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Subject: Re: 2 B A Drug Addict in NO

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Manualblock, You are correct as the other post states. But the failure was "MORE" at the state and local level to act than it was at the federal level. The Governor bears the ultimate responsibility to take point in any kind of relief effort. She bears the bulk of the responsibility here. The guard works for her, not Bush. Only if he had federalized the guard troops, could he have taken control, and no Governor will take kindly to that action. George could have, and should have, acted earlier, but he was trying to give the governor the chance to get it right. All the while people died. Don't get me wrong here. The President should have stepped in 24-48 hrs. earlier. It was plain to see Governor Blanco was in over her head by Tuesday morning. But to do so would have required Bush to step on a lot of toes, that simply refused to be stepped on .

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