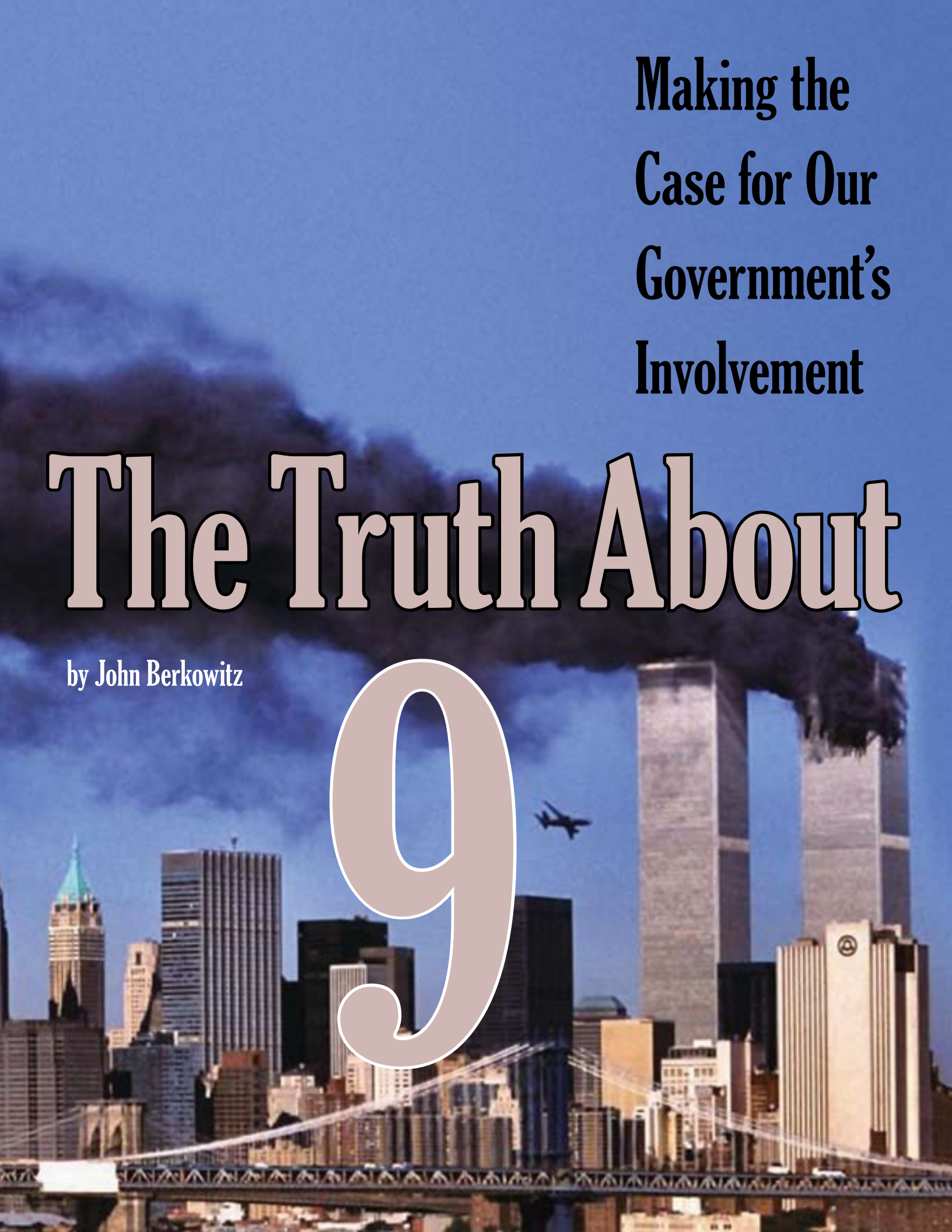


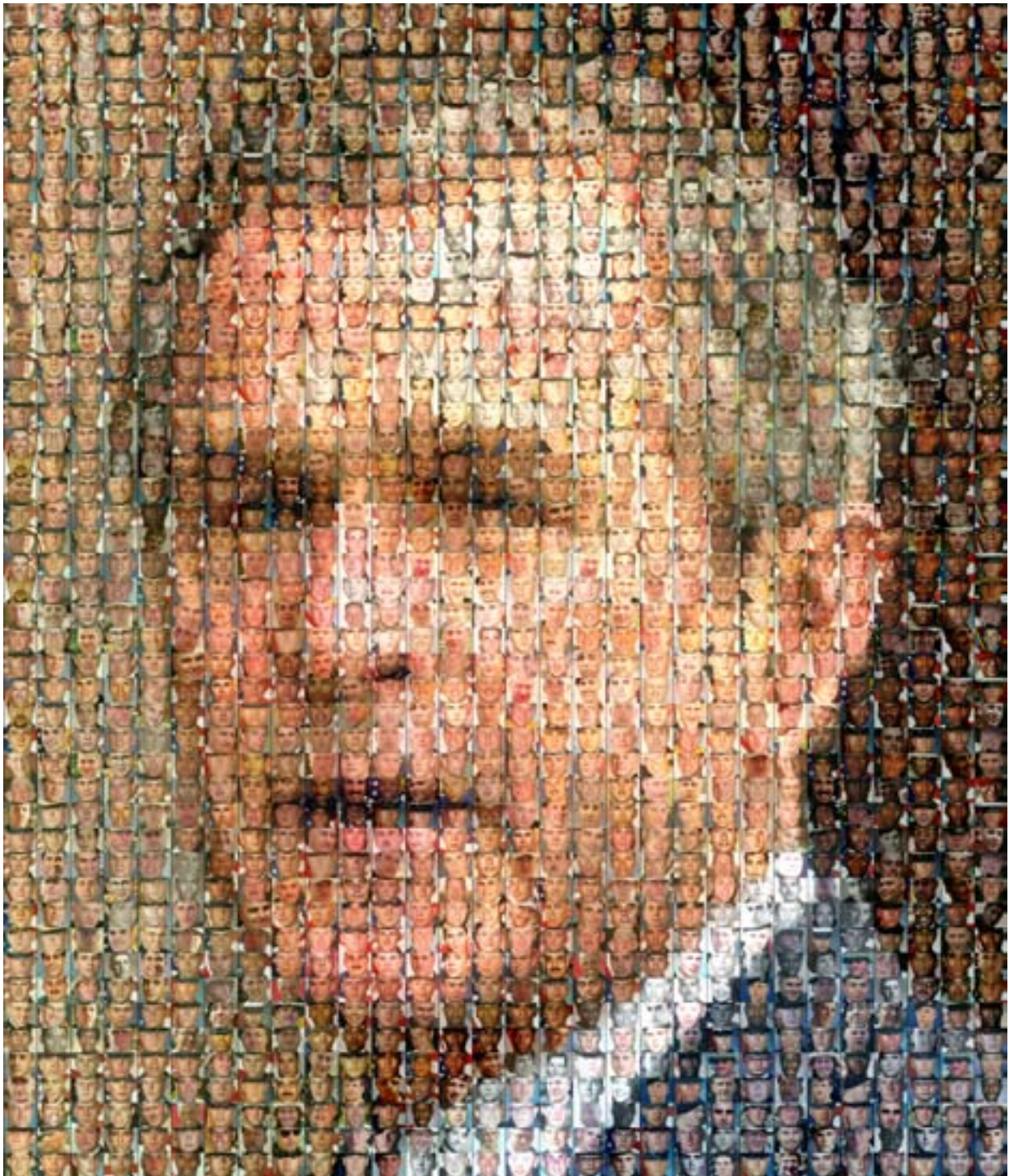
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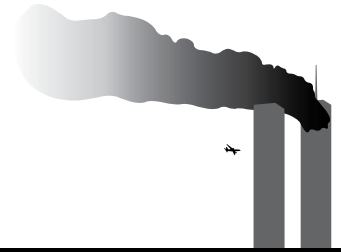
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To announce that there must be no criticism of the president, or that we are to stand by the president, right or wrong is not only unpatriotic and servile, but is morally treasonable to the American public.

– Theodore Roosevelt



INTRODUCTION

Imagine you've chosen to read this paper for one of two reasons: You hope I can tell you something you don't know about what happened on September 11, 2001. Or, you think I can't. Or possibly both.

On the other hand, you may simply be surprised to learn there is an alternative "truth" to everything you have been told about 9/11. After all, you read the paper, watch the nightly news, even listen to talk radio now and then. Why wouldn't they tell you everything they know about the greatest and most deadly attack on American soil?

I strongly suspect you know more about Paris Hilton than you do about 9/11. Not because you are more interested in shallow Hollywood gossip, but because the mainstream media is. Can you remember the last time you heard any actual news? Not a sex scandal, not the thirty-seventh update on the latest white female abductee, not some new legislation to protect us from our neighbor, or the latest political talking point. News; things that happened in the world which you should know about, things that might actually affect your life.

Let me give you an example. On the FBI's national web site (www.fbi.gov) there is a listing for Osama Bin Laden (they spell it "Usama"). If you view the list of crimes for which he is wanted you see that the attacks of 9/11 are not listed. In fact he is wanted for nothing more recent than 1998 and the deaths of "over 200 people."



Osama bin Laden

Go ahead and look. I'll wait.

You can call the FBI (I did); their number is on the web site. And if you ask them they will tell you what they told me: "The reason why 9/11 is not mentioned on Usama bin Laden's Most Wanted page is because the FBI has no hard evidence connecting Bin Laden to 9/11."¹

No hard evidence? Whatever evidence there may have been – which was not sufficient for the FBI – was sufficient to send us to war in Afghanistan. In fact, on October 3, 2001 National Security Advisor, Condoleezza Rice, said publicly that the administration was going to release their evidence that connected bin Laden to 9/11.² To date they have released no such information. What's even more eye-opening, we have learned that in 2005 the CIA officially closed "Alec Station," the unit formed to hunt for bin Laden.³

This is news. This is the kind of revelation that 10 or 20 years ago 60 Minutes would have devoted all 60 of its minutes to. But not today. Why? There are two big reasons.

The first is the Telecommunications Act of 1996 which was supposed to open the media industry up to greater competition, but in fact allowed a tiny number of giant corporations to own virtually all of America's TV, radio, print, and video outlets.⁴ Which means that all across the nation local and national news outlets speak in virtually one voice – a voice which can be purchased for a few corporate tax cuts. And who makes the tax cuts?

The second reason is fear. It used to be, if you were a good reporter and had a portfolio you could be proud of, you could get a job anywhere. So the more ambitious investigative reporters didn't worry if their sensational exclusive pissed off the sponsors or the top brass – they could just go to a competing paper which was more than happy to pick up a juicy exclusive. But where do you go when all of the papers



are owned by one or two companies? So, unless you're Dan Rather, and have decades of solid reputation under your belt, you keep your nose squeaky clean. And look what happened to Dan Rather.

But if that isn't enough intimidation (and it's enough for about 90% of the mainstream media), there is President Bush himself, actually using his spokesmen (backed by presidential muscle) to threaten the press corps, "suggesting" that if they pursue certain lines of questioning, they will be blackballed. Don't believe me? Ask Helen Thomas.

There are even subtler and deadlier threats out there. Remember the anthrax letters of 2001? Do you remember who got them? Tom Brokaw, Dan Rather, and the offices of every major network and several minor ones. And two other gentlemen of note.



On October 2nd, the U.S. Patriot Act was introduced in congress. Senate Democratic Majority Leader, Thomas A. Daschle, wanted to delay debate in the Senate until he and others could read the 300+ page bill. Meanwhile Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman, Democrat Patrick J. Leahy, warned that rushing this bill through would cause lawmakers to overlook serious constitutional flaws.

Within days, identical letters containing lethal doses of anthrax were sent to Daschle and Leahy. The Senate and House of Representative buildings were evacuated and sealed. The Patriot Act was rushed to a vote and passed.⁵

The anthrax cases were never officially solved, but all of the anthrax was traced to a single laboratory in Ames, Iowa, where the FBI allowed the samples to be destroyed.⁶

Fear is a powerful motivator. Remember Homeland Security's color-coded terrorist alert system? Yellow, orange, red. They were like a national siren: "Be afraid, stay afraid, fear everyone." Could something like that be used politically?

Tom Ridge, the Homeland Security Chief who invented the scheme, said he often felt that the evidence was too flimsy to justify raising the threat level, but that his department was overruled.

"More often than not we were the least inclined to raise it," Ridge told reporters. "Sometimes we disagreed with the intelligence assessment. Sometimes we thought even if the intelligence was good, you don't necessarily put the country on (alert). ... There were times when some people were really aggressive about raising it, and we said, 'For that?'"⁷



We've all been manipulated by fear – motivated to vote for one candidate over another, motivated to accept without complaint ideas and laws that work against our own and our nation's self-interest, motivated to accept without complaint the news we are given. Add to that the ceaseless chorus of "conservative" talkers (who magically morphed from shock

jocks to pundits without pausing to take a breath). This virtual army speaks in a single voice from every media source, branding any contrary thinker with a scarlet letter that can – and has – ended careers. The “liberal media” is as mythical and about as mighty as a frog prince, and anyone claiming to have been impacted by it belongs in the same ward as the Emperor and his new clothes.

There is yet a third reason to distrust the news you’ve been fed. On February 20, 2002, the Pentagon announced the existence of the Office of Strategic Information, which was “quietly set up after September 11” to plant false stories abroad, send phony e-mails from disguised addresses, and engage in other covert activities to manipulate public opinion. This announcement created such a public outcry that the OSI was declared closed only six days later. Soon thereafter the “temporary” Office of Global Communications was made permanent, taking over all of OSI’s functions except (reportedly) the covert manipulation.⁸ However when discussing the closing of the OSI, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld declared, “I went down that next day and said fine, if you want to savage this thing fine I’ll give you the corpse. There’s the name. You can have the name, but I’m gonna keep doing every single thing that needs to be done and I have.”⁹

Do you still wonder if you’ve heard all the news? Don’t – you haven’t. Nobody has. 1984 is only 20 years late.

Then if you accept that there are truths left unspoken by a government with an agenda, it should be a short leap to the hidden truths of 9/11.

And there is a whole underground community to help you take that leap, called simply the 9/11 Truth Movement. This ever-growing movement was started when four 9/11 widows pushed our government to form an independent



Ann Coulter

investigation. These “Jersey Girls” are the same women “pundit” Ann Coulter declared were “enjoying their husbands’ deaths.”¹⁰ Since 2001 the 9/11 Truth Movement has attracted thousands, many of them former and current U.S. military personnel, university professors, airline pilots, eye-witnesses, photo-journalists, videographers, award-winning investigative researchers and reporters, forensics specialists,

and noted experts in every field. Many them have formed web sites and organizations of their own under the umbrella of the Truth Movement, to raise awareness, take action, or share conspiracy theories – www.911truth.org, www.letsroll.org, <http://journalof911studies.com/>, to list a few.



Many of these sites are valuable sources of collected information and ongoing analysis, where the lay public can see raw video footage, documentaries, white papers and order books and DVDs. But the sheer volume of them is cause for confusion, as conflicting theories compete for legitimacy. This is because, unlike the well-organized army of conservative pundits who speak in harmony, the 9/11 Truth Movement is a loose-knit swarm of individualistic mercenaries all trying to out-shout each other. The deeper one explores, the more it begins to feel as if some of these sites are just intent on winning the Rube Goldberg Award for the most outlandish and convoluted explanation of the events of 9/11. Or as some legitimately suspect, resourceful agents of a highly motivated opposition party are planting absurd theories to both discredit the Movement and to incite fighting among the non-comms.

Those of us seeking the truth about 9/11 cannot afford to be distracted by such bickering. Truth – just like liberty and freedom – must not only be fought for tooth and nail, but maintained at all costs. We put our trust in our leaders and gave away our own diligence, and the price we pay is news stories about Tom Cruise’s baby in a time of global war. So I will break from many of my brethren in the 9/11 Truth Movement and report and pursue *only those facts I can prove or confirm*, and explore *only those theories which can be reasonably supported with accepted science and forensics techniques*.

In **Part I** I will explore the physical evidence of the three crash sites, and demonstrate why this evidence does not support the official story of what transpired on 9/11.

In **Part II** I will discuss the myriad of cases of unexplained behavior by officials responsible for the response to the events of 9/11 and others connected to those events, including the President and members of his cabinet. I will also discuss the many problems with the 9/11 Commission Report and with the committee and the investigation itself.

In **Part III** I will make the case for complicity, demonstrating how high-ranking members of our own government – including the President himself – not only had foreknowledge of the events of 9/11, but went out of their way to facilitate or even organize those events.

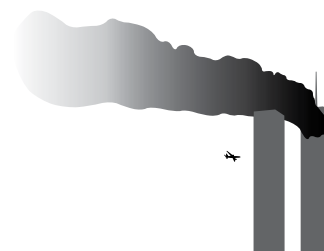
However before I can make such a bold and damning case for our governments’ official involvement in the attacks of 9/11, I must carefully lay out the evidence. Which brings us to

A nation that is afraid to let its people judge the truth and falsehood in an open market is a nation that is afraid of its people.

– John F. Kennedy



Part I



THE PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

Let me refresh your memory of September 11, 2001 with a brief timeline of the important events of that day.¹¹

7:59 am:	Flight 11 takes off 14 minutes late
8:14 am:	Flight 175 takes off 16 minutes late
8:20 am:	Flight 77 takes off 10 minutes late
8:28 am:	Flight 11 is a confirmed hijacking
8:37 am:	Flight 11 enters New York control space; Boston flight control notifies NORAD
8:42 am:	Flight 93 takes off 41 minutes late
8:46 am:	Flight 11 hits the North Tower of the World Trade Center
8:50 am:	Flight 175 heads for New York City
8:54 am:	Flight 77 veers off course
8:56 am:	Flight 77 transponder signal disappears; Flight 77 disappears from radar screens
9:03 am:	Flight 175 crashes into WTC South Tower; millions watch live on television; Bush continues with photo-op
9:06-9:16 am:	Bush reads pet goat story for nearly ten minutes
9:16-9:29 am:	Bush works on speech with staff; makes no decisions
9:28 am:	Cleveland flight control hears sounds of struggle as Flight 93 is hijacked
9:29 am:	President Bush makes a scheduled speech; proclaims terrorist attack on our country
9:30 am:	Langley fighters take off toward Washington; they could reach city in six minutes but take half an hour
9:30 am:	Secret Service finally rushes Bush out of school
9:37 am:	Flight 77 turns, then disappears from radar; Flight 77 crashes into reinforced section of the Pentagon
After 9:37 am:	FBI confiscates film of Pentagon crash
9:40 am:	Flight 93 transponder signal turned off; flight still closely tracked
9:50 am:	Molten metal pours from South Tower
9:52 am:	Firefighters reach 78th floor of South Tower; find two isolated fires
9:55-10:15 am:	Langley fighters finally reach Washington; accounts of timing are contradictory
9:57 am:	Passengers begin attempt to regain control of Flight 93
9:58 am:	Ed Felt said to describe explosion and white smoke from bathroom call
Before 9:59 am:	Gold transported through WTC basement; EMT worker given message that WTC towers are going to collapse; Giuliani apparently told WTC towers will collapse when fire chiefs think otherwise
9:59 am:	South Tower of WTC collapses
9:59-10:28 am:	Firefighters don't hear any message to evacuate North Tower
10:00 am:	Hijackers respond to passenger revolt
10:00-10:06 am:	Flight 93 cell call listeners hear silence, strange sounds

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10:06 am: Flight 93 crashes into Pennsylvania countryside
 After 10:06 am: Fighter said to fly past Flight 93 crash site; witnesses report lack of plane wreckage at Flight 93 crash scene
 After 10:06 am: Bush, told of Flight 93 Crash, wonders if it was shot down
 10:15 am: Pentagon section collapses
 10:28 am: WTC North Tower collapses
 12:00 Noon: Senator Hatch repeats intelligence community's conclusion that Osama bin Laden is responsible
 After 12:00 Noon: Larry Silverstein Tells fire department commander to 'pull' WTC 7
 1:02 pm: Rumsfeld calls for war
 2:00 pm: fighter pilot told Flight 93 was shot down
 2:40 pm: Rumsfeld wants to blame Iraq
 4:30 pm: WTC Building 7 area is evacuated
 5:20 pm: WTC Building 7 collapses; cause remains unclear
 8:30 pm: Bush gives third speech to nation, declares Bush Doctrine
 9:00 pm: Bush meets with advisers, declares war without barriers
 11:30 pm: Bush writes in his diary, "The Pearl Harbor of the 21st century took place today. ... We think it's Osama bin Laden."

Let's explore the physical evidence of the three crash sites, in turn.

THE WORLD TRADE CENTER

According to the official government inspected, government certified account, a hijacked Boeing 767 crashed into the upper third of each of the Twin Towers, a.k.a. WTC1 and WTC2. In both cases the airplanes, traveling at around 500 mph, blasted holes in the sides of the buildings several stories high and caused massive fires on those floors. The fires were intensely hot due to the presence of over 10,000 gallons of jet fuel still on board each plane.¹²

It was reported¹³ that the fires were so hot that they melted each buildings' steel core structure and caused its upper third to collapse down onto its lower section, starting a chain reaction of floor-by-floor collapse. This is known as the "Pancake Theory."

To most people, this explanation sounds plausible. After all, jet fuel is an exotic high-tech mixture that surely must burn at thousands of degrees in order to push 90 ton jet planes through the sky at hundreds of miles per hour. Obviously the fires melted the steel; we all saw the towers billowing smoke before they collapsed.

But the difference between plausible and provable can be great. And there are a great many problems with the "plausible" theory. To wit:

The towers of the World Trade Center were uniquely designed with an exterior "steel tube" design, the center of each exterior column only 45 inches from those adjacent. Most steel frame hi-rises rely on interior support columns alone, but the WTC towers supplemented their 47 core support columns with 236 exterior support columns, providing multiple redundancy.¹⁴ The steel used in the construction of the towers had a melting point of about 2770° F.¹⁵ However, the "exotic" jet fuel used on AA 11 and UA 175 was only refined kerosene (also known as

Jet-A), which even under the strict, controlled, oxygen-rich conditions inside a jet engine can only reach about 1800° F¹⁶ – nowhere near the 2770° required to melt the steel.

Even FEMA (the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which conducted the investigations) admits in its report that the jet fuel largely burned off in the first two seconds, and completely burned off in less than five minutes.¹⁷ After that all that's left to burn is paper, carpet, furniture, curtains ... typical house-

fire stuff. And house fires – even out-of-control blazes – average only around 900°-1200° F.¹⁸ In the World Trade Center the temperatures were likely even lower. If you examine images of the burning towers (you can find them all over the Internet), you will see that the smoke pouring out of them was black. Black smoke is a typical indication of oxygen-starved or low-temperature fires. The National



Institute of Science and Technology (NIST) stated in its report that it found no evidence of temperatures over 1157° F and only rare instances of temperatures over 482°.19 In fact, shortly before the South Tower fell, firefighters reached the 78th floor – where Flight 175 struck – and found only two isolated fires.20

While it's true that any temperature fire will eventually weaken the tensile strength of structural steel over time, this requires that the steel itself reach that temperature at its core – and that takes many hours of sustained application of heat. Remember that WTC2 fell less than an hour after impact, and WTC1 after less than two hours. This is not sufficient time for the fires to have caused structural collapse of the towers – even taking into account the structural damage already caused by the airplane impacts, which the buildings were originally designed to withstand (they were, in fact, designed to withstand the impact of a Boeing 707, which is slightly smaller but faster).21

It should also be pointed out that no steel-framed hi-rise structure has ever collapsed due to fire. Consider the 62-story First Interstate Bank Building fire in Los Angeles in 1988. Even though the fire raged for over three hours and completely gutted four floors, no part of the building collapsed.22 In 1991, One Meridian Plaza in downtown Philadelphia burned through nine floors over an 18 hour period. According to reports temperatures exceeded 1000° F, melting glass and aluminum window frames, and causing concrete floor slabs and steel beams to sag. Yet no part of the building ever collapsed.23 In 2005 the Windsor Building – the fourth tallest skyscraper in Madrid – burned for over 24 hours, reaching a temperature of 1472° F at its peak. Although several of the uppermost floors eventually sagged and collapsed onto the lower floors, the rest of the building remained standing.24 Compare this to a peak temperature of 1157° F and 56 minutes for WTC2.

But the World Trade Center towers did collapse, so something must have caused it. According to scores of eyewitnesses, multiple explosions rocked the towers before either of them fell.

On the morning of September 11, 2001, news crews from every network and countless local affiliates swarmed the

area around the Twin Towers, reporting and interviewing anyone with a story to tell. Most of these segments were broadcast only once, live, never to be seen again. But a few individuals had the foresight to put a tape in their VCR that morning, and some of this original live footage made its way to filmmaker Dustin Mugford, who compiled much of it in his video, "September 11th Revisited."25 Here are a few of those on-the-spot eyewitness accounts:

"We never really even got that close to the building and the explosion blew and knocked everybody over." [CBS]

"The FBI is here as you can see. They have roped this area off. They were taking photographs and securing this area just prior to that huge explosion that we all heard and felt." [Fox News]

"It just went ba-boom, it was like a bomb went off, and it was like holy hell coming down them stairs, and then when we finally got to the bottom we were coming out ... and another explosion came ... sent everyone flying..." [CNN]



1988 First Interstate Bank Building fire

It may no longer be possible to verify these testimonies at this late date. However on August 12, 2005, the New York Court of Appeals ordered the release of a collection of oral testimonies of 503 firefighters and medical workers taken in interview form by the Fire Department of New York (FDNY).26 Here are some samples:

"I felt the ground shake, I turned around and ran for my life. I made it as far as the Financial Center when the collapse happened." [Lonnie Penn, E.M.T.]27

"I started walking back up towards Vesey Street. I heard three explosions, and then we heard like groaning and grinding, and tower two started to come down." [Kevin Darnowski, paramedic]28

"... all of a sudden you just heard, like it almost actually that day sounded like bombs going off, like boom, boom, boom, like seven or eight ... this is before the actual collapse happened." [Thomas Turilli, firefighter, F.D.N.Y.]29

Possibly the most damning testimony³⁰ comes from William Rodriguez, a WTC janitor for 20 years. On the morning of September 11, Rodriguez was in sub-level 1 of the North Tower when he and at least 14 others felt a massive explosion in the lower levels, below. "When I heard the sound of the explosion, the floor beneath my feet vibrated, the walls started cracking and everything started shaking. Seconds after the first massive explosion below in the basement still rattled the floor I hear another explosion from way above. Although I was unaware at the time, this was the airplane hitting the tower, it occurred moments after the first explosion." Seconds later co-worker Felipe David ran into the office with severe burns on his face and arms, screaming, "Explosion! Explosion! Explosion!"



William Rodriguez

"He was burned terribly," said Rodriguez. "The skin was hanging off his hands and arms. His injuries couldn't have come from the airplane above, but only from a massive explosion below. I don't care what the government says."

What makes all of these and other similar testimonies especially significant is that they are corroborated by the video and scientific analysis of the collapses, while the official story is not. To put it bluntly, the physics simply do not support the contention that fire brought down two massively over-engineered steel-framed buildings. But they do support controlled demolition of the towers.

The combined application of physics, frame-by-frame video scrutiny and laboratory analysis of physical debris do not merely suggest controlled demolition – they virtually prove it.³¹ Here are the salient points:

- The towers fell at free-fall speed, without even the negligible resistance of friction.³² A "pancake" collapse implies that the weight of the upper floors would crush the lower floors one by one. On September 11, the 110 floor towers collapsed in less than 15 seconds. If each floor took only a half of a second to resist, the building should have taken more than 50 seconds to fall.

- Videos show multiple examples of explosive "squibs" blowing out several floors below the level of the actual collapse.³³ These are indicative of pre-placed cutter charges inside



the building, cutting the core structure in advance of the progressing collapse.

- Debris, including 30 foot steel beams, was ejected horizontally over 200 feet from the falling towers.³⁴ Steel beams from the south tower were found embedded 20 floors up the side of 3 World Financial Center (the Amex Tower), across the freeway from the World Trade Center.³⁵
- With very few exceptions, all of the steel core and exterior columns were neatly cut into 30 foot lengths,³⁶ which was a convenient length for hauling them away. Controlled Demolition, Inc., a company that demolishes structures all over the world – and coincidentally the company hired to oversee the WTC cleanup – states in its publicity: "Our DREXS™ systems ... segment steel components into pieces matching the lifting capacity of the available equipment."³⁷
- According to experts, the most likely – or possibly only – process capable of quickly cutting through structural steel is thermate, a mixture which causes a rapid exothermic reaction typically reaching 4,500° F almost instantly.³⁸ Brigham Young University physics professor, Steven Jones positively identified thermate residue on steel remains from the WTC.³⁹
- At 9:50 am molten steel is seen pouring from an opening high up the South Tower,⁴⁰ where molten metal could not possibly exist without the use of thermate or some other super-hot exothermic reaction. Liquid aluminum from the plane – which has a much lower melting point – is ruled out, as aluminum is not bright yellow in liquid form.⁴¹
- Six to eight weeks after September 11th cleanup crews were still digging yellow-hot molten steel from the sub-basements of the World Trade Center.⁴² In order to be this color, the metal must be around 1900° F. This metal contained high levels of sulphur, which was not used in the construction of the towers, but which would be expected in a thermate reaction.
- The towers were pulverized to flour-like dust in mid-air,⁴³ which is in direct contradiction to the official explanation that the crushing weight of the upper



floors caused the collapse; nothing of sufficient weight remained to stress the floors below.

- **Pyroclastic dust clouds** (fluid, rolling, rapidly spreading clouds) only occur in violent, hot explosions, such as volcanoes.⁴⁴ However this type of cloud occurred on September 11 when the towers fell. An analysis of the volume and speed of the pyroclastic flows on 9/11 using basic physics demonstrates that the gravitational energy available from the elevated towers was not nearly sufficient to produce such clouds.⁴⁵

It is simply not physically, chemically, thermodynamically or metallurgically possible for plane crashes and 60-100 minute fires to reduce two 110-story buildings to identical piles of fine rubble. Any one of the above points should be enough to initiate a legal investigation into the use of pre-planted explosives in the World Trade Center. All eight of them are enough to convict.



But how (I hear you demand) could 19 Muslim men armed only with boxcutters possibly plant and wire the thousands of charges needed to bring down the Twin Towers? They couldn't – that's the point. More about this, and the unexplained collapse of WTC Building 7, in **Part II**.

THE PENTAGON

The case of the attack at the Pentagon is equally suspicious, and the official story equally unlikely – but for a reason opposite to that of the World Trade Center. Whereas the WTC provided an abundance of physical and video evidence for analysis, the Pentagon yielded almost none. Not even the bare minimum one would expect to find connected with a major jetliner crash.

Among the evidence not found at the Pentagon:

- **60+ tons of Boeing 757** – no seat cushions, no wings, no tail, no 6 ton titanium engines.⁴⁶ Plane crashes are messy, and a 757 is a massive piece of equipment. If a 757 crashed into the Pentagon you would expect to see a large field of debris littered with huge chunks of twisted, scorched metal. With the exception of very few pieces – one wheel, part of a landing gear, a piece of an engine rotor – virtually all of the debris could be picked up by hand and showed no fire damage.



- **Jet fuel** – no environmental toxic clean-up.⁴⁷ If tens of thousands of gallons of jet fuel had been spilled at the site of the crash, the EPA would have required such a cleanup of the soil. Also, some witnesses claimed

to have smelled “gunpowder” or cordite⁴⁸ (an artillery propellant) at the site, rather than jet fuel.

- **Bodies** – no body parts, no blood, nor any urgency on the part of officials on the scene to locate or treat crash victims.⁴⁹ There were, naturally, victims within the offices of the Pentagon, however there appeared to be no passengers at the crash site. The victims of Flight 77 were later identified via DNA,⁵⁰ even though the accepted account claims the fire from the crash completely evaporated the plane they rode in on.
- **Luggage** – no clothing, no suitcases, no shoes, no personal effects.⁵¹ As I said, plane crashes are messy. Except this one.
- **Impact hole** – no hole large enough for an entire plane to disappear into (since virtually no debris remained behind on the lawn).⁵² Before the collapse of a large section of the Pentagon about 20 minutes after the initial crash, the only hole through the building's façade was about 18 feet in diameter and centered on the second floor. The diameter of the fuselage of a 757 is about 12 feet. But the wingspan is about 125 feet, and the tip of the tail is about 44 feet from the ground. If they did not get left behind on the lawn, where did they go?
- **Fire damage** – no damage consistent with a fire hot enough to completely consume a 60+ ton airplane (since virtually no debris remained behind on the lawn).⁵³ After the damaged section of the Pentagon

collapsed, the interior directly above the crash became exposed, showing office furniture, computers, even books completely untouched by fire.

■ **Video** – none of the 85 surveillance and security video tapes confiscated by the FBI from various traffic cams, hotels and gas stations⁵⁴ have been released⁵⁵ (although the Department of Defense did finally release two clips⁵⁶ from the Pentagon's own security cameras – out of dozens – which artfully avoid showing anything).



the official story that American Airlines Flight 77, a Boeing 757, crashed into the Pentagon.

Those few larger pieces of debris I mentioned earlier – part of a small engine, part of a landing gear, a wheel – might be from a 757. Or they might be from one of any number of other aircraft, both civilian and military. As for the rest of the debris, several small, twisted pieces of metal were found with what appears to be hull lettering consistent with an American Airlines 757.⁵⁷ What is odd about these lettered pieces – aside from the lack of fire damage – is that there were so many. As one researcher put it, “80% of the

While it is true that a lack of evidence can not positively prove anything, it is nevertheless disturbing and suspect – particularly when you consider that our government has in its possession a bonanza of video evidence which could presumably prove the validity of the official story. The bottom line is that – aside from what may be on those videos – there appears to be no physical evidence to support

evidence outside the Pentagon [was] covered in lettering when in reality only about 1.7% of the entire aircraft actually has lettering.”⁵⁸

The other thing that was conspicuously missing from the Pentagon attack on 9/11 was the anti-aircraft defense system. More on this in **Part II**.

FLIGHT 93

Inasmuch as any one thing can be called the Enigma of September 11th, it is United Flight 93 and its subsequent crash in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. The crash of Flight 93 left even less evidence, had fewer witnesses, and posed more questions than any of the other plane crashes on 9/11.

Eerily similar to AA 77 at the Pentagon, where suspiciously little recognizable airplane debris was recovered, and AA 11 and UA 175 at the World Trade Center where virtually no airplane debris was identified, the crash site of UA 93 did not appear to have involved an airplane.

“There was no plane. There was what you see, a hole – and that is the dirt that the airliner threw out – and the hole, about 6 meters deep ... and that was all there was.” [Ernie Stull, Mayor of Shanksville, PA]⁵⁹



“It didn’t look like a plane crash because there was nothing that looked like a plane.” [Homer Barron, *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*]⁶⁰

“There’s a crater gouged in the earth, the plane is pretty much disintegrated. There’s nothing left but scorched trees.” [Mark Stahl, *CNN*]⁶¹

To be sure, something crashed in Shanksville. Many eyewitnesses saw the approach of an airplane.⁶² But, as in every other case on 9/11, 1) nothing was left that could positively identify the plane that crashed, and 2) no formal investigation was made to reconstruct the crash.⁶³

Flight 93 is infamous for the many cell phone and air-phone calls and the reconstructed story of the passengers fighting back with the rallying cry of “Let’s roll.”⁶⁴ But one of those calls was not publicized, and perhaps this call is the single most important piece of eyewitness testimony to the fate of Flight 93. First Class passenger, Edward Felt, called 9-1-1 from the plane’s bathroom and reported that he “heard some sort of explosion and saw white smoke coming from the plane.”⁶⁵

This was not the work of boxcutters. In fact this call, the testimony of other eyewitnesses to the crash, and the condition of the crash site itself all conspire – if you'll pardon the pun – to suggest that Flight 93 was shot down. For example:

... residents reported hearing the doomed jetliner flying over at a low altitude before “falling apart on their homes.”

“People were calling in and reporting pieces of plane falling,” a state trooper said.

Jim Stop reported he had seen the hijacked Boeing 757 fly over him as he was fishing. He said he could see parts falling from the plane. [*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*]⁶⁶

As stated before, very little debris could be seen at the crash site. In fact debris, including one engine, was found up to 8 miles from the actual point of impact.⁶⁷ This widespread pattern of small debris is indicative of possible break-up before impact. What's even more disturbing is the fact that the Cockpit Voice Recorder, when finally played for the victims' families and the press in April of 2002, abruptly ended a full minute before the plane crashed. “... the tape suddenly stops recording voices and all that is heard in the last 60 seconds or so is engine noise.”⁶⁸ What could possibly cause this?

Also reminiscent of Flight 77 at the Pentagon, bodies did not initially appear to be in evidence at the crash site:

“I stopped being coroner after about 20 minutes, because there were no bodies there. It became like a giant funeral service.” [Wallace Miller, Somerset County Coroner, *Washington Post*]⁶⁹

“This is the most eerie thing,” [Wallace Miller] says. “I have not, to this day, seen a single drop of blood. Not a drop.” [*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*]⁷⁰

This is actually not all that surprising when you consider that the plane struck the ground at an estimated 575

mph, heading almost straight down.⁷¹ In fact, the coroner estimates only about 8% of the total body mass of all 44 people on board UA 93 was ever found, in small, scorched pieces.⁷² Likewise, most debris found from the plane was tiny, the largest pieces being smaller than a briefcase.⁷³

What is surprising then, considering these facts, is the abundance of identifiable items that were found, virtually undamaged. A red bandana (allegedly used by the hijackers according to the popular story),⁷⁴ the personal effects of CeeCee Lyles, a flight attendant on UA 93,⁷⁵ photographs, wallets with currency, purses and their contents,⁷⁶ and a “hijacker instructions” letter, written in Arabic⁷⁷ (which was found in two other places, in luggage conveniently left behind by hijackers allegedly on Flights 11 and 77)⁷⁸ – all virtually unburned and intact.

Compare this to the fact that much of the evidence “proving” that AA 77 hit the Pentagon did not appear to have been burned in the “intense” fires, and that an unusually high percentage of the plane debris at the Pentagon had surface paint to aid in identification. Also compare this to the fact that the passport of alleged Flight 11 hijacker, Satam al Suqami, was “discovered” among the rubble of the World Trade Center within hours of the towers' collapse.⁷⁹ Coincidence?



WHAT THE EVIDENCE SUGGESTS

If nothing else, the collective analysis of the physical evidence points *away* from the “official” account of the events of September 11, 2001. This alone suggests a cover-up. Suggestions of cover-ups are nothing new, even outside the relatively insular world of conspiracy theorists. And certainly a lack of evidence supporting the “official story” is no substitute for conclusive evidence supporting

a cover-up. However in this case we have evidence that efforts were made by officials to obstruct and strong-arm the investigations and to cherry-pick the conclusions – evidence supporting a cover-up.

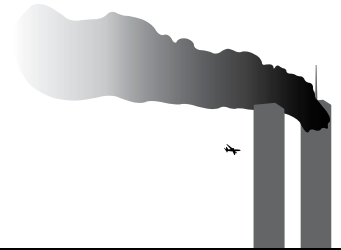
More on this in **Part II**.



The great masses of the people ... will more easily fall victims to a big lie than to a small one.

– Adolph Hitler

Part II



UNEXPLAINED BEHAVIOR

In **Part I** of this exposé I examined the physical evidence of the attacks of September 11, 2001 – the crash sites of Flight 93 in Pennsylvania, Flight 77 in Washington, and Flights 11 and 175 in New York as well as the subsequent collapse of the Twin Towers.

The collective analysis of this evidence does far more to discredit the official explanation of 9/11 than support it. In fact, there appears to be far more evidence in support of popular “conspiracy theories” than officials have thus

far provided in support of their own explanation. If this does not suggest a cover-up to most observers it has certainly suggested one to growing numbers of people both in America and abroad. These people – many of whom have helped form and swell the ranks of the 9/11 Truth Movement – have not been content to bicker over the fine points of aerodynamics or controlled demolition. They have begun looking into the workings of our government agencies, and the conditions that could have led to the kinds of breakdowns the 9/11 Commission reported.

FEIGNED IGNORANCE

President Bush and members of his administration stated publicly⁸⁰ and repeatedly after September 11th that they had no inkling that terrorists were planning to attack Americans on their own soil⁸¹ or that they had planned to use airplanes as missiles.⁸² However investigators and former members of the administration have revealed literally hundreds of warnings – both general and specific – that were received by Bush and his administration in the eight months of his term prior to September 11th.⁸³

The most publicized ignored warning was President Bush’s August 6, 2001 PDB (Presidential Daily Briefing), titled “Bin Laden Determined to Strike in U.S.”⁸⁴ Unlike typical PDBs which are two to three pages, this report was reportedly 11½ pages in length.⁸⁵ This briefing was kept

secret by the Bush administration until its existence was revealed by the FBI in May of 2002. In a hastily-convened press-conference, then-National Security Advisor, Condoleezza Rice, stated⁸⁶ that the briefing “was an analytic report that talked about UBL’s methods of operation,

talked about what he had done historically, in 1997, in 1998.” “It was not,” she reiterated, “a warning.” She also famously declared, “I don’t think anybody could have predicted that these people would take an airplane and slam it into the World Trade Center.”

In fact, it has been standard operating procedure since the 1996 Atlanta Olympics to create “no-fly zones” for certain high-profile occasions – because of possible threat from hijacked jetliners. Called the “Atlanta Rules,” this extensive



set of security measures, which includes closing nearby airspace and deploying interceptor helicopters, was used several times prior to 9/11, including at George W. Bush's inauguration⁸⁷ in January of 2001. In July, 2001, Italian authorities put in place even more aggressive anti-aircraft measures for the G8 Meeting in Genoa, including batteries of surface-to-air missiles, fighter jets and off-shore naval vessels. In fact, President Bush stayed on-board the American aircraft carrier, USS Enterprise, out of fear of an air-based assassination attempt from Osama bin Laden.⁸⁸

There had also been specific warnings of terrorists using airplanes as weapons. In 1999, for example, a report prepared for the CIA warned that terrorists associated with Osama bin Laden had plans to hijack an airplane and crash it into the Pentagon.⁸⁹ The report also recounts well-known case studies of similar plots. Aside from such warnings, our government had tangible evidence that al Qaeda-affiliated terrorists could and would use airplanes as missiles, in the form of the foiled "Project Bojinka" in which Pakistani national, Abdul Hakim Murad was set to

crash an aircraft loaded with C-4 and semtex explosives into CIA headquarters.⁹⁰

As a result the FBI investigated various flight schools in North Carolina, New York, and Oklahoma, where al Qaeda operatives had taken flight training.⁹¹ In fact, as recently as July, 2001, FBI agent, Ken Williams, authored a memo detailing 10 different Middle Eastern men attending flight school in Phoenix, AZ.⁹²

Indeed, there were military training exercises specifically focused on responding to hijacked planes being flown into buildings.⁹³ One wonders if Dr. Rice was truly as ignorant as she claimed to have been.



IGNORED WARNINGS

According to the Bush administration, terrorism has always been its highest priority – even before September 11, 2001. Yet for the first eight months of his presidency, George Bush held just one cabinet-level meeting on terrorism – one week before 9/11. Richard Clarke, the top anti-terrorism advisor held over from the previous administration, met with President Clinton on a weekly basis. However, upon expressing his concerns to National Security Advisor Rice, Clarke was demoted from a cabinet-level position to a staff-level position.⁹⁴ In contrast, CIA Director, George Tenet, before the 9/11 Commission, rejected the notion that the CIA had failed to do its job, declaring, "Failure means no focus, no attention, no discipline, and those were not present in what we or the FBI did, here and around the world."⁹⁵ But, if this was true, certainly any of the following occurrences should have tipped off these hyper-alert G-men:



George Tenet

■ **January 31, 2001:** The bipartisan US Commission on National Security/21st Century issued its final report on domestic terrorism. Co-chairmen former Senators Gary Hart (D) and Warren Rudman (R) personally brief National Security Adviser Rice, Defense Secretary Rumsfeld, and Secretary of State Powell on the

commission's findings and their 50 recommendations for combating terrorism in the U.S. The report stated, "A direct attack against American citizens on American soil is likely over the next quarter century." The Bush Administration was disinclined to follow the report's recommendations, instead announcing that Vice President Dick Cheney would study the "potential problem of domestic terrorism" – which the commission had just concluded two and a half years studying.⁹⁶

■ **Spring 2001:** The National Security Agency (NSA) had been recording Osama bin Laden's satellite phone calls since 1996, noting that the person he spoke with most frequently was his mother, Hamida, whose line they also monitored. In one phone conversation with Hamida, bin Laden said he would not be able to call her again for a long time, adding, "Great events are about to take place." At the time, President Bush was so convinced that this would be the way to catch the terrorist leader that he told the Emir of Qatar, "We know that he'll call his mother one day – and then we'll get him."⁹⁷ No effort was made to "get" bin Laden after this call was recorded.

■ **April, 2001:** In the spring and summer of 2001, American intelligence picked up a number of reports on al Qaeda that strongly indicated a pending major attack against American targets. For example, in April, 2001, one intelligence source suggested that

Osama bin Laden was interested in using commercial pilots as terrorists. The source warned that al Qaeda wanted to mount another attack or attacks like the first World Trade Center bombing in 1993 – something “spectacular and traumatic.”⁹⁸

- **April 1, 2001 – September 10, 2001:** Between these dates the FAA received 105 intelligence summaries. Of these, 52 mentioned bin Laden, al Qaeda, or both. Five of them mentioned al Qaeda’s training for hijackings and two reports concerned suicide operations unconnected to aviation. Despite all these warnings, the FAA failed to take any extra security measures.⁹⁹

- **April-May, 2001:** President Bush, Vice President Cheney, and various national security aides were given briefing papers with titles including, “Bin Laden Planning Multiple Operations,” “Bin Laden Public Profile May Presage Attack,” and “Bin Laden Network’s Plans Advancing.” The exact contents of these briefings remain classified.¹⁰⁰

- **May-July, 2001:** During this period, the NSA reported it had intercepted “at least 33 communications indicating a possible, imminent terrorist attack.”¹⁰¹ None of these communications offered specific details. This information was distributed to several other intelligence agencies. Later, National Security Adviser Rice stated that she had read “chatter that was picked up in [2001s] spring and summer. ‘Unbelievable news coming in weeks,’ said one. ‘A big event ... there will be a very, very, very, very big uproar.’ ‘There will be attacks in the near future.’”¹⁰² These reports were dismissed.



Condoleezza Rice

- **June-July, 2001:** President Bush, Vice President Cheney, and various national security aides were given briefing papers with titles including, “Bin Laden Threats Are Real” and “Bin Laden Planning High Profile Attacks.” The exact contents of these briefings remain classified. However according to the 9/11 Commission, these briefings increasingly



predicted upcoming attacks that would occur “on a catastrophic level, indicating that they would cause the world to be in turmoil, consisting of possible multiple – but not necessarily simultaneous – attacks.”¹⁰³

- **July 16, 2001:** British Prime Minister Tony Blair received a report from British spy agencies, warning that al Qaeda was in “the final stages” of preparing an attack on the United States. This report was “based on intelligence gleaned not just from [British intelligence] but also from US agencies, including the CIA and the National Security Agency.”¹⁰⁴



Tony Blair

- **August, 2001:** Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered his intelligence agencies to warn the US that suicide pilots were training for attacks on targets within the United States.¹⁰⁵
- **August 6, 2001:** President Bush received his now-infamous PDB, “Bin Laden Determined to Strike in U.S.” According to the New York Times, President Bush “broke off from work early and spent most of that day fishing.”¹⁰⁶
- **September 6-10, 2001:** Alarm bells sound at the New York Stock Exchange when unusually high numbers of “put options” are placed on American Airlines and United Airlines stocks. A put option is a contract locking in the selling price of a given stock for a set period of time, so should the value of that stock fall the contract holder can sell that stock at the set price, even if purchased at a lower price after it fell. The put options placed on United Airlines and American Airlines stocks (Flights 175 and 93 were United Airlines, and Flights 11 and 77 were American Airlines) in the days prior to 9/11 were up to 285 times their average.¹⁰⁷ “To the embarrassment of investigators, it has also emerged



that the firm used to buy many of the 'put' options ... on United Airlines stock was headed until 1998 by 'Buzzy' Krongard, now executive director of the CIA."¹⁰⁸

These are but a few of the hundreds of examples exposed by researchers and the press; there are no doubt many more that have not been revealed.

The question one is often confronted with upon seeing the above or any of the multitude of similar missed warning signs is this: Could all 16 branches of the intelligence community, the Bush administration, and even the President himself actually have been as diligent as they claim to have

been and concluded, after the events of 9/11, that "Based on everything I've seen, I do not believe anyone could have prevented the horror of September the 11th."?¹⁰⁹

It is difficult to accept such widespread and cavalier incompetence from the leadership of greatest nation on Earth with the most advanced intelligence network in history. But if not gross incompetence, what is the alternative? Either they did not know an attack was eminent (and how could they not?), or they did know.

And everything that implies.

LARRY SILVERSTEIN AND WTC7

For many people who believe the U.S. was behind the attacks on 9/11, the most clear-cut and damning evidence is the apparent controlled demolition of the Twin Towers (see **Part I**). Of particular note to these "CDers" is the fact that at approximately 5:20 pm on September 11, the 47-story Building 7 – which had not been struck by an airplane – also collapsed into its own footprint at nearly freefall speed, when the only apparent damage was a 20-story section of the south-west corner caused by falling debris, and two small fires in the lower levels.¹¹⁰

When the video record of this collapse is analyzed, it is clear that the collapse actually begins at the top (the penthouse is the first part of the structure to give way), the entire building sags in the middle, and produces pyroclastic dust clouds, exactly like the Twin Towers.¹¹¹ Yet damage to Building 7 was minimal compared to other buildings in the complex which did not collapse. This strongly suggests that controlled demolition of the same order as the Twin Towers was used to bring down WTC7.

But while many believe that the "obvious" physical evidence of controlled demolition of WTC1, WTC2 and WTC7 is the

best argument for official complicity, those who reject this evidence point out what is, at first glance, conspicuously absent: opportunity and motive.

Opportunity: Rigging a building for traditional industrial controlled demolition requires months of preparation, including wiring all of the explosive charges. How could this have been accomplished?

Motive: What would anybody gain from demolishing one of the richest and most well-known businesses and banking centers in the world?

Let's take a closer look.

Larry Silverstein, 72, is the owner of Silverstein Properties, Inc., a real estate investment and development company that has consummated in excess of eight billion dollars in transactions since its formation in 1957.¹¹² Just seven weeks prior to September 11, 2001, Silverstein acquired a 99-year lease from the New York City Port Authority for the entire World Trade Center Complex. This is the first time in the buildings' 31-year history that the complex changed





ownership. Of the \$3.2 billion lease, Larry Silverstein put up only \$14 million of his own money, borrowing the rest.¹¹³

There are a number of points of interest regarding this transaction. The lease specified that Silverstein would have the right to rebuild the structures “should they be destroyed.”¹¹⁴ Silverstein also took out an insurance policy on the complex explicitly in case of terrorist attack. After September 11, Silverstein won a lawsuit filed against the insurance carriers – arguing that the collisions of AA 11 and UA 175 constituted two separate terrorist events – enabling Silverstein to collect a total \$4.6 billion in insurance payoffs.¹¹⁵

Upon taking over ownership of the World Trade Center Complex, Silverstein hired Kroll, Inc.¹¹⁶ to manage security. Kroll, Inc. was not new to WTC Security; immediately after the 1993 bombing, the Port Authority hired Kroll, Inc. to analyze the entire WTC Complex and design a new comprehensive security system at a cost of \$50 million. These security upgrades included a complete rewiring of the entire complex with both copper wire and fiber optics, and the company that was hired to integrate these systems was Securacom.¹¹⁷ At that time Marvin Bush, the current President’s brother, joined Securacom’s board of directors. (Securacom also handled security for Dulles International Airport, where AA 77 took off on 9/11).¹¹⁸



Marvin & George W. Bush

For many, this conspicuous involvement of the Bush family directly in the security of the World Trade Center is enough to satisfy the “opportunity” aspect of the CD theory. However this evidence is hardly damning. Kroll, Inc. is the real story, here.

Known infamously as a “private CIA,” Kroll, Inc. is a multinational security company employing thousands of ex-CIA, FBI, and Special Forces people as well as forensics, data recovery, and criminal law specialists.¹¹⁹ Self-described as “the world’s foremost independent risk consulting company,”¹²⁰ Kroll has one division, O’Gara-Hess & Eisenhardt, which has provided mobile security to every US President since 1945.¹²¹ Kroll, Inc. is a subsidiary of the American International Group (AIG) the world’s largest insurance company, along



Maurice Greenberg

with Marsh McLennan (a “global professional services” firm) and ACE Financial Solutions – all of which are owned and run by members of the Greenberg Family, many of whom serve on the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR). The Greenbergs have some startling connections to the Bush family, most notably through the Miami-based law firm, Greenberg Traurig, LLP:¹²²

- The Greenbergs personally represent Florida Governor, Jeb Bush.
- Greenberg Traurig, LLP represented George W. Bush in *Bush v Gore*.
- On Election Day 2000 Greenberg Traurig hired the son of Supreme Court Justice, Antonin Scalia, who then cast one of the five-to-four deciding votes which gave the presidency to George W. Bush.
- The Greenbergs partially funded and sponsored a delegation of House-Senate Armed Services Committee members and government contractors to Israel to study torture techniques and interrogations resistance procedures.
- Greenberg Traurig works with 9/11 victims’ families to receive their reparations by preparing the paperwork by which the families agree never to sue the US government for any reason.

The three Greenberg companies, AIG, Marsh and ACE, were the original insurers of the World Trade Center Complex, however before 9/11 they sold off the contracts to their competition (a technique known as “reinsuring”). An odd move for “the world’s largest insurance company” who clearly had the resources to cover this massive policy, except that when the towers fell and Silverstein sued for the insurance payoff, these reinsurers were left holding the bag.



As for the alleged demolition of the towers and Building 7, it is not at all inconceivable that several of Kroll's military holdings would be able to provide both the expertise and the technology to demolish the buildings. We know Kroll was paid millions to study the entire complex down to the smallest bolt, and that Securacom (and Marvin Bush) was hired to rewire the buildings and install all-new equipment in 1997.¹²³ Although no hard evidence has been presented to support this, it is possible that the towers and Building 7 could have been prepped and wired for demolition at this time. Explosives would have to have been installed later, as they degrade over time.



It has been widely reported that in the days before 9/11 different sections of the towers were "powered down" for cabling upgrades.¹²⁴ During these power downs, security cameras were inoperative, as were electronic security locks. It was also reported that on the Thursday before 9/11, the bomb-sniffing dogs used by WTC security were abruptly removed from duty.¹²⁵

This would conceivably satisfy the issue of opportunity. But what about motive?

Before 9/11 the Twin Towers were a growing financial liability; vacancies were increasing, the structures themselves were 30 years out-of-date, and having commenced construction before 1970 they contained 300-400 tons of asbestos.¹²⁶ One is moved to wonder why Larry Silverstein was so eager to take over the lease. From a business standpoint it could be argued that the wisest financial move would have been to dismantle the towers and build something else. In fact it has been reported that some years prior to 2001 the Port Authority had received orders from the EPA to have the buildings completely dismantled by 2007.¹²⁷ However due to the presence of asbestos, demolition using explosives would have been illegal, and dismantling the towers beam-by-beam would have cost many billions of dollars – an estimated \$2.6 billion just to construct the scaffolding. Kroll would have known the disposition of the towers when they studied them after 1993, and Silverstein would have learned of the EPA's order through full disclosure during the real estate transaction transferring ownership of the towers to him, if not sooner.

Building 7 had its own dark history. Silverstein owned it outright; an affiliate of Silverstein Properties, Inc. built 7 World Trade Center in 1987.¹²⁸ Organizations with offices in Building 7 included the CIA, the Defense Department, the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, The United States Secret Service, the Internal Revenue Service,



and the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management. Jeremy Hauer, a Managing Director at Kroll, Inc., assisted with the design and construction of the OEM "bunker" and Kroll, Inc. managed it.¹²⁹ This 50,000 square foot center had bulletproof windows,

bomb-resistant walls, its own water, power, and air supplies, and a 6,000 gallon fuel tank in violation of city fire codes. It also had banks of surveillance equipment tied into the police and fire departments.¹³⁰ Some conspiracy theorists have speculated that this bunker was the command center for coordinating the 9/11 attacks, including the controlled demolition of the Twin Towers – despite the fact that no solid evidence in support of this theory has been forthcoming.

One result of the collapse of WTC7 is the loss of records by the Securities and Exchange Office, who had a number of rich companies under investigation.¹³¹ The resultant dismissal of these cases would save these companies millions if not billions in fines or reparations. Another office in WTC7 which lost a great deal of valuable paperwork was the CIA's counterterrorism and counterintelligence office.¹³² Could this office have had hard evidence which would have contradicted the Bush Administration's allegations during its push to go to war in the Middle East?

There certainly appears to have been sufficient motive to destroy WTC1, WTC2 and WTC7.



John P. O'Neill

Oh, and before we leave this subject, one more little detail. Jeremy Hauer of Kroll, Inc., mentioned above, is the same man who hired the WTC's new Chief of Security shortly before 9/11 – Former FBI agent, John P. O'Neill. Mr. O'Neill had been a top anti-terrorism expert who had focused primarily on al Qaeda and Osama bin Laden, and was a key investigator into the 2000 bombing of the USS *Cole* by al Qaeda.¹³³ O'Neill resigned after 25 years with the FBI when he was passed over for a promotion to the National Security Council due to an investigation over a misplaced briefcase – a trivial incident then over a year old.¹³⁴ John O'Neill moved into his new office in the North Tower of the WTC on September 10, 2001, where he perished the following day.

NORAD'S FAILURE TO RESPOND

The United States (jointly with Canada) has a highly sophisticated military air defense system in place, known as the North American Aerospace Defense Command, or NORAD.¹³⁵ Founded in 1958, NORAD consists of Integrated Tactical Warning and Attack Assessment or ITW/AA (continent-wide surveillance, assessment and notification of manmade objects in space) and Aerospace Control (Canadian CF-18 and US F-15 and F-16 fighters and associated personnel in bases throughout Canadian, US and Alaskan zones). NORAD also has the authority to order units from other armed services, including the Air Force, and the Air National Guard.



NORAD's standard operating procedure (SOP) when any aircraft a) goes off course, b) loses radio contact, c) loses its transponder signal, or d) disappears from radar, is to scramble fighter jets from the nearest base – fighter jets that are prepped and ready for combat 24/7/365 – which then intercept the aircraft in question and attempt to establish contact with the pilot and render assistance, escort it to a safe landing, or if necessary, shoot it down to prevent it from crashing in a populated area. In the year 2000, NORAD scrambled jets 129 times.¹³⁶

But on September 11, 2001, NORAD did not follow long-standing standard operating procedures. In fact, in order to have failed at the level it did on 9/11, several layers of redundancy had to all fail simultaneously – which is unprecedented in the history of NORAD.

Those levels of failure include:

- **Reporting:** The FAA report times of flight deviations to NORAD were several times longer than the prescribed times.
- **Scrambling:** NORAD, once notified, did not scramble jets from the nearest bases.
- **Intercepting:** Interceptors, once airborne, flew at only a fraction of top speed to reach their targets.
- **Redeploying:** Fighters already airborne and within range of targets were not redeployed to pursue them.

Let's look at these layers of failure in turn.

Failures to Report:

According to NORAD's timeline,¹³⁷ the FAA failed to notify them about Flight 11 until 8:40 am, 25 minutes after the first signs of trouble and 16 minutes after receiving the following transmission:

"We have some planes. Just stay quiet and you'll be okay ... Nobody move. Everything will be okay. If you try to make any moves, you'll endanger yourself and the airplane. Just stay quiet."¹³⁸

Also according to NORAD's own official timeline, the FAA did not notify them about Flight 77 until 34 minutes after loss of radio contact and 21 minutes after both towers had already been struck – and Flight 77 had already made a 180° turn and was headed directly for Washington, D.C. In fact the FAA didn't notify NORAD about Flight 77 until 9:24 am – just 13 minutes before it struck the Pentagon.¹³⁹

Failures to Scramble and Intercept:

In fact, upon notification, NORAD scrambled fighters quite swiftly. However, inexplicably, in each case those fighters were scrambled not from the closest bases to either the planes or their apparent targets, but from distant bases:



New York – the first base to scramble interceptors was Otis in Falmouth, Massachusetts, eight minutes after Flight 11 already hit the North Tower and only nine minutes before Flight 175 would hit the South Tower. Otis is 153 miles from the WTC, but Atlantic City, La Guardia and Langley, Virginia are all closer. The planes from Otis finally reached the WTC 19 minutes later. This means they were flying at around 25% of their top speed of 1875 mph. At their top speed, those planes could have reached the WTC in less than five minutes – four minutes *before* Flight 175 struck the South Tower.¹⁴⁰

Washington, D.C. – Andrews Air Force Base is charged with protecting the capital and had two squadrons of fighters on alert. Andrews is just over ten miles from the Pentagon. Yet NORAD scrambled interceptors from Langley instead, which is 130 miles away. The Langley F-16s reached the Pentagon at 9:49 am – 12 minutes after Flight 77 crashed. They were airborne at 8:30, and at their top speed of 1500 mph they could have reached the Pentagon two minutes before Flight 77 did. Fighters from Andrews were eventually scrambled – *after* the Pentagon had been struck.¹⁴¹



Failures to Redeploy:

When the two F-15's from Otis finally reached Manhattan – too late – Flight 77, flying with its transponder off, had executed a 180° turn and had been flying toward Washington, D.C. for 12 minutes. If they had been redeployed – as is the SOP – they could have flown the 300 miles to the Pentagon in less than 10 minutes.¹⁴²

What could have caused the world's most sophisticated air-defense system, which worked perfectly up to September 11th, 2001, to fail so thoroughly on the day four airplanes were hijacked and used as weapons – precisely the sort of occurrence NORAD's equipment, command structure and personnel were designed and trained to deal with? Did they become suddenly incompetent? Or were they following orders?

As part of his responsibilities heading the new “terrorism task force,”¹⁴³ Vice President Dick Cheney had the job of coordinating all military wargames and terror exercises.¹⁴⁴ In fact, it can be convincingly argued that Cheney was the acting Commander and Chief on 9/11.



When the first plane struck the World Trade Center at 8:46 am, President Bush was en route to his photo-op at a Florida elementary school.¹⁴⁵ He continued his scheduled appearance, even after being informed by his Chief

of Staff, Andrew Card, “A second plane hit the other tower, and America's under attack.”¹⁴⁶ President Bush remained in the classroom, listening to the children read, then worked on the speech he would later give in the school's auditorium, where he announced “... an apparent terrorist attack against

our country.” It was not until 9:34 am, thirty minutes after Flight 175 struck the South Tower and it was clear that the nation was under attack – during which time possibly several but certainly two additional planes had been hijacked and might be used as weapons – that the Secret Service finally rushed the President from his publicized and very public location.¹⁴⁷

In contrast, Secret Service agents “burst” into the Vice President's office almost immediately after the first plane struck, and escorted him to the underground Presidential Emergency Operations Center (PEOC), where he coordinated the nation's response to the attacks.¹⁴⁸



Richard Cheney

It was at this location and time that the Vice President relayed the President's shoot down authorization to fighters in the air, although the exact timing of this event varies between eyewitness accounts and Cheney's own account. According to Richard Clarke, this order came before Flight 93 crashed¹⁴⁹ (which speculators say is corroborated by eyewitness accounts of a white military jet in the air above Shanksville immediately before and after the crash of Flight 93¹⁵⁰). It was also here that Transportation Secretary, Norman Mineta, overheard a conversation between the Vice President and an aide regarding the approach of Flight 77 to the Pentagon:

“There was a young man who had come in and said to the vice president, ‘The plane is 50 miles out. The plane is 30 miles out.’ And when it got down to, ‘The plane is 10 miles out,’ the young man also said to the vice president, ‘Do the orders still stand?’ And the vice president turned and whipped his neck around and said, ‘Of course the orders still stand. Have you heard anything to the contrary?’” [Testimony before the 9/11 Commission]¹⁵¹



As we have already seen, it was possible for interceptors from several locations to have reached the Pentagon had they been traveling at top speed and under orders to shoot down the hijacked plane. But since no fighters arrived until after the Pentagon was struck, the “order” mentioned in Mineta’s testimony must not have been to shoot down Flight 77. What other order could Cheney have given regarding the handling of Flight 77 – when standard operating procedure would have had fighters from Andrews Air Force Base engage Flight 77 long before it reached Washington, D.C.? Many believe the order was to “stand down.”

Before you dismiss this notion out-of-hand, consider the following. One, two, or even three failures in the FAA’s and NORAD’s response to the attacks on 9/11 could be forgiven. But even three failures would not have been enough to prevent them from intercepting and engaging at least three of the four planes. Some other mechanism must have been at work to prevent several redundant layers of SOP from operating.



It has recently come to light that in the days preceding and on the day of September 11th, at least six different (and possibly more) military training operations were under way simultaneously.

Remember, Vice President Cheney had been given command of these operations months earlier. Here is a breakdown of some of those exercises:

■ **Operation Northern Vigilance.** NORAD deployed fighters to Alaska and Northern Canada to monitor Russian air force exercises, starting on September 10th and scheduled to end on September 14th.¹⁵² However, upon learning of the 9/11 attacks, Russian President Putin voluntarily cancelled the operation.¹⁵³ After this, NORAD purged the “false blips” it had injected into the system as part of the simulation.¹⁵⁴ This exercise (and others) likely accounted for the fact that as many as 29 hijacked planes showed on the radar screens on September 11th, adding to the confusion.¹⁵⁵

■ **Vigilant Guardian.** This week-long exercise involving all of NORAD is described as “an exercise that would pose an imaginary crisis to North American Air Defense outposts nationwide.” So when Boston flight control first contacted NORAD’s Northeast Air Defense Sector (NEADS) about Flight 11, personnel on duty believe it to be part of the exercise. Major Kevin Nasypany declares, “The hijack’s not supposed to be for another hour.”¹⁵⁶ NEADS’ response time is clearly affected by the confusion.



Major Kevin Nasypany, NEADS

■ **Global Guardian.** Sponsored by U.S. Strategic Command (Stratcom) in cooperation with U.S. Space Command and NORAD, this routinely-staged global readiness exercise is commonly called a “practice Armageddon.” However, it is typically staged in October or November. On September 11th, “dozens of aircraft and hundreds of personnel” were engaged in the operation.¹⁵⁷

■ **Crown Vigilance, Apollo Guardian and Amalgam Warrior.** These independent military exercises conducted by Air Combat Command, U.S. Space Command and NORAD were all linked with other exercises sponsored by the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Unified Commands under the umbrella of Global Guardian.¹⁵⁸

As a direct result of these exercises, most of NORAD’s U.S. fleet – as well as other air defense forces – were well out of range or out-of-service and effectively out of commission on the morning of 9/11. Only a handful of NORAD fighters were on alert when the four planes were hijacked.¹⁵⁹ The question being pondered by many is this: Which is more likely? 1) that Osama bin Laden knew of our plans to schedule an unusually high number of war games on 9/11, and that his many years of planning serendipitously coincided with that perfect window of opportunity? Or 2) that certain people knew an attack was eminent, wanted it to succeed (for reasons I will discuss in **Part III**), and made every effort to help it succeed?

Without a full, independent, omni-partisan and unhindered investigation into the truth about 9/11, we may never have enough facts to answer that question conclusively. Until then, one can only try to put aside personal bias and weigh the evidence on its own merits.

THE 9/11 "OMISSION" REPORT

After any significant tragedy or other major event that raises questions, the government response is – and always has been – to mount an immediate investigation, unleashing the full weight of the intelligence community to find definitive answers to all questions and create the framework for preventing anything similar from ever happening again.

For example, when President Kennedy was assassinated on November 22nd, 1963, the Warren Commission was established on November 29th at a cost of \$32 million (in adjusted 2003 dollars).¹⁶⁰ The Whitewater investigation into the Clintons' finances in 1993 cost \$70 million and lasted 12 years.¹⁶¹ In 2003 when the *Columbia* Shuttle burned up on re-entry, the initial investigation began within hours and was approved with a budget of \$50 million, later increased by an additional \$305 million for FEMA to search for debris.¹⁶²



By contrast the investigation into the attack on America on September 11, 2001 was not begun until 2003 and was given a budget of only \$3 million, later increased to \$12 million.¹⁶³ This is largely because President Bush himself resisted forming an investigation for over a year,¹⁶⁴ unashamedly claiming that to do so might reveal sensitive intelligence-gathering methods. However he finally buckled under pressure from the 9/11 Family Steering Committee.

The 9/11 Family Steering Committee was formed largely due to the effort of four widows from New Jersey, Kristen Breitweiser, Patty Casazza, Lorie Van Auken and Mindy Kleinberg, who had in common the fact that each of them had been married to men who had died in the terrorist attacks of 9/11. These four women are more commonly known as the Jersey Girls. Of the Jersey Girls, 9/11 Commission Chairman, Thomas Kean said, "They monitor us, they follow our progress, they've provided us with some

of the best questions we've asked. I doubt very much if we would be in existence without them."¹⁶⁵



"The Jersey Girls" – Patty Casazza, Lorie Van Auken, Mindy Kleinberg and Kristen Breitweiser

However before agreeing to allow an independent investigation into 9/11, President Bush insisted on appointing the committee's chair, which immediately raised concerns about the true independence of the commission. In fact Bush originally appointed Henry Kissinger, but Van Auken asked him during a meeting in his office, "Do you happen to have any clients by the name bin Laden?" Kissinger resigned the next day.¹⁶⁶ In his place Bush appointed Thomas Kean, who has his own ties to bin Laden, through business partners Khalid Bin Mahfouz (Osama's brother in law, according to CIA sources), and Mohammed Hussein al Amoudi – both alleged financiers of Al Qaeda. Also assigned by Bush was the commission's executive director, Philipp Zelikow, who was already on the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board and had a ten-year professional relationship with Condoleezza Rice during which time they co-authored a book on foreign politics.¹⁶⁷

Even after it had been formed, the commission was plagued with roadblocks and intentional denial of key evidence:

- A fraction of the required budget and a very short time I which to complete a thorough report.¹⁶⁸
- President Bush and Vice President Cheney would only agree to meet with the commission 1) together, 2) not under oath, 3) without any recording devices other than paper and pencil, and 4) with the agreement that those notes would never be published.¹⁶⁹
- Taped interviews with FAA air traffic controllers on duty on 9/11 – recorded just hours after the planes had crashed – were destroyed before the 9/11 Commission could hear them, crushed, cut into small pieces and distributed in several trash cans.¹⁷⁰



- Despite the commonly-known fact that it is illegal to remove evidence from a crime scene, virtually all of the debris from the World Trade Center was carted away to landfills, and the steel loaded onto barges and shipped overseas to foreign scrap dealers before it could be examined by forensics specialists.¹⁷¹
- While the final 9/11 Commission report claims none of the four aviation black boxes (two per airliner) at the WTC were ever found, firefighter testimony suggests at least three of them were located in the rubble.¹⁷²

In fact, “omission” might be the hallmark of The 9/11 Commission Report. While the report states that its mandate was to be “independent, impartial and thorough” it is clear that it was none of these things. Key members were in the President’s cabinet or had ties to bin Laden, and were therefore biased in favor of the official story.

Moreover, far from being thorough, the commission’s scope was limited to the question of how to prevent future breakdowns as those that presumably occurred on 9/11 – and not the question of how the attacks occurred or who was responsible for them.

Perhaps the most popular book on the subject of the 9/11 Commission’s shortcomings is Dr. David Ray Griffin, *The 9/11 Commission Report: Omissions and Distortions*.¹⁷³ Here is an abbreviated list of the more egregious omissions from *The 9/11 Commission Report*, compiled by Dr. Griffin¹⁷⁴:

- The omission of evidence that at least six of the alleged hijackers — including Waleed al-Shehri, said by the Commission probably to have stabbed a flight attendant on Flight 11 before it crashed into the North Tower of the WTC — are still alive.
- The omission of the fact that fire has never, before or after 9/11, caused steel-frame buildings to collapse.
- The omission of the fact that WTC 7 (which was not hit by an airplane and which had only small, localized fires) also collapsed — an occurrence that FEMA admitted it could not explain.
- The omission of the fact that the collapse of the Twin Towers (like that of Building 7) exemplified at least 10 features suggestive of controlled demolition.
- The omission of all testimony that has been used to cast doubt on whether remains of a Boeing 757 were visible either inside or outside the Pentagon.
- The omission of any discussion of whether the Pentagon has an anti-missile defense system that would have brought down a commercial airliner — even though the Commission suggested that the al-Qaeda terrorists did not attack a nuclear power plant because they assumed that it would be thus defended.
- The omission of the fact that pictures from various security cameras — including the camera at the gas station across from the Pentagon, the film from which was reportedly confiscated by the FBI immediately after the strike — could presumably answer the question of what really hit the Pentagon.
- The omission of the report that Attorney General Ashcroft was warned to stop using commercial airlines prior to 9/11, and that both Mayor Willie Brown and some Pentagon officials received warnings about flying on 9/11.

- The omission of any mention of the FBI agents who reportedly claimed to have known the targets and dates of the attacks well in advance.
- The omission of the report that Osama bin Laden, who already was America's "most wanted" criminal, was treated in July 2001 by an American doctor in the American Hospital in Dubai and visited by the local CIA agent.
- The omission of the fact that President Bush and other members of his administration repeatedly spoke of the 9/11 attacks as "opportunities."
- The omission of the fact that The Project for the New American Century, many members of which became key figures in the Bush administration, published a document in 2000 saying that "a new Pearl Harbor" would aid its goal of obtaining funding for a rapid technological transformation of the U.S. military.
- The omission of the report that at a meeting in July 2001, U.S. representatives said that because the Taliban refused to agree to a U.S. proposal that would allow the pipeline project to go forward, a war against them would begin by October.
- The omission of notes of Rumsfeld's conversations on 9/11 showing that he was determined to use the attacks as a pretext for a war with Iraq.
- The omission of any explanation of (a) why NORAD's earlier report, according to which the FAA had notified the military about the hijacking of Flight 175 at 8:43, was now to be considered false and (b) how this report, if it was false, could have been published and then left uncorrected for almost three years.
- The omission of the fact that a memo by Laura Brown of the FAA says that its teleconference was established at about 8:50 and that it included discussion of Flight 175's hijacking.
- The omission of Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta's testimony, given to the Commission itself, that Vice-President Cheney and others in the underground shelter were aware by 9:26 that an aircraft was approaching the Pentagon.
- The omission of all the evidence suggesting that the aircraft that hit the Pentagon was not Flight 77.

- The omission of all the evidence indicating that Flight 93 was shot down by a military plane.
- The omission of Clarke's own testimony, which suggests that he received the shoot-down authorization by 9:50.
- The omission of multiple testimonies, including that of Norman Mineta to the Commission itself, that Cheney was in the PEOC before 9:20.
- The omission of reports that Colonel Marr ordered a shoot-down of Flight 93 and that General Winfield indicated that he and others at the NMCC had expected a fighter jet to reach Flight 93.
- The omission of evidence that there were at least six bases with fighters on alert in the northeastern part of the United States.
- The failure to probe the issue of how the "war games" scheduled for that day were related to the military's failure to intercept the hijacked airliners.
- The failure to point out that the White House first sought to prevent the creation of a 9/11 Commission, then placed many obstacles in its path, including giving it extremely meager funding.

With all of these omissions it is clearly impossible to characterize The 9/11 Commission Report as "thorough." But perhaps the quality of the report we ultimately got¹⁷⁵ is to be expected when the administration budgeted only \$12 million. Isn't it ironic that this is less than *one tenth* the amount of money this administration spends *per day* in the war it used 9/11 to promote (Iraqi Freedom fiscal year 2003: \$53 billion / 365 days = \$139.7 million)¹⁷⁶?

Cost of Operation Iraqi Freedom

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>\$ in Billions</u>
2002/2001 (Pre-invasion preparation)	2.5
2003	51.0
2004	77.3
2005	87.3
2006	100.4
Total Cost To U.S. Budget	318.5

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

Perhaps the best argument for official complicity by our government in the attacks of September 11, 2001 or in it's the failure to respond is the words of our highest-ranking officials themselves:

"It is a truth that a terrorist can attack any time, any place, using any technique and it's physically impossible to defend at every time and every place against every conceivable technique. Here we're talking about plastic knives and using an American Airlines flight filled with our citizens, and the missile to damage this building [the Pentagon] and similar (inaudible) that damaged the World Trade Center."¹⁷⁷



Donald Rumsfeld

– *Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld*

"I think all of us have a sense if we imagine the kind of world we would face if the people who bombed the mess hall in Mosul, or the people who did the bombing in Spain, or the people who attacked the United States in New York, shot down the plane over Pennsylvania and attacked the Pentagon, the people who cut off peoples' heads on television to intimidate, to frighten – indeed the word 'terrorized' is just that. Its purpose is to terrorize, to alter behavior, to make people be something other than that which they want to be."¹⁷⁸

– *Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld*

"The Secret Service has an arrangement with the FAA. They had open lines after the World Trade Center was" [at which point he stopped himself before finishing the sentence]¹⁷⁹

– *Vice President, Dick Cheney*

"For example, Khalid Sheikh Mohammed described the design of planned [9/11] attacks of buildings inside the U.S. and how operatives were directed to carry them out. That is valuable information for those of us who have the responsibility to protect the American people. He told us the operatives had been instructed to ensure that the explosives went off at a high – a point that was high enough to prevent people trapped above from escaping."¹⁸⁰

– *President, George W. Bush*

"I don't know where [Osama bin Laden] is and I really don't care. It's not that important. It's not our priority."¹⁸¹

– *President, George W. Bush*

"See, in my line of work you got to keep repeating things over and over and over again for the truth to sink in, to kind of catapult the propaganda."¹⁸²

– *President, George W. Bush*

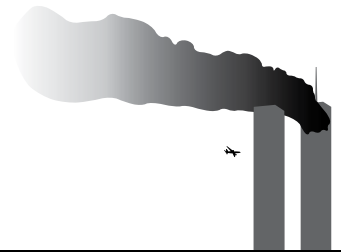


One of the hardest parts of my job is to connect Iraq to the war on terror.

– *George W. Bush* ¹⁸³



Part III



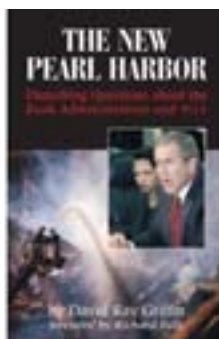
THE CASE FOR COMPLICITY

When one examines the physical evidence from the four jetliner crashes on 9/11 (**Part I**) and studies the posture and response of the Bush administration and the intelligence community, as well as the ownership and condition of the World Trade Center prior to 9/11 (**Part II**), one experiences a breakdown of the “Official Explanation” for the attacks of September 11, 2001. Moreover, a pattern emerges suggesting an alternate, even more sinister explanation (or several) for those events. For a swiftly growing community of “9/11 Truthers” this is sufficient to pin the blame squarely on President Bush, Vice President Cheney, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, and other officials for “causing” those events.

But what precisely defines “complicity?” Did George and Dick plot the whole thing on a cocktail napkin over a couple of single-malt scotches late one night? Or did some ambitious cabal of administration “middle management” types take advantage of inside knowledge and facilitate the attacks under the noses of their unsuspecting superiors?

Dr. David Ray Griffin, in his book, The New Pearl Harbor,¹⁸⁴ defines 9/11 complicity as a series of eight possible levels of involvement. They are, in order of seriousness:

- 1) Constructing a False Account.
- 2) Something Expected by Intelligence Agencies.
- 3) Specific Events Expected by Intelligence Agencies.
- 4) Intelligence Agencies Involved in Planning.



- 5) Pentagon Involved in Planning.
- 6) Something Expected by White House.
- 7) Specific Advance Knowledge by White House.
- 8) White House Involved in Planning.

What all of this means, essentially, is that anything from “the administration altered the facts to cover its collective ass” to “George Bush himself pushed the button that activated the WTC demolition charges” falls under the definition of complicity. And conversely, for complicity not to apply all failures would have to have been incompetence.

It should be noted that no member of the Bush administration has ever been fired for incompetence. Many, however, were rewarded.¹⁸⁵

But while many accept without hesitation that President Bush and members of his administration could have been complicit in the 9/11 attacks, many more have great difficulty accepting that the President of the United States could have knowingly caused or allowed the slaughter of thousands of innocent Americans, or even that he could be involved in or aware of such a secret, covert, underhanded operation as the attacks on 9/11. Perhaps these people confuse the Office of the President with its occupant, or perhaps they are blinded by such rhetoric as “anyone who disagrees with the President or his policies is unpatriotic and with the terrorists.” The fact is, in the history of the United States a number of Presidents and administrations have been willing to cause or allow the slaughter of innocent Americans to further their agendas.

FALSE FLAG OPERATIONS

"False flag" operations are defined as "covert operations conducted by governments, corporations, or other organizations, which are designed to appear as if they are being carried out by other entities."¹⁸⁶ In its earliest form, wooden sailing ships literally flew false flags so that their illicit actions would be attributed to other countries. In many cases these were privateers – essentially pirates hired by sovereign nations to carry out covert attacks, after which the hiring government could disavow any knowledge of the pirates' actions.

False flag operations are still carried out today all over the world, except of course modern governments have become better at covering their tracks and hiding their involvement. Here is a short list of highly-suspicious incidents in America's past which might and in several cases clearly do qualify as U.S. false flag operations:

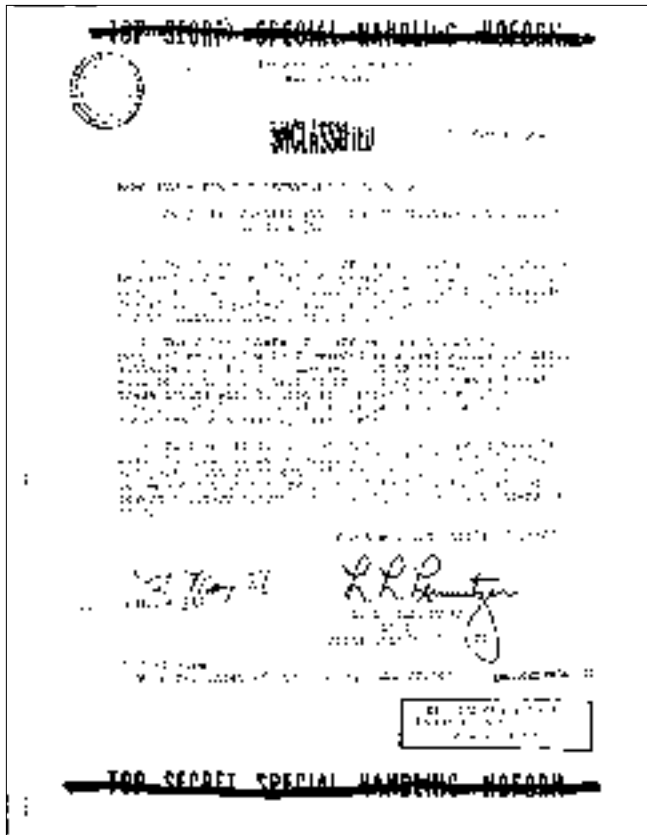
- **USS *Maine*, 1898:** To this day it is not definitively known what caused the explosion in the forward ammunition magazines of the battleship *Maine* as she sat quietly in Havana Harbor on the evening of February 15, 1898. By the time the official inquiry was concluded on March 28, public opinion (fueled by inflammatory reports by newspaperman William Randolph Hearst and others) had already hardened against Spain and Cuba.¹⁸⁷ This despite the fact that Spanish officials quickly assisted in the rescue and care of the wounded, and Havana hosted a funeral procession for the 260 dead.¹⁸⁸ Nevertheless, President McKinley wasted no time taking advantage of the fresh outrage and starting the Spanish-American War, which ultimately gave the U.S. control of all the Spanish colonies in the Caribbean and the Pacific. Experts disagreed with the inquiry's conclusion that a mine had exploded under the *Maine's* bow, and more recent forensic analysis suggests that a spontaneous coal dust fire ignited the magazines – purely by accident.



- **Pearl Harbor, 1941:** Records show (although it is not widely publicized) that Franklin Delano Roosevelt knew well in advance of the impending Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941.¹⁸⁹ While FDR stated publicly and even campaigned with the promise of keeping American boys out of the war in Europe, his military and State Department privately urged a call to action. The problem was that 80 to 90% of Americans wanted nothing to do with the war. So Roosevelt moved the Pacific Fleet from California to Hawaii, created crippling economic sanctions against Japan, and quietly listened to intercepted and decoded messages. Yes, I said decoded. Since 1940, American cryptographers had been decoding Japan's diplomatic and military communications and delivering them to the President.¹⁹⁰ Meanwhile Roosevelt's FBI kept a quiet tail on a Japanese spy who was relaying the precise location of the ships in the harbor on an attack grid. The attack came, exactly as expected (and confirmed by intercepted Japanese timetables) killing 2,403 innocent Americans¹⁹¹ and turning the tide of public opinion. FDR barely kept his campaign promise; he'd said he would not send our boys to fight in foreign lands "except in case of attack."¹⁹²



- **Operation Northwoods, 1962:** Thanks to the efforts of John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Review Board and a Freedom of Information Act filing, the public now has access to a formerly classified top secret report titled "Justification for US Military Intervention in Cuba," code named "Operation Northwoods."¹⁹³ This report, prepared by then-Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General L.L. Lemnitzer, stated, "World opinion, and the United Nations forum should be favorably affected by developing the international image of the Cuban government as rash and irresponsible, and as an



alarming and unpredictable threat to the peace of the Western Hemisphere,” and “... the ultimate objective is overt military intervention” To this end, Lemnitzer proposed “A series of well coordinated incidents ... to take place in and around Guantanamo to give the genuine appearance of being done by hostile Cuban forces.” Such “incidents” included (as quoted from the unclassified document):

- Land friendly Cubans in uniform “over-the-fence” to stage attack on base.
- Capture Cuban (friendly) saboteurs inside the base.
- Blow up ammunition inside the base; start fires.
- Sink ship near harbor entrance. Conduct funerals for mock-victims.
- We could develop a Communist Cuban terror campaign.
- ... create an incident which will demonstrate convincingly that a Cuban aircraft has attacked and shot down a chartered civilian airliner enroute from the United States the duplicate would be substituted for the actual civil aircraft and would be loaded with the selected passengers, all boarded under carefully prepared aliases. The actual registered aircraft would be converted to a drone.

- ... create an incident which will make it appear that Communist Cuban MIGs have destroyed a USAF aircraft over international waters in an unprovoked attack. At precisely the same time that the aircraft was presumably shot down a submarine or small surface craft would disburse F-101 parts, parachute, etc., at approximately 15 to 20 miles off the Cuban coast and depart.

President John F. Kennedy rejected the proposal and fired Lemnitzer,¹⁹⁴ however the “Operation Northwoods” document remained on file for 40 years and available to anyone with the sufficient curiosity and clearance.

- **USS Liberty, 1967:** During the Six-Day War between Israel and the Arab states of Egypt, Jordan and Syria in June of 1967, the U.S. Navy Intelligence ship, *USS Liberty* was fired upon by unmarked Israeli fighter planes and torpedo boats. The *Liberty* was cruising international (neutral) waters with full flags flying, and suffered the greatest single loss of life by the U.S. Intelligence Community.¹⁹⁵ Both Israel and the U.S. launched immediate investigations and came to the same conclusion, that despite hours of reconnaissance by Israeli planes prior to the 75-minute attack, the Israelis somehow failed to see the American flag flying and the name *USS Liberty* stenciled prominently on her stern – mistaking her for an out-of-service Egyptian cargo ship.¹⁹⁶ Many dispute these conclusions, most notably the *Liberty* survivors themselves. They cite the following notable facts:

- When the defenseless *Liberty* radioed for help, two nearby aircraft carriers launched fighters. These were recalled by the White House.
- Survivors were ordered not to discuss the incident with anyone under penalty of court-martial.¹⁹⁷
- There has never been an congressional investigation.



In his book, *Operation Cyanide: Why the Bombing of the USS Liberty Nearly Caused World War III*,¹⁹⁸ Peter Hounam cites evidence that the attack on the *Liberty* was planned in advance as a pretext for the U.S. to enter the war; the *Liberty* was to sink with all hands, and in retaliation of an apparent Egyptian attack, President Johnson would launch nuclear-armed fighters to Cairo. The fighters were launched, but recalled at the

last minute when it became obvious that the *Liberty* wasn't going to sink and that witnesses had identified Israel as the attacker.¹⁹⁹

■ **Iraqgate, 1980-90:** When a popular uprising in Iran threatened to overthrow the pro-American Shah, the US saw its imperialistic domination of Middle East oil threatened. While seeking a way to overthrow the Iranian revolution, Saddam Hussein of Iraq volunteered. Thus began a bloody eight-year war during which time Washington (including George Bush senior) backed the Hussein regime by.²⁰⁰



Saddam Hussein

- funneling huge supplies of arms to Iraq through Middle East allies,
- removing Iraq from the State Department's list of countries that supported terrorism,
- sending Donald Rumsfeld to Baghdad to resume previously-severed diplomatic relations,
- providing economic and advanced military aide,
- shipping to Iraq biological and chemical materials, including anthrax and botulism toxins,
- awarding a contract to the Bechtel corporation to build a huge petrochemical plant in Iraq which would give Hussein the capacity to generate chemical weapons

MIHOP VS. LIHOP

Perhaps you have observed – as most people will – that some of the examples above could have been the case of our leaders simply taking advantage of a “convenient” occurrence to further an existing agenda. That certainly may have been the case in the sinking of the *Maine*. As for the attacks on Pearl Harbor and the *Liberty*, it is possible that if our government did not actually participate in the planning and execution of the attacks it certainly allowed the attacks to take place by suppressing advanced knowledge. This is what is known in conspiracy parlance as Let It Happen On Purpose (LIHOP) – as opposed to Made It Happen On Purpose (MIHOP), which is clearly the case in Operation Northwoods and Iraqgate.

As for the attacks on September 11, 2001, the 9/11 Truth Movement is divided on whether they were a case of MIHOP or LIHOP – although the vast majority appear to embrace MIHOP. If after examining the data and considering implications you favor the theory that our government merely let the attacks occur but were not directly responsible for them, you are certainly not alone. However this hardly exonerates our leaders in this matter. If you review the eight possible levels of government complicity, above, you will see several instances where simply knowing something was coming and doing nothing about it falls squarely within the definition of complicity. And this exposé has demonstrated that our leader had ample warning and advance specific intelligence and did little or nothing to prevent it even when opportunities presented themselves. The case for complicity has been made.

However there is one element missing from this argument which was present in all five examples of false flags presented above: the agenda. Also known as the “motive”

In September of 2000, an independent group called The Project for the New American Century (PNAC) issued a report titled, “Rebuilding America's Defenses: Strategy, Forces and Resources for a New Century.”²⁰¹ In this report, the contributors outlined a series steps or “missions” to be undertaken to ensure global military and economic dominance, including:

- fight and decisively win multiple, simultaneous major theater wars
- modernize current U.S. forces
- develop and deploy global missile defenses ... to provide a secure basis for U.S. power projection around the world
- control the new “international commons” of space and “cyberspace,” and pave the way for the creation of a new military service – U.S. Space Forces – with the mission of space control
- increase defense spending ... adding \$15 billion to \$20 billion to total defense spending annually

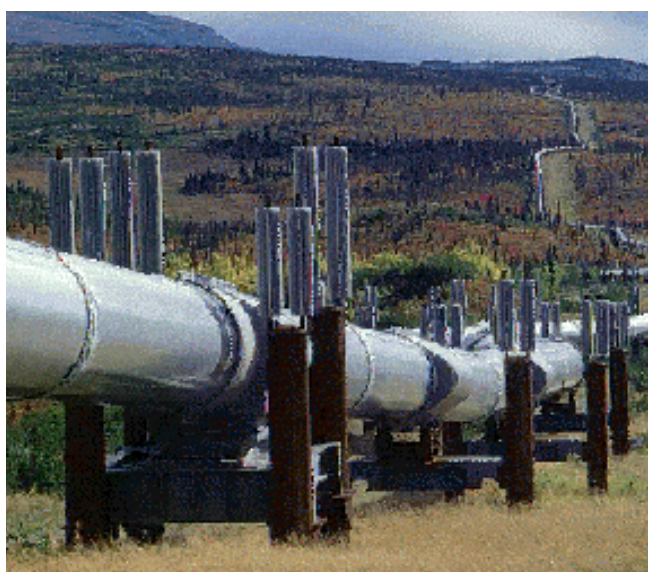
The report concluded that, “the process of transformation, even if it brings revolutionary change, is likely to be a long one, absent some catastrophic and catalyzing event – like a new Pearl Harbor.”

It should be noted that among the neo-conservative members and contributors to PNAC many became policy-makers involved directly with America's military and foreign relations when the Supreme Court awarded the



Presidency to George W. Bush in 2000. In particular, Elliott Abrams (Deputy National Security Advisor), Jeb Bush (brother to the President), Dick Cheney (Vice President), Eliot A. Cohen (Defense Policy Board Advisory Committee, Committee for the Liberation of Iraq), Steve Forbes (fourth most important political contributor in America²⁰²), Aaron Friedberg (Deputy Assistant for National Security Affairs and Director of Policy Planning), Frank Gaffney (president of the Center for Security Policy), Zalmay Khalilzad (U.S. Ambassador to Iraq), I. Lewis Libby (Chief of Staff and assistant for National Security Affairs to the Vice President; indicted by the Grand Jury), Norman Podhoretz (Council on Foreign Relations), Dan Quayle (Vice President to George Bush, Sr.), Peter W. Rodman (Assistant Secretary of Defense), Donald Rumsfeld (Secretary of Defense), and Paul Wolfowitz (Deputy Secretary of Defense, architect of the “Bush Doctrine”) are all founding members of PNAC, formed in 1997.²⁰³

It seems unlikely that coincidence is the sole factor behind this cabal of neo-conservative men gaining such widespread power and influence over our nation’s defense and foreign relations. A careful examination of President Bush’s advisors and cabinet will clearly show that an inordinate number of them were recruited from the ranks of PNAC or had strong ties to the oil industry – or both.²⁰⁴ The significance of the oil industry ties is that Afghanistan and Iraq have significant oil reserves or ties to oil.



Afghanistan: Geographically, Afghanistan lies directly between Central Asian, where the oil is, and the Arabian Sea where tankers can load it.²⁰⁵ Unocal has long tried to negotiate a pipeline through Afghanistan, but the radical Taliban has resisted. As early as July, 2001 the Bush Administration had plans to invade Afghanistan due to failing oil pipeline negotiations “by the middle of October at the latest,” before the snow started falling.²⁰⁶ The U.S. began bombing Afghanistan right on schedule, on October 7.²⁰⁷



Iraq: As Vice President Cheney has stated, “Iraq sits on top of 10 percent of the world’s oil reserves. A very significant reserve, second only to Saudi Arabia.”²⁰⁸ In fact, removing Saddam Hussein from power in Iraq has always been PNAC’s goal.²⁰⁹ Even though it was known, or at least widely reported, that Osama bin Laden – the alleged mastermind of 9/11 – was hiding in Afghanistan, President Bush soon turned his full attention to Iraq, citing ties to bin Laden as the reason ... then harboring terrorists ... then weapons of mass destruction. But as Paul Wolfowitz of PNAC is quoted as saying, “For bureaucratic reasons we settled on



one issue, weapons of mass destruction, because it was the one reason everyone could agree on.”²¹⁰ The current reason? According to President Bush, oil.²¹¹

Did the Bush administration use 9/11 as a convenient excuse for their years of planning? Or did they manufacture their very own “new Pearl Harbor” to make those plans a reality?

On the face of it such a distinction is difficult to make objectively. Sure, there is a lot of circumstantial evidence supporting the speculation that Bush and his oil/PNAC buddies cooked up 9/11 to jump-start their ambitious agenda, but isn’t their just as much evidence in support of the alleged real attackers – Osama bin Laden and al Qaeda? Let’s take a look.

OSAMA BIN LADEN: DEAD OR ALIVE?

In just over three hours from the time the first plane struck the North tower, CNN was already reporting that Washington had pinned the deed on Osama bin Laden.²¹² But based on what possible intelligence, since it has been demonstrated Washington had shown not the slightest interest in bin Laden? Whatever evidence there might have been, our government never bothered to share it with the public, despite their promise to do so (see **Part I**). To be sure, bin Laden was #1 on the FBI’s Most Wanted list. But however much the FBI may have wanted him, the CIA was apparently not on the same page.

According to reports, Osama bin Laden met with a CIA agent in July of 2001, while undergoing clandestine kidney treatment at the American Hospital in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.²¹³ Bin Laden checked into a military hospital in Pakistan for further treatments on September 10, 2001.

By January, 2002, CNN’s medical correspondent, Dr. Sanjay Gupta, stated that bin Laden appeared to be in the final stages of renal failure, and would unlikely live a week if separated from his dialysis machine – which requires clean water, electricity and a sterile environment – and a team of specialists.²¹⁴ At the same time, Pakistan’s President, Pervez Musharraf opined that bin Laden was already dead,²¹⁵ and the Egyptian newspaper, *al-Wafd* reported on bin Laden’s funeral.²¹⁶



This last, of course, was never reported in the United States – despite the fact that it would have been perhaps the single most important story of the day, if not of the year. Something else not reported by the U.S. press was bin

Laden’s immediate response to the terror attacks on 9/11 (from an interview conducted in Pakistan and published on September 28, 2001):

I have already said that I am not involved in the 11 September attacks in the United States. As a Muslim, I try my best to avoid telling a lie. I had no knowledge of these attacks, nor do I consider the killing of innocent women, children and other humans as an appreciable act. Islam strictly forbids causing harm to innocent women, children and other people.

Whoever committed the act of 11 September are not the friends of the American people. I have already said that we are against the American system, not against its people, whereas in these attacks, the common American people have been killed. The United States should try to trace the perpetrators of these attacks within itself; the people who are a part of the U.S. system, but are dissenting against it. Or those who are working for some other system; persons who want to make the present century as a century of conflict between Islam and Christianity so that their own civilization, nation, country, or ideology could survive.²¹⁷

What the press *did* broadcast (on December 13) was the infamous bin Laden confession tape – allegedly recorded on November 9 and discovered in a house in Jalalabad, Afghanistan.²¹⁸ Why would such a recording be in a private home and not in the hands of the local press? And what do you imagine are the odds of accidentally (and conveniently) finding this quintessential piece of state’s evidence in a city with a population of over 100,000?

Moreover, even a cursory examination of the man in the tape will reveal that it is not Osama bin Laden – the man on this tape is heavier, darker, and clearly in good health. Also, the man on this tape writes with his right hand, while bin Laden is known to be left-handed.²¹⁹ And the man on this tape wears a gold ring on his right hand, which is forbidden by Islamic law.²²⁰



E is the "bin Laden" on the alleged "Confession Tape"

It is most interesting to note that weeks later *al Jazeera* television in Qatar broadcast an authentic videotape of Osama bin Laden – gaunt, pale, and partially paralyzed – which both contradicted the “confession tape” and reasserted what bin Laden said in his September, 2001 interview, the Bush administration responded by calling it “sick propaganda possibly designed to mask the fact the al-Qa’eda leader was already dead.”²²¹ And yet bin Laden tapes (audio only) continue to pop up just when the administration’s poll numbers need a boost or an important election looms. But America’s foremost bin Laden translator, Bruce Lawrence of Duke University, thinks all of the supposed bin Laden recordings since 9/11 are fake, based on careful comparison of dozens of authenticated pre-9/11 bin Laden speeches.²²² In Switzerland, the world’s leading experts in voice identification at Dalle Molle Institute for Perceptual Artificial Intelligence, IDIAP, claim a 95% certainty that voice on the bin Laden recording they analyzed was not Osama bin Laden.²²³

Add to this the following facts:

- In 2005 the CIA officially closed “Alec Station,” the unit formed to hunt for bin Laden.²²⁴ In fact President Bush himself has stated, “I don’t know where [Osama bin Laden] is and I really don’t care. It’s not that important. It’s not our priority.”²²⁵
- At least seven of the 19 alleged hijackers have been found to be still alive and well.²²⁶
- Aviations experts, such as former Air Force combat and commercial pilot, Russ Wittenberg, point out that no human pilot – and especially not a poorly-trained one – could possibly have maneuvered a Boeing 757 through a two-minute 7,000 foot descent and a 270° banked turn such as Flight 77 is alleged to have done.²²⁷

Taken all together these facts (along with those presented in **Parts I** and **II** of this report) suggest quite forcefully that the “official” perpetrators of the 9/11 attacks were not the “actual” perpetrators. Which in turn reinforces the evidence that 9/11 was a false flag operation perpetrated by our own government or key members within our government.

CALL TO ACTION

What, then, is to be done with this evidence? Obviously, one cannot call up the White House and ask them to initiate a full investigation – even if they took your call they would tell you several have already been done. Arguing that those official investigations were somehow corrupt or woefully incomplete will at best fall on deaf ears and at worst label you a “conspiracy nut.” If a truly independent and thorough investigation is ever to be undertaken, it will most likely be the result of a public outcry.

Already as many as one third of Americans polled say they believe our government was involved in the 9/11 attacks, but this number must grow to a majority. More people need to be shown the evidence and given the opportunity to develop an informed opinion. If you believe – as I do – that our government and its officials must be held accountable for their actions, spread the word. Share this article freely and widely. Conduct your own research and encourage others to do the same. The endnotes presented here make a good starting point; I encourage you to explore them yourself and draw your own conclusions from the evidence presented therein.

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Impeach Bush 2007



(Up-side-down flag is the international sign of distress)

**People have got to know whether or not their
president is a crook.**

– Richard M. Nixon

last seen 102nd fl WTC
E-Speed/Cantor/Fitzgerald



For information contact
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MANUEL DAMOTTA



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Have you seen this man?
His name is Jason DeLuca
and he worked in the
World Trade Center 1
Height 6'11"
DOB 7-12-72
Business Center Floor 104th floor
He has a chipped front tooth
that had been bonded
pins in his right knee
with a scar and a tattoo
on his left arm with "WJ"
and a pair of boxing gloves with
his JD initials inside. He also
has a goatee.

Anyone with any information
please call his wife Michele at
718-373-4542



MISSING
JENNIFER DEJESUS
1033 BELMONT AVENUE, BRONX, NY
1-718-235-3529

ASK FOR WILFRED OR WILMA
HEIGHT 5'4" WEIGHT 160 LBS
BROWN HAIR & EYES
YELLOW RING TATTOO
ON RIGHT ANKLE



MORGAN STANLEY
59th FLOOR - TOWER #2



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Emerita DeLaPena



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EMERITA DE LA PENA
Height 5'2" Weight 135 lbs
Age 32
Hair Black Eyes Brown
Skin Fair
Tattoos: Small tattoo on right wrist
Small tattoo on left wrist
Small tattoo on right arm
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Small tattoo on left hand
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Small tattoo on left thumb
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