not the flock but their own gain: ***"They are shepherds who cannot understand; they all turn to their own way, every one to his own gain."*** The prophet was not writing poetry. He was describing a governing class.

Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) 6:13–14 is more direct: ***"For from the least of them to the greatest, every one is greedy for gain; and from the prophet to the priest, every one deals falsely. They have healed the wound of my people lightly, saying: Peace, peace — when there is no peace."***

Read that again in light of today's market data. A presidential post announces peace. Markets move. Iran denies it twenty-seven minutes later. Oil whipsaws. Somebody pocketed the spread. **"Peace, peace — when there is no peace."** That is not a metaphor. That is a trading strategy.

The Hebrew root ***shalom*** (שָׁלוֹם) — the word translated as peace in virtually every Western language — does not mean the absence of conflict. It means **completeness, wholeness, covenant integrity**. You cannot manufacture ***shalom*** through a social media post at 7:04 a.m. designed to move crude oil futures. That is the opposite of ***shalom***. That is a desecration of the covenant concept of peace itself.

Miqdash Bethel Covenant Assembly has spent years building a documented, scripture-grounded peace initiative directed at the Iran-Israel-U.S. conflict — one that does not depend on who tweets what, but on the foundational covenant principles shared by all three civilizations. That work has been submitted to multiple principals in this conflict, including direct correspondence to the Israeli Ambassador, Reza Pahlavi, and others. **We say plainly: a peace that can be sold in a sixty-second futures window is not peace. It is performance.**

III. THE PERSONAL WITNESS: MY FATHER DIED FOR A FLAG, NOT A TICKER

SFC Terry Gilman Arcemont was killed in action on the Imjin River in South Korea in 1967. He had served multiple tours in Vietnam. He came home bearing the Purple Heart, the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, and the Oak Leaf Cluster — and then he went back, and he did not come home. He died carrying orders from a government that told him and his family that his sacrifice served a cause greater than profit. I was shaped by that loss. It is the reason I have spent decades in covenant peace work rather than simply grieving.

When I watch \$580 million change hands in sixty seconds — timed to a social media post about a war involving the sons and daughters of other fathers — I do not feel partisan outrage. I feel something older than politics. **I feel the moral obscenity of a system that has learned to monetize the announcement of peace the same way an earlier generation monetized the prolonging of war.**

My father did not die so that someone with advance access to a presidential Truth Social post could position \$580 million against the blood-priced barrel of crude oil. No soldier's family should have to read a financial news report and wonder whether their loved one's death was already priced into a futures contract.

I call on the New York Post — which has a documented history of asking the questions that larger outlets avoid — to pursue this story to its source. **Do not let this die as a market anomaly. It is a moral crime, whether or not it meets the legal threshold of insider trading.**

IV. THE COVENANT DEMAND: TRANSPARENCY OR ACCOUNTABILITY

We submit this response as a matter of public covenant witness. We are not a political organization. We hold no party affiliation. Our sole authority is the covenant text of the Tanakh and the universal standard of justice it establishes. That standard is not ambiguous on this question.

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 16:19 — *"You shall not pervert justice; you shall not show partiality; and you shall not take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and subverts the cause of the righteous."*

A \$580 million position placed fifteen minutes before a presidential peace announcement is the most sophisticated bribe in history — paid not to a judge, but collected from the mechanism of global markets itself. The eyes it blinds are the eyes of the public. The cause it subverts is the cause of every family, in Iran, in Israel, in the United States, that wants an actual ***shalom*** — not a performance of one.

We call on:

- **The CFTC — investigate and publicly disclose the trading entities responsible.**
- **Congress — subpoena relevant records and hold public hearings.**
- **The White House — release a full accounting of who had advance knowledge of the 7:04 a.m. post.**
- **The American press — follow this to its source, including any connection to the broader pattern of pre-positioned trades before major geopolitical announcements.**

The covenant does not permit silence in the face of this. Neither will we.

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