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## **Five Years Later**

Peter Schauer, president of Orion Marine in Chicago, strongly doubts that container security efforts are effective. "All the material that is necessary to put together a device is already here. Why would they have to import it? Those guys in Oklahoma City just went to the hardware store. I always say that those who want to do us harm are always the length of a nose ahead. You never know what is going to happen. If and when it does, we just pick up the pieces.

"Terrorism is very much played up in my view", Schauer said. "Yes, it does happen, as it has happened in times past, only we didn't call it terrorism. Obviously, one needs to be vigilant."

Schauer said a local congressman proposed putting inspectors in every factory that exported to the U.S. "I said, 'How many inspectors do you think that will take?' He said, 'Maybe a couple hundred.' I said, 'It's probably more than a million, and who are these inspectors going to be? Are they going to be Chinese? Albanian? Mongolian?' He said, 'They have to be U.S citizens; they have to have security clearances.' I said, 'Are we going to have to depopulate the United States to send security people all over the globe?' These illustrious congressmen are just totally off base".