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Robertson: Well ladies and gentlemen what about the ultimate horror ISIS planting sleeper cells in America that rise up and attack the U.S. Capitol. Unthinkable but maybe not. Joel Rosenberg has been a prophet of many things happening, he has written a new book called “Without Warning” an interesting page turning chiller. Joel is going to tell us more about that but lets take a look.

Narrator: (taped video) What if the unthinkable happened? Terrorist attacks inside the American homeland by the Islamic State. From New York Time best selling novelist Joel C. Rosenberg comes his most chilling political thriller yet Without Warning. Without Warning is one of the most read thrillers of 2017. One reviewer writes “the jaw dropping ending alone is worth the price of admission” Without Warning available at [JoelRosenberg.com](http://JoelRosenberg.com)

Robertson: Well Joel Rosenberg joins us to tell us more about his new book Without Warning and we welcome him back to the 70 Club. Joel good to see you!

Rosenberg: Great to see you Pat thank you!

Robertson: I heard the King of Jordan learned of my interview with you by your last book.

Rosenberg: Its interesting! So last year when you had me on for the book “The first Hostage” , the previous in the series, The King was flying to Washington to meet with President Obama and members of Congress. Well an advisor of his was routing through London and picked up my novel at Heathrow Airport. Did not know anything about me or the book. Read the novel on

the way to Washington and he was shocked to find King Abdullah of Jordan is a named character in the series. When he gets to Washington he brings the book to His Majesty and says “You have to read this” and the King says “Why?” and he says “Because you are in it!” “What do you mean I’m in it, it’s a novel right?” He says I know but you are a character in the book and he says “What?”. At that same moment the President was canceling his meeting with King Abdullah...he was too busy. You and I the next day were together and I said to you on the show “listen this is ridiculous”. The President doesn’t have time for our most faithful Sunni – Arab ally in the middle of a hot war against the Islamic state? This is a man we should be strengthening and encouraging. And I sort of went off during the interview and you let me, sort of graciously because it was wrong. But what happened is because the President had cancelled the meeting, The King had some time so in less than two days he had read the novel, then I had posted a transcript of our interview on my blog. The advisor wanted to know a little bit more about who I was, went to my Website and read my blog, then printed out the transcript of our interview and gave it to His Majesty at which point rather than me being banned from Jordan forever because obviously this is a series in part about ISIS attacking Israel, Jordan and The United States, rather than banning me he invited my wife and me to come for five days and visit with him and his top generals to learn how they’re trying to protect The Kingdom from The Islamic State. All set in motion in part by yours and my interview

Robertson: I’m glad I could have some part in it! Well this one Joel is something...it looks like you were talking about President Obama as I started the book but you got this feckless leader of the Nation who is a snowjob artist for The American people but he’s covering up and you are a protagonist. I wish you’d made him something other than the New York Times couldn’t you??? (laughter)

Rosenberg: There are reputable people in the Media they are not all....

Robertson: You make the great lady look so beautiful!

Rosenberg: First of all my fictional President is not President Obama but a President who thinks he is making progress against the Islamic State but doesn't understand the magnitude of the threat and doesn't understand what is driving The Islamic State. The leaders of the Islamic State aren't exactly radical Islamic terrorists, they are what I call apocalyptic Islamic terrorists. They are trying to bring about the end of the world as we know it and they believe that if they commit genocide which is really what ISIS is engaged in against Christians, Shia Muslims and Yazidis. If they commit genocide, that will somehow hasten in their view the coming of their so-called Messiah The Mahdi and the establishment of the global Islamic kingdom with, they believe, Jesus as the deputy to the Mahdi to help annihilate all of us infidels. This is in real life an extraordinarily dangerous thing and the question now that President Trump and his team have to face is how do they do a better job? I think they can, I think they must and that is the challenge right now.

Robertson: They've started a lot of action against Raqqa with this other guy in your book which you didn't want to do. But the interesting thing about your book is its conventional stuff. You've got World War 2 Howitzers and old fashioned armor that's come out of Alabama, I mean its interesting they're using serin gas

Rosenberg: Well that's one of the challenges is that the danger of course is ISIS not just trying to do genocide in Iraq and Syria the question in "Without Warning" is could they find a way to penetrate inside the United States and then using maybe some unconventional tactic and then use unconventional weapons like chemical weapons and attack not only Washington but multiple cities throughout the United States. Now you graciously refer to me as being prophetic. I pray that this never comes true but I think this is what The President is warning us right now. If we are not

careful about who we let into the country and how we protect our borders and how we go on the offense against the Islamic State we run the risk of being blindsided, being hit, without warning by The Islamic State.

Robertson: Do you have any hard intelligence about how many sleeper cells ISIS has got in this country?

Rosenberg: I just met with on Friday the Chairman of the House Homeland Committee, this is Congressman Michael McCaul of Texas. I wouldn't say there is hard intelligence on a number of sleeper cells but in the past few years, just last year 36 people were arrested in The United States on ISIS related plots. 36 last year. There's been 117 plots intercepted and disrupted over the last several years. So you can see the magnitude of the ISIS effort both to send people here but also to radicalize people that are already here. This is the threat. I'm glad to see The President taking measures to improve border security, extreme vetting. Look we don't want to ban Muslims that's not what is being talked about. We want to strengthen our alliances with Jordan, with Egypt. I think President El-Sisi...he has his issues on human rights, the Economy. But he is attacking the radicals, we need to strengthen him.

Robertson: Obama was a buddy of the Muslim Brotherhood instead of El-Sisi. Sisi wants to be our friend.

Rosenberg: He does and I think that even (*Jobles*) should reach out to El-Sisi, get to know him, spend some time with him. El-Sisi is meeting with Jewish leaders, he met with Pope Francis in Rome, he's meeting with Coptic Christian leaders in Egypt and he is fighting the radicals and what's more he's not only literally fighting them in Egypt in Sinai for example, but he also went to Alazar University in Cairo. This is the Harvard of Sunni Islam. And he told these leaders, Islamic clerics "you need to reform, you need a revolution in Islam because you are going to face a day of judgment

if you continue to encourage this violent militant Islamism, this sense that you can use Islam to create a totalitarian system, you are going to face judgment.” Now what Muslim leader has ever said these type of things? El-Sisi has, King Abdullah of Jordan has. These are the type of men we need to work with as well as working with The Israelis.

Robertson: A terrible thing with the Obama Administration is they have turned their back on El-Sisi, they didn’t want to help him and they opened up to the Muslim Brotherhood which is a radical group. They haven’t really helped Jordan to speak of, as you mentioned they stiffed the King as he came to see The President. The whole thing is unbelievable.

Rosenberg: And I think therefore The President, President Trump actually has done an amazing job. The National security team is solid, these are strong experienced people: General Mattis, Mike Pompeo is a friend over at CIA, Dan Coates coming in as Director of National Intelligence. These are strong excellent people and they are experienced. What’s more he has asked The pentagon to put together a war strategy.

Robertson: Well they are already are sending troops against Raqqa they are going after...

Rosneberg: And that’s something we didn’t think President Trump would do was go into Syria so that’s a new development. We’ll see how that plays out. I think the first step is you liberate Iraq. We’ve already made a commitment as Americans that that’s an important country and we put a lot of blood, sweat, tears and treasure into Iraq. I think we’re getting close now into liberating all of Iraq, we are going to need a new status of forces agreement in Iraq. What President Obama..got rid of all our forces in Iraq, no. We need U.S. forces on the ground long-term, I don’t mean in fighting all the time but making sure it doesn’t become a vacuum. Making sure Iran doesn’t come and take over Iraq. I’m encouraged to see The President has

invited the leaders from 68 countries at the end of March to a Washington summit to talk about how to defeat ISIS, but there's one other thing I think is important. This President is the first in history to use the term radical Islamic terrorism. President Bush didn't use it, President Obama famously didn't use it. But once you use the term, you have the opportunity and the responsibility to define it. We need to make clear that we are not talking about the vast majority of The Muslim people. I think the studies that we have looked at show that 90 percent of Muslims are not violent but you do have seven to ten percent that do support terrorism

Robertson: Ten percent of a billion-three is a lot of people

Rosenberg: That's a lot of people. That would be about half the population of The United States. So its important for The President to say we are not talking about the ninety plus percent of the Muslim World, but we are saying that this is a serious problem and start to define...we don't mean that all Islam is radical we mean that those that want to use Islam for terrorism those are our threats and it's a serious problem.

Robertson: The rest of them don't condemn they don't dare to condemn the radicals, they are silent. They are not out condemning radical Islam. They aren't.

Rosenberg: Well I agree that The Muslim world has been reticent to define this problem. But I was just at the lunch where King Abdullah of Jordan spoke in Washington at the National Prayer Breakfast...there was a leadership luncheon. He said we have been too silent, we need to speak out. He said this is an internal problem, this is a Muslim civil war. He describes these as collage, this is a term that means outlaws or criminals within Islam. Now you can have a whole theological argument: is this real Islam? Is it not Islam? But if Muslim leaders say we want to fight it, we need to encourage those men, those leaders that made their tribe increase who speak out and fight against these threats.

Robertson: In this country there were a thousand pages in the FBI counter terrorism book that were scrubbed because they took every reference to Islam out of it. The Obama people didn't want to mention Islam, radical Islam or anything about Islam.

Rosenberg: And the mistake there is Muslim leaders like El-Sisi and like King Abdullah they are saying look its not all Islam but these are our criminals, these are our outlaws. So this is why this novel is a way of helping people...first of all stay up all night reading, I want to entertain, I want to...and there is a spiritual journey in the story also. At the same time it sort of shows the picture of when you have leaders who won't take the threat seriously or think that they are but are not being decisive, the danger is this threat comes inside the homeland and the next part of the book as you know, I won't give it away, the hunt to take out the leaders of ISIS. Its working with our Arab – Israeli allies that's something we need to do while we protect ourselves from this book ever happening and I did say to the Vice President a few weeks ago "okay its all on your shoulders now. I write these fictional books you guys need to really get the job done."

Robertson: The book is called Without Warning. You know Joel I said in the beginning I was in Korea with the Marines

Rosenberg: Thank you for your service

Robertson: And I served under Macarthur actually when he was still in charge of things. If we listened to him we wouldn't have this problem today but its surfaced on the Korean peninsula and its very dangerous. They have extraordinary nuclear capabilities they have missiles they are launching and they are aiming at The United States. We wouldn't have had that if we would have done the job so you've got to clean house on these people, you can't leave them there.

Rosenberg: I was just in South Korea about a year and a half ago it was my first time. They took me up the DMZ and they took me through those tunnels we had a chance to look at the forces. It's a very dangerous situation and its combined you look at North Korea's relationship to Iran for example, they are working on ballistic missiles and nuclear weapons together. When you look at Iran and ISIS and North Korea with this type of technology and a genocidal outlook, this is nothing like we've ever seen in human history and thank God we have an administration that will call it out for what it is and will focus on it and I am encouraged like I said General Mattis and these teams this is a new team and they are far better than what we had the last eight years.

Robertson: .I tell you...the left had better be quiet because we are facing a threat that is existential and its there and its real. But anyhow this book is Without Warning about ISIS

Rosenberg: About fiction but we hope it stays fiction right?

Robertson: Well its got a lot of truth in it about the sleeper cells in this country and they definitely have them. Joel a very popular author this book is available wherever books are sold and Joel thank you. I don't know if any Kings are going to be watching this show (*laughter*)

Rosenberg: Good to see you Pat. Bless you!

Robertson: God bless you!