U.N. Watch: A gift for Russia

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Under an alleged deal that reeks of politics, a Vladimir Putin puppet has been named undersecretary-general to the United Nations' newly created Office of Counter-Terror. And that more than likely will continue the world body's pathetic response to terrorism — depending, of course, on who's doing the terrorizing.

Vladimir Voronkov, a Russian senior diplomat, will “coordinate” the U.N.'s counterterrorism activities with a budget of $15 million. (The U.S. funds 22 percent of the U.N. budget).

Multiple sources tell CBS News that Russia agreed to pass up its regional turn in the selection of Turtle Bay's new secretary-general in exchange for the leadership post at the new U.N. counterterrorism office.

“It was the old U.N. spoils system at work, involving a retrograde Cold War invader who will undo what remains of U.N. relevance today,” writes Hugh Dugan, who has advised U.S. ambassadors as a longtime U.S. delegate at the world body.

As for Mr. Voronkov, he was the Kremlin's representative in negotiations that led to the odorous Iran nuclear deal in 2015. His boss is an ex-KGB professional who makes his critics disappear. And his country is aiding Syria's Bashar al-Assad in the slaughter of his own people.

These are the qualifications for the U.N.'s new counterterrorism chief? Anyone familiar with the currents that churn Turtle Bay shouldn't be surprised.