

# The Cabal

**George W. Bush was never elected.** Neither 2000 nor 2004. Both well documented.

**The Bush regime engineered 911** with the help of rogue intelligence. The circumstantial evidence is just too big to mention it all. For beginners, ask how WTC7 fell, how jet fuel can melt steel, how hijacked airlines can fly for hours across North American defense space, why they hide evidence, why they don't want an investigation. Or just read David Ray Griffin's books.

**They created a new boogeyman, "Al Qaida",** and with them especially **Osama Bin Laden** after the Soviet Union passed away. The alleged 19 hijackers were all along tracked by intelligence, FBI, Mossad etc. In reality, Al Qaida is a western intelligence entity.

**And they planned an attack on Iraq at least since 1996.** They used 911 as pretext to sell their goals for the world wide public.

Create a Problem  
Watch the Reaction  
Offer a Solution

"A political order can be stable only if it is united by an external threat . . . if no external threat exists then one has to be manufactured"

Leo Strauss, philosophy "grandfather" and real teacher of many neocons in the Bush admin

<http://www.alternet.org/story/15935/>

"By way of deception thou shalt do war."

Motto of Israel intelligence service Mossad, according to Victor Ostrovsky, a former Mossad agent

"Of course the people don't want war. But after all, it's the leaders of the country who determine the policy, and it's always a simple matter to drag the people along whether it's a democracy, a fascist dictatorship, or a parliament, or a communist dictatorship. Voice or no voice, the people can always be brought to the bidding of the leaders. That is easy. All you have to do is tell them they are being attacked, and denounce the pacifists for lack of patriotism, and exposing the country to greater danger."

Hermann Göring, quoted by Gustave Gilbert, „Nuremberg Diary“

You have to see it from a marketing point of view...

# TIMELINE

1996

"**Saddam Hussein must be overthrown** and [a] democracy established in Iraq, which would then prove contagious in Israel's other Arab neighbors." "Israel would have to win broad American support." To ensure this support, they advised the Israeli prime minister to use "language familiar to Americans by tapping into themes of past US administrations during the Cold War, which apply as well to Israel."

A Clean Break: A New Strategy for Securing the Realm [Israel].

<http://www.israeleconomy.org/strat1.htm>

A policy blueprint for Benjamin Netanyahu

Co-undersigner: **Richard Perle** and **Douglas Feith**

1998

"The only acceptable strategy is one that eliminates the possibility that Iraq will be able to use or threaten to use **weapons of mass destruction**. In the near term, this means a willingness to undertake military action as diplomacy is clearly failing. In the long term, **it means removing Saddam Hussein and his regime from power**. That now needs to become the aim of American foreign policy."

**Project for a new american century**, Letter to Clinton,

<http://www.newamericancentury.org/iraqclintonletter.htm>

Co-Undersigners: **Richard Perle**, **Richard L. Armitage**, **John Bolton**, **Donald Rumsfeld**, **Paul Wolfowitz** and others

1998

"... a world today seemingly without a major threat to the United States, and the U.S. is now enjoying a period of peace and influence as never before. But while this situation is to be savored by the public, foreign policy and defense leaders should not be complacent. This period of an absence of threat challenges these leaders to find the vision and foresight to act strategically, even when events and imminent threats do not compel them to do so."

...

"A successful attack with weapons of mass destruction could certainly kill thousands, or tens of thousands. If the device that exploded in 1993 under the World Trade Center had been nuclear, or the distribution of a deadly pathogen, the chaos and devastation would have gone far beyond our meager ability to describe it."

"Catastrophic Terrorism:

Elements of a National Policy"

Editor: **Philip D. Zelikow**, PNAC-member, White House attendant on the so called Kean / Hamilton 911 Commission

<http://www.ksg.harvard.edu/visions/publication/terrorism.htm>

January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2000

The CIA learned of the correct time and place for the [Al-Qaida] meeting [in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia] and asked the Malaysian Secret Service to place it under surveillance. As the terrorists left the apartment, the Malaysian police clicked away with their cameras. There was enough material for a whole photo series. The terrorists strolled around town like regular tourists. They casually searched out an Internet cafe and spent many hours in front of the computers, always surreptitiously watched by an observation team. Along with the one-legged man the Malaysian police also photographed Ramzi Mohammed Binalshibh. The then 27-year-old Yemeni had lived in Germany since 1995. He was the logistics man for the Hamburg Al Qaeda cell, whose members would murder 3,000 people only 18 months later. Binalshibh came to the meeting directly from Germany. But for still unexplained reasons the CIA never told their German counterparts that the logistics man was in Malaysia. He was able to return to Germany unchallenged and started to organize the attacks with the other members of his Hamburg cell. There are many indications that the decisive plans for the attacks on the US were formed in Malaysia. Nawaf al-Hazmi and Khalid al-Midhar also took part in that meeting. They were later among the 19 hijackers. Al-Midhar was well known to the CIA. US intelligence knew his name, passport number and other personal details long before his appearance in Malaysia. The CIA also knew that Al-Midhar had long had a Multiple Entry Visa to the US, which he obtained at the US consulate in Jiddah, Saudi Arabia. It was valid until April 6, 2000.

Al Midhar unknowingly [?] brought the CIA with him to Malaysia. The Saudi citizen and his clan had long been in the agency's sights. Al-Midhar's father-in-law owned an apartment in the Yemeni capital San'a which served as an Al Qaeda safehouse. The apartment was an important node in the terror organization's network. Information about operations from around the world converged there. And therefore investigators were in the picture. The FBI had landed on this apartment as early as the end of August 1998. At the time they were tracking down the perpetrators of the bombings of the US embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. Suicide commandos blew up the US government buildings almost simultaneously, killing 223 people and injuring 5,000. Shortly after the attacks, a fax claiming credit was sent to London. The FBI managed to trace its origin to Baku, in Azerbaijan. From there the trail led directly to Al-Midhar's father-in-law's apartment in Yemen. The FBI successfully placed the house and telephone under surveillance. A member of the suicide squad called Al-Midhar's father-in-law from Kenya and said "Tell them that I haven't started the journey". The attacker lost his courage seconds before the attack and jumped out of the car which contained the bomb. Shortly thereafter the FBI agents recorded another call. This time it was from a satellite telephone assigned to Osama bin Laden. Since then the CIA had also been monitoring Al Midhar's brother-in-law's telephone. And so the agency learned of the planned meeting in Malaysia a month in advance.

Oliver Schröm, "Deadly Mistakes", translated from *Die Zeit*  
October 2, 2002  
<http://www.antiwar.com/article.php?articleid=2305>

January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2000

After the rendezvous with the one-legged bin-Atesh, al-Midhar and al-Hazmi left Kuala Lumpur separately. Al-Midhar headed toward Los Angeles with a stop in Bangkok. His accomplice traveled there by way of Hong Kong. The security precautions and controls at LAX at the time were as strict as never before. A month earlier an Algerian Al Qaeda member was arrested at the US-Canadian border with 50 kilos of explosives in the trunk of his car. The

Algerian was on his way to Los Angeles where he intended to blow up the airport on New Year's Eve.

But al-Midhar and al-Hazmi presumably knew about none of that, as they gave their information to the immigration control. Both had US visas, in their own names, which the CIA were familiar with. The immigration officers didn't give them any trouble and the computer terminals gave no indication that the two Saudi citizens were involved with terrorists. Because for still inexplicable reasons neither the CIA nor the FBI informed either the INS or the State Department that the two were not innocent students. This may well be the most fateful error in a whole chain of failures and mishaps that ultimately led the American security agencies to give a free pass to the eventual September 11 attackers.

Al-Midhar and al-Hazmi presumably already had a clear assignment when they arrived in Los Angeles. Only the place, time and exact game plan for the attacks were still unclear. They both stayed briefly in Los Angeles and went on to San Diego where they rented an apartment. At the Parkwood Apartments, a 175 unit complex, they rented number 127. Al-Hazmi signed the lease. They apparently weren't the least concerned about being discovered. There were no signs that they tried to disguise their identities. Al-Hazmi got a telephone line and allowed his address and number to appear in the local directory. He bought a 1988 blue Toyota Corolla for \$3,000 and registered the car in his own name.

In May 2000, four months after arriving in the US, Al-Hazmi and Al-Midhar called on a San Diego flying school. The both took a six-hour theory class at the Sorbi Flying Club. They didn't make a secret of the fact that they wanted to learn how to fly Boeings as soon as possible. But first they had to start with small Cessnas. The very first flight was a disaster. The terrorists were exceptionally maladroit, they had no talent for flying planes. As al-Hazmi was preparing to land under the instructor's guidance, al-Midhar panicked, and started praying loudly. "Nothing's going to come of this," said the instructor. He refused to train them both.

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## June 2000

The mission of the two terrorists appears to have ended, even before it actually began. Al-Midhar traveled to Frankfurt in June 2000. What he was doing in Germany is unclear. He probably met with Binalshibh, the logistics man for the Hamburg cell. Al-Midhar was able to enter the country unobserved, because the CIA didn't tell its German counterparts about the terrorists. Al-Midhar and Binalshibh were seen most recently in Malaysia, but they knew each other long before the meeting in Asia. They were related. Binalshibh was Al-Midhar's wife's cousin. Presumably al-Midhar told his in-law that the pilot training didn't work out, and that he would have to find a replacement.

This presented the logistics man with a formidable problem, at least in the short term. He registered by phone with a flight school in the States, but he still wasn't going to become a pilot. On May 17, two weeks before al-Midhar's arrival in Germany, the US Embassy told Binalshibh that he wasn't going to get a visa. Other members of the Hamburg cell had better luck. Like Binalshibh, they applied for their visas immediately after their return from Malaysia, and inquired by phone or e-mail about the training programs at 31 American flight schools.

Shortly after al-Midhar arrived in Germany, Mohammed Atta and two other members of the Hamburg Al Qaeda cell went to the US and started their pilot training in Florida. [...]

Al-Midhar also went back to the US. After it became clear that he and Al-Hazmi weren't going to become pilots, his assignment was to coordinate the planning for the attacks. But first he had to take care of his ability to stay in the country. His visa was running out. On July 7, 2000 he went to see the INS. Shortly before that CIA headquarters in Langley received yet another explicit notice from its Malaysia station that the Al Qaeda terrorist al-Hazmi had already entered the U.S. in January. But in Langley they stayed calm. Al-Hazmi wasn't designated for investigation, and neither the FBI, the State Department, nor the INS were informed. Consequently, nobody had any reason to be suspicious when al-Hazmi applied to extend his visa, giving his address in San Diego. His wish was granted.

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## September 2000

"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"

PNAC, Rebuilding Americas Defense (Page 50-51).  
<http://www.newamericancentury.org/RebuildingAmericasDefenses.pdf>

## September 2000

The neighbors in San Diego grew suspicious. Al-Hazmi and Al-Midhar lived in the apartment complex for eight months and still didn't have any furniture. They slept on the floor and regularly made calls from phone booths even though they had a phone in their apartment. The two Saudis apparently noticed the skeptical glances of their neighbors. They terminated the lease and moved in with Abduss Attar Sheikh, a Muslim they met at the Mosque in San Diego. This friend, a retired English teacher, rented them a room and helped them open a bank account and get Internet access.

As it turned out, the retiree was also helping out the local FBI. He was providing the police information on militant Muslims in San Diego. His contact officer regularly visited him at home. Al-Midhar and al-Hazmi were in the house during some of these visits. Sheikh quickly closed the living room door at such moments so his boarders wouldn't find out about his activities as an informer. Neither the informer nor his officer had any idea that the two young men were Al Qaeda terrorists. [really?]

Al-Midhar moved out after six weeks. He told his host that he was returning to his wife and children in Saudi Arabia. In fact he was involved in an act of terrorism. On October 12, 2000 a suicide squad carried out an attack on the naval ship USS Cole in Aden harbor. A dinghy packed with explosives rammed into the port side of the ship. 17 US soldiers died, 38 were wounded. The CIA assumes that al-Midhar took part in the attack. Al-Hazmi remained in San Diego for the time being, still living with the FBI informant.

[...]

At the end of December 2000 al-Hazmi also left the house in San Diego. He moved in with his fellow countryman Hani Hanjur in Mesa, Arizona. Hanjur had been living in the US since 1996 and earned his license at a flight school

in Scottsdale. After al-Hazmi and al-Midhar's flight training didn't work out, Hanjur would now fill the role for the trained pilot. But the pilot still needed some actual flying time. So he tried to take a few lessons at a flight school in Phoenix. Despite the fact that he had been in the States for several years, his English was so bad that the flight school operator assumed that he couldn't have had a valid pilot's license. He assumed the license certificate was a forgery and notified the FAA. But the suspected license turned out to be genuine.

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## November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2000

"Thousands of Florida residents were struck from the voter lists because they were mistakenly identified as ex-felons, just months before what has become the closest election in US history."

**Sasha Abramsky**  
<http://www.motherjones.com/news/feature/2000/11/floridavote.html>

## November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2000

"[T]he so-called "Brooks Brothers Riot" of Republican activists helped stop a vote recount in Miami -- and showed how far George W. Bush's supporters were ready to go to put their man in the White House."  
"The records show that the Bush committee spent a total of \$13.8 million to frustrate the recount of Florida's votes and secure the state's crucial electoral votes for Bush."

**Robert Parry**  
<http://www.consortiumnews.com/2002/080502a.html>  
see also:  
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A31074-2005Jan23.html>

## December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2000

"If you would segregate 'overvotes' as you describe and indicate in your final report how many where you determined the clear intent of the voter, I will rule on the issue for all counties."

Judge **Terry Lewis**, who had been named by the Florida Supreme Court to oversee the statewide recount, in a memo to the chairman of the Charlotte County canvassing board revealed by "Newsweek"  
<http://www.consortiumnews.com/2001/112101a.html>

December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2000

"The more you look the more disbarred and 'disappeared' Gore voters you find. You'd almost think it was deliberate."  
"For Harris, Florida Governor Jeb Bush and his brother, the Texas blacklist was a mistake made in Heaven. Most of those targeted to have their names 'scrubbed' from the voter roles were African-Americans, Hispanics and poor white folk, likely voters for Vice-President Gore."

Greg Palast

<http://observer.guardian.co.uk/business/story/0,6903,409137,00.html>

December 12<sup>nd</sup>, 2000

The Supreme Court [made the] decision that effectively ended the Florida postelection contest and made George W. Bush the nation's 43d president.

<http://caselaw.lp.findlaw.com/scripts/getcase.pl?court=US&vol=000&invol=00-949>

Late year 2000

"Team members believed that the Atta cell in Brooklyn should be subject to closer scrutiny, but somewhere along the food chain of administration bureaucrats and lawyers, a decision was made in late 2000 against passing the information to the FBI."

Rep. **Curt Weldon**, on intelligence group "Able Danger" tracking of Mohammed Atta back in 2000

<http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,165414,00.html>

January 2001

Both the FBI and the CIA are tracking down the perpetrators of the attack on the USS Cole in Yemen. The CIA conclusively determined that the one-legged bin Atesh was the mastermind of the attack. They consulted the observation report from the meeting in Malaysia. It suggested that the attack on the Cole was decided and planned in Kuala Lumpur. **The other participants at the meeting, among them al-Hazmi and al-Midhar, were now under suspicion, at least implicated in the planning of the attack. Although the CIA had enough information to know that al-Midhar possessed a valid visa and that al-Hazmi still had to be in the USA, it didn't raise a red flag with the investigators, and they didn't bother to notify the FBI.** There was still a lot left to be organized. Al-Hazmi was constantly driving around in his old Toyota. He didn't always obey the speed limit. On April 1, 2001 he was caught in a speed trap on I-40 in western Oklahoma. He was stopped by the police and had to show his ID, license and registration. The officer radioed in to see if there was anything on the driver. **The police database had nothing.** Al-Hazmi got a ticket and kept driving. The fine for speeding was \$138. He paid it by mail.

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30<sup>th</sup> January 2001

"From the very beginning, there was a conviction, that Saddam Hussein was a bad person and that he needed to go."

"Going after Saddam was topic "A" 10 days after the inauguration - eight months before Sept. 11."

"From the very first instance, it was about Iraq. It was about what we can do to change this regime"

"It was all about finding a way to do it. That was the tone of it. The president saying 'Go find me a way to do this,'"

"For me, the notion of pre-emption, that the U.S. has the unilateral right to do whatever we decide to do, is a really huge leap."

"And that came up at this first [NSC] meeting."

Paul O'Neill, former secretary of finance.

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2004/01/09/60minutes/main592330.shtml>

January 2001

"In the first weeks of the Administration, however, Cheney had heard me loud and clear about al-Qaida. Now that he was attending the NSC Principals meetings chaired by Condi Rice (something no Vice President had ever done), I hoped he would speak up about the urgency of the problem, put it on a short list for immediate action. He didn't."

Richard Clarke, former special advisor to the National Security Council, regarding counter-terrorism

[http://www.rawstory.com/news/2006/Exofficial\\_Cheney\\_sought\\_National\\_Security\\_Advisers\\_0502.html](http://www.rawstory.com/news/2006/Exofficial_Cheney_sought_National_Security_Advisers_0502.html)

March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2001

"What is scenario 12-D?"

"We know it's a war game scenario. That it has to do with airline counter-terrorism. Why is it important enough to kill for?"

"Why?"

"Because it's no longer a game."

"But if some terrorist group wants to act out this scenario, then why target you for assassination?"

"Depends on who your terrorists are."

"The men who conceived of it the first place. You're saying our government is planning to commit a terrorist act against a domestic airline?"

"There you go again. Blaming the entire government as usual. In fact, a small faction ..."

Short synopsis out off: "The Lone Gunmen", a X-Files-Spin-Off, aired on this day. The pilot episode concerned a terrorist plot to fly a hijacked airplane into the World Trade Center towers.

<http://www.thelonegunmen.com/>

June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2001

FBI agents from the New York bureau and from headquarters in Washington met with representatives of the CIA to exchange information and make progress in the USS Cole investigation. The CIA agents showed their colleagues from the FBI the photos from Malaysia and finger the one-legged bin Atesh as the mastermind behind the attack. They casually let slip the name of Al-Midhar, who was in one of the pictures with bin Atesh. When the FBI asked for more specific details, the CIA kept quiet. They didn't mention to the FBI that Al-Midhar had a valid US visa and was probably in the US at that moment. A year later one of the CIA agents told an investigating committee with tears in his voice that they weren't authorized at the time to disclose this to the FBI.

Internally the CIA feared the worst. Its agents reported their analysis to leading members of the administration. "Based on a review of all-source reporting over the last five months, we believe that UBL [Usama bin Laden] will launch a significant terrorist attack against US and/or Israeli interests in the coming weeks. The attack will be spectacular and designed to inflict mass casualties against US facilities or interests." A likely date of July 4, 2001 was mentioned.

On July 4 al-Midhar returned to the US on Saudi Arabian Airlines flight 53 after an absence of several months. Shortly before that, while still in Saudi Arabia, he extended his US visa until October 3, 2001. Although the CIA had in the meantime implicated him in the attack on the Cole, he had no problems entering the US. He presented his Saudi passport, which was in his own name, and on his immigration form gave his local address as the Marriott Hotel in New York. [Usual?] He subsequently made his way to Arizona to see al-Hazmi and others.

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July 2001

"The main obstacles to investigate Islamic terrorism were US oil corporate interests and the role played by Saudi Arabia in it."

John O'Neill, Deputy Director of the FBI, and Osama bin Laden's main pursuer in the US government, quits the FBI out of frustration in August 2001 and died on his new job as security chief in the WTC attacks on Sep. 11<sup>th</sup>  
<http://www.hereinreality.com/johnoneill.html>

July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2001

"Two months before the September 11 attacks, FBI agent Kenneth Williams sent the below memo to bureau brass in Washington and New York warning that a cadre of Osama bin Laden disciples might be training at U.S. flight schools in preparation for future "terror activity against civil aviation targets." Williams suggested a nationwide FBI review to determine whether such a "coordinated effort" could be seen in other localities."

Phoenix Memos, by FBI agent Kenneth Williams  
<http://www.thesmokinggun.com/archive/0412042phoenix1.html>

6<sup>th</sup> August 2001

**Bin Laden determined to strike in US**

**Presidential Daily Briefing** one month before 911.

<http://us.cnn.com/2004/ALLPOLITICS/04/10/august6.memo/>

Public known version redacted:

<http://antiwar.com/justin/?articleid=2306>

See also: Bush SCOTUS-candidate Harriet Myers briefed Bush:

[http://www.truthout.org/docs\\_2005/100405A.shtml](http://www.truthout.org/docs_2005/100405A.shtml)

August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2001

One flight school in Minneapolis informed the FBI that one of its students was interested in flying Boeings, although he didn't even have a license for small Cessnas. The flight student was arrested the next day, officially for immigration violations. He was a French citizen of Moroccan origin named Zacharias Moussaoui. His letters and his laptop were confiscated and immediately sent to FBI headquarters in Washington, where they sat unexamined.

An FBI agent took up the case at the flight school. The 47-year-old Coleen Rowley, a 21-year veteran of the FBI, got in contact with French authorities and learned that Moussaoui was suspected in France of having ties to Islamic extremists. She informed FBI headquarters and asked to have Moussaoui's laptop examined closely. Her request was denied.

"We don't know he's a terrorist. You don't have enough to show he's a terrorist". The investigator persisted, asking permission to examine the laptop herself. **Headquarters got irritated and told her not to bring this subject up again.**

In fact, the Frenchman was in close contact with the September 11 attackers. Evidence of this was found on his laptop, which was, however, closely examined after September 11. One clue led to Germany. Moussaoui received a money transfer from Binalshibh, the logistics man of the Hamburg cell. Rowley didn't know about any of this when she composed a memo to her superiors at the end of August 2001. She wrote that the circumstances indicated that Moussaoui was taking flying lessons solely for the purpose of flying into buildings, and that he was probably planning to fly a plane into the World Trade Center.

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August, 2001

"[Harry Samit,] the FBI agent who arrested Zacarias Moussaoui in August 2001 testified Monday he spent almost four weeks trying to warn U.S. officials about the radical Islamic student pilot but "criminal negligence" by superiors in Washington thwarted a chance to stop the 9/11 attacks."

**CBS News**

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2006/03/21/ap/national/mainD8GFLTIGA.shtml>

August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2001

The Israeli Mossad intelligence agency handed its American counterpart a list of names of terrorists who were staying in the US and were presumably planning to launch an attack in the foreseeable future. According to documents obtained by Die ZEIT, Mossad agents in the US were in all probability surveilling at least four of the 19 hijackers, among them al-Midhar. The CIA now does what it should have done 18 months earlier. It informs the State Dept., the FBI and the INS. The names al-Midhar and al-Hazmi are promptly put on an investigation list, as probable members of Al Qaeda. al-Midhar is expressly noted as a probable accomplice in the USS Cole attack. The first acknowledgement arrives quickly. The INS writes that according to its information, both men are currently in the US.

Now both men are pursued vigorously. On his entry into the US al-Midhar gave his address as the Marriott Hotel in New York. FBI agents visited all the chain's hotels in the New York area, without success.

One of the FBI agents on the case called headquarters in Washington and asked for reinforcements. He wanted to expand the investigation for al-Midhar. The agent properly assessed the danger that al-Midhar posed. He had already been working on the USS Cole investigation for months.

In this context he had met with his colleagues from the CIA once and al-Midhar's name slipped out. Now that he reads this name in the investigation file, with the note that al-Midhar was implicated in the Cole attack, the FBI agent became angry with his CIA colleagues. They had previously withheld this detail from him.

But his anger increases when his own headquarters declines to give him additional support. The attorneys at the FBI's National Security Law Unit made very clear that the law prescribes a strict wall between intelligence and police investigations. And the search for al-Midhar has now returned to being an intelligence matter.

"someday someone will die - and wall or not - the public will not understand why we were not more effective and throwing every resource we had at certain 'problems'." one frustrated FBI agent writes to his headquarters on August 29, 2001.

"Let's hope the National Security Law Unit will stand behind their decisions then, especially since the biggest threat to us now, UBL [Usama bin Laden], is getting the most protection."

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End of August, 2001

"I think the data's ready, but we're not. We'll publish when we're ready."

John Broder, a New York Times reporter and member of the steering committee overseeing the analysis of Florida ballots recount.

<http://www.makethemaccountable.com/coverup/index.htm>

September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001

Early in the morning the five terrorists drive to Dulles Airport. Police later seize the Toyota and find a receipt for tuition at the Phoenix flight school, four diagrams of a Boeing 757 cockpit, a carpet knife, a map of Washington and slips of paper with notes and phone numbers. At 7:30 the terrorists check in. Investigators have been searching everywhere for al-Hazmi and al-Midhar for the last 20 days. Despite that, the two pass unhindered through security along with their accomplices. Both the tickets and passports which they presented were in their own names. [...]

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September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001, 8.38 am

"Hi, Boston Center TMU, we have a problem here. We have a hijacked aircraft headed towards New York. And we need you guys to, we need someone to scramble some F-16s or something up there, help us out."  
NORAD Command " **Is this real or exercise?** "

" No, this is not exercise, not a test. "

" Do we wanna think about scrambling an aircraft?"

FAA,  
<http://www.team8plus.org/september11th/NATIONALCOMMISSIONTERRORISTATTACKS5.html>

September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001, 9.03 am

It was the morning of Sept. 11. At approximately 8:20, the FAA says, it received word that the first of two jetliners from Boston's Logan International Airport had been hijacked and was mysteriously heading for New York City. What did the FAA do? That seems like a simple question - a question that ought to have been answered clearly and unflinchingly months ago. But even now, almost 28 months after the Sept. 11 attacks, we still don't have a clear picture of how well the FAA responded. It was just after 9 a.m. If the FAA's version of the story is correct, air traffic controllers should have known at 8:20 a.m. that at least one hijacking had taken place - and that the hijacked jetliner had then struck the Trade Center's North Tower at 8:46 a.m. But last week's transcripts reveal that air traffic controllers at La Guardia were still in the dark even after the North Tower was hit.

"In one exchange, with the North Tower in flames and just before a second hijacked jetliner struck the Trade Center's South Tower at 9:03 a.m., an unidentified man at **La Guardia's control tower** asks:

**"Do you guys know what happened at the World Trade Center?"**

A second unidentified man at the control tower answers:

**"We are listening to it on the news right now. Do you know anything further? What happened, a plane hit it?"**

**"We heard a bomb hit it,"** the first man says.

**"We heard that a plane hit it,"** the second man answers, adding that he is just turning on the TV news. **"We are trying to get an update."**

**"But you don't know anything,"** the first man says.

"We don't know," the second man says. "We're looking at it on Channel 5 right now."

If that conversation was between two ordinary people, it wouldn't be all that disturbing. Indeed, it probably echoes many conversations that day between ordinary citizens trying to find out what was taking place in lower Manhattan. But that conversation was between two people who should have been on top of the information - people in an airport traffic control tower. Why were they in the dark?"

Mike Kelly: "Back to the transcripts"

<http://www.northjersey.com/page.php?qstr=eXJpcnk3ZjcxN2Y3dnFlZUVFeXkxNCZmZ2JlbDdmN3ZxZWVFRXl5NjQ3MDQxMA==>

September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001, 2.40 pm

"[b]est info fast . . . judge whether good enough [to] hit S.H. [Saddam Hussein] at same time - not only UBL [Usama Bin Laden] Go massive . . . Sweep it all up. Things related and not."

DoD staffer **Stephen Cambone's** notes from meetings with Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld on the afternoon of September 11, 2001, exact time: 2.40 pm. <http://www.outragedmoderates.org/2006/02/dod-staffers-notes-from-911-obtained.html>

September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2001

The large police investigation in American history is underway. Thousands of FBI agents fan out across the country and within days reconstruct the lives of the hijackers. It wasn't especially difficult because in the US the terrorists conducted themselves as anything but a secret conspiracy. Al-Hazmi had even called the police once after he was assaulted. [...]

Oliver Schröm, "Deadly Mistakes", translated from *Die Zeit*  
October 2, 2002  
<http://www.antiwar.com/article.php?articleid=2305>

September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2001

About eight hours after terrorists struck Manhattan's tallest skyscrapers, police in Bergen County detained five men who they said were found carrying maps linking them to the blasts. The five men, who were in a van stopped on Route 3 in East Rutherford around 4:30 p.m., were being questioned by police but had not been charged with any crime late Tuesday. The Bergen County Police bomb squad X-rayed packages found inside the van but did not find any explosives, authorities said. However, sources close to the investigation said they found other evidence linking the men to the bombing plot. "There are maps of the city in the car with certain places highlighted," the source said. "It looked like they're hooked in with this. It looked like they knew what was going to happen when they were at Liberty State Park." Sources also said that bomb-sniffing dogs reacted as if they had detected explosives, although officers were unable to find anything. The FBI seized the van for further testing, authorities said. Sources said the van was stopped as it headed east on Route 3, between the Hackensack River bridge and the Sheraton hotel. As a precaution, police shut

down Route 3 traffic in both directions after the stop and evacuated a small roadside motel near the Sheraton.

Sources close to the investigation said the men said they were Israeli tourists, but police had not been able to confirm their identities.

Authorities would not release their names.

East Rutherford officers stopped the van after the FBI's Newark Field Office broadcast an alert asking surrounding police departments to look for a white Chevrolet van, police said.

"We got an alert to be on the lookout for a white Chevrolet van with New Jersey registration and writing on the side," said Bergen County Police Chief John Schmidig. "Three individuals were seen celebrating in Liberty State Park after the impact. They said three people were jumping up and down."

The East Rutherford officers summoned the county police bomb squad, New Jersey state troopers, and FBI agents, who waited alongside the van as prosecutors from the U.S. Attorney's Office tried to obtain a warrant to search the van late Tuesday, Schmidig said.

By 10 p.m., members of the bomb squad were picking through the van and X-raying packages found inside, Schmidig said.

Sources said the FBI alert, known as a BOLO or "Be On Lookout," was sent out at 3:31 p.m.

It read:

**"Vehicle possibly related to New York terrorist attack. White, 2000 Chevrolet van with New Jersey registration with 'Urban Moving Systems' sign on back seen at Liberty State Park, Jersey City, NJ, at the time of first impact of jetliner into World Trade Center. Three individuals with van were seen celebrating after initial impact and subsequent explosion. FBI Newark Field Office requests that, if the van is located, hold for prints and detain individuals."**

FBI spokeswoman Sandra Carroll declined to comment on the incident late Tuesday.

State police Lt. Col. Barry W. Roberson confirmed the traffic stop at a late night news briefing at state police headquarters in Trenton. He would not elaborate, however.

Business records show an Urban Moving Systems with offices on West 50th Street in Manhattan and on West 18th Street in Weehawken. Telephone messages left at the businesses Tuesday evening were not immediately returned.

Business records show the owner as **Dominik Suter** of Fair Lawn. A woman answering the telephone at Suter's home acknowledged he owned the company but refused to comment further. She also declined to identify herself.

It was not clear Tuesday whether the van stopped by police is related to Suter's company. A business traveler staying at the Homestead Studio Suites Hotel said she watched state troopers drive the suspects away in a procession of state police cars about 5 p.m. The woman, who asked not to be identified, said the people detained appeared to be white men, but she could not give more details. About 5:30 p.m., police evacuated the hotel without offering guests an explanation. "First, they told us we could hang out in the lobby, but then they told us we had to leave," the traveler said.

At 10 p.m., the hotel guest said she could see at least two police officers searching through the van while a crowd of other officers kept their distance. Except for police vehicles and a tow truck, the service road beside Route 3 was empty, she said.

**Paulo Lima** "Five men detained as suspected conspirators", *Staff Writer*  
Bergen Records,

<http://web.archive.org/web/20011108025936/http://www.bergen.com/news/2bombvan200109125.htm>

September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2001

"I want justice...There's an old poster out West, as I recall, that said, 'Wanted: Dead or Alive!'"

G.W. Bush,

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2001/09/20010917-3.html>

September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2001

"The air is safe to breathe."

Christine Todd Whitman, EPA

<http://www.wtceo.org/wtcenvironmentalorganizationtheairissafetobreathewhitman.htm>

September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2001

"The Taliban offered to hand Osama bin Laden to a neutral Islamic country for trial if the US presented them with evidence that he was responsible for the attacks on New York and Washington. The US rejected the offer."

The Guardian

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/Iraq/Story/0,2763,1082289,00.html>

September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2001

"We write to endorse your admirable commitment to "lead the world to victory" in the war against terrorism. We fully support your call for "a broad and sustained campaign" against the "terrorist organizations and those who harbor and support them." We agree with Secretary of State Powell that the United States must find and punish the perpetrators of the horrific attack of September 11, and we must, as he said, "go after terrorism wherever we find it in the world" and "get it by its branch and root." We agree with the Secretary of State that U.S. policy must aim not only at finding the people responsible for this incident, but must also target those "other groups out there that mean us no good" and "that have conducted attacks previously against U.S. personnel, U.S. interests and our allies." In order to carry out this "first war of the 21st century" successfully, and in order, as you have said, to do future "generations a favor by coming together and whipping terrorism," we believe the following steps are necessary parts of a comprehensive strategy.

PNAC letter to George W. Bush

<http://www.newamericancentury.org/Bushletter.htm>

September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2001

Osama bin Laden and the Taliban received threats of possible American military strikes against them two months before the terrorist assaults on New York and Washington, [...] a Guardian investigation has established.

The Guardian

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/wtccrash/story/0,1300,556279,00.html>

September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2001

"Sometimes the truth is so precious it must be accompanied by a bodyguard of lies."

Donald Rumsfeld,

U.S. Secretary of Defense, Pentagon Briefing

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2001/09/27/wusa227.xml>

September 28<sup>th</sup>, 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. Such a practice is forbidden even in the course of a battle."

"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."

Osama Bin Laden, in an interview with pakistani newspaper "Ummat"

[http://www.robert-fisk.com/usama\\_interview\\_ummat.htm](http://www.robert-fisk.com/usama_interview_ummat.htm)

October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2001

"[The consortium] is deliberately hiding the results of its recount because Gore was the indisputable winner".

"[A] New York Times journalist who was involved in the recount project had told "a former companion" that the Gore victory margin was big enough to create "major trouble for the Bush presidency if this ever gets out."

David Podvin, an investigative journalist who runs an independent web page, "Make Them Accountable"

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?sSheet=/news/2001/10/21/ixhomer.html&xml=/news/2001/10/21/wgore21.xml>

October 21<sup>nd</sup>, 2001

"Our belief is that the priorities of the country have changed, and our priorities have changed."

Steven Goldstein, the vice-president of corporate communications at Dow Jones and Co, the owners of the Wall Street Journal.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?sSheet=/news/2001/10/21/ixhomer.html&xml=/news/2001/10/21/wgore21.xml>

October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2001

"The consortium agreed that because of the war, because of our lack of resources, we were postponing the vote-count investigation. But this is not final. The intention is to go forward."

Catherine Mathis, a spokesman for the New York Times

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?sSheet=/news/2001/10/21/ixhomer.html&xml=/news/2001/10/21/wgore21.xml>

November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2001

"We must speak the truth about terror. Let us never tolerate outrageous conspiracy theories concerning the attacks of September the 11th; malicious lies that attempt to shift the blame away from the terrorists, themselves, away from the guilty."

George W. Bush

<http://www.un.org/webcast/ga/56/statements/011110usaE.htm>

November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2001

If those "overvotes" were counted, as now it appears they would have been, Gore would have carried Florida regardless of what standard of chad - dimpled, hanging, punched-through - was used in counting the so-called "undervotes," according to an examination of those ballots by a group of leading news organizations."

"In going with the "Bush Wins" headlines, the news organizations downplayed their more dramatic finding that Gore would have won if a full statewide recount had been conducted in accordance with state law."

"For months, the leading news organizations have been bending over backwards to protect Bush's fragile legitimacy, possibly out of concern for the nation's image in a time of crisis."

Robert Parry, Consortiumnews

<http://www.consortiumnews.com/2001/112101a.html>

**December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2001**

"Evidence linking these Israelis to 9/11 is classified. I cannot tell you about evidence that has been gathered. It's classified information."

US official quoted in **Carl Cameron's** Fox News report on the Israeli spy ring and its connections to 9-11.

<http://www.informationclearinghouse.info/article7545.htm>

**December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2001**

"There was no doubt of bin Laden's responsibility for the September 11 attacks before the tape was discovered."

**Donald Rumsfeld**

[http://www.defenselink.mil/releases/2001/b12132001\\_bt630-01.html](http://www.defenselink.mil/releases/2001/b12132001_bt630-01.html)

**December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2001**

"[T]he tape removes any doubt that the U.S. military campaign targeting bin Laden and his associates is more than justified."

New York Mayor **Rudy Giuliani** on CNN, Bin Laden on tape: Attacks 'benefited Islam greatly", December 14, 2001,

<http://archives.cnn.com/2001/US/12/13/ret.bin.laden.videotape>

**December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2001**

"It is preposterous for anybody to think that this tape is doctored."

"That's just a feeble excuse to provide weak support for an incredibly evil man."

**George. W. Bush**, on CNN, regarding rumors the Osama confession tape may have been doctored.

<http://edition.cnn.com/2001/US/12/14/ret.bin.laden.video/index.html?related>

December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2001

"In calling for a new investigation, some structural engineers have said that one serious mistake has already been made in the chaotic aftermath of the collapses: **the decision to rapidly recycle the steel columns, beams and trusses that held up the buildings.** That may have cost investigators some of their most direct physical evidence with which to try to piece together an answer.... Dr. Frederick W. Mowrer, an associate professor in the fire protection engineering department at the University of Maryland, said he believed the decision could ultimately compromise any investigation of the collapses. 'I find the speed with which potentially important evidence has been removed and recycled to be appalling,' Dr. Mowrer said... Interviews with a handful of members of the [FEMA funded] team, which includes some of the nation's most respected engineers, also uncovered complaints that they had at various times been shackled with bureaucratic restrictions that prevented them from interviewing witnesses, examining the disaster site and requesting crucial information, like recorded distress calls to the police and fire departments."

"**A NATION CHALLENGED: THE TOWERS; Experts Urging Broader Inquiry In Towers' Fall**" By JAMES GLANZ AND ERIC LIPTON, New York Times, Late Edition - Final, Section A, Page 1, Column 5

December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2001

"...Secondly, he is not escaping us. This is a guy, who, three months ago, was in control of a county. Now he's maybe in control of a cave. He's on the run. Listen, a while ago I said to the American people, our objective is more than bin Laden. But one of the things for certain is we're going to get him running and keep him running, and **bring him to justice.** And that's what's happening. He's on the run, if he's running at all. So we don't know whether he's in cave with the door shut, or a cave with the door open -- we just don't know...."

George W. Bush,

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2001/12/20011228-1.html>

January 2002

"The formation of the eutectic mixture of iron oxide and iron sulfide lowers the temperature at which liquid can form in this steel. This strongly suggests that the temperatures in this region of the steel beam approached around 1,000°C, forming the eutectic liquid by a process similar to making a "blacksmith's weld" in a hand forge."

The Journal of the Minerals, Metals and Materials Society (JOM) reports that the examination of a beam from the remains of WTC Building 7 which collapsed late in the afternoon of 9/11 has revealed unexpected erosion of the steel.  
<http://www.tms.org/pubs/journals/JOM/0112/Biederman/Biederman-0112.html>

February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2002

"Perhaps the deepest mystery uncovered in the investigation involves extremely thin bits of steel collected from the trade towers and from 7 World Trade Center, a 47-story high rise that also collapsed for unknown reasons. The steel apparently melted away, but no fire in any of the buildings was believed to be hot enough to melt steel outright.

A preliminary analysis of the steel at Worcester Polytechnic Institute using electron microscopes suggests that sulfur released during the fires -- no one knows from where -- may have combined with atoms in the steel to form compounds that melt at lower temperatures."

"A Search for Clues In Towers' Collapse  
Engineers Volunteer to Examine Steel Debris Taken to Scrapyards"  
by JAMES GLANZ and ERIC LIPTON  
New York Times

March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2002

"Deep in my heart I know the man is on the run, if he's alive at all. Who knows if he's hiding in some cave or not; we haven't heard from him in a long time. And the idea of focusing on one person is -- really indicates to me people don't understand the scope of the mission. Terror is bigger than one person. And he's just -- he's a person who's now been marginalized. His network, his host government has been destroyed. He's the ultimate parasite who found weakness, exploited it, and met his match. He is -- as I mentioned in my speech, I do mention the fact that this is a fellow who is willing to commit youngsters to their death and he, himself, tries to hide -- if, in fact, he's hiding at all. So I don't know where he is. You know, I just don't spend that much time on him, Kelly, to be honest with you."

G. W. Bush, on Osama Bin Laden  
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2002/03/20020313-8.html>

March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2002

In particular, a group of five Israelis arrested in New Jersey shortly after the September 11 attacks and held for more than two months was subjected to an unusual number of polygraph tests and interrogated by a series of government agencies including the FBI's counterintelligence division, which by some reports remains convinced that Israel was conducting an intelligence operation. The five Israelis worked for a moving company with few discernable assets that closed up shop immediately afterward and whose owner fled to Israel.

[...]

The five men -- Sivan and Paul Kurzberg, Oded Ellner, Omer Marmari and Yaron Shmuel -- were arrested eight hours after the attacks by the Bergen County, N.J., police while driving in an Urban Moving Systems van. The police acted on an FBI alert after the men allegedly were seen acting strangely while watching the events from the roof of their warehouse and the roof of their van.

In addition to their strange behavior and their Middle Eastern looks, the suspicions were compounded when a box cutter and \$4,000 in cash were found in the van. Moreover, one man carried two passports and another had fresh pictures of the men standing with the smoldering wreckage of the World Trade Center in the background.

The Bergen County police immediately handed the suspects to the INS, which turned them over to a joint police-FBI terrorism task force set up after September 11 to deal with all possible links with the attacks. The five Israelis were detained in the high-security Metropolitan Detention Center in Brooklyn in solitary confinement until mid-October. On September 25, they all signed papers acknowledging violations of U.S. immigration law. At the end of October, the INS issued a deportation order which was enforced a month later after a review by the Justice Department and prodding by Jewish and Israeli officials. However, the former official said, this is just the official story.

[...]

In fact, he said, the nature of the investigation changed after the names of two of the five Israelis showed up on a CIA-FBI database of foreign intelligence operatives, he said. At that point, he said, the bureau took control of the investigation and launched a Foreign Counterintelligence Investigation, or FCI.

After the men were arrested, FBI agents searched the warehouse of Urban Moving Systems in Weehawken, N.J., seizing computer hard drives and documents. The warehouse was closed on September 14, said Ron George, a spokesman for the New Jersey State Division of Consumer Affairs. On December 7, a New Jersey judge ruled that the state could seize the goods remaining inside the warehouse. The state also has a lawsuit pending against Urban Moving Systems and its owner, **Dominik Otto Suter**, an Israeli citizen. The FBI questioned Mr. Suter once. However, he left the country afterward and went back to Israel before further questioning. Mr. Suter declined through his lawyer to be interviewed for this article. Earlier this year, the New York State Department of Transportation revoked Urban Moving System's license after discovering that the company's midtown Manhattan base was **only a mailing address**.

[...]

"If we found evidence of unauthorized intelligence operations, that would be classified material," added Jim Margolin, a spokesman for the FBI in New York.

One leading expert in American intelligence operations, Chip Berlet, a senior analyst at the Boston-based Political Research Associates, explained that there **"is a backdoor agreement between allies that says that if one of your spies gets caught and didn't do too much harm, he goes home. It goes on all the time. The official reason is always a visa violation."**

„Spy Rumors Fly on Gusts of Truth  
*Americans Probing Reports of Israeli Espionage*  
by **Marc Perelman**  
<http://www.forward.com/issues/2002/02.03.15/news2.html>

**March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2002**

"We backed regime change, but the **plan had to be clever** and failure was not an option. It would be a tough sell for us domestically, and probably tougher elsewhere in Europe. The US could go it alone if it wanted to. But if it wanted to act with partners, there had to be **a strategy** for building support for military action against Saddam. I then went through **the need to wrongfoot Saddam** on the inspectors and the UN SCRs and the critical importance of the MEPP as an integral part of the **anti-Saddam strategy**."

If all this could be accomplished skilfully, we were fairly confident that a number of countries would come on board."

**Christopher Meyer**, Ambassador from the british Embassy in Washington, in a meeting with Wolfowitz

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2004/09/18/nwar118.xml>

## May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002

"[the same] unusual erosion patterns [have been observed in a sample of the remaining structural steel from one of the twin towers]."

"This sulfur-rich liquid penetrated preferentially down grain boundaries of the steel, severely weakening the beam and making it susceptible to erosion."

"The severe corrosion and subsequent erosion ... are a very unusual event. No clear explanation for the source of the sulfur has been identified. ... It is possible that this is the result of long-term heating in the ground following the collapse of the buildings. It is also possible that the phenomenon started prior to collapse and accelerated the weakening of the steel structure."

World Trade Center Building Performance Study, Federal Emergency Management Agency,

[http://www.fema.gov/pdf/library/fema403\\_apc.pdf](http://www.fema.gov/pdf/library/fema403_apc.pdf)

## May 2002

"The specifics of the fires in WTC 7 and how they caused the building to collapse ["official theory"] remain unknown at this time. Although the total diesel fuel on the premises contained massive potential energy, the best hypothesis [fire/debris-damage-caused collapse] has only a low probability of occurrence. Further research, investigation, and analyses are needed to resolve this issue."

**FEMA:** "World Trade Center Building Performance Study," released May 2002, available at:

<http://www.fema.gov/library/wtcstudy.shtm>

## May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2002

"I don't think anybody could have predicted that these people would take an airplane and slam it into the World Trade Center, take another one and slam it into the Pentagon; that they would try to use an airplane as a missile, a hijacked airplane as a missile. All of this reporting about hijacking was about traditional hijacking. You take a plane -- people were worried they might blow one up, **but they were mostly worried that they might try to take a plane and use it for release of the blind Sheikh or some of their own people.**"

...

"And this was an analytic piece that tried to bring together several threads -- in 1997, they talked about this; in 1998, they talked about that; **it's been known** that maybe they want to try and release the blind Sheikh -- I mean, that was the character of it."

National Security Adviser **Condoleezza Rice**.

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2002/05/20020516-13.html>

May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2002

"Suicide bomber(s) belonging to al Qaeda's Martyrdom Battalion could crash-land an aircraft packed with high explosives (C-4 and semtex) into the Pentagon, the headquarters of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), or the White House."

September 1999: a federal report, titled: "**Sociology and Psychology of Terrorism: Who Becomes a Terrorist and Why?**", warned the executive branch that Osama bin Laden's terrorists might hijack an airliner and dive bomb it into the Pentagon or other government building, breaks the news this day.  
<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2002/05/17/attack/main509471.shtml>

May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2002

When **Minneapolis** FBI agent Coleen Rowley could no longer stand seeing the authorities covering up their failures, she sat at her computer and wrote a 13 page letter to the FBI director enumerating all of the mistakes and failures that she was aware of. She had warned insistently about the possibility of attacks by Muslim militants back in August 2001. "**I have deep concerns,**" she wrote, "**that a delicate and subtle shading/skewing of facts by you and others at the highest levels of FBI management has occurred and is occurring.**" The agent personally brings her file to Washington and hands two copies to the Senate Intelligence Committee. Two weeks later a picture of her letter adorns the cover of *Time Magazine* under the headline "The Bombshell Memo." The FBI gets pilloried.

Oliver Schröm, "Deadly Mistakes", translated from *Die Zeit*  
October 2, 2002  
<http://www.antiwar.com/article.php?articleid=2305>

June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2002

"Millions saw the horrific images of the World Trade Center attacks, and those who saw them won't forget them. But a New Jersey homemaker saw something that morning that prompted an investigation into five young Israelis and their possible connection to Israeli intelligence. Maria, who asked us not to use her last name, had a view of the World Trade Center from her New Jersey apartment building. She remembers a neighbor calling her shortly after the first plane hit the towers. She grabbed her binoculars and watched the destruction unfolding in lower Manhattan. But as she watched the disaster, something else caught her eye. Maria says she saw three young men kneeling on the roof of a white van in the parking lot of her apartment building. "They seemed to be taking a movie," Maria said. The men were taking video or photos of themselves with the World Trade Center burning in the background, she said. What struck Maria were the expressions on the men's faces. "They were like happy, you know ... They didn't look shocked to me. I thought it was very strange," she said. She found the behavior so suspicious that she wrote down the license plate number of the van and called the police. Before long, the FBI was also on the scene, and a statewide bulletin was issued on the van. The plate number was traced to a van owned by a company called Urban Moving. Around 4 p.m. on Sept. 11, the van was spotted on a service road off Route 3, near New Jersey's Giants Stadium. A police officer pulled the van over, finding five men, between 22 and 27 years old, in the vehicle. The men were taken out of the van at gunpoint and handcuffed by police.

The arresting officers said they saw a lot that aroused their suspicion about the men. One of the passengers had \$4,700 in cash hidden in his sock. Another was carrying two foreign passports. A box cutter was found in the van. But perhaps the biggest surprise for the officers came when the five men identified themselves as Israeli citizens. According to the police report, one of the passengers told the officers they had been on the West Side Highway in Manhattan "during the incident" - referring to the World Trade Center attack. The driver of the van, Sivan Kurzberg, told the officers, "We are Israeli. We are not your problem."

"The White Van - Were Israelis Detained on Sept. 11 Spies?"

ABC News, Chris Isham, John Miller, Glenn Silber and Chris Vlasto contributed to this report.

[http://web.archive.org/web/20021003225412/http://abcnews.go.com/sections/2020/DailyNews/2020\\_whitevan\\_020621.html](http://web.archive.org/web/20021003225412/http://abcnews.go.com/sections/2020/DailyNews/2020_whitevan_020621.html)

## July 2002

"There was a perceptible shift in attitude. Military action was now seen as inevitable and facts were being fixed around the policy."

"The NSC [National Security Council] had no patience with the UN route, and no enthusiasm for publishing material on the Iraqi regime's record."

Downing Street Memo

<http://www.downingstreetmemo.com/memos.html>

## August 2002

Dominik Suter, the former owner of the Urban Moving Systems, a possible front of israel intelligence, appears on a FBI terror suspect list.

Justin Raimondo, antiwar.com

<http://www.antiwar.com/justin/CI-08-02.pdf>

## August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2002

"Simply stated, there is no doubt that Saddam Hussein now has weapons of mass destruction."

Dick Cheney, Vice President USA

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2002/08/20020826.html>

## September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2002

"From a marketing point of view, you don't introduce new products in August."

Andrew H. Card, White House Chief of Staff, speaking about the Iraq war PR campaign, on the question: "Why now?"

<http://archives.cnn.com/2002/ALLPOLITICS/09/12/schneider.iraq/>

September 8<sup>th</sup> , 2002

"Iraq has sought to buy thousands of specially designed aluminum tubes, which American officials believe were intended as components of centrifuges to enrich uranium."

**Judith Miller**, New York Times

<http://query.nytimes.com/gst/fullpage.html?res=9402EFDE1E3EF93BA3575AC0A9649C8B63&sec=health>

September 8<sup>th</sup> , 2002

"We don't want the smoking gun to be a mushroom cloud."

**Condoleezza Rice** on CNN

<http://archives.cnn.com/2002/ALLPOLITICS/09/08/iraq.debate/>

September 8<sup>th</sup> , 2002

"What an absurd statement. So we're going to go to war over thousands of aluminum pipes. Even the report which you cite says that if Iraq was to try to do uranium enrichment it would take them many years before they could do it. This is patently ridiculous. These are aluminum pipes coming in for civilian use. They are not being transferred to a covert nuclear processing plant or any covert nuclear activity whatsoever."

**Scott Ritter**, republican and former friend of George W. Bush,

[http://www.aim.org/media\\_monitor/A628\\_0\\_2\\_0\\_C/](http://www.aim.org/media_monitor/A628_0_2_0_C/)

September 12<sup>nd</sup> , 2002

"As an American citizen, I have an obligation to speak out when I feel my government is acting in a manner, which is inconsistent with the – with the principles of our founding fathers. It's the most patriotic thing I can do."  
"At this point in time, no one has made a case based upon facts that Saddam Hussein or his government is a threat to the United States worthy of war."

**Scott Ritter**, chief inspector of the United Nations Special Commission to disarm Iraq (UNSCOM). In 1998, he quit in protest over differences between what Washington wanted and what Iraq allowed. Ever since, he has been very vocal about what really led to UNSCOM's failure to complete its mission – a failure Ritter largely blames on Washington for trying to put spies on the UNSCOM team and use the inspections as a reason to start a war– and how weapons' inspectors must be allowed back in to avert what will certainly be a brutal, bloody war. He insists that, if the Bush administration has evidence showing that Saddam is building nukes, then the American people have a right to see it before they sacrifice their lives.  
<http://www.commondreams.org/views02/0912-02.htm>

September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2002

US Forces Order of Battle [in Iraq]

[http://www.globalsecurity.org/military/ops/iraq\\_orbat\\_020923.htm](http://www.globalsecurity.org/military/ops/iraq_orbat_020923.htm)

October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2002

"I've never been sure whether the so-called Al-Qaeda has ever even existed."

Qazi Hussain Ahmed

<http://www.usefulwork.com/shark/qazi021013.html>

January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2003

"The British government has learned that Saddam Hussein recently sought significant quantities of uranium from Africa."

"From three Iraqi defectors we know that Iraq, in the late 1990s, had several **mobile biological weapons labs**. These are designed to produce **germ warfare agents**, and can be moved from place to a place to evade inspectors. Saddam Hussein has not disclosed these facilities. He's given no evidence that he has destroyed them."

George W. Bush, State of the Union address

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2003/01/20030128-19.html>

January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2003

"The US would put its full weight behind efforts to get another resolution and would twist arms and even threaten, but he had to say that if we ultimately failed, military action would follow anyway."

George W. Bush, White House Memo.

<http://www.afterdowningstreet.org/?q=node/7436>

March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2003

"Intelligence gathered by this and other governments leaves **no doubt** that the **Iraq regime** continues to possess and conceal some of the **most lethal weapons** ever devised.

**And it has aided, trained and harbored terrorists, including operatives of al Qaeda.**

The United States and other nations did nothing to deserve or invite this threat.

Saddam Hussein and his sons must leave Iraq within 48 hours. Their refusal to do so will result in military conflict commenced at a time of our choosing"

For their own safety, all foreign nationals -- including journalists and **inspectors** -- should leave Iraq immediately.

George W. Bush

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2003/03/20030317-7.html>

**March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2003**

**U.S. launches cruise missiles at Saddam**

CNN

<http://www.cnn.com/2003/WORLD/meast/03/19/sprj.irq.main/>

**March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2003**

"Well, there is no question that we have evidence and information that Iraq has weapons of mass destruction, biological and chemical particularly . . . all this will be made clear in the course of the operation, for whatever duration it takes."

**Ari Fleischer**, White House press secretary

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2003/03/20030321-9.html>

**March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2003**

"al-Qaeda did not exist in Afghanistan and I did not know the fate or whereabouts of Osama bin-Laden."

**Mullah Dadullah**, a senior Taliban military commander

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south\\_asia/2897137.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/2897137.stm)

**May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2003**

"I see no difference between the invasion of Iraq and the invasion of Poland in 1939."

**Scott Ritter**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2003/05/07/wirq207.xml&sSheet=/news/2003/05/07/ixnewstop.html>

**May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2003**

"Is there really an entity called al-Qaeda? Was it in Afghanistan? Does it exist now?"

**Bashar Al-Assad**, Syrian President to saudi newspaper Al-Anbar

[http://www.usatoday.com/news/world/2003-05-25-assad\\_x.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/news/world/2003-05-25-assad_x.htm)

**June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2003**

"The idea...that I made some secret agreement with George Bush last September that we would invade Iraq in any event at a particular time is completely and totally untrue."

**Tony Blair**, British PM

The Financial Times [London]; By James Politi in Washington, James Blitz in Evian and Mark Turner

<http://www.number-10.gov.uk/output/Page3803.asp>

**June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2003**

"They are not mobile germ warfare laboratories. You could not use them for making biological weapons. They do not even look like them. They are exactly what the Iraqis said they were - facilities for the production of hydrogen gas to fill balloons."

**David Kelly**, a British scientist and biological weapons expert, who has examined the trailers in Iraq, quoted by "The Observer"

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/Iraq/Story/0,,977916,00.html>

**July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2003**

"The decision to go to war had already been taken last summer. The decision had been made by President Bush and Prime Minister Blair, target date was mid-February [2003] and later extended to March because of a difficulty with the Turks and so on and to give our prime minister a little more time."

**Clare Short**, British MP

<http://www.wsws.org/articles/2003/jul2003/wmd1-j03.shtml>

**July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2003**

"I fear the fundamental problem is that instead of using intelligence as evidence on which to base the conclusion of a policy, we used intelligence as the basis on which we could justify a policy on which we had already settled."

**Robin Cook**, British MP, former foreign minister and, until he resigned in March, leader of the House.

<http://www.wsws.org/articles/2003/jul2003/wmd1-j03.shtml>

July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2003

"Based on my experience with the administration in the months leading up to the war, I have little choice but to conclude that some of the intelligence related to Iraq's nuclear weapons program was twisted to exaggerate the Iraqi threat."

**Joseph C. Wilson**, former ambassador to Iraq and several African states in an OP-Ed in the NYT, titled: "What I didn't find in Africa",  
<http://www.nytimes.com/2003/07/06/opinion/06WILS.html?ex=1372824000&en=6c6aeblce960dec0&ei=5007&partner=USERLAND>

July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2003

"They surveyed data and picked out what they liked."  
"The whole thing was bizarre. The secretary of defence had this huge defence intelligence agency, and he went around it."  
"They [the Office for "special plans"] were a pretty shadowy presence. Normally when you compile an intelligence document, all the agencies get together to discuss it. The OSP was never present at any of the meetings I attended."

**Greg Thielmann**, senior official in the state department's intelligence bureau, staffer for over 25 years-  
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/Iraq/Story/0,2763,999737,00.html>

July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2003

"There are many dark actors playing games."

**Dr David Kelly**, UN inspector for WMD in Iraq, in an e-mail to New York Times journalist Judith Miller hours before his death.  
[http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk\\_news/politics/3079787.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/politics/3079787.stm)

July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2003

"In one particular Kelly was definitively at odds with what both George Bush and Blair were claiming about postwar discoveries of Iraqi weapons. Both had insisted that Coalition Forces had found and identified two alleged mobile germ warfare laboratories."

**The Observer**, London  
<http://observer.guardian.co.uk/focus/story/0,6903,1001786,00.html>

August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2003

"The escalation of nuclear rhetoric a year ago, including the introduction of the term "mushroom cloud" into the debate, coincided with the formation of a **White House Iraq Group, or WHIG**, a task force assigned to "educate the public" about the threat from Hussein, as a participant put it."

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/ac2/wp-dyn/A39500-2003Aug9?language=printer>

August 23<sup>th</sup>, 2003

"In the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, attack on the World Trade Center, the White House instructed the Environmental Protection Agency to give the public misleading information, telling New Yorkers it was safe to breathe when reliable information on air quality was not available."

"That finding is included in a report released Friday by the Office of the Inspector General of the EPA. It noted that some of the agency's news releases in the weeks after the attack were softened before being released to the public: Reassuring information was added, while cautionary information was deleted."

Laurie Garrett, Long Island, NY Newsday

<http://www.commondreams.org/headlines03/0823-03.htm>

September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2003

"This war against terror is bogus."

"No serious attempt has ever been made to catch Bin Laden. In late September and early October 2001, leaders of Pakistan's two Islamist parties negotiated Bin Laden's extradition to Pakistan to stand trial for 9/11. However, a US official said, significantly, that "casting our objectives too narrowly" risked "a premature collapse of the international effort if by some lucky chance Mr Bin Laden was captured". The US chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, General Myers, went so far as to say that "the goal has never been to get Bin Laden" (AP, April 5 2002). The whistleblowing FBI agent Robert Wright told ABC News (December 19 2002) that FBI headquarters wanted no arrests. And in November 2001 the US airforce complained it had had al-Qaida and Taliban leaders in its sights as many as 10 times over the previous six weeks, but had been unable to attack because they did not receive permission quickly enough (Time Magazine, May 13 2002). None of this assembled evidence, all of which comes from sources already in the public domain, is compatible with the idea of a real, determined war on terrorism. The catalogue of evidence does, however, fall into place when set against the PNAC blueprint. From this it seems that the so-called "war on terrorism" is being used largely as bogus cover for achieving wider US strategic geopolitical objectives.

[...]

In fact, 9/11 offered an extremely convenient pretext to put the PNAC plan into action. The evidence again is quite clear that plans for military action against Afghanistan and Iraq were in hand well before 9/11. A report prepared for the US government from the Baker Institute of Public Policy stated in April 2001 that "the US remains a prisoner of its energy dilemma. Iraq remains a destabilising influence to... the flow of oil to international markets from the Middle East". Submitted to Vice-President Cheney's energy task group, the report recommended that because this was an unacceptable risk to the US, "military intervention" was necessary (Sunday Herald, October 6 2002).

Similar evidence exists in regard to Afghanistan. The BBC reported (September 18 2001) that Niaz Niak, a former Pakistan foreign secretary, was told by senior American officials at a meeting in Berlin in mid-July 2001 that "military action against Afghanistan would go ahead by the middle of October". Until July 2001 the US government saw the Taliban regime as a source of stability in Central Asia that would enable the construction of hydrocarbon pipelines from the oil and gas fields in Turkmenistan,

Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, through Afghanistan and Pakistan, to the Indian Ocean. But, confronted with the Taliban's refusal to accept US conditions, the US representatives told them "either you accept our offer of a carpet of gold, or we bury you under a carpet of bombs" (Inter Press Service, November 15 2001)."

**Michael Meacher**, British MP, former environment minister

<http://politics.guardian.co.uk/iraq/comment/0,12956,1036687,00.html>

## November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2003

"Washington and London did not trust the peoples of their democracies to come to the right decisions."

"Truth became a casualty. When truth is a casualty, democracy receives collateral damage."

"We allowed strategic psychological operations to become part of public affairs... [W]hat has happened is that information warfare, strategic influence, [and] strategic psychological operations pushed their way into the important process of informing the peoples of our two democracies."

Colonel **Sam Gardiner** (USAF, Ret.)

<http://lists.econ.utah.edu/pipermail/rad-green/2003-November/011378.html>

## January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2004

"Let me begin by saying, we were almost all wrong, and I certainly include myself here."

"I do believe we have to understand why reality turned out to be different than expectations and estimates."

**David Kay**, top U.S. weapons inspector before the Senate Armed Services Committee about efforts to find weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

<http://www.cnn.com/2004/US/01/28/kay.transcript/>

## February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2004

"So **they** created **facts** where there were **no facts**."

"During a meeting at the White House at the end of October 2002, six months before the beginning of the war, Cheney told us he would not hesitate to discredit the inspections."

**Hans Blix**, former UN chief inspector for WMD in Iraq

<http://www.informationclearinghouse.info/article5759.htm>

## March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2004

"I saw a narrow and deeply flawed policy favored by some executive appointees in the Pentagon used to manipulate and pressurize the traditional relationship between policymakers in the Pentagon and U.S. intelligence agencies."

"I witnessed neoconservative agenda bearers within OSP usurp measured and carefully considered assessments, and through **suppression and distortion of intelligence** analysis promulgate what were in fact falsehoods to both Congress and the executive office of the president."

"While this commandeering of a narrow segment of both intelligence production and American foreign policy matched closely with the well-published desires of the neoconservative wing of the Republican Party, many of us in the Pentagon, conservatives and liberals alike, felt that this agenda, whatever its flaws or merits, had never been openly presented to the American people. **Instead, the public story line was a fear-peddling and confusing set of messages, designed to take Congress and the country into a war of executive choice, a war based on false pretenses.**"

**Karen Kwiatkowsky**, 20 years of service, lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force, at this time staffer in the Near East South Asia directorate (NESA).  
<http://www.informationclearinghouse.info/article5829.htm>

**April 14th, 2004**

[Oliver] Schröm also authored another very interesting piece in *Die Zeit*, published in the Oct. 14, 2002 issue, entitled "Next Door to Mohammed Atta," which relates how, in the spring and summer months of 2001, U.S. authorities had detected a massive Israeli covert operation in the U.S. apparently targeting federal buildings and other government facilities: the Israelis, who claimed to be "art students" were deployed throughout the U.S., but were particularly concentrated in certain areas:

*"Not until after the attacks of September 11 did the consequences of the spy ring become clear. Apparently the agents were not interested in military or industrial facilities, but were shadowing a number of suspects, who were later involved in the terrorist attacks against the US. According to a report of the French intelligence agency that Die Zeit examined, 'according to the FBI, Arab terrorists and suspected terror cells lived in Phoenix, Arizona, as well as in Miami and Hollywood, Florida from December 2000 to April 2001 in direct proximity to the Israeli spy cells.'"*

Let's see if I've got this straight: Atta and his jihadist crew were being "constantly observed" by Israeli agents in the U.S., as Schröm avers, for months - but the Mossad didn't give us their names and whereabouts until the plot was about to be executed. And then the FBI hierarchy stepped in and quashed the investigation on dubious "legal" grounds.

**Justin Raimondo**, antiwar.com  
<http://www.antiwar.com/justin/?articleid=2306>

**June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

**"We have no credible evidence that Iraq and al-Qaida cooperated on attacks against the United States."**

**Douglas MacEachin**, a staff member of the independent commission investigating the Sept. 11 terror attacks  
<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/5223932/>

July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2004

"...if, and when this issue [911] gets to be, under real terms, investigated, you will be seeing certain people that we know from this country standing trial; and they will be prosecuted criminally."

Sibel Edmonds, former FBI translator

<http://baltimorechronicle.com/050704SibelEdmonds.shtml>

July 2004

"But I wasn't ready to keep quiet when this President misled the nation in his State of the Union Address. Because of that, leakers in the Bush White House illegally revealed that my wife worked in the CIA - endangering her life and that of my family. They tried to intimidate me and others who were willing to speak up and tell the truth."

Joseph C. Wilson

[http://weblog.theviewfromthecore.com/2004\\_07/ind\\_003812.html](http://weblog.theviewfromthecore.com/2004_07/ind_003812.html)

August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2004

"The basic truth is that Al Qaeda does not exist and never has. Al Qaeda is a manufactured enemy who was created by the Bush Administration in order to have an excuse to wage a war for the control of the world's oil resources."

Joseph John Hrevnack

[http://english.pravda.ru/mailbox/22/101/397/13821\\_AlQaeda.html](http://english.pravda.ru/mailbox/22/101/397/13821_AlQaeda.html)

September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2004

Graham's charges focus on the extraordinary record of Nawaf al-Hazmi and Khalid al-Mihdhar, who were identified as hijackers of American Airlines Flight 77, which crashed into the Pentagon. Both men were Saudi nationals, as were 13 others of the 19 hijackers.

Both were known to US intelligence as Al Qaeda operatives since 1999. Malaysian intelligence agents, acting at the behest of the CIA, photographed and videotaped them and others during a 2000 meeting of the Islamist terrorist group in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Nonetheless, after the meeting, al-Hazmi and al-Mihdhar were allowed to fly to the US using their own passports and visas issued by US consular authorities in Saudi Arabia. While the CIA knew of their presence in the country, it did not inform the Federal Bureau of Investigation, according to the FBI. (The CIA disputes this claim, maintaining that it did alert the FBI.) Nor did the CIA inform immigration authorities. The two were placed on a terrorist watch list only a few weeks before the September 11 attacks. In subsequent testimony, intelligence and security officials claimed they had, by that time, "lost track" of the known Al Qaeda operatives.

After landing in Los Angeles in January 2000, al-Hazmi and al-Mihdhar were met by Omar al-Bayoumi, an employee of the Saudi civil aviation authority. US investigators have concluded that al-Bayoumi was a Saudi intelligence agent. Al-Bayoumi invited the pair to move to San Diego, where he found them

an apartment, provided them with money and helped enroll them in flight school.

It has been reported that al-Bayoumi served as conduit for thousands of dollars in funding for the future hijackers sent by Princess Haifa, the wife of Prince Bandar, the Saudi ambassador to the US and a close confidante of the Bush family. Al-Bayoumi's monthly paycheck as a contractor for Saudi civil aviation—for which he did no discernable work—rose from \$465 to \$3,700 after he began assisting the two Al Qaeda operatives.

Al-Hazmi and al-Mihdhar lived openly in the US, one of them even having his name listed in the telephone directory.

Within months, al-Hazmi moved into the home of Abdussattar Shaikh, a retired professor at San Diego State University. [ a cover?]

Shaikh was on the FBI payroll, charged with monitoring the activities of Islamist groups in the San Diego area.

In his book, Senator Graham writes that the FBI concealed from the joint congressional committee the fact that its paid informant, Abdussattar Shaikh, had established a close personal relationship with the two hijackers. (Shaikh is reported to have confirmed that al-Bayoumi was a Saudi intelligence agent).

When the committee staff discovered Shaikh's role and the committee issued a subpoena to question him under oath, the FBI and Attorney General John Ashcroft refused to serve the subpoena.

Graham in his book cites a memo that a senior FBI official wrote to him and the Republican co-chair of the intelligence panel, Rep. Porter Goss, a Florida Republican, declaring, "the administration would not sanction a staff interview with the source [Shaikh]. Nor did the administration agree to allow the FBI to serve a subpoena or a notice of deposition on the source."

Graham writes that this was the only time he had ever heard of the FBI refusing to serve a congressional subpoena. He comments: "We were seeing in writing what we had suspected for some time: the White House was directing the cover-up."

Nor was this the only evidence of a cover-up. When the congressional panel released the report on its investigation, 28 pages were classified on the orders of the White House, their contents blacked out. All of the material dealt with the Saudi role in 9/11.

[...]

Why the extreme measures taken to deflect any investigation into the Saudi connection to the terrorist attacks?

Many—most prominently Craig Unger in his book *House of Saud, House of Bush* and Michael Moore in his film *Fahrenheit 9/11*—have highlighted the intricate web of political and financial ties that bind the Bush family to Saudi interests. These are undoubtedly real—there is ample evidence that Saudi money underwrote George W. Bush's failed business ventures—and played a significant role in the administration's political calculations.

Others have pointed to the strategic role played by Saudi oil in the US economy. Again, this is clearly a major consideration within US ruling circles, where there is little stomach for a policy that could further destabilize the crisis-ridden Saudi monarchy.

But there is another, and more immediately compelling reason for suppressing any investigation into the Saudi connection. It inevitably raises two questions: Why would Saudi intelligence assist the 9/11 hijackers; and, given its longstanding and intimate ties to the CIA, how could it be that its actions were unknown in Washington?

The nature of the ties between the Saudi and US intelligence establishments merit closer scrutiny. They were solidified in the US-backed war against the pro-Soviet regime in Afghanistan, beginning in 1979 and continuing through the 1980s. The US poured billions of dollars in arms and financing into this war, most of it funneled through the ISI, the Pakistani intelligence agency.

The Saudi regime established what amounted to a matching fund for the anti-Soviet guerrillas, many of whom were brought to Afghanistan by Islamist forces in the Middle East. Osama bin Laden served as the Saudi regime's personal emissary in this cause, helping to organize, train and equip Arab volunteers for the Afghan war.

The movement now known as Al Qaeda was spawned through the interaction of these three intelligence agencies—the CIA, the ISI and the Saudis.

The Saudi connection to Al Qaeda clearly remained intact. [...]

In his book, Senator Graham himself poses the question of why the congressional committee was denied access to the San Diego FBI informant. "The most obvious answer is that the informant was a big embarrassment," he writes. "Was the informant using the FBI? Was the FBI's informant program so shallow that the Bureau didn't discover that its own informant was personally close to these hijackers?"

He then goes on to suggest in deliberately obscure terms a "far more damning possibility" that could explain the government's intervention: "...perhaps the informant did know something about the plot that would be even more damaging were it revealed, and that this is what the FBI is trying to conceal."

What "damning" information about the 9/11 conspiracy could the informant have known? Graham does not answer his own question. Was it the involvement of the Saudi government? Or was it that elements within the US state apparatus knew of plans for an impending hijacking and allowed them to go forward?

Would not the arrival of two young Saudis, speaking next to no English and enrolling in flight school, have merited a mention to Shaikh's FBI handlers, who reportedly met with him as the future hijackers sat in the next room?

The Bush administration has dismissed Graham's account of the suppression of any investigation into Saudi ties to 9/11 as "bizarre conspiracy theories."

Bill van Auken, WSWS, about Sen. Bob Graham's book: "Intelligence Matters"  
<http://www.wsws.org/articles/2004/sep2004/911-s16.shtml>

October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2004

"The making of the terror myth"

Since September 11 Britain has been warned of the 'inevitability' of catastrophic terrorist attack. But has the danger been exaggerated? A major new TV documentary claims that the perceived threat is a politically driven fantasy - and al-Qaida a dark illusion."

Adam Curtis BBC documentary: "Power of Nightmares"  
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/terrorism/story/...1327904,00.html>

October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2004

"Twelve ways Bush is now stealing the Ohio vote."

Bob Fitrakis and Harvey Wasserman

<http://www.freepress.org/departments/display/19/2004/810>

November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2004

"...The appearance of Osama bin Laden bang on cue was suspicious, to say the least, as is now the increasing evidence pointing toward election fraud in the United States of America on November 2nd. Exit polls in sensitive districts just don't add up to the official figures. Did Bush fix it?..."

PRAVDA, russia's former central newspaper

[http://english.pravda.ru/mailbox/22/101/399/14556\\_ballots.html](http://english.pravda.ru/mailbox/22/101/399/14556_ballots.html)

November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2004

"Complete US Exit Poll Data Confirms Net Suspicions"

Alastair Thompson

<http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/HL0411/S00227.htm>

November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2004

GAO to investigate election complaints

The U.S. Government Accountability Office plans to investigate complaints of several systemic problems with this month's elections, a group of Democratic lawmakers said Tuesday.

CNN,

<http://www.cnn.com/2004/ALLPOLITICS/11/23/election.investigation/>

March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2005

"The answer to the question is no, it did not impair our response, in fact General Eberhart who was in the command of the North American Aerospace Defense Command as he testified in front of the 9/11 Commission I believe - I believe he told them that it enhanced our ability to respond, given that NORAD didn't have the overall responsibility for responding to the attacks that day. That was an FAA responsibility. But they were two CPXs; there was one Department of Justice exercise that didn't have anything to do with the other three; and there was an actual operation ongoing because there was some Russian bomber activity up near Alaska. So we -

The important thing to realize is that North American Aerospace Defense Command was responsible. These are command post exercises; what that means is that all the battle positions that are normally not filled are indeed filled; so it was an easy transition from an exercise into a real world

**situation.** It actually enhanced the response; otherwise, it would take somewhere between 30 minutes and a couple of hours to fill those positions, those battle stations, with the right staff officers."

General **Richard Myers**, on a request by Rep. Cynthia McKinney regarding war games on 911

[http://www.fromthewilderness.com/free/ww3/031505\\_mckinney\\_transcript.shtml](http://www.fromthewilderness.com/free/ww3/031505_mckinney_transcript.shtml)

**April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

"The man who had two hijackers living in his house in San Diego while operating at the same time as a confidential informant for the FBI [Abdussattar Shaikh] was identified in wire reports as "a retired professor of English at San Diego State," and "Vice President for International Projects at American Commonwealth University." " "Yet a visit to the various locations around San Diego where he was said to have worked reveals that Abdussattar Shaikh never taught at San Diego State, has never been a Professor of English, and possesses a phony PhD from a bogus diploma mill run by people with U.S. military and intelligence connections."

"The "University" for which he was said to be Vice President for International Projects does not, in fact, exist.

Also: "Abdussattar Shaikh" is not his real name."

Shaikh's description as "prominent Muslim leader and former San Diego State University English professor" was based on initial reporting by the hometown San Diego Union-Tribune.

"The retired San Diego State University English professor said he often invites students to live in his five-bedroom house for companionship and to learn other cultures and languages," said the Sept 16, 2001 San Diego Union Tribune.

It wasn't true. They admitted the error in a correction.

"Muslim leader Abdussattar Shaikh was misidentified as a retired San Diego State University professor in a story Sunday. In fact, he is a retired educator who taught at Mesa and Miramar colleges and American Commonwealth University in San Diego. The Union-Tribune regrets the error."

But the damage had been done, and in most subsequent stories Shaikh was called a "San Diego Professor," which was apparently all that was necessary to deflect any closer scrutiny.

**Daniel Hopsicker**, MadCowMorningNews.com

<http://www.madcowprod.com/04112005.html>

**April 23<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

"I ask the government to point out to me a single paragraph where they say I'm specifically guilty of 911..."

because the government had said that there is a broader conspiracy to use airplane as weapon of mass destruction.

If that's absolutely correct, that I came to the United States of America to be part, okay, of a conspiracy to use airplane as a weapon of mass destruction, I was being trained on the 747 400 to eventually use this plane as stated in this statement of fact to strike the White House, but this conspiracy was a different conspiracy that 9/11.

My conspiracy has for aim to free Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman, Sheik Omar Abdel Rahman, the blind sheikh, who is held in Florence, Colorado, okay, and we wanted to use the 747 because it, it is a long-distance plane who could reach Afghanistan without any stopover to give a chance to special forces to storm the plane.

So I am guilty of a broad conspiracy to use weapon of mass destruction to hit the White House if the American government refuse to negotiate, okay."

**Zacarias Mossaoui**, in statement in his trial, page 28, line 7 and following:  
<http://wid.ap.org/documents/courts/zmtrans.pdf>

Also reported on CNN:

<http://www.cnn.com/2005/LAW/04/22/moussaoui/index.html>

## May 2005

"[The 9/11 hijackers] Al Hazmi and Al Midhar [were] veteran jihadists in Bosnia."

"The spider in the net is MPRI, a subcontractor of the Pentagon. They took over the Arab/Iranian weapons-smuggling in 1995, helped the Mujahadeen to "liberate" Sarajevo in September 1995, took the best Mujahadeen fighters after Dayton on their own payroll, trained them with the help of Turkish army and sent them to Kosovo and later to Macedonia. I could not find a link between Chechnya and MPRI, but Aukai Collins, an American Mujahadeen, who fought in Chechnya and had contacts with some of the 9/11 bombers, was at least on the payroll of FBI and CIA. Not Al Qaeda is in the center of all these events, but American secret services, which used Al Qaeda."

**Jürgen Elsässer** in an interview with serbianna.com

He is a German author with an extensive book collection to his name. His latest book "Wie der Dschihad nach Europa kam" is in German-language print and hopefully may soon be available for the English speaking audience

[http://www.juergen-elsaesser.de/html/template\\_artikel.php?nr=4&tbl=artikel\\_en](http://www.juergen-elsaesser.de/html/template_artikel.php?nr=4&tbl=artikel_en)

## May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005

"In sum, the behavior of the military both on 9/11 and afterwards, combined with the fact that the 9/11 Commission had to resort to lies to make the US military appear blameless, suggests that military leaders were complicit in the attacks."

"9/11 [was] orchestrated by our own leaders--and that they did this to provide the justification, the fear, and the funding for the so-called war on terror, which would be used as a pretext for enlarging the empire."

**David Ray Griffin**, professor emeritus at the Claremont School of Theology, where he taught for over 30 years (retiring in 2004). He has authored or edited over two dozen books, including "God and Religion in the Postmodern World," "Religion and Scientific Naturalism"

<http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/HL0505/S00129.htm>

**May 24<sup>th</sup> , 2005**

"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 propoganda."

**George W. Bush**

<http://www.nytimes.com/2005/06/19/opinion/19rich.html?pagewanted=2&ei=5088&n=8af94cddb9196177&ex=1276833600&partner=rssnyt&emc=rss>

**June 9<sup>th</sup> , 2005**

"It is hard to exaggerate the importance of a scientific debate over the cause(s) of the collapse of the twin towers and building 7. If the official wisdom on the collapses is wrong, as I believe it is, then policy based on such erroneous engineering analysis is not likely prove to be sound. Revised engineering and construction practices, for example, based on the belief that the twin towers collapsed through airplane damage and subsequent fires is premature, to say the least."

"More importantly, momentous political and social consequences would follow if impartial observers concluded that professionals imploded the WTC. **If demolition destroyed three steel skyscrapers at the World Trade Center on 9/11, then the case for an "inside job" and a government attack on America would be compelling.**"

**Morgan Reynolds**, Ph.D., is professor emeritus at Texas A&M University and former director of the Criminal Justice Center at the National Center for Policy Analysis headquartered in Dallas, TX. He served as chief economist for the US Department of Labor during 2001-2, George W. Bush's first term.  
<http://www.lewrockwell.com/reynolds/reynolds12.html>

**July 10<sup>th</sup> , 2005**

"Al-Qaida, literally 'the database,' was originally the computer file of the thousands of mujahideen who were recruited and trained with help from the CIA to defeat the Russians."

**Robin Cook**, former British Foreign Secretary, 4 weeks before he died  
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/terrorism/story/0,12780,1523838,00.html>

**July 15<sup>th</sup> , 2005**

"Al Qaeda is not an organization . Al Qaeda is a way of working ... but this has the hallmark of that approach."

**Ian Blair**, Metropolitan Police Commissioner, London, United Kingdom  
<http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,162476,00.html>

July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2005

A Moroccan man, Mounir el Motassadeq, who is accused of involvement in the attacks, is currently nearing the end of his retrial in Hamburg. Motassadeq was sentenced in February 2003 to the maximum 15 years in prison on charges of membership of a terrorist organization and more than 3,000 counts of accessory to murder for his alleged role in the so-called "Hamburg cell" run by the lead September 11 hijacker, Mohammed Atta.

A federal tribunal overturned the conviction and ordered a new trial. A verdict is expected August 19. And another Moroccan national, Abdelghani Mzoudi, who was tried on the same charges as Motassadeq, was acquitted last October for lack of evidence.

DW-World, a highly appreciated german news radio program.  
<http://www.dw-world.de/dw/article/0,2144,1652288,00.html>

August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005

"Al Qaida is the name of the operation carried out by an intelligence service, which is CIA...With this operation an anti-Islam front among the peoples of the world is tried to be created."

Mahir Kaynak, former [turkish] academic and a former intelligence officer.  
<http://www.turkishweekly.net/comments.php?id=1604>

August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005

"Amid the smoke from the fortuitous fire emerged the possibility that al-Qaeda may not be, strictly speaking, an organization but an element of an intelligence agency operation. Turkish intelligence specialists agree that there is no such organization as al-Qaeda. Rather, Al-Qaeda is the name of a secret service operation. The concept "fighting terror" is the background of the "low-intensity-warfare" conducted in the mono-polar world order. The subject of this strategy of tension is named as "al-Qaeda.""

Ercan Gun, Zaman Daily  
<http://www.zaman.com/?bl=national&alt=&trh=20050815&hn=22982>

October 2005

"Despite FEMA's call for further research, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) will make no mention of the eutectic formations in its final report into the WTC collapses, released in late 2005, following its three-year investigation."

<http://www.cooperativeresearch.org/entity.jsp?id=1521846767-640>

See Final Report on the collapse of the World Trade Center Towers  
National Institute of Standards and Technology,  
<http://wtc.nist.gov/NISTNCSTAR1CollapseofTowers.pdf>

October 12<sup>nd</sup>, 2005

"[The White House Iraq Group] Formed in August 2002, the group, which included Messrs. Rove and Libby, worked on setting strategy for selling the war in Iraq to the public in the months leading up to the March 2003 invasion. The group likely would have played a significant role in responding to Mr. Wilson's claims."

The Wall Street Journal, 12/10/05

[http://online.wsj.com/public/article/SB112907415441266084-VDSIlez92Qlr0\\_XPP5IbwfiUKHI\\_20051111.html?mod=blogs](http://online.wsj.com/public/article/SB112907415441266084-VDSIlez92Qlr0_XPP5IbwfiUKHI_20051111.html?mod=blogs)

October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2005

Lies Judith Miller Told Us

"First, the Bush administration created a catalogue of lies and misinformation in order to justify invasion. Second, some prominent members of the national media parroted those lies."

Joel Bleifuss

<http://www.inthesetimes.com/site/main/article/2362/>

October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2005

"[S]ome of [the] concerns about electronic voting machines have been realized and have caused problems with recent elections, resulting in the loss and miscount of votes."

GAO report on election problems

<http://www.gao.gov/htext/d05956.html>

November 2005

"In this paper, I call for a serious investigation of the hypothesis that WTC 7 and the Twin Towers were brought down, not just by impact damage and fires, but through the use of pre-positioned cutter-charges. I consider the official FEMA, NIST, and 9-11 Commission reports that fires plus impact damage alone caused complete collapses of all three buildings. And I present evidence for the controlled-demolition hypothesis, which is suggested by the available data, testable and falsifiable, and yet has not been analyzed in any of the reports funded by the US government."

By **Steven E. Jones**, Department of Physics and Astronomy, Brigham Young University Provo, Utah, USA

<http://www.physics.byu.edu/research/energy/htm7.html>

November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005

"It's been a full two weeks now since the non-partisan Government Accountability Office (GAO) came out with their 107-page-report confirming what so many of us have been trying to ring the bell about for so long: The Electronic Voting Machines which are proliferating counties and states across America even as I type, **are not secure, not accountable, not recountable, not transparent, not accurate and not adequately monitored or certified by anybody.**"

"**But there has not been a single wire-service (not AP, not UPI, not Reuters, not AFP etc.) nor a single mainstream American print newspaper (not NYTimes, not Washington Post, not any of them) to run even a paragraph on any of it. Not one.**"

**Brad Friedmann**

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/brad-friedman/mainstream-media-to-ameri\\_b\\_10094.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/brad-friedman/mainstream-media-to-ameri_b_10094.html)

November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005

"What I saw was a cabal between the Vice President of the United States, **Richard Cheney**, and the secretary of defense, **Donald Rumsfeld**, on critical issues that made decisions that the bureaucracy did not know were being made."

"There was a labyrinth out there of people who sopped up information, manipulated information, handed information, and built information, I think in some cases, that supplemented, augmented, helped this alternative decision-making process to realize its decisions rather than those that might have been flummoxed or stopped or halted or still in debate in the formal process."

"I am coming to believe that the intelligence was politicized. I'm coming to believe that there was a band centered in the Pentagon that went about politicizing that intelligence. I don't doubt their sincerity. I don't doubt that they believed that they were taking the nation to war for a good purpose -- **removal of Saddam Hussein, whatever** -- I don't doubt that most of them, if not all of them believed that he was a threat, whether it was an imminent threat or not, I don't know. **That kind of hits the line of my belief factor. But I think they got to the point where the end justified the means.**

The plan devised principally in Undersecretary of Defense **Douglas Feith's** office, and I have to believe, if **Rumsfeld** is the controller, the leader he says he is, that he was fully cognizant of this, and I don't think he would have been cognizant of it without the blessings of the **vice president** either."

Retired Col. **Lawrence Wilkerson** was Colin Powell's chief of staff at the State Department

[http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/white\\_house/july-dec05/wilk\\_11-4.html](http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/white_house/july-dec05/wilk_11-4.html)

November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005

"GAO report documents how easy it is to hack the vote."

**Bob Fittrakis**

<http://www.freepress.org/departments/display/19/2005/323/1/36>

January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006

"Only secret services and their current chiefs - or those retired but still having influence inside the state organizations - have the ability to plan, organize and conduct an operation [911 attacks] of such magnitude."

General **Leonid Ivashov** is the vice-president of the Academy on geopolitical affairs. He was the chief of the department for General affairs in the Soviet Union's ministry of Defense, secretary of the Council of defense ministers of the Community of independent states (CIS), chief of the Military cooperation department at the Russian federation's Ministry of defense and Joint chief of staff of the Russian armies at 911.

<http://www.voltairenet.org/article133909.html>

February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2006

**Mounir al-Motassadek was cleared of knowing about the 9/11 plot**

A Moroccan convicted of belonging to a terrorist cell that included three of the 11 September suicide hijackers has been released from a German prison. Mounir al-Motassadek, 31, was sentenced in Hamburg last August to seven years in jail following a year-long retrial.

But Germany's Federal Constitutional Court said judges at the trial had been wrong to order his return to custody because appeals were still pending.

Motassadek was originally jailed for 15 years in 2003, convicted of helping the 11 September plotters who were based in Hamburg with logistical support and other aid.

But that verdict was overturned by Germany's Supreme Court in 2004 and a retrial ordered.

The court ruled last August there was no proof that Motassadek knew about the 11 September plot and jailed him instead for membership of a terrorist organisation. He again appealed.

[...]

Defence lawyers at the retrial criticised the lack of direct testimony from witnesses held by the US.

[Khalid Shaik Muhammad and Ramzi Binalshib]

**BBC News**

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/europe/4690712.stm>

March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006

**"How To Steal an Election"**

"It's easier to rig an electronic voting machine than a Las Vegas slot machine, says University of Pennsylvania visiting professor Steve Freeman. That's because Vegas slots are better monitored and regulated than America's voting machines, Freeman writes in a book out in July that **argues, among other things, that President Bush may owe his 2004 win to an unfair vote count.**

**We'll wait to read his book before making a judgment about that."**

The **Washington Post** first mentioned the probably theft of the stolen election 2004 without namecalling, via a graphic security of Voting machines vs. Las Vegas Slot Machines

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/graphic/2006/03/16/GR2006031600213.html>

March 2006

**Helen Thomas questioning Bush in a Press Conference:**

Q I'd like to ask you, Mr. President, your decision to invade Iraq has caused the deaths of thousands of Americans and Iraqis, wounds of Americans and Iraqis for a lifetime. **Every reason given, publicly at least, has turned out not to be true.** My question is, why did you really want to go to war? From the moment you stepped into the White House, from your Cabinet -- your Cabinet officers, intelligence people, and so forth -- what was your real reason? You have said it wasn't oil -- quest for oil, it hasn't been Israel, or anything else. What was it?

THE PRESIDENT: **I think your premise -- in all due respect to your question and to you as a lifelong journalist -- is that -- I didn't want war.**

To assume I wanted war is just flat wrong, Helen, in all due respect -

Q Everything -

THE PRESIDENT: Hold on for a second, please.

Q -- everything I've heard -

THE PRESIDENT: **Excuse me, excuse me. No President wants war. Everything you may have heard is that, but it's just simply not true. My attitude about the defense of this country changed on September the 11th.** We -- when we got attacked, I vowed then and there to use every asset at my disposal to protect the American people. **Our foreign policy changed on that day, Helen. You know, we used to think we were secure because of oceans and previous diplomacy. But we realized on September the 11th, 2001, that killers could destroy innocent life. And I'm never going to forget it. And I'm never going to forget the vow I made to the American people that we will do everything in our power to protect our people.**

Part of that meant to make sure that we didn't allow people to provide safe haven to an enemy. And that's why I went into Iraq -- hold on for a second -

Q They didn't do anything to you, or to our country.

THE PRESIDENT: Look -- excuse me for a second, please. Excuse me for a second. They did. The Taliban provided safe haven for al Qaeda. That's where al Qaeda trained -

Q I'm talking about Iraq -

THE PRESIDENT: Helen, excuse me. That's where -- Afghanistan provided safe haven for al Qaeda. That's where they trained. That's where they plotted. That's where they planned the attacks that killed thousands of innocent Americans.

I also saw a threat in Iraq. I was hoping to solve this problem diplomatically.

That's why I went to the Security Council; that's why it was important to pass 1441, which was unanimously passed. And the world said, disarm, disclose, or face serious consequences -

Q -- go to war -

THE PRESIDENT: -- and therefore, we worked with the world, we worked to make sure that Saddam Hussein heard the message of the world. And when he chose to deny inspectors\*8, when he chose not to disclose, then I had the difficult decision to make to remove him.\*9 And we did, and the world is safer for it.

[Question: How many lies are in this chapter? Or do you still trust the words of an un-elected, war mongering president?]

April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006

"The exercises that went on that morning simulating the exact kind of thing that was happening so confused the people in the FAA and NORAD...that they didn't they didn't know what was real and what was part of the exercise."  
"I think the people who planned and carried out those exercises, they're the ones that should be the object of investigation."  
"If I had to narrow it down to one person...I think my prime suspect would be Dick Cheney."

Dr. **Robert M. Bowman**, Lt. Col., USAF, ret. is President of the Institute for Space and Security Studies, Executive Vice President of Millennium III Corporation, and Presiding Archbishop of the United Catholic Church. He flew 101 combat missions in Vietnam and directed all the "Star Wars" programs under Presidents Ford and Carter. He is the recipient of the Eisenhower Medal, the George F. Kennan Peace Prize, the President's Medal of Veterans for Peace, the Society of Military Engineers' ROTC Award of Merit (twice), six Air Medals, and dozens of other awards and honors. His Ph.D. is in Aeronautics and Nuclear Engineering from Caltech. He chaired 8 major international conferences, and is one of the country's foremost experts on National Security. Dr. Bob was an independent candidate for President of the US in 2000, beating Pat Buchanan in Iowa, Illinois, and California. He has resided on the Space Coast for 16 years. He is currently a candidate for Congress on the Democratic ticket in District 15, Florida.

<http://www.prisonplanet.com/articles/april2006/040406mainsuspect.htm>

April 12<sup>nd</sup>, 2006

"These people are being held. And they're bad actors. And as long as this situation continues, this war on terror continues, I'm not sure I can tell you what the ultimate disposition of those detainees will be."

**John Negroponte**, National Intelligence Director

His comments appear to be the first open acknowledgement of the secret U.S. detention system and the fact that captives such as Khalid Shaikh Mohammad or Ramzi Binalshib – allegedly involved in Sept. 11 or other major attacks on U.S. interests around the world – may be held indefinitely without a trial.

<http://www.time.com/time/nation/article/0,8599,1183242,00.html>

April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006

"It must be emphasized that the 9/11 Commission failed to mention the collapse of WTC-7 in its *9/11 Commission Report*. Not one word about WTC-7 is found in the government's first *official* account of 9/11. What followed the 9/11 Commission Report was the research conducted by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). It should be noted that NIST was directed to provide a report that explained how, from a structural perspective, WTC-1, WTC-2, and WTC-7 collapsed. The research and findings on how all three of these buildings collapsed was to be in a single report. NIST started its investigation in August 2002. However, when the draft of its final report came out in December 2004, WTC-7 was not in it. According to NIST, it was decided to research WTC-7 separately. Why? **The reason why NIST is delaying a public account of WTC-7 is because it cannot explain WTC-7 in any fashion that will be taken seriously by any inquisitive and logically thinking person.**"

**Ed Haas**

<http://www.teamliberty.net/id243.html>

April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006

"The U.S. intelligence community comprises almost 100,000 patriotic, talented and hardworking Americans in 16 federal departments and agencies..."

**John Negroponte**, National Intelligence Director

In a speech at the National Press Club

[http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20060420/ap\\_on\\_go\\_ot/intelligence\\_chief\\_2](http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20060420/ap_on_go_ot/intelligence_chief_2)

May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006

"I decided to testify that I had knowledge of and was a member of the plot to hijack planes and crash them into buildings on September 11, 2001 even though I knew that was a complete fabrication.

[...]

Because I now see that it is possible that I can receive a fair trial even with Americans as jurors and that I can have the opportunity to prove that I did not have any knowledge of and was not a member of the plot to hijack planes and crash them into buildings on September 11, 2001, I wish to withdraw my guilty plea and ask the Court for a new trial to prove my innocence of the September 11 plot."

Zacarias Mossaoui

<http://notablecases.vaed.uscourts.gov/1:01-cr-00455/docs/72453/0.pdf>

May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2006

Question 25:

World Trade Center Building 7 is the 47-story skyscraper that was not hit by any planes during the September 11th attacks, but still totally collapsed later the same day. This collapse was not investigated by the 9/11 Commission. Are you aware of this skyscraper's collapse, and if so do you believe that the Commission should have also investigated it? Or do you believe that the Commission was right to only investigate the collapse of the buildings which were directly hit by airplanes?

**A plurality (43%) is not aware of World Trade Center Building 7's collapse.** Nearly as many (38%), though, are aware of it and think the Commission should have investigated it. People are least likely to be aware of the building's collapse and think the Commission was right to investigate just the Twin Towers' collapse (14%).

A national poll conducted by Zogby

<http://www.zogby.com/features/features.dbm?ID=231>

June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006

**"Was the 2004 election stolen?"**

"Republicans prevented more than 350,000 voters in Ohio from casting ballots or having their votes counted -- enough to have put John Kerry in the White House."

Robert Kennedy jr., Rolling Stone Magazine

[http://www.rollingstone.com/news/story/10432334/was\\_the\\_2004\\_election\\_stolen](http://www.rollingstone.com/news/story/10432334/was_the_2004_election_stolen)

June 2006

"[T]he Times' publisher and editors decided in November of 2001 that that wasn't a good time to reveal that Bush was an illegitimate president and that Al Gore actually had won the election, both by the majority vote and the electoral vote."

Thom Hartmann

<http://alternet.org/rights/37153>

**June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006**

"In archaeometry, we use advanced physics methods to determine what happened in the past from available evidence. That is just what I'm pursuing in 9-11 research. When I saw the WTC 7 collapse videos, I immediately suspected something was amiss with the official explanation... but I did not see this video until the springtime of 2005. From that day to this I have vigorously studied data regarding the 9/11 collapses and lack of air defenses and other anomalies."

**Steven E. Jones**, at Chigaco 911 truth conference  
<http://www.911truth.org/911rtt/speakers.html>

**June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

"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."

**Rex Tomb**, Chief of Investigative Publicity for the FBI  
<http://www.teamliberty.net/id267.html>

**June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

"The war they wanted, the lies they needed."

"The Bush administration invaded Iraq claiming Saddam Hussein had tried to buy yellowcake uranium in Niger. As much of Washington knew, and the world soon learned, the charge was false. Worse, it appears to have been the cornerstone of a highly successful "black propaganda" campaign with links to the White House."

**Craig Unger**  
<http://www.vanityfair.com/features/general/articles/060606fege02>

**June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

**On the media blackout of "Was the 2004 election stolen?"**

Associate Publisher: Public interest in news topics beyond control of mainstream media

**Kenneth Bunting**  
[http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/opinion/273283\\_bunting09.html](http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/opinion/273283_bunting09.html)

**June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

What Manjoo did after Election Day was simply gallop off into the **journalistic herd** as it went thundering rightward, parroting the Bush machine's own talking points. According to Ken Blackwell, Tom DeLay, Rush Limbaugh, Bill O'Reilly, Sean Hannity, Karl Rove and others, the election was a simple slam dunk for the president, however many and astounding the anomalies, and even if the numbers actually did not add up, or the official explanation ("family values") make a lick of sense; and anybody who

suggested otherwise was, a priori, a "sore loser" and/or "paranoid," a "moonbat" venting mere "conspiracy theory," etc. "No voter disenfranchisement occurred in this election of 2004," said Tom DeLay. "It was, at the end of the day, an honest election," said Rep. Bill Shuster (R-PA). **Between such propaganda and the post-election coverage in the US press there was no difference whatsoever.** With the heroic exception of Keith Olbermann on MSNBC, right after Election Day the mainstream press re-echoed the Republican barrage with groundless catcalls of its own. "Election paranoia surfaces; Conspiracy theorists call results rigged," laughed the *Baltimore Sun*; "Internet Buzz on Vote Fraud Is Dismissed," chuckled the *Boston Globe*; "Latest Conspiracy Theory -- Kerry Won -- Hits the Ether," the *Washington Post* giggled; and the *New York Times* was most derisive of them all, with a broadside -- **"Vote Fraud Theories, Spread by Blogs, Are Quickly Buried"** -- that mocked not just the rampant "theories" of election fraud but cyberspace itself, with its "Web log hysteria," "on-line market of dark ideas," and "breathless cycle of hey-check-this-out," etc.

**Mark Crispin Miller**

"Some might call it treason - Open letter to Salon."

Mark Crispin Miller is author of several books, his latest: "Fooled again"

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/mark-crispin-miller/some-might-call-it-treaso\\_b\\_23187.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/mark-crispin-miller/some-might-call-it-treaso_b_23187.html)

**June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

"Based on chemical analysis of WTC structural steel residue, a Brigham Young University physics professor has identified the material as **Thermate**. Thermate is the controlled demolition explosive thermite plus sulfur. Sulfur cases the thermite to burn hotter, cutting steel quickly and leaving trails of yellow colored residue."

"Prof. Steven Jones, who conducted his PhD research at the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center and post-doctoral research at Cornell University and the Los Alamos Meson Physics Facility, has analysed materials from WTC and has detected the existence of thermate, used for "cutting" the steel support columns, as evident in the photo below."

Jacob Hamblin, prisonplanet.com

<http://www.prisonplanet.com/articles/june2006/200606Thermate.htm>

<http://www.prisonplanet.com/articles/june2006/200606scientificanalysis.htm>

**June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2006**

**„Fifty-seven Ground Zero workers have died and thousands of others have been sickened by exposure to a noxious mix of chemicals released when the World Trade Center was reduced to smoldering rubble, their lawyer said yesterday."**

Thomas Zambito

<http://www.nydailynews.com/front/story/429268p-361877c.html>

**June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

"We thought we had taken care of the problem but I turn on the television and there it was, again."

**Tyler Drumheller**, CIA's European operations chief officer, on the claims about **mobile biological labs built by Iraq for germ warfare** in Powells and Bush speeches 2003.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/06/24/AR2006062401081.html>

**June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

"[Prof. Steven] Jones has now tested steel samples from two different sites that both clearly show the use of thermate as a tool of implosion and the analysis has been verified by two other universities."

**Paul Joseph Watson**, prisonplanet.com

<http://www.prisonplanet.com/articles/june2006/260606hugesuccess.htm>

**June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

**"The Myth of Al Qaeda"**

"Before 9/11, Osama bin Laden's group was small and fractious. How Washington helped to build it into a global threat."

**Michael Hirsch** for Newsweek

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/13600653/site/newsweek/>

July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006

The Muckraker Report asked Newman if NIST tested any of the steel from the twin towers for trace evidence of common *controlled demolition* compounds. NIST refuses to answer this question directly.

Even when challenged for a simple "yes" or "no" answer to a simple "yes" or "no" question, Newman instead offered this response.

***NIST found no corroborating evidence for alternative hypotheses suggesting that the WTC towers were brought down by controlled demolition using explosives planted prior to September 11, 2001.***

Well, no kidding Newman!

If NIST didn't look for corroborating evidence of controlled demolition, no doubt NIST didn't find any. **The question is, "Did NIST test for controlled demolition evidence?"**

The answer is *NO* it did not - yet another reason to dismiss the entire NIST report as pure government propaganda.

Did NIST test for what BYU Professor Steven Jones is now testing for and finding, and what will NIST do with solid scientific evidence that proves that controlled demolition compounds were part of the collapse sequence of the twin towers?

Unless the public demands otherwise, NIST will continue to *hide solidly behind its work!*

Ed Haas, Muckraker Report

<http://www.teamliberty.net/id273.html>

Composed by Sitting-Bull, independent german researcher and book-author

Last updated: 07-12-06

What: Timeline entries Mossaoui trial

"I don't want to become a second Paul Thompson, as his intentions are slightly different than mine. Nevertheless I recommend everyone to read his overwhelming 911 timeline as well."