

9/11 was an Inside Job and a “Psy-Op”

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**The penalty good men pay for their indifference to public affairs
is to be ruled by evil men.**

Plato

The “War on Terrorism” is the biggest lie in U.S. history.

Economics Professor Michel Chossudovsky

This 9/11 is the biggest lie in world history- and it’s destined to fall sooner or later.

Historian Webster Tarpley

The bigger the lie, the more readily people will believe it.

Adolf Hitler

9/11 is in the hands of people who insult our intelligence at every level.

This stuff doesn’t stand up to the most casual examination.

**It’s like any of these vast, elaborate attempts to terrorize our people:
Any free examination of the evidence on its merits exposes what’s at work.**

Ralph Schoenmann, 2004

**If the American people had ever known the truth about what we Bushes have done to this
nation, we would be chased down in the streets and lynched.**

George H. W. Bush

**You can fool all of the people some of the time, and some of the people all of the time, but
you can’t fool all of the people all of the time.**

Abraham Lincoln

**All truth passes through three stages: First, it is ridiculed; second, it is violently opposed;
and third, it is accepted as being self-evident.**

Philosopher Arthur Schopenhauer

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Abstract

While overwhelming evidence indicates 9/11 was an inside job, even the FBI now admits that no credible evidence points to Osama bin Laden and the 19 alleged “terrorists” as perpetrators. No trial or impartial investigation of the crime has yet occurred. In fact, the official 9/11 story, that 19 alleged hijackers with box-cutters fooled the best military/defense system in the world, is itself an *outrageous conspiracy theory*. Certainly these men, at least six of whom are still alive, lacked the motivation and the ability to carry out the attacks by themselves. Certainly, 9/11 was not an “intelligence failure,” as the government/media complex has characterized it. Rather, 9/11 was an elaborate hoax, a staged “*war pretext incident*,” engineered to fool the American people into accepting wars of aggression abroad as well as a rollback of their civil liberties. As such, 9/11 is a typical example of “*state-sponsored, false-flag terrorism*” and a *covert, “black op”* orchestrated by rogue elements within the U.S. government. It is “*false-flag*” because it was blamed on a political target group, the Muslims.

The operation was carried out mainly by individuals who have infiltrated the highest levels of government, military, and intelligence agencies in the U.S., as well as those of Britain, Israel, Saudi Arabia, and Pakistan, among others. It involved extremely sophisticated coordination and some of the most advanced technologies available. Certainly, standard emergency U.S. air defense procedures were suspended to allow some kind of aircraft, most probably remote-controlled military aircraft, to hit the WTC and the Pentagon. The extraordinarily solid, steel-framed WTC buildings 1, 2, and 7 could only have disintegrated by controlled demolition, a considerable engineering feat.

The massive cover-up of 9/11 crimes by the government/media propaganda complex continues today with the major media blitz on the fifth anniversary of the event designed to mobilize popular support for war with Iran. Five years later, it still provides the justification for the entire Bush agenda, including the endless “war on terrorism” and the shredding of the U.S. Constitution. The phony “war on terrorism” (actually “*war of terrorism*”) itself is a pretext for global domination abroad, repeal of civil liberties at home, and establishment of a global police state. Their next target of opportunity is Iran, mainly because of its strategic location and oil reserves.

9/11 was also a psychological operation of terror against the American people. The “secret government” that carried out the crimes of 9/11 is not loyal to the U.S. Constitution, but rather to a corrupt, private, international, corporate/banking network. The *global, corporate dictatorship*, or “*New World Order*” they seek is not compatible with democracy or with civil liberties. Only by deconstructing the official myth and exposing the “*Big Lies*” of 9/11 and the phony “war on terrorism” will Americans be able to halt the slide toward dictatorship and hold onto their democracy and their country. This process is also necessary in order to identify and bring the real perpetrators of 9/11 to justice. Psychologically, many Americans resist accepting the truth of what happened on 9/11 because of its frightening implications. However, the alternative is to continue sleepwalking toward apocalyptic world war in the Middle East, the establishment of a global dictatorship and police state, and a loss of all our civil liberties.

The Republican Party has stolen the last two presidential elections (Miller, 2005; Greenwald, 2002), controls all branches of government, and constitutes a fascist, criminal syndicate controlled by international financial powers. It may now be vain to hope for justice via traditional legal processes. Thus, it seems like an opportune moment for Americans to get informed, get organized, reclaim their rights as citizens, and take their country back.

Introduction: Nature of the Crime

In July, 2006, a poll conducted by the Scripps Survey Center indicated that over a third (36%) of Americans believe that government officials helped orchestrate the 9/11 attacks in order to justify war in the Middle East (Rocky Mountain News, 8/3/2006). Interestingly, the reporters of the article spun this as an indication that Americans are angry with their government and never considered the possibility that 9/11 was an inside job. Zogby polls in 2004 had already showed that 63% of Canadians and over half of New Yorkers believed the U.S. government had foreknowledge of the attacks and thus, was complicit in the crime and its subsequent cover-up. On this fifth anniversary of the event, we can clearly see that 9/11 has been a “turning point,” or “pivot point” in history and that it is still being used to galvanize popular support for Bush’s “war on terrorism.” However, since Rex Tomb, the Chief of Investigative Publicity at the FBI, recently admitted that “*the FBI has no hard evidence connecting Bin Laden to 9/11*” (Muckraker Report, 6/10/06), these issues are worth revisiting.

In the past five years, even as the government/corporate-controlled media complex has done everything in its power to cover up the real nature of the 9/11 crimes, a flood of independent researchers have produced thousands of books, articles, documentaries, and websites dedicated to uncovering the truth of what happened on 9/11 (see **References** below). International citizen’s inquiries have convened in Berlin, Germany in 2003, in San Francisco, Toronto, and New York City in 2004, and in Chicago and Los Angeles in 2006; citizen’s grand juries have been held in Los Angeles in 2004 and 2005 and New York City in 2004, and many other conferences and demonstrations have also been held all over the world. Today, at least two journals, *Journal of 9/11 Studies* (published by “Scholars for 9/11 Truth”) and *Global Outlook* (a Canadian publication), are dedicated primarily to discovering of the truth of what happened on 9/11.

The collective efforts of these individuals and groups have unearthed a staggering and overwhelming amount of evidence that proves that the official 9/11 story is a preposterous lie, a myth. Thus, the “war on terrorism” itself is also a fraud. This evidence, much of which is presented here, proves that:

- 1) The three World Trade Center buildings came down by controlled demolition (Hufschmid, 2002; Firmage, 2006; Legge, 2006a, 2006b; Jones, 2006). Also, enormous profits were made by corporate and political insiders with foreknowledge of the attacks (Flocco, 2001).
- 2) The attacks were orchestrated, executed, and covered-up by criminal elements within the American government that have infiltrated and now control many key government agencies,

including the White House, the U.S. military, the intelligence agencies, and even Congress (Tarpley, 2006).

3) The radical “neo-conservative” cabal in the White House answers to a “world shadow government,” a private, international, rogue network that also controls most of the world’s financial and media institutions as well other governments/intelligence agencies, etc., most notably those of England, Israel, Pakistan, and Saudi Arabia (Tarpley, 2006).

4) This “secret government” rules through fear, terror, torture, secrecy, propaganda and lies. The goal of this criminal syndicate is to establish a global corporate dictatorship as well as to destroy nation states, democracies, and civil liberties. Historian Webster Tarpley (2006) identifies this “rogue network,” concluding:

We are living in the twilight of the Anglo-American world order, a system of planetary domination by the Whig financier faction since just after 1700. This system had certain positive features, but it has now become a barrier to human progress, and it is past time for it to exit the world scene.

5) 9/11 itself was a psychological attack (a “*psy-op*”) on the American people (Barrett, 2006; Rushkoff, 1999). This pivotal event forms the pretext used by the “*global corporatocracy*” to advance their agenda of endless (and profitable) wars and global domination (“full spectrum dominance”) by controlling space and cyberspace, and imposing a global police state.

Tarpley (2006) demonstrates that 9/11 was a textbook example of “*false-flag, state-sponsored terrorism*.” As such, it needs to be understood as one of a long, bloody succession of “*synthetic terror*” events staged by imperial governments (i.e., empires) in order to frighten their citizen’s into supporting wars of conquest abroad¹ and relinquishing their civil liberties. 9/11 constitutes a “*false-flag*” operation because Arabs, a political target group, were made to *appear* as the perpetrators, but were not.

Tarpley’s *9/11 Synthetic Terror, Made in USA* (2006) describes the four-fold organizational structure government’s use to carry out this kind of covert “*black-op/psy-op*,” as follows:

1) A network of **moles** (in this case, Vice President Cheney, Sec. of Defense Rumsfeld, Joint Chiefs of Staff General Myers, etc.) organizes, facilitates, and helps cover up the crime.

¹ Among the many examples of false-flag, state-sponsored, staged “*terrorist*” events are the deliberate sinking of the Maine as pretext for the Spanish-American War, the sinking of the Luisitania to help instigate U.S. involvement in World War I, Hitler’s burning of the Reichstag or German Parliament Building in 1933 as a pretext for consolidating his imperial powers, Pearl Harbor in 1941 as pretext for American entry into World War II, the Gulf of Tonkin incident in 1964 as pretext or “trigger” to escalate the war against Vietnam, etc., etc.

2) Designated **patsies** (in this case, Mohammed Atta and the other 18 alleged “terrorists”) are carefully handled and made to appear as if they executed the crime.

3) **Professional killers** (from intelligence agencies, special forces, etc.) actually commit the crime.

4) The **corporate-controlled media** provides **mass propaganda** that supports the official explanation, despite its inevitable absurdities, etc.

This same organizational structure has been utilized again and again by governments to fabricate synthetic terrorist attacks all over the world² (Tarpley, 2006). Any hope of dismantling the emerging global corporate dictatorship must begin by dismantling the myths and lies, such as the official 9/11 myth, that support it.

Blueprint for Global Domination

Before examining the evidence proving 9/11 was an inside job, let us recall that the events of 9/11 have been used by the Bush administration to justify virtually its entire foreign and domestic agenda. This agenda was outlined prior to the 2000 election in a series of policy papers written by a “*neo-conservative*” think tank, the *Project for a New American Century* (PNAC). Among its recommendations: The U.S. should “*pre-emptively attack other countries not of immanent danger to the U.S., abrogating agreed-upon treaties when they conflict with U.S. goals, installing U.S.-friendly governments to do America’s will, using tactical nuclear weapons, simultaneously conducting “multiple-theatre wars”, and controlling space and cyberspace for military purposes.*” The document calls for a global Pax Americana, i.e., “*full spectrum dominance*” of the whole world. And it ominously states that the American people are not likely to support the required transformation of the military “*absent some catastrophic and catalyzing event- like a new Pearl Harbor*”. The document also states: “*Iran may well prove as large a threat to US interests as Iraq has,*” and it spotlights China for “*regime change*”, saying “*it is time to increase the presence of American forces in SE Asia.*”

Prominent members of *PNAC* include Vice President Richard Cheney, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, Deputy Secretary of Defense (now World Bank President) Paul Wolfowitz, indicted former Chief of Staff Lewis (Scooty) Libby, Jeb Bush (the President’s brother and Governor of Florida), Richard Perle, Dan Quayle, Gary Bauer, Steve Forbes, Elliot Abrams, and William Kristol. Many of these individuals (Wolfowitz, Perle, Kristol, Abrams, Libby) are Jewish-Zionists, arguably more committed to the interests of Israel than those of the United States.

² Other recent “*synthetic terror*” events include the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center, the 1995 bombing of the Federal Building in Oklahoma City, the 7/7 bombings in London, the 3/11 train bombings in Madrid, and the assassinations of President Kennedy in 1963 and Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King in 1968, to name just a few. The 1962 “*Operation Northwoods*” plan called for the U.S. military to conduct terrorist attacks on Miami and Washington, D.C. These would be blamed on Cuba, as pretext for invading Cuba. This plan was approved by the Joint Chiefs of Staff but over-ruled by the Kennedy brothers.

On October 19, 2001, Vice President Cheney stated: “*The war on terrorism may never end, it is the war of normalcy.... (the war that) will not end in our lifetimes.*” It should be recalled that Alexander Solzhenitsyn stated: “*A state of war only serves as an excuse for domestic tyranny.*” And of course, many generations of Machiavellian leaders have understood that people are most effectively ruled through fear and propaganda (i.e., lies). Thus, Bush II, Cheney, Rumsfeld, and Attorney General John Ashcroft have repeatedly warned us that the “terrorists” will attack again. They have even fabricated a fabricated phony “*terror alerts*” in order to maintain the requisite fear level (Chossudovsky, 2006). Thus, it is essential for Americans to understand that the attacks of 9/11 were carried out in order to provide justification for the more or less permanent “*war on terrorism*”, which itself is a pretext for imposing American (corporate) global domination abroad and domestic tyranny at home. It is past time that the American people understood that official myth of 9/11 constitutes “**The Big Lie**” and that the “**war on terrorism**” is actually a “**war of terrorism**” directed against American citizens and the people of the world.

Bush administration initiatives and goals that have been justified by 9/11 include:

- 1) Abandoning the 1972 international anti-ballistic missile treaty.
- 2) Securing massive increases in Pentagon spending, from about \$300 billion a year in 2001 to well over \$440 billion/year in 2002 and even more today.
- 3) Curtailing civil liberties at home through the USA PATRIOT ACT and Homeland Security Act.
- 4) Systematic, secret domestic spying (“warrant-less wiretapping”) on Americans by the National Security Agency and its private sub-contractors.
- 5) Launching wars of aggression against Afghanistan and Iraq in order install corporate-friendly puppet governments and establish U.S. military bases to control oil and natural gas resources. Both of these countries are considered strategically essential for controlling proven fossil reserves. Plans to invade each country were drawn up by key government officials before the 9/11 attacks.
- 6) Establishment of concentration camps around the world (Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Abu Graib, Iraq and numerous other locales) where torture is used systematically in the treatment and interrogation of (generally innocent) detainees. Numerous European and Middle Eastern countries have cooperated with CIA procedures of “extraordinary rendition,” i.e, kidnapping, incarceration and torture of innocent civilians at torture facilities operated in secret by the CIA throughout the world.
- 7) Privatization of state-owned businesses in Iraq and granting of rebuilding contracts (through no-bid government contracts) worth billions of dollars to insider corporations such as Halliburton, Bechtel, Dyncorps, etc.

8) Repeal of legislation and governmental regulatory functions in America that limit unbridled corporate profits for extractive industries, such as oil, gas, timber, mining, etc.

9) Massive tax cuts worth trillions of dollars for very wealthy Americans (the top 1-2%). Along with massive increases in spending for the military, this has the effect of dramatically reducing discretionary federal and state funds available for social needs (social security, public schools, health care, etc.). Indeed, *“the plan”* outlined by numerous radical right wing think tanks is to essentially tear up the “social contract” between government and the American citizenry altogether (Rampton and Stauber, 2004).

That the Bush administration is still in power is evidence that their psychological operation has partly succeeded. 9/11 provided the *“foundational event,”* the historical *“pivot point”* that the Bush team has used to justify all manner of crimes, including stealing elections, shredding the U.S. Constitution, spying on Americans, and the ultimate Nuremberg Tribunal “crime against the peace,” which is initiating illegal wars of aggression on sovereign nations without provocation. With 9/11 as pretext for endless wars and world domination for all time, the Bush/Republican/corporate agenda ultimately is to impose a global “oligarchy of the wealthy” (Still, 1990). If accomplished, this would spell the end of nation states, the end of democracy, and a return to a feudal society in which the vast majority of citizens would be reduced to serfs and slaves.

Geopolitical and Global Economic Context for 9/11

America’s neo-imperial agenda did not begin with the Bush II administration. The U.S. now has military troops stationed in 135 (of 192) countries (Vance, 2004). Indeed, the “American Empire” has exercised hegemonic power over the world since World War II, killing some 20 to 30 million innocent civilians in covert and overt wars (Blum, 1995, 2000). The following facts give some geo-strategic context for why 9/11 events were orchestrated by elements within the government. It is important to understand that perhaps the three most profitable businesses in the world are oil and gas, weapons, and illicit drugs. Each are worth over \$1 trillion a year.

1) One of the world’s most influential men, Zbigniew Brzezinski (co-founder with David Rockefeller of the *Trilateral Commission*, CFR member, and former National Security Advisor to President Carter) noted in his book *The Grand Chessboard: American Primacy and its Geostategic Imperatives* (1997): *“Ever since the continents started interacting politically, some 500 years ago, Eurasia has been the center of world power.”* Eurasia has 75% of the world’s population and 75% of all known energy resources. The Caspian Basin, in particular, was thought to have an estimated \$5 to \$7 trillion in gas and oil reserves. Countries there include Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, and Azerbaijan. All of these former Soviet states share a border with Afghanistan. Brzezinski reasoned that with worldwide energy consumption increasing, whoever controls Caspian Basin oil/gas will control the world economy. Indeed, the U.S. already had established military bases in Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan prior to 9/11. In fact, Brzezinski’s *“Grand Chessboard”* strategy appears nearly identical to the PNAC plan for global dominance that the Bush II administration is following, even to the point where he, too, saw the need for a *“direct external threat,”* like *“Pearl Harbor:”*

As America becomes an increasingly multi-culture society, it may find it more difficult to fashion a consensus on foreign policy issues except in the circumstance of a truly massive and widely perceived, direct external threat (later provided by 9/11).

And Brezinski specifically mentions the importance of Pearl Harbor, stating:

The pursuit of power is not a goal that commands popular passion, except in conditions of a sudden threat or challenge to the public's sense of domestic well-being... The public supported America's engagement in World War II largely because of *the shock effect of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.*

Getting fossil fuels from the Caspian Basin to port for shipment to other regions presents a geographic problem. Afghanistan was thought to be the best route to transport the oil and gas to Asia. Vice President Cheney helped broker a deal between Chevron and the state of Kazakhstan in 1994, when he sat on the country's Oil Advisory Board. Likewise, many former Reagan, Bush, and Clinton advisors have personal investments in development and extraction of fossil fuels from the region. Thus, the real objective of American military presence there is to secure access to fossil fuel resources in Eurasia for Anglo-American corporations and ensure that other regional powers, such as China and Russia, do not threaten U.S. hegemony in the region (Ruppert, 2002).

But even more ominously, Bzrezinski's book and Ruppert's *The Truth and Lies of 9-11* (2002) both reveal that the ultimate "*plan*" of the global ruling elite is that after the U.S. conquers the world, it will hand the world over to corporations:

The most immediate task is to make certain that no state or combination of states gains the capacity to expel the United States from Eurasia or even to diminish significantly its decisive arbitration role. In the long run, global politics are likely to become increasingly uncongenial to the concentration of hegemonic power in the hands of a single state. Hence, America is not only the first, as well as the only global superpower, but is also likely to be the very last (Bzrezinski, 1997).

Former L.A. police department detective, Michael Ruppert (2002) interprets:

What does he say that's going to happen? He says the United States will fold into a "one-world government" in which all nations will cease to exist... run by corporations.... Listen, I want you to know that the Third Reich did not lose the Second World War, it just changed venues."

2) *"As of 1992, 11 Western oil companies controlled more than 50% of all oil investments in the Caspian Basin, including Unocal, Amoco, Atlantic Richfield, Chevron, Exxon-Mobil, Pennzoil, Texaco, Phillips, and British Petroleum"* (from Callari, 2002).

3) Between 1991 and 1997, major U.S. and British oil companies, including ExxonMobil, Texaco, Unocal, BP Amoco, and Shell invested almost \$3 billion in cash bribing the heads of state in Kazakhstan alone to secure equity rights to the huge oil reserves of this region. And they

committed another \$35 billion to future investment (Testimony before the House International Relations Committee, 2/12/98).

4) In the 1980's, the CIA poured some \$3-7 billion (its largest covert operation ever) into the creation, training, and funding of fundamentalist Islamic terrorist networks in Afghanistan and Pakistan. These include the *Mujahadeen*, *Al Qaeda*, *Osama Bin Laden*, and the *Taliban*. The purpose was to foment a Moslem jihad ("holy war") against the "Godless communists" of the Soviet Union in order to stage a proxy war between the U.S. and the Soviet Union for regional hegemony. One essential conduit of CIA influence in the region was Pakistan's ISI (Inter-services Intelligence Agency). The CIA-funded and -controlled ISI, in turn, created, funded and supported the Taliban, the fundamentalist leadership of Afghanistan, that held power between 1996 and 2001. Congressional transcripts and intelligence reports confirm a "**Pakistani ISI-Osama-Taliban**" axis. Saudi Arabia also contributed up to \$40 billion more to these ventures. Saudi multi-millionaire **Osama bin Laden** was a CIA asset who contributed his own money and helped to form Al-Qaeda in 1988 or 1989. Over a million Afghans were killed in the 10-year proxy war between the U.S. and the Soviet Union between 1979 and 1989. Later, former Secretary of State Bzrezinski bragged about drawing the Soviets into "the Afghan trap" that bled their empire. In fact, in the process of fomenting war there, the CIA took control of the local heroin industry, worth many hundreds of billions of dollars.

4) In 1998 and 2000, former President George H.W. Bush, traveled to Saudi Arabia on behalf of the Carlyle Group, the 11th largest defense contractor in the U.S., where he met privately with the Saudi royal family and the Bin Laden family (Wall Street Journal, 9/27/01).

5) In January, 2001, the Bush administration ordered the FBI and intelligence agencies to "back off" investigation of the Bin Laden family, including two of Osama's relatives, Abdulla and Omar Bin Laden, who were living in Falls Church, VA, right next to CIA headquarters. This followed several previous orders frustrating previous investigations of the Bin Laden family dating back to 1996 (BBC Newsnight correspondent, Greg Palast, 11/7/01).

6) In 2001, Vice President Cheney secretly convened his Energy Task Force. Those invited included the major fossil fuel companies listed above. Although Congress' General Accounting Office and the Sierra Club have sued the White House in order to get access to the documents of the task force, Cheney has refused to turn these documents over, claiming "executive privilege." Of the thousands of pages in the final report, the White House finally released six heavily blacked out pages. These include maps of the oil fields in the Middle East and Caspian Basin (Ruppert, 2004, 9/11 Citizen's Inquiry).

An article by Ron Callari of the Albion Monitor (2/28/02) speculates that Cheney has covered up a **9/11-Enron-Cheney-Taliban connection**. Enron had a \$3 billion investment in India's Dabhol power plant. This project, one of Enron's largest development projects ever, was begun in 1992 and required a source of liquefied natural gas (LNG). In 1996, Unocal won a contract to build a 1,005-mile oil pipeline to transport natural gas from Turkmenistan through Afghanistan and Pakistan to near the Indian border. In 1997, Enron announced it would spend over \$1 billion to extend that pipeline to New Delhi, India. Dick Cheney's former company, Halliburton, was awarded a major contract in Turkmenistan in 1997 that, in the words of its own

press release, would “*position the company well for both upstream and downstream projects which are rapidly developing in this emerging market.*”

On December 4, 1997, representatives of the Taliban were invited to the Texas headquarters of Unocal to negotiate their support of the pipeline that would cross Afghanistan and transport oil and gas from Kazakhstan to India. (The BBC, Dec. 4, 1997). When the Taliban refused to cooperate with Unocal and Enron representatives, the entire project was threatened. At this point, the Bush administration threatened to attack Afghanistan in order to push the pipeline agenda. However, in order to avert widespread condemnation from the global community, the administration needed an acceptable reason for a unilateral strike against Afghanistan. Callari suggests that 9/11 provided the pretext for attack.

7) In fact, the Bush administration policy in the Middle East has been closely aligned with the interests of Enron. Atul Davda, senior director for Enron’s International Division, reported in March, 2002: “*Enron had intimate contact with Taliban officials. Building the pipeline (across Afghanistan) was one of the corporation’s prime objectives.*”

8) In July, 2001, three American officials, Tom Simmons (former U.S. Ambassador to Pakistan), Karl Inderfurth (former Assist. Secretary of State for South Asian affairs) and Lee Coldren (former State Dept. expert on South Asia) told Pakistani and Russian intelligence officers that the U.S. was planning military strikes against Afghanistan in October, 2001 (The Guardian, Sept. 22, 2001; the BBC, Sept. 18, 2001, The Inter Press Service, Nov. 16, 2001). When the Taliban refused to accept U.S. terms for the Afghanistan pipeline, these three U.S. representatives told Taliban: “*either you accept our offer of a carpet of gold or we will bury you under a carpet of bombs.*” (Inter Press Service, 11/15/01).

9) The BBC reported (11/18/01) 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.*”

10) Would George W. Bush allow the entire U.S. political/military apparatus to serve the interests of oil companies and businesses from which he and his administration directly profit? The following story reported in *The Nation* (11/21/94) indicates he would.

Several years ago, says Rodolfo Terragno, a former Argentine Cabinet Minister, he received a telephone call from George W. Bush, son of the then-Vice President.... The younger Bush had tried to exploit his family name to pressure Terragno to award a (pipeline) contract worth hundreds of millions of dollars to Enron, an American firm close to the Bush clan... Terragno says he was paid a visit by the U.S. Ambassador to Argentina.

11) According to United Press International (2/26/02):

A book published in France (*Bin Laden: The Forbidden Truth*) makes two remarkable claims: The Bush administration was negotiating an oil pipeline with the Taliban until last summer; and the late John O’Neil, the nemesis of Osama bin

Laden, had resigned from the FBI's war against terrorism protesting that the administration's oil policy was obstructing his investigation.... The French book could not easily be dismissed as partisan flacking because of the stature of its authors and the depth of its research. If true, the revelations would recast history.

12) According to a Wall Street journal article (9/19/01), one of the oil pipeline projects running through the new war zone in Afghanistan is a joint venture of the Bin Laden family and the construction firm H.C. Price. This company is now owned by a subsidiary of the Halliburton Corporation, Dresser Industries. Dresser Industries gave George W. Bush his first post-war job in 1948. Vice President Cheney, Secretary of Defense under Desert Storm under Bush I, was Halliburton's CEO until becoming Vice President in 2001.

13) Pakistan's chief spy since 1999, U.S.-approved appointee Lt. General Mahmood Ahmad, was in direct contact with the CIA, the DIA (Defense Intelligence Agency), and the Pentagon. The FBI and Indian Intelligence proved that Ahmed ordered Ahmad Umar Sheikh of Pakistan's Inter-services Intelligence (ISI) to wire \$100,000 to Mohamed Atta, the alleged lead hijacker, a week before 9/11. Ahmed himself met with CIA officials, including CIA Director George Tenet, between September 4 and 9. And at the time of the WTC attacks, Ahmad was having breakfast with Senator Bob Graham and Representative Peter Goss, the two chairmen of the Senate and House Intelligence Committees, respectively, as well as Senator John Kyl and Pakistani ambassador to the U.S., Maleeha Lodhi. On September 12 and 13, Ahmed met with Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage and Secretary of State Colin Powell. On September 13, he met with Senator Joseph Biden, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Ironically, Goss and Graham, the men who dined with Ahmed during the 9/11 attacks, were placed in charge of the Congressional committee charged with investigating "intelligence failures" leading to 9/11 (Chossudovsky, 2002).

14) But back to the drug connection. After 10 years of CIA covert operations and involvement with the drug lords of Afghanistan during the American-Soviet proxy war in the 1980s, Afghanistan was the number one exporter of opium in the world. In 1999, their 4,600 metric tons of opium made up 75% of world opium production. Trade in illegal drugs, worth some \$500 to 600 billion/year, provides the world's banking and financial systems with needed liquid cash. A German intelligence expert states that: "Seventy percent of the drug trade is licensed by the intelligence agencies" (Ruppert, 2002).

15) Sa'id Sheik, the killer of reporter Daniel Perle in 2002, was one of key funders for the 9/11 "alleged terrorists". As an ISI agent, he trained some of the hijackers in terrorism.

16) At U.S. prodding, the Taliban placed a ban on opium production in 2000. This had the effect of destroying Afghanistan's cash flow from opium and shifted production to Columbia and to the Caucasus under the Kurds. Now the opium would be smuggled through shorter routes through Georgia, Armenia, and Azerbaijan. (Both Vice President Cheney and Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage are members of the U.S.- Azerbaijan Chamber of Commerce). The Taliban's action of banning opium production was made at the prodding of Pakistan's foreign Secretary Inam Ul-Haq. Sec. of State Colin Powell rewarded the Taliban for this action by giving them \$43 million to replace the income lost to Afghani farmers. Subsequent to the U.S. invasion of

Afghanistan in 2001, the feudal war and drug lords of the Northern Alliance were re-installed into positions of power and opium production has resurged and even surpassed the record levels of 1999 (Ruppert, 2002).

Conspiracies and Conspiracy Theories

Given the considerable successes of the propaganda machine that is our modern corporate media system, it is important to differentiate between a *conspiracy* and a *conspiracy theory*. A *conspiracy* is simply a plan to commit a crime that is hatched in secret by two or more individuals. In fact, conspiracies are among the most common kinds of crimes prosecuted in our legal system. Ralph Schoenmann (2004) notes that:

The most frequently invoked juridical tool for prosecutors at every judicial level in the U.S.; municipal, county, state, and federal is that of conspiracy.

For example, Kenneth Lay and Jeff Skilling were recently convicted of *fraud and conspiracy* in the ENRON scandal.

By contrast, a *conspiracy theory* is a hypothesis or conjecture as to how such a crime was committed. As with scientific theories, *conspiracy theories* may be proven true or false by the weight of accumulated evidence. Thus, if proven correct, a *conspiracy theory* is no longer a theory, it is a *conspiracy*- and those responsible can and should be prosecuted for their crime.

It is an interesting irony that the official explanation of what happened on 9/11 is itself an outrageous and fraudulent *conspiracy theory*, for which no credible evidence has been offered. Indeed, despite the massive disinformation/propaganda campaign of the government/media regarding those events, it can easily be demonstrated that the official myth, namely that Osama bin Laden orchestrated the events using a laptop computer in a cave in Afghanistan, is a lie. In addition, the fraudulent nature of the official myth is demonstrated by the facts that although the U.S. Justice Department has arrested over 5,000 individuals for terrorist attacks, none have resulted in convictions relating to the actual crime (9/11 Citizen's Inquiry in Toronto, 2004). And below are details of the government and media's roles in the cover-up of the crime itself.

Clearly, more than one person was involved in planning and executing the heinous crimes of 9/11. Therefore, it was a *conspiracy*. And clearly, the people of the world need to know who the conspirators are. Even so, the criminal masterminds of 9/11 have yet to be brought to justice- and the entire world is now being held hostage to their agenda. These same individuals are now threatening to go to war with Iran, a war that threatens the planet itself with the possibility nuclear holocaust.

Historian Webster Tarpley (2004) explains that the dominant mode of government today is *oligarchy* (or "*government by the few*"). The only way oligarchy can rule in a "*democracy*" is through *conspiracy*. Thus, if you outlaw *conspiracies* as a possible explanation for events, you thereby rule out all meaningful analysis of what's happening.

9/11 as Psychological Operation; the Media as Propaganda Machine

Techniques by which governments and the media coerce the general population are well understood by the experts, but poorly understood by the public at large. Rushkoff's **Coercion** (1999) helps us understand 9/11 as a *psychological operation* against the American people by revealing the techniques of coercion used by spin-doctors, cult leaders, and CIA psych-war specialists. The secret of mind control, according to Rushkoff, involves three basic steps: **1)** generate disorientation, **2)** induce regression, and **3)** become the target's transferred parent figure. Using this technique, a government (or a car salesman, or CIA interrogator, etc.) can coerce people to do things that are not in their best interest.

Obviously, the first step, that of generating dissociation by disorientation, was accomplished by the media's incessantly repeating images of the planes crashing into the Twin Towers, and the images of those buildings subsequently collapsing. This created a kind of psychological shock and paralysis. As we watched the towers explode again and again, the safety of our own worlds also seemed to disintegrate. As the psych-war experts well knew, the dissociation we felt at this moment left us radically open to suggestion- to mass hypnosis. Our world had been annihilated and we were now ready to have a new world created for us. Bush then became our transferred parent figure. After 9/11, Bush's ratings skyrocketed from about 39% to over 90%. The trick worked.

Barrett (2006) asserts that even the date, 9/11, was obviously chosen by a psychological warfare expert: “

From early childhood, we are taught that this is the magic number we can call in the event of an emergency. The planners of 9/11 took advantage of this fact, deliberately enshrining their false-flag attack with a number that evokes our desperate, childlike need for the government to be the daddy who comes racing to help us in an emergency....

Once people become infantilized, several tricks are used to control them. The best known is the “common enemy” technique. The more demonic the government/media complex paints “the common enemy” (Hitler, Stalin, Osama Bin Laden, Saddam Hussein, or whoever) the more ready we are to rally behind our leaders/protectors. Barrett also notes that “*In the Alice-in-Wonderland world of the so-called war on terror, “what I tell you three times is true.”*” Thus, repetition of “**The Big Lie**” by the government/media complex is another essential technique of control and coercion. Not only must the lies be repeated, but the truth and dissent must also be suppressed.

The lie can be maintained only for such time as the State can shield the people from the political, economic and/or military consequences of the lie. It thus becomes vitally important for the State to use all of its powers to repress dissent, for the truth is the mortal enemy of the lie, and thus by extension, the truth is the greatest enemy of the State.

Joseph Goebbels. German Minister of Propaganda, 1933-1945

And of course:

Truth is the first casualty of war.

General Hiram Johnson, WWI

Some of the “Big Lies” of 9/11 include:

- 1) Using a laptop in a cave in Afghanistan and 19 Saudi Arabian hijackers with box-cutters, Osama Bin Laden fooled the most expensive and sophisticated military defense establishment in the history the world. We accept this official explanation that Bin Laden did it even though no evidence has been provided that proves this.
- 2) The attacks of 9/11 are the result of “intelligence failures.”
- 3) 9/11 was a “*New Pearl Harbor*.” We unquestionably accept this paradigm and prepare for a righteous world war.
- 4) Bin Laden and Al Qaeda constitute America’s #1 enemy. We forget that both Bin Laden and Al Qaeda are fabrications of American intelligence agencies like the CIA.
- 5) Three WTC buildings exploded, disintegrated, and collapsed at nearly the speed of gravity due to the impact of hijacked airliners into the buildings and the jet fuel fires. We believe this even though **a)** no steel buildings have ever collapsed due to fires and it is physically impossible for them to do so, **b)** Building 7 was never hit by any kind of aircraft, and **c)** the planes that hit the WTC 1 and 2 most probably were not the hijacked airliners, but rather military drones steered by remote control.
- 6) The Pentagon was hit by Flight 77. And all the debris and human remains of this approximately 100-ton Boeing 767 disappeared because they were completely incinerated by jet fuel fires. We believe this story, even though **a)** the hole in the West Wing of the Pentagon is only 16 feet across and **b)** no images of a Boeing 767 striking the Pentagon have been shown on any video tape. We are ignorant or unconcerned about the fact that **c)** within 5 minutes of the crash, FBI agents confiscated surveillance camera film from three nearby buildings and have never released these to the public. Expert 9/11 researchers believe that what actually hit the Pentagon was a missile followed by a military aircraft such as a Global Hawk or F-16 fighter.
- 8) The U.S. government would never be involved in attacks upon “the Homeland.” We believe this despite a long succession of “synthetic terror” events that have been staged in the past by our own government in order to galvanize public opinion to support imperial wars abroad and frighten them into giving up their civil liberties.
- 9) The U.S. needs to spend upwards of \$450 billion a year to prosecute an endless “war on terrorism” in order to defend itself against state-less Al Qaeda “terrorists.” We believe this even though: **a)** the U.N. has estimated there are only about 2000 to 3000 members of Al Qaeda worldwide, and **b)** Al Qaeda itself was created and funded and is still controlled by the CIA,

c) numerous documents prepared by neoconservative think tanks indicate that the goal of the Bush administration is to establish “full spectrum dominance” of the world, i.e., a global Pax Americana.

10) Probably the biggest lie of all is the “war on terrorism;” the notion that the U.S. invasions of Iraq and Afghanistan had anything at all to do with 9/11 or Osama bin Laden and the 19 alleged hijackers.

11) Finally, despite overwhelming evidence to the contrary, we still like to believe that the U.S. government acts in our best interests rather than in the interests of its corporate sponsors.

Each of these “**Big Lies,**” by itself, is outrageous and preposterous. But we accept them because **1)** 9/11 was a fairly successful “psy op” against the American people, **2)** we have become conditioned by the incessant barrage of propaganda we get from the mainstream media, **3)** these lies are repeated over and over by all forms of media in what is called the “echo effect” (Franken, 2004; Rampton and Stauber, 2004), and **4)** we feel we have to believe them in order to maintain our sense of safety and security. To question these lies means we must entertain some very scary realities. We might not want to learn that our government is a serial liar, torturer, thief, and murderer, indeed, a rogue, terrorist state (Chomsky, 1988, 2000; Blum, 2000). It is far easier and more comfortable to remain in the state of denial, perhaps the most over-populated state in the world.

But the fact is that leaders understand how to mobilize their populations for war. As Hermann Goering, Hitler’s #2 man, acknowledged to an American reporter during the Nuremburg trials after World War II:

Why of course the people don’t want war. Why should some poor slob on a farm want to risk his life in a war when the best he can get out of it is to come back to his farm in one piece? Naturally the common people don’t want war, neither in Russia, nor in England, nor for that matter in Germany. That is understood. But after all, it is the leaders of the country who determine the policy and it is always a simple matter to drag the people along, whether it is a democracy, or 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 peacemakers for lack of patriotism and exposing the country to danger. It works the same in any country.

**Hermann Goering (Commander of the Luftwaffe, President of the Reichstag,
Prime Minister of Police Gestapo and Marshal of the German Empire)**

But of course, the media plays a vital and partner role in controlling people through their selection of what stories are covered, etc. Texas Congressman Luther Johnson foresaw the consequences of media monopolies nearly 80 years ago, when he opposed the Radio Act of 1927, stating:

American thought and American politics will be largely at the mercy of those who create these (radio) stations. For publicity is the most powerful weapon that can be wielded in a republic. And when a single, selfish group is permitted to either tacitly or otherwise acquire ownership or dominate these broadcasting stations throughout the country, then woe to those who dare to differ with them. It will be impossible to compete with them in reaching the ears of the American people (from Kennedy, 2004).

The video series, *Manufacturing Consent, Noam Chomsky and the Media*, and the book, *Manufacturing Consent: The Political Economy of the Mass Media* (Herman and Chomsky, 1988), expose how and why the mainstream media have become purveyors of corporate/state propaganda. In the “financial ecosystem” of corporate media, all mainstream media trade their stocks on Wall Street, and thus are governed by price/earnings ratios, cheap energy, laundering of drug money, etc. Today, nearly all main-stream media are owned by five corporations, essentially giving these corporations monopoly control. This is why we get virtually the same news and news bias from each of the television networks and from most major newspapers and radio outlets as well. This explains the prime time coverage of the actual 9/11 attacks over and over again on all stations. This explains why the New York Times ran a front-page story endorsing the 9/11 Commission Report as the final version of the history of 9/11. This explains the de facto censorship of David Ray Griffin’s (and others’) books that debunk the 9/11 Commission Report. This explains why none of the law suits (at least three) brought by 9/11 victim’s family members against the Bush administration for “complicity” and RICO violations have received coverage. And this explains the blitzkrieg of 9/11 remembrance stories now appearing in all media outlets on this 5th anniversary of 9/11. And in this corporate-controlled media, there is no room for dissent or dissenters. Dissenters are either vilified or ignored.

But as individuals, we can take the time to educate ourselves by examining alternative sources of information (see **References** section). Then, we can begin to see through the lies. For instance, the proposition that we are engaged in a “war on terrorism” is rather easily disproved. But to do this requires some historical perspective. Here, we can turn to historian, Howard Zinn (2002), linguist, Noam Chomsky (2001), economist and media analyst, Edward Herman (1992, 1995) and political scientist, Eqbal Ahmed (2000), whose writings and lectures, among others, prove that it is impossible to fight, let alone win, a “war on terrorism”. “**Terrorism,**” or “***the use of terror, force, or violence as a political weapon or policy to intimidate civilian populations,***” is itself a kind of warfare. This very definition of terrorism, in fact, is the same as the definition for “***low intensity conflict,***” which has been official U.S. policy for decades. And since modern warfare produces thousands, sometimes millions of civilian casualties (for example, as in the “shock and awe” campaign in Iraq), it certainly constitutes an extreme form of terrorism. So, is it even possible to have a war on terrorism? Can you have a war or on war? It is a logical impossibility. It should be obvious that the more you wage war on “terrorism,” the more “terrorism” and “terrorists” you will create. Thus, “war on terrorism” is simply a euphemism for endless war.

According to Chomsky (1992):

The word “terrorism” came into general use at the end of the 18th century, and it was then used to refer to acts of violent states that suppress their own populations by violence. Terror was the action of a state against its own people. That concept is of no use whatever to people in power. So, predictably, the term has come to be changed. Now it’s the actions of citizens against states....the terrorism of small, marginal groups, and not the terrorism of powerful states.

The following statements by a journalist, a priest, and an ex-C.I.A. operative, respectively, begin to indicate the global reach of U.S. state-sponsored terrorism in recent decades:

For the past two years the US has carried out one of the most sustained bombing campaigns in history against essentially civilian targets in northeastern Laos.... Operating from Thai bases and from aircraft carriers, American jets have destroyed the great majority of villages and towns in the northeast. Severe casualties have been inflicted upon the inhabitants... Refugees from the Plain of Jars report they were bombed almost daily by American jets last year. They say they spent most of the past two years living in caves or holes.

Far Eastern Economic Review, Hong Kong

People are not just killed by death squads in El Salvador- they are decapitated and then their heads are placed on spikes and used to dot the landscape. Men are not just disemboweled by the Salvadoran Treasury Police; their severed genitalia are stuffed into their mouths. Salvadoran women are not just raped by the National Guard; their wombs are cut from their bodies and used to cover their faces. It is not enough to kill children; they are dragged over barbed wire until the flesh falls from their bones, while parents are forced to watch.

Reverend Santiago, El Salvador

Coming to grips with these U.S./CIA activities in broad numbers and figuring out how many people have been killed in the jungles of Laos or the hills of Nicaragua is very difficult. But, adding them up as best we can, we come up with a figure of six million people killed- and this is a minimum figure. Included are: one million killed in the Korean War, two million killed the Vietnam War, 800,000 killed in Indonesia, one million in Cambodia, 20,000 killed in Angola, and 22,000 killed in Nicaragua. These people would not have died if U.S. tax dollars had not been spent by the CIA to inflame tensions, finance covert political and military activity, and destabilize societies.

John Stockwell, Ex-CIA

Political science professor Eqbal Ahmad (*Confronting Empire*, 2000) notes five kinds of terrorism: In order of descending impact, these are: state, religious or “sacred”, criminal, pathological, and terrorism by private groups. He estimates that the ratio of people killed by

state-sponsored terrorism to those killed by terrorism of private groups is about 1000 to 1. He also notes, however, that “*state-sponsored terrorism is never called terrorism. It is called “counter-terrorism”, “counter-insurgency”, or “low-intensity conflict.”*” Thus, states may conduct wars of terror against their own domestic populations (for instance, when Turkey and Iraq, with U.S. weapons, exterminated thousands of Kurds within their own borders, or the U.S.-funded *Death Squads* in Guatemala and El Salvador that killed hundreds of thousands of peasant farmers), but this is never called terrorism. Generally speaking, it is only the relatively small private groups (who are also typically armed by the US- such as *Al Qaeda* and the *Mujahadeen* in Afghanistan, *Hamas* in Palestine, and the *Contras* in Nicaragua) who retaliate against state power that are labeled “*terrorists*”. In fact, *Al Qaeda*, the *Contras*, the *Mujahadeen*, each of which are creations of the CIA, were designed to destabilize and topple those governments. Incidentally, when CIA-creations and U.S. puppets such as Saddam Hussein, the Shah of Iran, Daniel Noriega of Panama, etc. become too powerful and/or too nationalistic (the so-called “*boomerang effect*”), they are typically either removed via covert operations or by full scale wars.

One of the most effective methods used by the government-media complex to keep Americans ignorant and in the dark is to employ the Orwellian technique of obscuring the meaning of words. Thus, “*civilian casualties*” are “*collateral damage*”, “*kill*” is “*neutralize*,” *bombs* are “*ordnance*”, *bombing raids* are “*visits*”, *body bags* are “*human remains pouches*” and indeed, in the ultimate Orwellian twist, *war* is “*peace or peace keeping*” (Herman, 1992). Similarly, an “*invasion*” of a sovereign nation (such as Iraq) is called “*liberation*” or “*national integration*”, the forced “*occupation*” of that country is termed “*economic development*,” local resistance to our invasion or occupation is called “*terrorism*,” the citizens of that nation are referred to as “*terrorists*,” “*insurgents*,” “*separatists*”, or “*dissidents*”, etc., and finally, state-sponsored terrorism, when conducted by the U.S., is called “*counter terrorism*”, “*counter-insurgency*”, or “*low intensity conflict*.”

Terror Alerts based on Fabricated Intelligence

Another Machiavellian technique is to manipulate and rule the domestic population through fear. Although this was accomplished by the 9/11 operation itself, our leaders have contrived to maintain high levels of fear by issuing fabricated “*terrorist alerts*,” using a color-coded system for describing the “*threat level*.” Thus, Secretary of State Colin Powell and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld warned of impending nuclear attacks- both from Saddam Hussein and Osama Bin Laden. In May, 2004, Attorney General Ashcroft and FBI Director Muller warned that Al Qaeda was determined to strike America in the next several months, even naming seven suspects. In February of 2003, Powell warned us specifically that Osama Bin Laden would attack the U.S. using atomic bombs. And Vice President Cheney assured us:

I think that the prospects of a future attack on the U.S. are almost a certainty... It could happen tomorrow, it could happen next week, it could happen next year, but they will keep trying. And we have to be prepared....

Economics professor, Michel Chossudovsky (*Crying wolf, terror alerts based on fabricated intelligence*, 2006) documents several instances since 2003, in which the newly-

formed Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued terror warnings based on phony intelligence about possible Al Qaeda plans to launch an “attack on America” similar in magnitude to that of 9/11. For example, just before Christmas, 2003, DHS Secretary Tom Ridge issued a Code Orange Alert, warning America:

The near-term attacks... will either rival or exceed the 9/11 attack. And it's pretty clear that the nation's capital and New York City would be on any list (12/03).

More specifically, DHS warned that Al Qaeda and Taliban terrorists were planning to hijack an Air France plane and “*crash it on U.S. soil in a suicide terror attack similar to those carried out on 9/11.*” Air France flights out of Paris were grounded. Anti-aircraft missiles were set up in Washington, D.C. Los Angeles International Airport was on “maximum deployment,” with counter-terrorism and FBI officials working around the clock.

When the FBI accused the CIA of fabricating the evidence for these threat levels, Tom Ridge, Head of Homeland Security remarked: “*Despite the fabricated evidence, there are no plans to change the threat level.*” Defense Secretary Rumsfeld echoed the warning: “*Terrorists still threaten our country and we remain engaged in a dangerous- to be sure- difficult war and it will not be over soon.*”

However, a French-U.S. investigation subsequently revealed that the terror alert was a hoax. Indeed, the six “Al Qaeda men” turned out to be a five-year old boy, an elderly Chinese lady, a Welsh insurance salesman, and three French nationals! But only on January 2, 2004, did U.S. authorities admit the mistake.

Another bogus Code Orange Alert was issued by the DHS on the night of John Kerry’s acceptance speech at the Democratic Convention on July 29th, 2004. This alert also turned out to be fabricated and based on intelligence that was three years old. Chossudovsky concludes that the fabricated terror alerts were used at politically opportune moments and therefore, were used for political gain. He also concludes that fabricating terror alerts is criminal.

9/11: Evidence of an Inside Job

Although thousands of pieces of evidence indicate government complicity in the events of 9/11 (see **References**), here I focus on evidence that proves the case.

I) Total Stand-down of U.S. Air Defenses

The U.S. has by far the greatest military establishment in the history of the world. Today, well over half of all American’s tax dollars, on the order of \$450 to \$800 billion/year, depending on how you figure it, goes for military spending. The U.S. Air Force is the most technologically advanced in the world. On 9/11, seven Air Stations were armed and on full alert to protect American air space, each with 14 fully armed fighter jets and pilots on call around the clock. The USAF maintains at least another 28 bases in range to intercept the four wayward airliners on 9/11.

Law and standard emergency operating procedures in place for over 35 years until 9/11 dictate that if an FAA flight controller notices anything that suggests a possible hijacking, he must notify his superior. If the problem is not fixed within a minute, the superior must notify NORAD (North American Aerospace Defense Command), which then orders the nearest air force base to scramble an F-15 or F-16 fighter jet. F-15s can go from the scramble order to 29,000 feet in 2.5 minutes, after which they can fly over 1800 mph to intercept the aircraft (Griffin, 2006). Typically, fighter jets intercept wayward aircraft within 15 minutes of being scrambled.

Fighter jets were routinely scrambled 67 times for far lesser threats in the 10 months between September, 2000 and June, 2001. On September 11, however, for nearly two hours (between 7:45 and 10:06 a.m.), with it widely known by the FAA, the military, and the White House that four commercial planes had been hijacked, not a single jet was scrambled. Tellingly, the official government story (as provided by NORAD #1, NORAD #2, and the 9/11 Commission Report) has been changed three times and hence, the government has deliberately obfuscated the timing of events on that morning (Zwicker, 2006).

In fact, on 9/11, two entire squadrons of combat-ready (F-16 and F/A-18) fighter jets were ready at Andrews Air Force Base, just 10 minutes from the Pentagon. Clearly, someone very high up in the command chain must have overruled the National Command Authority and instructed them not to scramble Air Force planes.

However, two factors drastically changed military defense response on the morning of 9/11. First, in June of 2001, the Department of Defense issued a new directive to the effect that all requests to NORAD to scramble jets to intercept hijackers now had to be approved by Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld (International Citizen's Inquiry into 9/11, San Francisco, 2004).

Also, it has now been established that on the morning of 9/11, there were as many as **15 drills or military exercises** taking place simultaneously (Tarpley, 2006). These drills included "Vigilant Guardian", "Northern Guardian," "Vigilant Warrior," "Northern Vigilance," "Amalgam Warrior," "Global Guardian," "Crown Vigilance," "Apollo Guardian," "Amalgam Virgo," "Timely Alert II," and AWACS. They involved, among other things, live-fly hijackings of airplanes, air defense against hijacking, crashing planes into buildings, inserting false radar blips into FAA radar screens, moving F-16s to Canada and Alaska to perform military exercises, nuclear warfare, and emergency response to bomb attacks. Tarpley (2006) states:

Thanks to cooperativeresearch.org, we know that Amalgam Virgo 01 was run June 1-2, 2001. It was a "multi-agency planning exercise" sponsored by NORAD involving the hypothetical scenario of a cruise missile being launched by "a rogue (government) or somebody" from a barge off the East Coast. Bin Laden is pictured on the cover of the proposal for the exercise (American Forces Press Service, 6/4/02). The exercise takes place at Tyndall Air Force Base in Florida (Global Security, 4/14/02). Although the barge could have been located somewhere else, this looks very much like what happened at the Pentagon, since it is clear that no commercial airliner ever hit that building on 9/11. The 2002 edition of this exercise

was to include “two simultaneous commercial aircraft hijackings” with FBI agents impersonating the hijackers- another component of which may have occurred in the real world on 9/11.

We now know that on October, 2000, another drill was carried out based on a hijacked plane crashing into the Pentagon (Military District of Washington, 11/3/00).

Apparently, while some of these drills helped cripple our air defenses (Ruppert, 2005), others provided the cover and operational capabilities for the “synthetic terror” operation to actually be run through the official bureaucracy (Tarpley, 2006):

The open secret about drills is that they often hide the real thing... State terrorists wishing to conduct an illegal terror operation often find it highly advantageous to conduit or bootleg that illegal operation through the government military/security bureaucracy with the help of an exercise or drill that closely resembles or mimic the illegal operation. Once the entire apparatus is set up, it is only necessary to make apparently small changes to have the exercise go live, and turn into a real hecatomb.

Meanwhile, the Administration and top Pentagon brass feign incompetence. General Richard Myers, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, claims he was in a meeting during the attacks and no one notified him. And of course, video cameras show President Bush being notified by Chief of Staff Andrew Card that “America was under attack” after that the second (South) tower had been hit. However, he remained at a photo op in a Florida elementary school for another 20 minutes thereafter (Zwicker, 2006). And there have been no military court marshals for criminal negligence; instead many individuals involved have been promoted.

II) Controlled Demolition of WTC Buildings 1, 2, and 7

Background Information on the WTC

WTC Buildings 1 and 2 (the North and South Tower, respectively) were completed in 1970 and 1973, respectively. Each building was 110-stories or about 1,365’ high. When constructed, these steel-framed buildings were the tallest in the world. They were incredibly well built, each containing about 200,000 tons of steel, 425,000 cubic yards of concrete, 43,600 windows, and 60,000 tons of cooling equipment. The WTC Construction Manager, Hyman Brown, stated that each building was “*over-designed to withstand almost anything, including hurricanes, high winds, bombings, and an airplane hitting it.*”

The WTC was a project of the Rockefeller brothers. David, then Chairman of the Chase-Manhattan Bank, helped arrange funding while Nelson, then governor of New York, controlled who would be appointed to the Port Authority, which owned and ran the complex. Even so, the complex remained a perennial money loser, requiring huge annual subsidies to cover operating costs. In 1991, the Port Authority began litigation in a U.S. District Court to try to recover money from investors for the estimated \$1 billion worth of asbestos reclamation work it needed.

In *Divided We Stand*, Eric Darton wrote that as early as 1993:

(The WTC) was already passing its prime as office space, overtaken by generation of more recent, cybernetically “smart” buildings with higher ceilings and greater built-in electrical capacity. To maintain the trade center as class A office space commanding top rents, the PA (Port Authority, then WTC’s owner) would have to spend \$800 million rebuilding the electrical, electronic communications, and cooling systems.

Thus, the WTC was considered a “white elephant” and therefore, expendable by the financial powers in New York (Thorn, 2006).

On July 24, 2001, Larry Silverstein of Silverstein Properties signed a \$3.2 billion lease on the WTC complex (estimated to be worth \$8 billion), personally paying out only \$15 million (, or 0.005% of the total financing) to secure private ownership (Paul, 2002). Included in the lease was a \$3.5 billion insurance policy specifically covering “acts of terrorism.” Silverstein’s main partners were mall-builder Westfield America and a group headed by Lloyd Goldman. It is an interesting post-script that while Silverstein originally demanded \$7.2 billion in insurance payouts, claiming the two planes constituted two separate terrorist attacks, he was awarded *only* \$2.2 billion on December 6, 2004. And in February, 2002, he was awarded \$861 million to rebuild WTC Building 7. Altogether, Silverstein collected over \$4 billion in insurance (Jones, 2006). Another interesting post-script is that the entire seven building complex was brought down by controlled demolition- either on or very shortly after 9/11.

The *Real Estate Journal* reported that, in regard to rebuilding the WTC site, Silverstein Properties had the support of New York Senators Charles Schumer and Hillary Clinton (he had hosted both on his yacht) as well as Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott and House Speaker Dennis Hastert. An 11/5/01 *REJ* article concluded:

It may also end up being a good investment. In the end, Mr. Silverstein may wind up controlling 11 million square feet of attractive, lower-rise space instead of 11 million square feet of 30-year old space in New York’s tallest and most conspicuous buildings.

Silverstein himself declared: “*It should prove to justify the time, energy, and the psychic impact of what we’ve been through*” (from Thorn, 2006)

Evidence for Controlled Demolitions

Video footage and eyewitness accounts show that WTC Buildings 1 and 2 survived the plane crashes intact, as they were designed to do. Building 7 was never hit by an airplane at all! Nonetheless, all three buildings suddenly exploded/imploded and collapsed into their footprints at nearly the velocity of free-fall. The three government-sponsored studies (by FEMA, NIST, and the 9/11 Commission) explain the collapses as due solely to the impact of airplanes and resulting jet-fuel fires.

However, credible engineers and physicists now make it clear that it is physically impossible that the buildings collapsed from the impact of airplanes and burning jet fuel. Their reasons include (Jones, 2006; Legge, 2006b; Hufschmid):

1) The framework of WTC 1 and 2 (the Twin Towers) was 100% steel. The buildings were structurally-supported by 47 massive, rectangular, steel-concrete core columns and 240 perimeter columns spaced one meter apart. Walls of the core columns at the bottom of the buildings were comprised of 4" thick steel. Steel trusses connected the core and perimeter columns with the floors, which themselves were comprised of a mesh of two sets of trusses forming rectangular grids. The concrete in each floor was poured into corrugated steel pans. Exterior columns were bound together with steel plates welded to each column and bolted to one another. These steel plates formed straps that wrapped around the entire building and were vertically spaced every 12', the height of one floor. Indeed, the FEMA report acknowledges that the steel plate used in the buildings was so thick that American steel companies could not produce them. Rather, all the thick steel plate was produced in Japan.

The 47-story high WTC Building 7 was reinforced by 25 steel-support columns and 57 exterior, or perimeter columns. Each of the buildings was designed to withstand multiple crashes by the largest jet liners then in existence (Boeing 707s; Jones, 2006). Indeed, they routinely withstood high winds (140 mph) that put greater stress on the buildings than plane crashes. Furthermore, photographic evidence indicates that both Twin Towers were structurally intact, stable and motionless within a minute after being hit by the planes (Hufschmid, 2002).

2) Whereas the melting point of steel is $\sim 1535\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ($\sim 2795\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F}$), the highest temperatures possible from burning diesel (jet) fuel are $\sim 825\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ($\sim 1517\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F}$). Moreover, the black smoke that accompanied the fires, as revealed by photos and video images, indicates that the highest temperatures actually attained in the WTC buildings on 9/11 were on the order of $360\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ($680\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F}$). Thus, under the laws of physics, the fires from the burning jet fuel could not even have weakened the steel structures of the buildings, let alone caused their sudden, catastrophic, and symmetrical collapses. It is important to note that the kind of steel used in the buildings will not start to bend until heated to temperatures above about $1200\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ($2192\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F}$), and it does not shatter under any temperatures.

Kevin Ryan of Underwriters Laboratories originally certified the quality of the steel used in the WTC buildings. In a letter to NIST (National Institute of Standards and Technology), Ryan wrote:

We know that the steel components were certified to ASTU E119. The time temperature curves for this standard require the samples to be exposed to temperatures of 2000 °F for several hours. And as we all agree, the steel applied met those specifications. Additionally, I think we can all agree that even un-fireproofed steel will not melt until reaching red-hot temperatures of nearly 3000 °F. This story just does not add up. If the steel from those buildings did soften or melt, I'm sure we can all agree that this was certainly not due to jet fuel fires of any kind, let alone the briefly burning fires in the towers.

Days after writing this letter, Ryan was fired from his job.

None of the three official government reports explains the unprecedented collapses of the three buildings in a plausible manner: For example, the FEMA report #403 essentially pleads ignorance and incompetence:

With the information and time available, the sequence of events leading to the collapse of each tower could not be determined.

The specifics of the fires in WTC 7 and how they caused the building to collapse remain unknown at this time.... Further research, investigation, and analyses are needed to resolve this issue.

3) In fact, no steel-reinforced buildings before or since September 11, 2001 have ever collapsed due to kerosene or diesel fires (New York Times, 11/09/2002). Bill Manning, editor of *Fire Engineering*, stated: “*Fire has never destroyed a steel building.*” Furthermore, Norman Glover, wrote in *Fire Engineering Journal* (2002): “Almost all large buildings will be the location of a major fire in their useful life. *No major high-rise building has ever collapsed from fire.*”

There are many examples of fires in large buildings that burned much hotter and longer than those of the three WTC buildings on 9/11. In 2005, a steel-framed high-rise in Madrid Spain burned like an “inferno” for 24 hours but did not collapse. And an intense fire raged for 18 hours at the Meridian Plaza in Philadelphia and gutted eight floors. But the building stood. And one very significant but under-reported example is that in 1975, a fire with temperatures up to 700 °C (1295 °F) raged for over three hours in the North Tower of the WTC, spreading to over 65% of the 11th floor (Jones, 2006). However, this fire caused no serious structural damage and no trusses or columns had to be replaced. This fact alone destroys the officially-sanctioned “*pancake theory*”, the idea that there was a chain reaction of trusses failing due to heating and expansion of the steel. However, these facts have been carefully concealed from the public by the press and government-sanctioned reports.

4) The fires themselves were fairly small and confined to a few stories. Indeed, photographic evidence as well as audiotapes of conversations of firefighters in the Twin Towers indicate that just before the collapses, the fires had virtually burned out and were nearly under control. For example, one audiotape finally released by Port Authority over a year later, on 11/11/02, features Chief Palmer of Battalion 7 on the 78th floor of the North Tower, stating at 9:52 a.m.: “*Battalion Seven: Ladder 15, we’ve got two isolated pockets of fire. We should be able to knock it down with two lines.*”

5) WTC Building 7, located 300’ from the North Tower, was not struck by an airplane at all! Yet two small fires appeared in isolated areas of the building about 3:00 p.m. on 9/11 (Celcius 9/11, 2004). Although the 9/11 Commission Report suggests without proof that the Building 7 fires came from fires from WTC 1 and 2, it does not even mention that the building suddenly and catastrophically collapsed.

Conclusion: The only possible way that all three buildings could have collapsed so rapidly (virtually at the free-fall speed of between 6.5 and 10 seconds) and so symmetrically is by controlled demolition (Legge, 2006b; Jones, 2006). In fact, whereas no other large, steel-reinforced buildings have ever collapsed due to fire, many large buildings have been brought down symmetrically by **controlled demolition**. Demolition of buildings this size is a highly complex engineering feat requiring “such skill that only a handful of companies in the world will attempt it” (Harris, 2000). Controlled demolition of this kind requires that powerful explosives are pre-set throughout the entire buildings and sonically detonated in precise, sequential fashion so that the buildings’ frames are shattered and the buildings implode and collapse symmetrically into their own footprints. (For this to occur, the joints between the columns, trusses, and straps must be shattered in sequence so the buildings fall essentially at the speed of gravity. The interior columns are typically shattered slightly before the exterior columns so that exterior columns are pulled toward the center of the building, reducing the size of the rubble piles and ensuring that other buildings are not destroyed in the demolition process.) Planting the explosives needed for the demolition would require very substantial resources and freedom of access to the buildings prior to 9/11, as well as the establishment of a control center from which the explosives could be detonated and the collapses monitored. Obviously, Arab terrorists with a lap-top in an Afghanistan cave would not have had the resources and access to carry out such a complex operation.

Evidence supporting the **controlled demolition** hypothesis includes:

1) Five weeks after 9/11, workers were still unearthing extremely hot, molten metal in the basements of all three buildings, as indicated by photos, eye-witness accounts, and aerial infrared imaging. Photographs indicate streams of molten metal, yellow-hot and flashing white-hot, running from both of the Twin Towers. (White and yellow coloration of molten metal indicates temperatures of at least 1200 and 1000 °C (2192 and 1832 °F), respectively; temperatures far hotter than possible from the burning of aircraft fuel or office materials; Jones, 2006). Dr. Keith Eaton stated: “*They showed us many fascinating slides, ranging from molten metal which was still red hot weeks after the event, to 4-inch thick steel plates sheared and bent in the disaster*” (from *Structural Engineer*, 11/3/02). Gary Fuchek observed, “*In the first few weeks, sometimes when a worker would pull a steel beam from the wreckage, the end of the beam would be dripping molten steel*” (GCN, 9/11/02). According to physicist, Steven E. Jones (2006):

These observations are consistent with the use of high-temperature cutter-charges such as thermite, HMX or RDX, or some combination thereof, routinely used to melt/cut/demolish steel. Thermite is a mixture of iron oxide and aluminum powder. The end products of the thermite reaction are aluminum oxide and molten iron.

Dr. Jonathan Barnett also reported: “*fire and the structural damage... would not explain steel members in the debris pile that appear to have been partly evaporated*” (Glanz; New York Times, 11/29/01). According to Jones (2006):

The observed “partly evaporated” steel members is particularly upsetting to the official story, since fires involving paper, office materials, even diesel fuel, cannot generate temperatures anywhere near the ~5180° F (~2860 °C) needed to evaporate

steel. However, thermite-variants, RXD and other commonly used incendiaries or explosives (i.e., cutter charges) can readily slice through steel, thus cutting the support columns in a controlled demolition, and reach the required temperatures.

Mark Loizeaux, President of Controlled Demolition, Inc., (CDI) had access to the rubble, and noted temperatures of 733 °C (1,377 °F) at the east corner of the South Tower five weeks after 9/11. He also reported temperatures more than twice that (over 1466 °C or 2754 °F) at the bottom of the elevator shafts, seven stories below the surface. In addition, on September 16, 2001, NASA flew an airplane over the WTC complex to measure infra-red radiation (heat) coming from the ground. A U.S. Geological Survey map utilizing the NASA data shows surface temperatures of 747, 627, and 727 °C (1377, 1161, and 1341 °F) emanating from rubble near the South Tower, the North Tower, and Building 7, respectively. Again, these temperatures are about twice that of the highest temperatures possibly produced from the actual jet fuel fires (360 °C or 680 °F), as indicated by photographic evidence (from *Loose Change*).

2) Numerous witnesses, including firemen and others, reported hearing, feeling, and seeing explosions go off in the buildings. Some were injured from the explosions and some reported being blown off their feet. Of particular interest were the tremendous explosions that occurred at the base of each of the Twin Towers. Firefighter Edward Cacchia reported:

We thought there was like an internal detonation, explosives, because it went in succession, boom, boom, boom, boom and then the tower came down... It actually gave at a lower floor, not the floor where the plane hit (Dwyer, New York Times, 8/12/05).

On September 24, 2001, firefighter Louie Cacchiole stated to *People Weekly*:

I was taking firefighters up in the elevator to the 24th floor to get in position to evacuate workers. On the last trip up a bomb went off. We think there were bombs set in the building (from *Loose Change*).

Teresa Veliz, a worker on the 47th floor of the North Tower, reported:

There were explosions going off everywhere. I was convinced that there were bombs planted all over the place and someone was sitting at a control panel pushing buttons. There was another explosion. And another. I didn't know where to run (from *Loose Change*).

On August 12, 2005, 15 hours of radio transmissions and transcripts of interviews with firefighters that had been withheld by the Port Authority were finally released. Captain Karin de Shore, Battalion 46 stated:

Somewhere around the middle of the WTC, there was this orange and red flash.... Initially, it was just one and then it just kept popping all the way around the building and it started to explode.... As far as I could see, these popping sounds and

the explosions were getting bigger, going both up and down and then all around the building (from *Loose Change*).

3) Light flashes (bombs and explosions) going off 20 to 30 stories below the “*demolition wave*” are recorded in video images shown in *Loose Change* and *Painful Deceptions* and in Hufschmid’s (2002) *Painful Questions*. Indeed, there were many reports of numerous explosions going off in both WTC Buildings 1 and 2 on nearly all live TV broadcasts aired on 9/11. Danish bomb expert Bent Lund stated to the Daily Copenhagen Newspaper “BT”: “**An estimated amount of about 1 tons of extra high-explosives bombs must have been detonated inside the World Trade Center complex in order to make the Towers collapse in the manner they did.**” However, most of the live broadcasts that were shown on the morning of 9/11 that showed evidence contradicting the official version of events were never aired again.

Van Romero, Vice President for research at New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, had this first impression:

My opinion is, based on the videotapes, after the airplanes hit the WTC, there were some explosives inside the buildings that caused the towers to collapse. The collapses were too methodical to be a chance result of the airplanes colliding with the structures (from *Loose Change*).

However, within a week, Romero changed his story and attributed the collapse of the buildings to fire and plane impact.

On November 11, 2001, the Port Authority released some of the taped conversations of the firefighters they had withheld from the public. That tape includes these four firefighter’s voices from inside WTC 1 and 2 on 9/11 (from *Loose Change*):

“I, uh, got a witness who said there was an explosion on floors 7-8, 7-8.”

“Battalion 3 to Dispatch, we’ve just had another explosion.”

“We’ve got another explosion on the Tower, 10-13, 10-13.”

“I was involved in the secondary, uh, explosion at Tower 1, Kay.”

Columbia University seismographs detected 2.1 and 2.3 magnitude shaking in the South and North Towers, respectively. In each case, the greatest shaking seems to coincide with the initial explosions set in the basements, that were probably designed to destroy the foundations of the buildings where they were anchored to bedrock (Hufschmid, 2002).

4) On one live video segment shown (only once) on CNN Breaking News on the morning of 9/11, a huge plume of smoke, some 50 to 60 stories high, is seen rising to the north and west of the Twin Towers, which had both been hit but had not yet fallen. In his video documentary *911 In Plane Site* (2004), David VonKleist shows this footage and asks: If the Towers had been hit but had not yet fallen, what caused this huge explosion? The most likely explanation is that this

explosion was related to the controlled demolition of the buildings, and may have come from the most powerful initial explosion(s) used to destroy the buildings' foundations. Again, VonKleist notes that this video segment was shown only once and was never aired again.

5) Photographs of WTC 2 (South Tower) show that its collapse was initiated by detonating explosives near the plane crash zone. The upper portion of the tower is then seen to detach from the rest of the building and began to tilt or tip toward the crash zone. Within milliseconds, other explosives were detonated along the crash zone, breaking all the columns in that zone. Then both the upper segment of the tower and the rest of the building shatters more or less simultaneously and falls, nearly at the speed of gravity. This sequence of events suggests that explosives detonated in the crash zone severed the top section from the base in a controlled demolition. And the fact that the upper tilted section did not fall off to the side of the building suggests that someone very skilled in controlled demolitions was closely monitoring the collapse of the building (Hufschmid, 2002; Jones, 2006).

6) During collapse of WTC 1 and 2, vast clouds of dense dust and portions of the steel columns were violently thrown out hundreds of feet away from the collapsing buildings. The dust came from the pulverization of concrete in the floors, along with everything else in the building except the steel beams and trusses, etc.. Clearly, the pulverizing of all the concrete in the Twin Towers required a tremendous energy source in addition to the impact of the planes, the burning of jet fuel, and the kinetic energy of the falling building. Video footage of each collapsing building shows concrete plumes or "squibs" exploding out of office windows in advance (below) of the demolition wave. These "squibs" appear much like plumes observed in controlled demolitions of other large buildings (Jones, 2006). In contrast with the Twin Towers, which were demolished from the top-down in order to make them appear to fall from the plane crashes, Building 7 was demolished in the more conventional "bottom-up" fashion that requires fewer explosives. Thus, video evidence of the collapse of Building 7 shows plumes or "squibs" of concrete emanating from lower story offices first. By the end of the day, the entire WTC area was covered with concrete and gypsum powder up to several inches thick, as if a volcano had erupted nearby and covered the area with volcanic ash (Jones, 2006).

7) Other than the all-pervasive dust with the consistency of talcum powder (which included all concrete, office materials and human remains), the only intact items that remained at Ground Zero were relatively short segments of steel, generally less than about 24 feet in length. These steel segments were immediately loaded onto trucks with GPS tracking devices that carried the steel (evidence) to ships bound for Asia. The name of the contractor that removed materials from the site is Controlled Demotions, Inc. (CDI), a demolitions expert that also took care of the cleanup of the Federal Building in Oklahoma City in 1995 (Hufschmid, 2002). In their advertising brochure, CDI boasts that:

Our DREXS systems segment steel components into pieces matching the lifting capacity of the available evidence (from Hufschmid, 2002)

In other words, CDI is boasting here that its controlled demolitions technologies facilitate the cleanup job by ensuring that the length of steel segments remaining in the rubble pile matches the length of the trucks doing the cleanup (Hufschmid, 2002)! Indeed, photos of steel

beams being loaded onto trucks to show that the length of steel beams matches the length of the trucks perfectly.

8) How could explosives have been pre-set in the three buildings? David Cord, a guard at the North Tower, reported that security details were working 12-hour shifts during the two weeks prior to 9/11 and that on September 6, bomb sniffing dogs were removed from the building (from *Loose Change*). Ben Fountain, a financial analyst in WTC 1, told *People Magazine* that in the weeks before 9/11 there were a number of unannounced drills which resulted in evacuations of the building. Other WTC employees also report being told not to report for work several days in a row prior to 9/11. This would have given demolition experts the time and access needed to place the explosives at critical joints in the buildings.

Physics professor Steven Jones (2006) estimates that it would have taken about three weeks to prepare the demolition, but this would have been made easier by the fact that tenants in the building included the CIA, the FBI, DOD, and Silverstein Associates. About 4,000 lbs. of explosives would have been needed for each building. Jones notes it would have been fairly easy to place the explosives in the elevator shafts near the core columns, thus bringing down the core columns and the buildings. He speculates that the job could have been accomplished by 10 men, each making 10 trips with 40 lbs. of explosives.

As it turns out, Marvin P. Bush, the President's brother, was on the board of Directors of the company (formerly *Securacom*, now called *Stratesec, Inc.*) that had the contract to handle security at the WTC "up to the day the buildings fall down" (Burns, 2003). This business, backed by a private Kuwaiti-American investment firm, also had the security contract for United Air Lines and Dulles International Airport. Marvin Bush resigned on September 11, 2001. In December, 2000, Stratesec added a government division, providing security systems to the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, and Department of Justice. This same company stood to gain by limitations on liability and national-security protections from investigation that were provided in Congressional bills passed since 9/11. HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc., a reinsurance corporation on whose board Marvin Bush also sat as director until November, 2002, similarly benefited from legislation pushed by the Bush White House and rubber-stamped by the Republican Congress. HCC carried some of the insurance for the WTC (American Reporter, 1/20/03; *Loose Change*).

9) Building 7 was never hit by an airplane. However, small fires started burning on a few of the floors after the collapse of WTC 1 and 2. Hufschmid (2002a) notes that these fires were small enough that they should have been extinguished by the building's sprinkler systems. Suddenly, at 5:20 p.m., Building 7 disintegrated and collapsed spectacularly and with perfect symmetry in 6.5 seconds (basically, the speed of gravity). Unlike the Twin Towers, which exploded in a "top-down" fashion, the collapse of Building 7 was more a typical "bottom-up" demolition requiring fewer explosives. The perfect collapse of WTC 7 captured on several live TV broadcasts can be viewed in numerous 9/11 videos as well at www.st911.org and <http://wtc.net/>. Watch for the initial "kink", or drop in the middle, the "squibs" blowing in sequence up the side of the building as explosives are detonated on the different floors, and the symmetrical, straight-down collapse.

Photographic evidence indicates no damage at all had occurred on the north side of the building prior to its catastrophic collapse at 5:20 pm. In fact, researcher Jim Hoffman reports

that it was a textbook implosion typical of a perfect controlled demolition. The building came down in a smooth, vertical motion in 6.5 seconds, essentially the rate of free fall. The rubble pile shows that the columns and everything else fell inward toward a relatively small, compact rubble pile. This itself is a considerable engineering feat (Hoffman, 2004). For this to have happened all 57 perimeter columns and 25 core columns had to be destroyed simultaneously with carefully placed explosives that were detonated sequentially. The collapse of Building 7 is not well known by the public as the issues surrounding it have been shrouded in secrecy.

10) Larry Silverstein, the building's owner, appeared on PBS's "America Rebuilds" (September, 2002) saying he ordered Building 7 to be "pulled" (i.e., demolished): Silverstein stated:

I remember getting a call from the fire department commander, telling me that they were not sure that they were gonna be able to contain the fire, and I said "You know, we've had such terrible loss of life, maybe the smartest thing to do is ... is pull it." And they made that decision to pull and then we watched the building collapse.

This astonishing admission of guilt was made on public television by the owner of the building himself! Subsequent to 9/11, all the other buildings in the WTC complex were also brought down by controlled demolition, suggesting that this is what Silverstein had intended for the entire complex.

11) Building 7's tenants included major financial corporations, such as Hartford and Salomon-Smith Barney, and government agencies, such as FEMA, the CIA, the FBI, the IRS, the Department of Defense U.S. Security Services, the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC). It may not be coincidental that the SEC lost 1000's of files pertaining to corporate scandals such those of ENRON, WorldCom, etc., being conducted at that time. But most significantly, the 23rd floor of Building 7 housed Mayor Guiliani's Office of Emergency Management (OEM). In 1996, at a cost of \$15 million, Guiliani had this floor retro-fit to function as his emergency command center. Bulletproof and bomb-resistant windows were installed that had been designed to withstand 160 mph winds. And the entire 23rd floor was fortified with its own emergency air and water supplies, etc. As it turns out, the 23rd floor offered excellent views of the entire area and its occupants would have been completely protected from the exploding dust and debris of the collapsing WTC 1 and 2 (Hufschmid, 2002).

Although New York City officials claim that Building 7 was entirely evacuated at 9:00 a.m. on 9/11, in all probability the office of emergency management on the 23rd floor functioned as command center for the 9/11 operation. It is from this vantage point that the "*professional killers*" probably supervised the attack itself, monitoring the airplane crashes, the controlled demolitions of the building's, etc.

12) Danish filmmaker Henrik Melvang (2002) produced evidence that the video clips shown to Americans of the Twin Towers' collapse were heavily edited. He also noted that the strong steel-tube construction of the towers makes it impossible for the towers to collapse in a pancake manner unless the steel trusses were blasted apart at their joints. So say all the bomb experts.

13) It has recently come to light that a third plane, a large commercial-class aircraft, slowly orbited the restricted airspace over the Twin Towers at about 2000 feet for several minutes while the North Tower burned and the South Tower was being struck (*Scholars for 9/11 Truth*, 2006). The presence of this “**mystery jet**” is confirmed by photographs, video footage, and eyewitness accounts. This fact, ignored in the official government reports, has not been reported by most 9/11 investigators. Its significance is that this aircraft must have been performing some kind of surveillance role in the operation. The author of this article, an academic, received threats against himself and his family. The anonymous source of the threats told him to drop out of *Scholars for 9/11 Truth* and said that this study should “go away.”

Government/Media Explanations for the Collapses

Researcher Jim Hoffman (Celsius 9/11, 2004) has identified three bogus theories that government and media sources have used to discredit the “*conspiracy theory*” that the buildings came down by controlled demolition. These are:

a) “the core-meltdown” or “killer fires” theory postulates that the steel in the core of the building melted. Again, this theory is easily disproved because the temperature required to begin to melt steel (1535 °C, or 2795 °F) is nearly twice that of the highest temperatures possible for jet fuel fires (825 °C or 1517 °F) and about three times higher than the highest temperatures actually reached in the buildings based on photographic evidence (360 °C or 680 °F).

b) The “column failure” or “wet noodle” theory holds that fire caused heating and buckling of the core columns. This theory was endorsed by Silverstein Associates in their lawsuits. This theory is disproved by the same basic, scientific facts as the first theory. Indeed, the fires never covered an entire floor and none of the characteristics of even a 700 °C (1292 °F) fire were observed in photos.

c) The “truss failure,” “zipper and domino,” or “pancake” theory relies upon a chain reaction of trusses failing. But this theory does not even acknowledge the importance to the building’s structure of the core and perimeter columns. In essence, this theory wishes away the core columns, altogether. This theory was used in the 2002 NOVA PBS television special.

The most recent NOVA PBS TV special (“*Building on Ground Zero*,” 2006) claims to report the findings of a new investigation based on video evidence, since the physical evidence has now been destroyed. This new “official” version acknowledges that a later study by NIST discovered that truss connections did not fail, then goes on to make the claim that the trusses pulled on the columns, which then collapsed. The three engineering “experts” interviewed claim that the planes severely damaged the interior cores, the stairs and the elevators and created an 1800 °F (968 °C) raging inferno. (Please note that the temperatures claimed here are about 2.7 times higher than the temperatures actually reached based on photographic evidence). In addition, there is no mention of the collapse of Building 7, the total pulverization of concrete and all other objects other than steel, the temperatures at which jet fuel fires burn, or the temperatures at which steel melts. The program featured impressive computer graphics and several interviews with survivors of 9/11, but no interviews with firemen or first responders at ground zero. And probably a third of the program was dedicated to improving stairway design in the future!!

Amazingly, these “experts” conclude that despite the catastrophic collapses of the buildings, the WTC had no structural flaws, thus exonerating the engineers who designed the building. How many preposterous lies can you find in this program?

III. Remotely-controlled, Non-commercial Aircraft Hit the Twin Towers

Eyewitness accounts broadcast live on the morning of the 9/11 attacks suggest that the aircraft that hit the Twin Towers were not Flights 11 and 175, as has been widely assumed. These accounts indicate the plane that hit the South Tower had a blue logo in the front and no windows on its sides. This exchange was heard live on Fox News Alert on the morning of 9/11:

Reporter: Mark Burnbach, a Fox employee is on the phone with us. Mark witnessed this from what we understand. Mark, were you close enough to see any markings on the airplane?

Mark: Yeah. There was definitely a blue logo, it was like a circular logo on the front of the plane. It definitely did not look like a commercial plane, I didn't see any windows on the sides.

Reporter: Mark, if what you say is true, these could be cargo planes, or something like that. You say you didn't see any windows on the sides?

Mark: I didn't see any windows on the sides. I saw the plane flying low. I was probably like a block away from the subway in Brooklyn- and that plane came down very low. And again, it was not a normal flight that I've ever seen at an airport. It was a plane that had a blue logo on the front and it did not look like it belonged in this area, to be frankly about it. I mean that's not an accident.

The same reporter later stated: “*We have a report of a 4th explosion at the Trade Center.*” And in this same live segment shown in *In Plane Site* (2004) a woman is heard screaming (twice): “*That was not American Airlines.*”

In his video documentary, *In Plane Site*, Dave VonKeist also shows slowed-down images taken from four different cameras from four different angles, each of which shows a distinct flash emanating from the front of the plane just before it hit the South Tower. Using video images from the Naudet brother's “*9/11 Fireman's Documentary*,” VonKleist shows there was also a flash immediately preceding the crash of the first plane with the North Tower. VonKleist speculates that these flashes were the result of missiles (explosives) that were fired into the buildings by military drone planes immediately prior to their impact. These images also show something large attached to the base of the plane that hit the South Tower, perhaps an auxiliary fuel tank.

VonKleist (2004) concludes that both planes that hit the Twin Towers were probably unmanned, military drones flown by remote control. VonKleist learned that, prior to 9/11, the U.S. Air Force purchased a number of Boeing 767's to serve as fuel tankers.

Regarding the possibility of remotely controlled aircraft, Jon Phalen, commented in “**No Need for Hijackers, Keep it Simple, Fly by Remote:**” *“The advancing dependency on avionic interfaces has brought with it an advancing potential for the total electronic co-optation of those interfaces... All that was needed was for technologists to devise a back door”* (from Thorn, 2006)

Finally, a group of experienced American military and civilian pilots, after deliberating non-stop for 72 hours in Portugal in 2002, concluded that the flight crews of the four passenger airlines involved in the 9/11 hijacking had no control over their aircraft. They report that it would be impossible for novices such as the alleged hijackers to have controlled those airplanes. Rather, they believe the aircraft were probably steered by remote control. Retired USAF Captain Kent Hill maintained that the four airliners or substitute drones must have been choreographed by an Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS). This system can engage several aircraft simultaneously by knocking out their on-board flight controls (The NEWS, “September 11- U.S. Government Accused, 3/08/02).

IV. A Missile and Military Aircraft Hit the Pentagon

The Pentagon is the most fortified, well-defended building in the world, and is defended by missiles. The West Wing of the Pentagon, where some kind of explosion occurred on 9/11, had been and was still in the process of being reinforced and renovated. The top Pentagon brass, including Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, all worked in the East Wing. Andrews Air Force base, with two squadrons of F-16 fighters, was a mere 10 minutes away.

Photographs of the outer façade of the West Wing show a single hole about 16’ in diameter that appeared after something exploded into it. This hole penetrated the outer three rings of the Pentagon, including 9’ of steel-reinforced concrete. Boeing 757s are 155 feet long and have a wingspan of 125 feet and a height of 44 feet, including the tail section. So if the official story is correct and Flight 77 hit the Pentagon, it would have made a much larger and more elongated hole. It also would have left about 100 tons of wreckage! The two Pratt and Whitney engines of a Boeing 757 are made of steel-titanium alloy, are 9’ in diameter and 12’ long, and weigh 6 tons each. However, no wreckage of a Boeing 757 or remains of any passengers were ever found or seen on photographs inside or outside the Pentagon.

One CNN reporter stated:

From my close up inspection, there is no evidence of a plane having crashed anywhere near the Pentagon.

That’s right. There were no large tail sections, wing sections, fuselage, remains of the huge, six-ton engines; there was nothing to indicate that a Boeing 757 hit the Pentagon. Seismic stations near the Pentagon also did not register the kind of disturbances that would be expected from the crash of a Boeing 757.

The official explanation- that intense heat from the jet fuel fires completely vaporized the entire Boeing 757- is even more preposterous than the (also preposterous) proposition that jet fuel fires brought down the three WTC buildings.

Within five minutes after the explosion, FBI agents confiscated video tapes from security surveillance cameras from three nearby buildings: a gas station across the street, a Sheraton Hotel, and a Virginia Department of Transportation building. Each of these surveillance tapes would show what hit the Pentagon. But the FBI has never released these tapes to any investigative committee. The FBI agents also ordered employees at these facilities not to discuss what they had seen.

Jose Valesquez, of the CITGO gas station, stated:

I've never seen what the pictures looked like. The FBI was here within minutes and took the film. (National Geographic, 12/11/01; *Loose Change*).

From the Sheraton Hotel comes this account:

Hotel employees sat watching the film in shock and horror several times before the FBI confiscated it. (Inside the Ring/Gertz File, 9/21/01).

How could there be a crash, an explosion, and no plane wreckage? Eric Hufschmid (2002a, 2002b) amasses strong evidence indicating the Pentagon was hit by a missile and a lightweight, high-tech military aircraft, such as a Global Hawk. Since the Pentagon is defended by missiles, it would have been an easy matter to fire one of their own (cruise) missiles into the West Wing. People at the scene report that the shock wave from the crash threw them to the ground, and one person was thrown 100 feet! Witnesses also report seeing a bright, silvery flash and smelling cordite. The Pentagon originally maintained they had no surveillance video photos of the crash. However, after Messyan's book, *Pentagate* (2002) cast serious doubt on the official story, the Pentagon released five photos which show a bright whitish, explosive fireball without soot. The five frames show no Boeing 757 or plane whatsoever. Big mistake, Pentagon.

Reviewing some basic chemistry, Hufschmid (2002) contrasts the photos of the whitish Pentagon fireball shown in the five images released by the Pentagon with those of the orange-colored, sooty fires created by the burning of jet fuel at WTC 1 and 2. He notes that the whitish-colored fireball of the Pentagon photos is typical of the kind of explosives used in missiles and is distinctly different from the orange, sooty kind of fires produced by burning jet (diesel) fuel. Hufschmid explains: Jet fuel fires burn at a maximum temperature of about 1517 °F (825 °C, when there is an abundant source of oxygen) and they are not under explosive pressure. By contrast, plastic explosives, such as C-4 explosives used by the military in missiles, are comprised of about 90% RDX and 10% rubbery materials. RDX consists of molecules comprised of oxygen, nitrogen, carbon, and hydrocarbons. When RDX ignites, the molecules shatter and the gases expand at supersonic speed, exerting about 5 million pounds psi (per square inch) pressure, thus producing a tremendous shock wave and temperatures of about 3000 °F (1635 °C). On this basis, and because no Boeing 757 can be seen in any photographic images, Hufschmid concludes that what hit the Pentagon was a missile, not a Boeing 757. Additionally,

the kind of supersonic shock wave produced by C-4 explosives used in a missile would explain why by-standers were violently thrown many feet away from where they were standing.

But something other than a missile also apparently have hit the Pentagon. TV video shows government officials immediately removing evidence from the scene at the Pentagon crash site (Hufschmid, 2002). One photo shows a clean-up crew, including a closely spaced line of office workers and another shows two executives in white shirt and ties, picking up and removing wreckage from the Pentagon lawn. Another photo shows 10 to 20 middle-aged (slightly paunchy) men in white shirts carrying a large, lightweight box covered with a blue tarp. Photos also show pieces of aluminum on the Pentagon lawn as well as some kind of fly wheel about 3' in diameter, which may be part of the wreckage of a small plane, such as a Global Hawk.

Hufschmid (2002) speculated that the Pentagon was also hit by some kind of high-tech, military aircraft like a Global Hawk is supported by Dulles International Airport air traffic controller Danielle O'Brien's who said this on ABC news (9/14/01):

The speed, the maneuverability, the way he turned, we all thought.... All of us experienced air traffic controllers, that it was a military plane.

Hufschmid notes that while a total of six Global Hawks were made, the military informed him that only four remain, the other two having been lost "in ongoing operations."

Also, just as at the World Trade Center, eye witnesses report seeing unidentified aircraft in restricted air space over the Pentagon immediately after the attack. One reports a U.S. military helicopter circling the Pentagon after the crash. Others report seeing two planes; a gray C-130 cargo plane and an unmarked white jet. Eyewitness Scott Cook stated he saw:

A four-engine propeller plane... which resembled a C-130, started a steep descent towards the Pentagon.

John O'Keefe reported:

Then the plane- it looked like a C-130 cargo plane- started turning away from the Pentagon.

Another anonymous observer reported:

The only large... aircraft to appear was a gray C-130, which appeared to be a Navy electronic warfare plane.

The second plane, an unmarked white plane, a jet, was also reported flying in the restricted air space over Washington D.C. by CNN (from *Loose Change*). Note that C-130 cargo planes were favored for transporting illegal drugs into this country for decades by the CIA (Scott, 2000).

Also relying on eyewitness testimony, Eastman (2003) concludes that three “decoy” aircraft were near the scene of the Pentagon crash (BBC, 9/13/01). These included:

- 1) Flight 77, a Boeing 757, flown either by remote control or by pilot, came in low from the west, passed the Sheraton Hotel and flew directly over the Naval Annex before overflying the actual crash. It proceeded through the plume of smoke, turned left over the 14th Street Bridge, and landed at Reagan National Airport on the southeastern-most runway, all within a minute of the actual attack.
- 2) A C-130 followed the Boeing 757, came in from the west and also overflew the crash, flying through the plume of smoke some 30 seconds after the attack. The purpose of this plane, according to Eastman, was to provide “plausible deniability” for any who might later claim to have seen more than one plane at the crash.
- 3) A four-engine jet was seen flying and doing dives in restricted airspace over the Capitol Building and the White House just before the attack. This plane had the function of drawing people’s attention away from the real killer jet that hit the Pentagon. This plane may have been the “unmarked white jet” described by witnesses above.

Eastman believes the function of these three planes was to create “aerial distraction,” thus concealing the approach and identity of the real killer jet, an F-16 fighter that came in only six feet above the ground at over 700 mph and fired a missile into the Pentagon immediately before crashing into the Pentagon.

Unfortunately, the question of what happened to the passengers of the four hijacked airliners remains a mystery; I have seen no report that seems to adequately explain their fate. It is interesting to note, however, that taken together, the four planes were only 20% full on the morning of 9/11.

V. The Hoax of Flight 93

The media reported that Flight 93 crashed in a field near Shanksville, PA at 10:03 am on 9/11. However, there are many reasons to suspect that this is also a lie. Again, no wreckage or debris or remains of passengers were observed at the crash site. The movie, *Loose Change, 2nd Edition*, explores the confusing issues surrounding this crash site. Wally Miller, the Somerset County coroner, described the crash site like this to the Houston Chronicle and the Washington Post:

It looked like someone took a dump truck, dug a 10’ ditch and dumped trash into it.... I stopped being coroner after about 20 minutes. There were no bodies there. I have not to this day seen a single drop of blood. Not a drop.

(Mayor) White stated on the morning of 9/11 that Flight 93 was moved to a secure area of the Cleveland (Hopkins) airport and was evacuated there. And United Airlines itself identified the evacuated plane as Flight 93 (WCPO-TV, Cincinnati, 11:43 am, 9/11). According to United Airlines, two flights were forced to land at the Hopkins Airport due to a bomb threat.

One of these, UA Flight 93, landed at 10:43 a.m. whereupon 200 passengers were evacuated and brought to the Glenn Research Center, an empty NASA facility at the airport (from *Loose Change*). What happened to those passengers? We still do not know.

On April 10, 2003 David Freedman, an employee at Chicago's O'Hare Airport, spotted Flight 93 at O'Hare Airport. If Flight 93 is still operational, what plane crashed? Was it another military drone? What about the eyewitnesses who claim to have seen a (military) aircraft shooting down Flight 93? What about the debris supposedly scattered over 2.5 miles? Answers to these questions, apparently, will not be available until a legitimate investigation is conducted.

VI. The Patsies: Osama Bin Laden and the 19 Alleged Hijackers

Again, in a “*false-flag, state-sponsored terror*” staged event, we are supposed to be fooled into believing that the operation was carried out by designated ‘patsies,’ who are generally members of a group targeted as political enemies (Tarpley, 2006). The following facts reveal that Osama Bin Laden and the 19 alleged hijackers (with box cutters) were patsies:

1) Again, *Al Qaeda*, the *Mujahadeen*, and *Osama Bin Laden*, and indeed, all the “*Islamic Terror Networks*” were created, trained, and funded by the CIA and Saudi Arabia during the 1980's proxy war with the Soviet Union in Afghanistan, in “the largest covert operation in the history of the CIA.” The Pakistan intelligence agency (ISI) was used as go-between so effectively that generally speaking, Moslem “terrorists” did not know the identity of their (CIA) sponsors. More recently, the U.S. Congress found that Al Qaeda was still linked with U.S. intelligence agencies in the war in Kosovo and in Bosnia in 1998. Indeed, to this day, Al Qaeda continues to be an “intelligence asset” of the CIA and continues to conduct covert operations around the world on the CIA's behalf (Chossudovsky, 2003). The most recent documented connection between Al Qaeda and the U.S. military/intelligence apparatus is that Al Qaeda was working with the CIA- supported KLA (Kosovo Liberation Army) and organized crime in the summer of 2001 (Chossudovsky, 2006).

2) Osama bin Laden purportedly purchased a jet from the U.S. military in 1993. Later, this jet was used to transport missiles from Pakistan that killed American Special Forces in Somalia.

3) In January, 2001, the Bush Administration ordered the FBI to “back off” investigations involving the bin Laden family, including two of Osama's relatives (BBC Newsnight, Nov. 7, 2001). Could this be connected with the fact that in 1998 and 2000, George H.W. Bush, a consultant for the Carlyle Group (the U.S.'s 11th largest defense contractor), met with the Saudi Royal family and the extremely wealthy bin Laden family (Wall Street Journal, Sept. 27, 2001). In fact, U.S. agencies have had many opportunities to arrest Osama Bin Laden but have chosen not to.

4) In July, 2001, Osama bin Laden, was visited by a top CIA official (presumably the Chief of Station) while he was recovering from a chronic kidney infection at the American Hospital in Dubai, France. At this time, Osama was officially wanted for bombing two U.S. embassies and for the attack on the U.S.S. Cole. Nevertheless, he was allowed to leave Dubai on his private jet (French newspaper, Le Figaro, Oct. 31, 2001).

5) On Sept. 10, 2001, Osama Bin Laden checked in to a military hospital in Rawalpindi, Pakistan. In all likelihood, he was there on 9/11 while the attacks occurred. Since the Pakistan military has close connections with the CIA and the US military, his whereabouts must have been known by the military (Chossudovsky, 2006). In all likelihood, however, Osama Bin Laden died several years ago, as his health was reported to be bad and failing at the time of the 9/11 attacks.

6) On September 11, at 11:00 am EST, only about an hour after the 9/11 attacks were finished, the FBI identified Osama Bin Laden as the responsible, guilty party. They released the names of the 19 alleged hijackers three days later (Chossudovsky, 2006). No supporting evidence was offered. The very next day, on September 12, the news headlines pointed to “*state sponsorship of the attacks by Afghanistan.*” On Oct. 7, Afghanistan was bombed and invaded by U.S. troops. However, the decision to go to war with Afghanistan had been made months, even years before 9/11. Thus, 9/11 was simply the (orchestrated) pretext for the invasion. In fact, Osama and the 19 alleged hijackers are Saudi Arabians, not Afghans or Iraqis.

7) On September 16 and September 28, Osama Bin Laden made public statements denying he had any involvement in the 9/11 attacks. On September 16, he stated:

I stress that I have not carried out this act. It appears to have been carried out by individuals with their own motivations.

On September 28, Osama stated in an interview with BBC, printed in Pakistan publication, *Umat*:

I have already stated that I have no involvement in the events of September 11 and the attacks on the United States. I had no knowledge of these acts. Nor do I consider the killing of innocent women and children and other humans an appreciable act. There exists a government within the government of the United States. That secret government must be asked as to who carried out these attacks. The U.S. should trace the perpetrators of those attacks to these persons who want to make the present century one of their own control- who want to enslave other countries.

8) On December, 13, the Pentagon and the White House released a tape showing a considerably heavier, bearded man, supposed to be Osama Bin Laden, confessing to the crimes of 9/11. However, various professors who are Bin Laden experts agree that this man is clearly not Osama Bin Laden (from Jones, 2006).

9) Months later, supposedly after the most intense FBI search in history, FBI Director Muller announced they had found no evidence connecting 9/11 with Bin Laden and the alleged hijackers:

The hijackers also left no paper trail. In our investigation, we have not uncovered a single piece of paper either here in the U.S. or in the treasure trove of information

that has turned up in Afghanistan and elsewhere that mentioned any aspect of the September 11 plot.

Hence, the only “evidence” the government has produced so far that connects Bin Laden with the crimes of 9/11 is a phony, doctored tape in which a man who is clearly not Osama claims responsibility for the attacks.

To summarize: Although the Bush administration identified Osama Bin Laden as the culprit within a few hours of the 9/11 attacks, it provided no evidence. After months of the most intense international investigations in world history, involving the world’s largest intelligence agencies, still no credible evidence was produced that linked the attacks to Osama bin Laden and Al-Qaeda. Osama bin Laden was never apprehended.

10) And most recently (2006), Rex Tomb of the FBI admitted: “*The FBI has no hard evidence linking bin Laden to 9/11.*” **Conclusion:** Osama didn’t do it!

11) Four of the alleged hijackers are Saudi professionals whose identities, including “personal details,” were stolen by the FBI. These four were in the Middle East when the 9/11 attacks occurred and were “outraged” to be identified as terrorists. They include Saeed Al-Ghamdi, 25, a Saudi Airlines pilot who was training in Tunisia on 9/11. Abdul Aziz Al-Omari is an engineer who was at his desk at the Saudi telecommunications authority in Riyadh when the attacks occurred. Ahmed Al-Nami, 33, is an administrative supervisor with Saudi Arabian Airlines who was also in Riyadh when the attacks took place. Finally, Salem Al-Hamzi, 26, was working at a petro-chemical complex in Yanbou on 9/11 (Harrison, 2006).

12) Fifteen of the alleged hijackers should have been denied entry to the U.S. for faulty visa documents (Washington Post, 10/22/02; Meacher, 2003). Michael Springmann, former head of the American Visa Bureau in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, has stated that since 1987, the CIA has been illicitly issuing visas to unqualified applicants from the Middle East and bringing them to the U.S. for training in terrorism for the Afghan war in collaboration with Bin Laden (BBC, 11/6/01). Springmann reports that he had rejected the immigration applications of many of the “9/11 terrorists” only to be overruled by the CIA (Meacher, 2003; Springmann, 2006).

13) Five of the hijackers were given flight training and language instruction at U.S. military installations (*Newsweek*, 9/15/01). The “puddle-jumper” flight training schools in Venice, Florida, at which some of the hijackers trained, have CIA ties and were established in the year 2000 with CIA money (*Newsweek*, 9/15/01, *Washington Post*, 9/16/01, *New York Times*, 9/15/01; Hopsicker, 2003). A *U.S. Press* report (3/2/02) stated:

New evidence linking the owner of the Venice, Florida flight school that trained Mohamed Atta to the Central Intelligence Agency surfaced last month. The new evidence adds to existing indications that Mohamed Atta and his terrorist cadre’s flight training in this country was part of a so-far unacknowledged U.S. government intelligence operation which had ultimately tragic consequences for thousands of civilians on September 11. Far from merely being negligent or asleep at the switch- the thrust so far of allegations expected to be aired at joint Senate and House Select Committee hearings this month- the accumulating evidence suggests the CIA was

not just aware of the thousands of Arab student pilots who began pouring into this country several years ago to attend flight training, but was running the operation for still-unexplained reasons.

This alleged CIA operation involves claimed links to Caribe Air which:

is today controlled by an offshore bank located on the Caribbean Island of Dominica, Banc Caribe, a private bank that may be being investigated currently by authorities pursuing the names involved in Enron's secret offshore partnerships, many of which have the name Caribe in their title...

In addition, Paul (2004) notes that the flight school in Norman, Oklahoma where some of the alleged hijackers received training is owned by billionaire Warren Buffet.

14) None of the alleged hijackers named by the FBI were on the official passenger lists of the supposedly hijacked planes. In fact, there were no Arabic names on any of the passenger lists.

15) There is no airport security camera footage of the 19 alleged hijackers boarding the planes involved.

16) Records show that although the alleged hijackers attended flight schools, their instructors pronounced them incapable of flying even small aircraft. It would have been impossible for them (or any other hijacker) to have commandeered Boeing 757s or 767s.

17) There are no record of autopsy's performed on any of the alleged hijackers.

18) Although Mohammed Atta has been portrayed as a Muslim fundamentalist fanatic, in fact he frequented bars and enjoyed lap-dances and prostitutes. He also was given language instruction at State Department facilities. In all likelihood, he was or perhaps still is a double agent (Hopsicker, 2003).

19) Seven to ten of the 19 alleged hijackers are now alive and well in the Middle East as of 2006. In addition to the four individuals listed in # 3 above, these include Abdul Raman Al-Omari (a pilot with Saudi Arabian Airlines), Waleed Al-Shehri, Mohand Al-Shehri, Wail Al-Hehrei, Ameer and Adnan Bukhari (Global Outlook, 2006).

20) And yet the FBI supposedly found one of the alleged hijacker's (Mohammed Atta) passports amidst the rubble at the Twin Towers. Considering nothing was left at Ground Zero after the collapses of the Towers except steel and concrete ground as fine as talcum powder, this assertion ranks amongst the most ludicrous. The FBI's original story, that the hijackers used shoebox cutters has subsequently given way to the story that they used gas to subdue the passengers and crew. And yet they had no gasmasks!

VII. Foreknowledge of the Attacks and Insider Trading

Researchers have uncovered many indications that insiders had prior knowledge of the attacks and that some profited greatly from their foreknowledge:

- 1) Prominent politicians were warned not to fly on 9/11. San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown was called by NSA head Condoleezza Rice on September 10 and warned not to fly the next day (San Francisco Chronicle). Attorney General John Ashcroft did not fly on commercial planes the entire summer of 2001. And on September 10, a number of top generals cancelled their flights for the morning of 9/11 (Newsweek).
- 2) Whistleblower FBI agents, such as Colleen Rowley, reported they knew over one month before 9/11 of the intended targets and the date of the attacks.
- 3) Mayor Rudi Giuliani reported receiving advance warning that the WTC buildings were going to collapse: “We were told it was going to collapse, and it did collapse.” Meanwhile, the nearly 3000 people who died on that day, including the 357 firefighters who lost their lives, received no advance warnings.
- 4) **It was widely reported in the Arab world after 9-11 that about 4,000 Jewish workers at the World Trade Center did not report for work on the morning of 9/11.** This is probably because Odigo, Inc. in Israel, one of the world’s largest instant messaging companies, with offices in New York City, received warnings of an immanent attack on the WTC less than two hours before the first plane hit the WTC (CNN’s Daniel Sieberg, 9/28/01).
- 5) On September 7, 2001, 27,294 put options, over five times the normal rate, were placed on Boeing stock on the Chicago Stock Exchange. (A put option is a bet that the value of the stock will go down). Also, on Sept. 6 and 7, 4744 put options were purchased on United Airlines (as opposed to only 396 call options) and 4,516 put options were placed on American Airlines as compared with only 748 call options (Ruppert, 2002). Many of these put options were purchased through Deutschebank/AB Brown, a firm managed until 1998 by A.B. Buzzy Krongard, now third in command at the CIA (The New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, The Herzliyya International Policy Institute for Counterterrorism). No other airlines show similar trading patterns and the put option purchases were 600% to 1100% above normal. Likewise, between Sept. 6 and 10, highly abnormal levels of put options were also purchased in Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley, and AXA Re (insurance) which owns 25% of American Airlines. All of these companies were also adversely impacted by 9/11. The San Francisco chronicle reported on Sept. 29, 2001, that \$2.5 million in profits from the put options were still unclaimed.

It should be noted that using sophisticated PROMIS (Prosecutors Management Information System) software, the CIA and Mossad (Israel’s intelligence agency) monitor stock trades in real time and would certainly have known of this unusual trading activity in the days prior to 9/11 (Ruppert, 2002).

- 6) Recovery experts extracted data from 32 damaged WTC computer drives revealing a surge in financial transactions on 9/11. Illegal transfers of \$100s of millions to many billions may have been made through WTC computer systems immediately before and after the disaster (Reuters, 12/18/01). One European report indicates massive trading in gold, oil and other commodities,

with one single trade involving over \$5 billion (Paul Thompson, San Francisco International Citizen's Inquiry, 2004).

7) According to *Loose Change, 2nd Edition*, somewhere between \$1 and \$167 billion in gold was stored in the basements of WTC buildings. Although \$230 million in gold bullion was recovered from an abandoned truck in the basement of WTC 4, the rest has disappeared. Could 9/11 have also involved a gigantic gold heist? Again, a legitimate investigation is still needed to resolve this question.

8) FEMA arrived at Ground Zero the day before the attacks occurred in order to conduct a pre-planned exercise.

VIII. Anthrax Letters and the USA PATRIOT Act

The mysterious and unsolved Anthrax attacks on leading democratic Senators occurred directly following the 9/11 attacks, exacerbating the atmosphere of fear and confusion in Washington, D.C. As of 2006, after years of supposedly intense FBI investigations, no one has been indicted. However, we know the anthrax was made at a military base in Fort Detrick, Maryland.

In October, 2001, the most lethal and weaponized form of anthrax in history was delivered by mail to the main opponents of the new USA PATRIOT ACT (Democratic Senators Daschle, Leahy, and Feingold), to network anchors Dan Rather and Tom Brokaw, and to a Florida journalist who published the first photos of George W. Bush's daughters being arrested for DWI. (This journalist is the only one who died.) Over a year later, it was disclosed that the source of the anthrax was the military facility at Fort Detrick, Maryland. No one has been punished or held accountable for this crime. The Kean 9/11 Commission Report does not address the issue. Development of highly concentrated, militarized anthrax goes back to "Project Jefferson" (of the DIA) on orders from Donald Rumsfeld. It was reported on 9/9/01 that this new strain of anthrax had been created.

Members of the U.S. House of Representatives had to vote on the Anti-terrorism bill (USA Patriot Act) within a month and a half of the 9/11 attacks without ever having the time to review or read the bill. The actual bill arrived on Capitol Hill on October 24, 2001, the night before a roll call vote was taken. Clearly, this lengthy and confusing bill was prepared by someone on behalf of the administration prior to 9/11 and was brought out when the time was ripe. Critics now say the bill does little to prevent terrorism but does greatly increase the ability of the government to conduct surveillance of all Americans without proper search warrants, effectively nullifying several Bill of Rights amendments and taking away part of another. Republican Congressman and Constitutional expert Ron Paul, said this about the "Patriot Act": *"Our forefathers would think it is time for a revolution. They revolted for much milder tyranny than this."*

IX. Vice President Cheney's Role

1) In May, 2001, by presidential order, Vice President Richard Cheney was put in direct control of all war games and training drills of several agencies, including FEMA and NORAD.

2) As noted, on the morning of 9/11, as many as 15 classified war games and exercises were being simultaneously coordinated by Cheney, who was then playing the role of President in the White House situation room (Ruppert, 2005; Celsius 9/11, 2004). Again, although these classified exercises were never investigated by the press, they probably effectively paralyzed fighter response. All these war games and drills have now been reported by major newspapers and have been confirmed by NORAD press releases. Some involved commercial airliner hijackings and some involved false blips (military injects blips) on FAA radar screens. Some were live fly exercises that involved actual aircraft flown by either by remote control or by real pilots. Ruppert (2005) speculates that these drills effectively paralyzed FAA and NORAD response to the hijacking of the four airliners.

“Tripod II,” being conducted on 9/11, was a non-military exercise involving biological warfare in Manhattan that was conducted by FEMA and the office of Vice President Cheney. This exercise placed a fully staffed FEMA in Manhattan and the Department of Justice Command Post on Manhattan’s Pier 29 on September 10, just in time for it to be used as the command post after the Twin Towers collapsed. Ruppert (2005) notes that many officials had had the time and the knowledge to take direct action to stop the second tower from being hit, but didn’t.

3) Based on NYC Mayor Guliani’s testimony and the record of Cheney’s phone calls, Vice President Cheney was in command of joint White House/NORAD exercises in the White House situation room on the morning of 9/11 (Ruppert, 2005). Playing the role of the President in the situation room, Cheney was making phone calls to New York City between 8:45 and 9:15 am. Ruppert is confident that Cheney was a planner of the attacks and that on the morning of 9/11, he was running a completely separate command and control and communications system that superceded any orders given by national military command center (Pentagon) or the White House situation room. He was using communication systems maintained by U.S. secret service near the “bunker.” Because the Secret Service had radar screens that were the best available, Cheney had the ability to take complete control on 9/11. According to Indira Singh (see immediately below), the functionality that Michael Ruppert claims Cheney utilized to control several agencies simultaneously is the exact same functionality offered by the computer software program, Ptech. This software was in the possession of the White House and all relevant federal agencies, as well as numerous multi-national corporations. It has the capability of setting up a shadow “*surveillance*” system that would unobtrusively observe what’s going on and to “*backdoor*”, that is, “*intervene*” to change events and/or make things happen.

X. Ptech Computer Software, Corporate/government Connections, and the Terrorism/drug Economy

According to her testimony at the 9/11 Citizen’s Commission “*Open Inquiry into the Attacks of September 11*” (9/9/04), Indira Singh, in her capacity as a researcher for J.P. Morgan-Chase Bank, discovered connections between *Ptech* computer software, organized crime, and 9/11. These connections also involved numerous major corporations and government agencies,

and illegal drugs. Singh established 17 names from *Ptech, Inc.* that are linked to “terrorist” connections. And although she supplied these names to the FBI, the FBI did not investigate. Instead, Singh herself was intimidated by J.P. Morgan-Chase Bank’s general auditor and other senior members, and then fired in June, 2002. She was warned that she would be killed if she continued to speak out about the connections between 9/11, *Ptech*, and illegal drugs. However, as a resident of “Ground Zero” and a courageous EMT who has contracted lung disease since the 9/11 attacks, she continues to speak out today.

Singh, also a senior consultant with DARPA (Defense Advanced Research Project Agency), was working at J.P. Morgan-Chase Bank on risk management assessment, artificial intelligence, and inter-agency communication functionalities. Her research led her to discover the very sophisticated and expensive Ptech software, which has the capability of complete surveillance of what’s going at a given moment and, with its artificial intelligence core, can also intervene in the process.

She discovered that *Ptech* has some very distinguished clients; including the Executive Office of the President, the House of Representatives, the U.S. Senate, the CIA, the FBI, the Secret Service (National Threat Assessment Center), the Department of Navy, Air Force, the Department of Energy, the U.S. Forest Service, the FAA, the U.S. Post Office, the IRS, (and many other government agencies), as well as such major corporations as IBM, MITRE, Honeywell, ENRON, Motorola, Sprint, Aetna, Lockheed-Martin, Dyncorps, and Sysco. Singh also discovered that *Ptech* has connections to so-called terrorists, such as Saudi Yassin Qadi (on the U.S. terrorist list), other Saudi businessmen, and illicit drug money.

As background, Singh recounts that on May 30, 2002, at a Congressional hearing, FBI agent Robert Wright burst into tears apologizing to the 9/11 families, stating that his investigation into terrorism financing through Yassin Qadi (whom he called “Bin Laden’s banker”) had been repeatedly shut down by the FBI in 1999. He stated that if he had been allowed to continue his investigation, 9/11 would not have happened. Wright stated that his investigations into the founders and financiers of Ptech, Inc. and its financing shell, BMI, were also shut down at that time. BMI (Bitomal) later turned out to be a front for *Hamas* (alleged Palestinian “terrorists,” actually funded by Israeli intelligence) and *Al Qaeda*. Singh also notes that Governor Kean (of the Kean/Hamilton 9/11 Commission) had done a \$24 million land deal with a subcontractor of BMI, in which 3% was kicked back to BMI. (Meanwhile, numerous New Jersey citizens were being blown up in Israel by Hamas, as reported in a Department of Treasury report.)

Singh discovered that the same people who started BMI also started Ptech, Inc. M. Jacob Mirza, a Director of Ptech, Inc., was raided and accused of being a terror charity front for Al Qaeda. Also, **Ptech, Inc. was located next to MITRE in the basement of the FAA for the two years prior to 9/11.** Their specific job was to look at inter-operability issues of FAA, NORAD and the Air Force in the event of an emergency. Thus, Ptech and MITRE were in a position to insert software and to change anything having to do with how those agencies interacted.

After Singh repeatedly told this story to officials in ten government agencies, the FBI finally raided *Ptech, Inc.* on Dec. 6, 2002. An FBI team subsequently verified Singh's story. At that time, the "I-team" investigative TV reporters corroborated Singh's account and intended to air this story on all networks on the first anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, on 9/11/02. However, the White House shut the story down in late August, 2002.

Singh was warned by numerous intelligence agents that Ptech was a CIA-front; a CIA-run, covert operation on the level of the Iran-Contra scandal. Of note, Assistant U.S. Attorney (now Director of Homeland Security) Michael Chertoff admitted that government authorities can't differentiate between terrorism, organized crime, and drug dealing. For example, Singh recounts that journalist Joe Bergantino paid private investigators to follow a couple of *Ptech* employees. They were seen to visit a mob-run center where drugs were dropped in Boston. Although this information was turned over to Boston FBI, no action was taken and no report was filed. Not surprisingly the Kean Commission report makes no mention of *Ptech*. Nor, Singh notes, does it make it a priority to limit terrorism financing in the future. Thus, *Ptech, Inc.* is still operating today

Singh's conclusion:

The "terror economy" is being used by the "political economy" in place. Our currency is the U.S. dollar, their currency is drugs. I stumbled into the drugs for weapons deals. This is no different than Iran-Contra. In fact, the names affiliated with the Iran-Contra and BCCI scandals are the same illegal clandestines behind the scenes with Ptech.

Investigative reporter and ex-L.A.P.D.-detective Michael Ruppert corroborates Singh's account, adding that *Ptech* is a modern version of earlier *PROMIS* (Prosecutors Management System) and *Inslaw* software programs (International Citizen's Inquiry into 9/11, New York, 2004). And he adds that because the functions of government agencies have been outsourced to private corporations and because both the government agencies and the corporations have these kinds of interactive software, all government agencies are now seriously compromised. Specifically, the surveillance and intervention capabilities of *Ptech* software give corporations the power to move data around, appropriate money, and cook the books without being detected, etc. For example, Ruppert reports that Lockheed-Martin and Dyncorps control all financial auditing of the Department of Defense and at least ten other government departments. This could help explain how the Pentagon lost **\$3.3 trillion** of taxpayer money prior to 9/11. Ruppert concludes that through software like *Ptech* and *PROMIS*, "*the U.S. government has been turned into a franchise feeding trough for the benefit of private corporations.*"

XI. More Smoking Guns

1) On 3/19/05, Greg Szymanski of American Free Press reported that the "**Perfect terrorist plan to level the Twin Towers was created in 1976**" by the U.S. military. Indeed, this is the story of Timothy McNiven, a 29-year U.S. Defense Department operative who actually devised the plan! McNiven first went public about his role in forming this plan in a 9/11-related federal conspiracy (RICO) lawsuit filed against Bush and others in 2004. In that suit, he claims his military unit

was ordered to devise a mock terrorist attack of the Twin Towers and that his “perfect terrorist plan” exactly matches the official story of what happened on 9/11. McNiven has successfully passed various lie detector tests regarding his participation in the study.

McNiven has named about 40 others who were involved in the mock terrorist plan, but states that he never knew the names of the individuals from the Defense Department and the CIA who were supervising the study.

2) There is considerable evidence that Israeli’s were involved in the attack. Fox News reported that some 200 Mossad (Israeli intelligence) agents oversaw the training of the alleged hijackers, including Mohammed Atta, at the Florida flight schools. In addition, five “*dancing Israelis*” were discovered dancing, laughing and filming the 9/11 attacks from a nearby roof. These so-called “art students” were detained, quickly released, and later identified as Mossad agents.

Indeed, journalist, Barry Chamish believes that the collapse of Wedding Hall in Jerusalem was a test for demolishing a building with people in it. And he speculates that the mysterious hijacking of Egypt Air Flight 990 was a test for getting control of an airplane. And a New Hampshire newspaper, *The Telegraph*, noted the amazing coincidence (?) that the air traffic controller that watched over Flight 990 was also tracking Flights 11 and 175.

Thorn’s (2006) *9/11 Evil: Israel’s Central Role in the September 11, 2001 Terrorist Attacks* marshals evidence suggesting that the state of Israel played a key role in the 9/11 plot. For example, former director of Pakistani intelligence (ISI), General Hamid Gul, stated:

The attacks against New York and Washington were Israeli engineered. The attacks started at 8:45, and four flights are diverted from their assigned air space and no Air Force fighter jets scramble until 10:00. Radars are jammed, transponders fail, and no IFF- Friend or Foe ID- challenge. In Pakistan, if there is no response to an IFF, jets are instantly scrambled. This was clearly an inside job.

Political analyst Ralph Schoenmann (2004) also concludes that Mossad was involved in both the 1993 and 2001 attacks on the WTC. However, he is quick to point out that that Israel has received about \$100 billion from the U.S. government and is an instrument of Anglo-American imperial power. Thus, Mossad generally acts in cooperation with U.S. policy objectives. Schoenmann states: “*The Mossad is an indispensable instrument of this proto-fascist form of state control that has emerged.*” And he predicts: “*You can be sure that the next staged event will have the hand of the Mossad.*”

Schoenmann also notes that the Zionist goal, stated in 1980 documents, is to fragment each Arab country in its turn and thereby radically expand the territory of Israel.

Thorn (2006) identifies the following PNAC “neocon” Jewish/Zionists as being key Pentagon-White House insiders who were in a position to facilitate 9/11: Richard Perle, Paul Wolfowitz, Kenneth Adelman, Lewis “Scooter” Libby, Douglas Feith, Dov Zakheim, David Wurmser, Elliot Abrams, Eliot Cohen, Daniel Pipes, and Stephen Bryen. Thorn states:

So, what we have here is the Zionist-aligned Defense Policy Board (the real power behind the War Machine's throne) controlling every top spot at the Pentagon; the PNAC- signatories Donald Rumsfeld and Dick Cheney following in fully compliant lockstep.

Of particular interest in this “neo-con/Zionist cabal,” is Dov Zakheim, who carries both Israeli and American passports and who today is a consultant for Boeing and McDonald Douglas. Zakheim has also held many positions in the defense department and in corporations that sell to the Defense Department. And he was also one of President Bush's closest advisors while Bush was governor in Texas.. Zakheim was CEO of **Systems Planning Corporation**, a defense contractor specializing in electronic warfare technologies and *remote controlled aircraft systems*. This company produced the *Flight Termination System*, which could take over and remotely control as many as ten different flights at a time, and could also terminate their missions. Between 1981 and 1985, Zakheim worked in the Defense Department and then served as Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Planning and Resources between 1985 and 1987. In 1997, he joined the Task Force on Defense Reform.

In May, 2001, Zakheim was appointed by Donald Rumsfeld as the Pentagon Comptroller. Four months later, on September 10, 2001, Rumsfeld admitted: *“According to some estimates we cannot track \$2.3 trillion in transactions.”*

Indeed, Robert J. Lieberman of Congress' General Accounting Office testified that *\$7.7 trillion* had gone missing from the Department of Defense, and no paper trail or accounting at all can be found for *\$4.4 trillion* of this!

While Zakheim's was Pentagon Comptroller, the Pentagon also “lost” 56 fighter planes, 32 tanks, and 36 Javelin missile command launch units (Thorn, 2006). **And he brokered a contract where 32 Boeing aircraft were shipped to Florida's MacDill Air Force Base as part of a tanker lease deal.** Thorn asks:

Could these planes, the misplaced funds, and the vanishing military equipment all be part of an operation to retrofit a couple of Boeing airliners with remote control technology to be used on the morning of 9-11?

But there may be another important connection. One of Zakheim's *Systems Planning Corporation's* subsidiaries was *Tridata Corporation*. *Tridata Corporation* investigated the **1993 World Trade Center bombing** and thus, Dov Zakheim had access to all the **World Trade Center blueprints**. Thorn (2006) notes:

Dov Zakheim, who was CEO of a company that developed remote control technology, had access to retrofitted Boeings; plus he had trillions of dollars at his disposal, the WTC blueprints, and the most high-tech defense contractors in the world. Finally, Zackheim was a signatory of the PNAC Pearl Harbor document and an integral member of the lunatic fringe neo-con cabal.

Zakheim is also a member of the *CFR* and the *Heritage Foundation* and was senior advisor to the *Center for International and Strategic Studies*. And according to Thorn, Zakheim is also

“an agent for the very highest levels of the Rothschild Zionist international banking cabal, (on whose behalf) he orchestrated the misallocation of over two trillion dollars.”

To most Americans, the idea that Israel helped engineer 9/11 may seem ridiculous. However, other international intelligence officers corroborate this claim. Andreas Von Bulow served on the parliament commission that oversaw three branches of the German Secret Service. He has also written two books entitled *In the Name of the State* and *Die CIA und der 11. September. Internationaler Terror und die Rolle der Geheimdienste*. Von Bulow told the American Free Press, ***“The BND (German secret service) is steered by the CIA and CIA is steered by Mossad.”*** In addition, a former Stasi agent who had warned the German secret service of terror attacks in America between September 10-12, told American Free Press that a high ranking Stasi chief named J’rgen Rogalla, ***“an airplane terror specialist,”*** was probably involved in the 9/11 attacks and that Abu Nidal, ***“a leading officer for some Mossad agents,”*** was ***“involved directly”*** in the events of 9/11. Both Rogall and Nidal work(ed?) for Mossad.

3) The extraordinary secrecy of Bush administration indicates it has much to hide. A study by the OpenTheGovernment.org showed that in 2005, the U.S. government classified 14.2 million documents “top secret” or “confidential” at a cost of \$7.7 billion, as compared with a record 15.6 million documents sealed in 2004. Said Patrice McDermott, director of OpenTheGovernment.org; ***“the current administration has restricted access to information about our government and its policies at unprecedented levels. How can the public or even Congress make informed decisions under such circumstances?”*** The study also found that the Bush administration has invoked the ***“state secret”*** privilege to keep information secret on national security grounds at unprecedented rates. It invoked this the privilege 22 times between 2001 and 2005, whereas by comparison, presidential administrations invoked this privilege only six times during the height of the cold war (1953-1973; AP, 9/3/06).

4) Again, none of the individuals high in the military, the CIA, the FBI, etc. who were purportedly guilty of “intelligence failures” were demoted or punished. On the contrary, many received promotions.

XII. Environmental Crimes of the White House and the EPA at Ground Zero

In her report to the International Citizen’s Inquiry into 9/11 (NYC, 9/9/04), Dr. Jenna Orkin of the World Trade Center Environmental Organization (www.wtceo.org), detailed the amount of toxic chemicals that were dispersed in the Manhattan area when the WTC buildings collapsed. She noted that the Twin Towers contained about 50,000 computers, each made with between 4 and 12 pounds of lead. And the first 40 stories of just one of the towers were coated with hundreds of tons of asbestos that were pulverized into tiny particles and then dispersed around lower Manhattan and possibly beyond. Tens of thousands of fluorescent light bulbs each contained enough mercury to contaminate a quarter of a city block. Smoke detectors contained radioactive materials. The EPA found levels of PCBs that were 75,000 previous record levels, as well as record levels of dioxin. A month after 9/11, the University of California at Davis found the highest levels of vanadium and other heavy metals they had ever recorded. In all, Orkin stated that the levels of air contamination would be equivalent to living next to dozens of asbestos factories as well as a live volcano. Physics professor Steven Jones (2006) also noted

that the dust at Ground Zero was found to be loaded with asbestos, mercury, heavy metals, and to have an extremely alkaline pH of 12.1. Hence, the dust was “*as caustic as liquid drain cleaner.*”

Nonetheless, starting September 13, EPA administrator Christine Todd Whitman began issuing reassuring and false statements designed to get the Wall Street area up and running as soon as possible:

I’m glad to reassure the people of New York that their air is safe to breathe.

Christine Todd Whitman, 9/18/2001

Whitman may have made these statements, at least in part, to protect her husband’s investments in Citigroup Insurance. Indeed, in the ten days following 9/11, the EPA issued five statements reassuring New Yorkers that the air was safe to breathe. For example:

Our tests show that it is safe for New Yorkers to go back to work in New York’s financial district. (EPA)

It subsequently became clear that EPA reports were rife with falsified data and in fact, had been revised by the White House’s “*Council on Environmental Quality*” so that business on Wall Street would resume quickly. Ground Zero workers were told the area was safe and they didn’t need to wear respirators. Some were forbidden to wear respirators. The EPA did not recommend that pregnant women and children take any extra precautions. Local businesses and schools were re-opened within days. And since the EPA declared conditions were safe, insurance companies often refused to pay people’s health claims.

Dr. Orkin states that for every asbestos fiber that the EPA found (using old equipment), independent contractors found 9. And the EPA revised their own standards so that the acceptable risk of cancer could be as high as one person in 10.

Exposure to the highly toxic conditions at ground zero has subsequently caused new-onset asthma in about 70% of Ground Zero workers and a larger percentage of the fire fighters. Over 21 people have died prematurely as of 1/1/06.

Congressman Nadler stated: “*The EPA has failed to uphold its own mission- “to protect human health- and the natural environment- air, water, and land, upon which life depends.”* And U.S. District Judge Deborah Batts decried Whitman’s “*deliberate and misleading statements*” as “*shocking the conscience*”. In 2004, the Sierra Club issued a report entitled “**Pollution and Deception at Ground Zero**”.

The Cover-Up: Obstruction of Justice by the Bush Administration

Covering-up a crime constitutes a crime in and of itself. And the cover up of the crimes of 9/11 have, in many ways, been as elaborately coordinated as the crimes themselves. To

understand how the crimes of 9/11 have been covered up requires a deep look into the government/media complex, which has been fiercely devoted to and somewhat effective at suppressing and destroying the evidence of government involvement.

I) Destruction of Evidence

At all three sites of the 9/11 tragedy, the WTC, the Pentagon, and near Shanksville, we see a pattern in which government officials were at the scene immediately, removing and/or systematically destroying evidence. Police blocked off the WTC on the same day the attack occurred, stopped people from taking photos, threatened passersby with arrest, and interfered with engineers trying to investigate. Police acted essentially the same way at the crime scenes at the Pentagon and in Pennsylvania. According to a Pittsburgh television news report:

Also on Thursday, the Pennsylvania State Police arrested two photographers for breach of security. A police officer said that two stringers from New York City were given permission to take pictures of one portion of the crash scene, but they went into a restricted area and immediately were arrested.

Cleanup of the WTC sites, including the removal of steel beams, was carried out by a British company named AMEC (Assets, Management, and Engineering Consultancy). Beginning 11 days after the attacks, the steel was removed by truck to barges and then sold as scrap metal and shipped off to blast furnaces in India and China. The trucks that carried the steel (the evidence) to port each had GPS locators so they could be tracked and monitored. The steel was critical evidence because by examining the steel, engineers and scientists would be able to determine if the buildings were brought down by explosives. Removing evidence from a crime scene is a federal felony, of course. Indeed, the removal of steel from the WTC constitutes the largest criminal destruction of evidence in history (Hufschmid, 2002).

The New York Times reported:

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 the investigators some of their most direct physical evidence with which to try to piece together an answer.

Dr. Frederick W. Mowrer, fire protection engineering department, University of Maryland and WTC probe member, said:

I find the speed with which potentially important evidence has been removed and recycled to be appalling (New York Times, 12/25/01).

New York Mayor Guiliani granted access to the WTC only to Controlled Demolitions, Inc. and AMEC. Thus, FEMA and the Guiliani oversaw the removal of steel columns and beams within days and sold the metal as scrap metal to Asia.

AMEC, the company that removed the steel from the WTC, was also responsible for both renovating and cleaning up the West Wing of the Pentagon before and after the 9/11 attacks.

And as above, within 5 minutes of the Pentagon crash, the FBI confiscated video tapes from local businesses that show what actually hit the Pentagon.

II. Damage control

The government and the corporate-controlled press have been fierce and relentless in their damage control efforts. As already noted, evidence, including news clips, taped testimony, airplane transponders, etc., that disprove or conflict with the official 9/11 narrative have been confiscated, classified, and/or deleted from the official record. Whistleblowers have been fired, witnesses have been threatened, and hundreds of FAA, FBI, and military employees, firemen and policemen with first hand knowledge of the events of 9/11 have had gag orders placed upon them. And the government's timeline of events on the morning of 9/11 have been completely revised twice, as noted above (Zwicker, 2006).

Although the U.S. government tried to silence the 9/11 victim's families by offering \$1 million for each victim from the Victims Compensation Fund, the stipulation was that they had to agree not to sue and to stop asking questions. However, over 400 9/11 victims' families refused the bribe and have filed lawsuits against members of the Bush administration for "complicity" in 9/11 (Mariani, 2004). At least three such lawsuits have been filed, each of these has been censored from the mainstream media. In January, 2004, Ellen Mariani and her lawyer Phillip Berg filed a suit against the Bush administration under the Civil RICO (Racketeering, Influence, and Corrupt Organization) Act for malfeasant conspiracy, obstruction of justice, and wrongful death. Both Mariani and Berg have been active participants in 9/11 Citizen's Inquiries. Berg's recommendations for how we might proceed toward prosecution and punishment of the real 9/11 criminals are given in **Appendix A** (from Marrs, 2004).

And, of course, the corporate-controlled media has worked hard to discredit "*conspiracy theories*" and "*conspiracy theorists*." Typically, journalists and TV pundits have repeated the official version of events *ad nauseum* and have savagely attacked those who propose alternative explanations.

III) Official "Investigations" and The 9/11 "Omission" Commission

Within days of 9/11, Bush and Cheney called Senate Democratic Minority Leader Tom Daschle, requesting him to limit a Congressional investigation. After much stonewalling and withholding of evidence, a bi-partisan Congressional Committee was established in early 2002. However, when the Congressional report was finally released, the White House had deleted 28 pages dealing with the role of Saudi individuals and government officials in financing the terrorists, and also redacted all of the papers relating to the May 6 presidential briefing document from the CIA regarding the likelihood of a domestic terrorist air attack in the U.S. Members of Congress reported that the White House, FBI, CIA, and Justice Department were not cooperating with their 9/11 inquiry (New York Times, 10/5/02, CBS 5/23/02).

Eventually, mounting pressure from victim's families finally forced the government to also set up an "independent" investigation. But it wasn't until 441 days after the attacks that Bush finally appointed the so-called "independent" commission (Zwicker, 2006). Compare this with the six days it took the government to set up a committee to investigate the sinking of the Titanic, the nine days required to set up a committee to investigate the Pearl Harbor attacks, and the seven days it took to set up committees to investigate the assassination of JFK and the Challenger disaster. A *New York Times* editorialized that it was clear that the goal of all this stalling was "*to contain an investigation the White House long opposed.*"

Vanity Fair editor, Graydon Carter observed:

The Bush White House did everything in its power to derail an open inquiry. Then when faced with its inevitability, the president and his aides sought to limit its scope, its access, and its funding.

And when the commission was finally set up, the individuals who were hand-picked by the President to serve had tremendous conflicts of interest. As one researcher put it, "*the official investigation was overseen by the very individuals who should have been investigated*" (Schoenmann, 2004). Thus, when the White House finally appointed the commission, it cynically chose the ultimate insider and White House ally, **Henry Kissinger**, to head the investigation. In response to public ridicule and protest, Kissinger soon stepped down, whereupon Bush appointed another Republican crony, **Dr. Philip Zelikow**, to replace him. Essentially a member of the Bush Administration himself, Zelikow, thereupon became Executive Director of the "*National Committee on Terrorist Attacks upon the United States,*" or simply the 9/11 Commission.

Zelikow's insider status is confirmed by the facts that **1)** he had been a member of the National Security Council in the Bush I administration, **2)** he co-authored a book with National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice, who was later to be the star witness of the commission, **3)** he was part of George W. Bush's transition team for the National Security Council and **4)** he was appointed to Bush's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board. As such, he was present when immanent warnings of 9/11 were given to the White House. As Executive Director of the 9/11 Commission, Zelikow oversaw a staff of 70 "researchers", mostly comprised of ex-FBI, ex-CIA, and ex-Department of Justice employees skilled in the arts of misinformation and disinformation. Zelikow had the power to determine what would be researched and what would not be researched. The researchers were divided into seven teams, six of which were controlled by Zelikow himself (from Griffin, 10/3/04). Thus, *The 9/11 Commission Report*, which finally appeared in 2003, was effectively co-authored by the White House; and the process essentially amounted to the White House investigating itself (Griffin, 2004).

Although the commission was purported to be "independent," it was packed with "insiders", each of whom had severe conflicts of interest and vested interests. The Commission was informally named the "*Kean-Hamilton Commission*" for its co-chairs. Governor **Thomas Kean**, is a member of the *Council on Foreign Relations (CFR)* and former business partner with Saudi Arabian named Mahfooz, a major funder of Osama Bin Laden who also helped fund George W. Bush's early oil business ventures. He co-chaired the Homeland Security Project and

has Azerbaijan oil connections. Congressman **Lee Hamilton** has been termed by some 9/11 researchers as “Mr. Cover-up” because he has not found evidence of official malfeasance in any of the four Congressional investigative committees on which he has served. These include the committees that investigated the Iran-Contra scandal and the October Surprise that denied Jimmy Carter the presidency in 1980. The 18 other hand-picked members of the commission also had serious conflicts of interest. None of the 9/11 victim’s family members were allowed to serve on the commission.

Experts critical of the 9/11 Commission, including some of the people actually conducting it, cite the lack of meaningful financial support and poor coordination with the agencies cleaning up the disaster site. Congress originally allotted only \$3 million for investigation; this figure was later upped to \$15 million. (By contrast, \$50 million was allocated for the Challenger disaster and the Clinton failed Whitewater deals, whereas \$40 million was allocated for Ken Starr’s “independent” investigation of Clinton’s sex scandal). Critics pointed out that the committee had no subpoena power, little staff support, and was even unable to obtain basic information like detailed blueprints of the buildings that collapsed. The commission was unable to use the Freedom of Information Act. The White House released only about 25% of some 11,000 documents requested by the commission, and the documents released were often heavily blacked out. Administration officials refused to testify under oath. Eventually, Bush, Cheney, and Rice did meet with the commission in secret, behind closed doors, but they were not under oath, and no tape recorders or transcripts of the conversations were allowed. And the government has still not released much of the forensic data, which is either classified, concealed, or has been destroyed. Zwicker (2004) notes that in a court of law, this pattern of behavior is known as “guilty demeanor.”

Harpers Magazine, Oct. 2004, called *The 9/11 Commission Report* a “**whitewash, a cheat, and fraud.**”

Perhaps the best critique of *The 9/11 Commission Report* is theology professor and 9/11 Scholar Dr. David Ray Griffin’s *The 9/11 Commission Report: Omissions and Distortions* (2004). Griffin distinguishes two main explanations for 9/11; “*the official conspiracy theory*” and “*an alternative conspiracy theory.*” Calling the *9/11 Commission Report* a “*571-page lie,*” Griffin notes that the “*omission commission*” selects only the “information” that supports the official conspiracy theory and systematically omits virtually every fact which supports the alternative theory. Thus, the report begins with the *a priori* assumption that Osama Bin Laden and 19 terrorists did it and then selects only the evidence that confirms that assumption. Griffin finds a staggering number of omissions in the report. Of 400 questions posed by victim’s families over the course of two years, none were addressed in the report findings. The report lays complete blame for the attacks on the FAA. However, a taped interview with FAA employees taken on the evening of 9/11 by an Italian journalist was confiscated and destroyed. Indeed, the FBI thereafter placed gag orders on all FAA employees.

Griffin (2004) notes that the report reads like a novel and does not contain an index. Much of testimony was not taken under oath or recorded or transcribed. The footnotes go nowhere and refer to things that cannot be checked or verified. The report does not state who its author is, although, Griffin and John Judge suspect it is Zelikow himself. No family members

were allowed to participate in the process and the report does not answer the the family members' questions. In one of his lectures, Griffin (2004) asked rhetorically; "***Can I find a true sentence in the book? It's hard to find any truth there!***"

And although the 9/11 Commission Report confirms and codifies the official 9/11 myth, it offers no proof of that theory either. Thus, the "***official conspiracy theory***" has simply been made to stick by years of repetition and propaganda. Griffin identifies Richard Clark as the main architect of this myth. On the evening of 9/11, Clark convened a high level meeting in the situation room and stated: "***We all know this was Al Qaeda. FBI and CIA will develop the case.***" And this was the idea he had been leaking all day long.

In all, Griffin documents 115 lies that the 9/11 Commission Report uses to reinforce "***The Big Lie***" of the official narrative. Some of the essential facts and issues completely omitted from the report include:

- 1) At least 6 of the alleged hijackers are still alive today and have been interviewed on the BBC.
- 2) The problems of the three WTC buildings coming down. That:
 - a) collapses of the three WTC sky-scrappers have 10 characteristics common to controlled demolitions, and
 - b) no steel-reinforced buildings in history have ever collapsed due to fire,
 - c) the South Tower, which was hit after the North Tower and which had smaller fires, collapsed first (within 57 minutes)
- 3) That WTC 1 and 2 were supported by 47 massive steel core columns. The report falsely gives the impression that each of the buildings only had a hollow shaft in the center, thus enabling the "pancaking" of one floor upon another.
- 4) Steel and other evidence was rapidly removed from the ground zero site and thus could not be examined.
- 5) Building 7 was not struck by an airplane.
- 6) For no apparent reason, Building 7 suddenly collapsed.
- 7) Building 7's owner, Larry Silverstein stated on PBS that he and the fire department "***made the decision to pull***" Building 7.
- 8) That Mayor Guliani had foreknowledge that the WTC buildings were going to collapse.
- 9) That Marvin Bush, the President's brother and Ward Walker were essentially in charge of security of the WTC complex.

- 10) That many WTC employees reported there was a shut down order in the buildings, during which time many people had access to the buildings.
- 11) Although the Pentagon first put out a story that the Flight 77 collision produced a hole 5 stories high and 200 feet wide in the Pentagon's West Wing (Washington Post, 11/12/01), Associated Press and military photos show the hole in the façade of the West Wing was no more than 16-18 ' in diameter and there were no marks on either side of the hole such as would have been produced by a Boeing 757. This hole in the Pentagon was far too small to have been made by a Boeing 757 with a wingspan of 125' and a height of 44'.
- 12) Photos show that there was no wreckage of a Boeing 757 outside or inside the Pentagon.
- 13) Although the Pentagon initially reported there was no video footage of the crash, later, it released 5 frames, which definitely do not show a Boeing 757.
- 14) Within 5 minutes after the Pentagon was struck, FBI employees confiscated video footage of the Pentagon crash taken from a gas station, a hotel and a Transportation department building across the street.
- 15) The Pentagon is the most fortified and protected building in the world and should have been protected by missiles.
- 16) Politicians such as Donald Rumsfeld, John Ashcroft, and Willie Brown were given advance warnings not to fly on 9/11.
- 17) Attorney David Schippers was trying to share information with the Justice Department that attacks were imminent, but was repeatedly ignored.
- 18) Bin Laden was treated by an American doctor in Dubai, UAE, where he was visited by the CIA station chief, as well as members of the Saudi royal family.
- 19) Three members of Saudi Royal family and a Pakistani general who had advance knowledge of the attacks were later killed.
- 20) FBI headquarters blocked investigations of their own employees, such Robert Wright, Colleen Rowley, and Sibel Edmonds. Some of these FBI agents reported that they knew the targets and the date of the attacks over a month in advance. Specifically, in April, 2001, an informant gave FBI officers detailed information regarding the 9/11 plot to the effect that the attack would involve airplanes and would involve terrorists already in the U.S. and would be carried out in a few months. This report was given to Director Muller in the form of the "*Phoenix Memo*" four months prior to attack. However, agents and translators were told to keep quiet. Colleen Rowley also reported that specific information about the attack had been provided. Mike Fagaly, the FBI supervisor responsible for the cover-up and the hindering of investigations, was later promoted to head up translation of Arabic documents in Washington, D.C.

In addition, FBI translator and whistleblower, although Sibel Edmonds gave 3.5 hours of testimony to the 9/11 commission, her testimony did not appear in the report. In her testimony, she related that she and 100s of other FBI translators who were translating Arabic documents were told to slow down and even stop translation of materials that related to terrorist activities. They were informed this was so that they could claim they needed additional funding. Her supervisor, Malek Can Dickerson, prevented Edmonds and others from translating countless documents and forged signatures on top-secret documents. Dickerson then left the U.S. in 2002 and her case remains uninvestigated.

- 21) The head of Pakistani Intelligence was in Washington, D.C. during the week of 9/11 meeting with high-level politicians and military commanders. The week before 9/11, he wired \$100,000 to alleged lead hijacker, Mohammed Atta.
- 22) The *Project for the New American Century* (PNAC) documents such as “*Rebuilding America’s Defenses*” call for “*some catastrophic and catalyzing event- like a New Pearl Harbor*” in order to mobilize American public opinion in support of resource wars abroad.
- 23) There were pre-existing plans for war in both Afghanistan and Iraq prior to 9/11. The motivation for these invasions had to do mostly with securing access to oil reserves and building military bases in the regions involved.
- 24) Evidence of insider trading on Wall Street on 9/11 includes the record number of put options placed on United Airlines, American Airlines, Boeing, and Morgan Stanley Dean Whitter.
- 25) Evidence of U.S. and Saudi funding of Al Qaeda.
- 26) The commission ignored the fact that the following governments warned the U.S. of impending attacks: England, Israel, Germany, France, Jordan, Egypt, Morocco, Argentine, Russia, and even the Taliban in Afghanistan. However, this author suspects that these governments may be thereby complicit in helping to create the impression that the attacks came from Al Qaeda, rather than from within the U.S. government itself.
- 27) Perhaps most the most blatant of all lies was the revising of the official chronology of events on the morning of 9/11 by NORAD and *The 9/11 Commission Report*:

The Role of External Collaborators and the New World Order

Historian Webster Tarpley’s thesis in *9/11 Synthetic Terror; Made in USA* (2006) is that 9/11 is the work of a rogue, private network, a “secret government,” that has all the faculties and abilities of the visible legal government. In a talk before the International Citizen’s Inquiry into 9/11 (2004), Tarpley identified this network as the *CIA/Brown Brothers Harriman/Skull and Bones/Bush Family/ Neo-conservative/Oligarch faction*. Certainly, the “neoconservatives” are most powerful faction in the U.S. government today. Their doctrine is ideological. They

endorse terrorism, martial law, coups, propaganda, lies, and enforcement of a state of emergency as the way to rule the masses. Their academic guru is the late University of Chicago political scientist, Leo Strauss (a German Jew). His disciples today include Paul Wolfowitz, Douglas Feith, Richard Perle, John Bolton, Lutti, Lewis “Scooter” Libby, ex-CIA director, James Woolsey, William Kristol, and Samuel Huntington, i.e., the people who essentially run the Bush Administration. In turn, Strauss’ ideological gurus were proto-Nazi Frederich Neitche, considered one of the four precursors of Hitlerism, Nazi philosopher Martin Heidegger, and Nazi legal theorist Carl Schmidt. With this intellectual lineage, it should come as no surprise that the Bush administration behaves in a criminal manner; stealing elections, detaining and torturing innocent civilians, conducting preemptive wars abroad, and using Gestapo tactics at home and conducts wars of aggression abroad.

So are we dealing here with modern fascists, an American *Fourth Reich*? *Fascism* is defined as “*a system of government that exercises a dictatorship of the extreme right, typically through the merging of state and business leadership, together with belligerent nationalism.*” The following statements also help us understand the nature of fascism:

Fascism should more properly be called “corporatism’, since it is the merger of state and corporate power.

Benito Mussolini, Fascist Italian dictator

We stand for the maintenance of private property.... We shall protect free enterprise as the most expedient, or rather the sole possible economic order.

Adolf Hitler

The liberty of democracy is not safe if the people tolerate the growth of private power to a point where it becomes stronger than their democratic state itself. That, in its essence, is Fascism- ownership of government by an individual, by a group or by any controlling private power.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, 32nd President

The real truth of the matter is, as you and I know, that a financial element in the large centers has owned the government ever since the days of Andrew Jackson.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1933

Fascism is capitalism plus murder.

Upton Sinclair

In 1944, Vice President Wallace was asked by the *New York Times*: What is a fascist? How many fascists have we? How dangerous are they? Wallace answered:

The dangerous American fascist is the man who wants to do in the United States in an American way what Hitler did in Germany in a Prussian way. The American fascist would prefer not to use violence. His method is to poison the channels of public information. With a fascist the problem is never how best to present the truth to the public but how best to use the news to deceive the public into giving the fascist and his group more money or more power...

The American fascists are most easily recognized by their deliberate perversion of truth and fact. Their newspapers and propaganda carefully cultivate every fissure of disunity, every crack in the common front against fascism. They use every opportunity to impugn democracy.... They claim to be super-patriots, but they would destroy every liberty guaranteed by the Constitution. They demand free enterprise, but are the spokesmen for monopoly and vested interest. Their final objective toward which all their deceit is directed is to capture political power so that, using the power of the state and the power of the market simultaneously, they may keep the common man in eternal subjugation.

The goal of American fascists then and now, was perhaps not much different from *The Grand Plan*, described in George Orwell's fictional classic, *1984* (written in 1948). As summarized by A. Jones (1996), the centuries-old "*Grand Plan*" of the world's ruling elite is spelled out in *1984* in *The Book*, formally titled "*The Theory and Practice of Oligarchal Collectivism*." According to *The Book*, societies from time immemorial have divided themselves into High, Middle, and Low classes. The goal of the High has always been to stay High, the goal of the Middle, Marx's "petty bourgeois," has been to become High, and goal of the Low has been to abolish class distinctions so that everyone is equal. Thus, the goal of the ruling elite became the establishment of dictatorial rule (for instance, by helping establish Bolshevism in Russia and Fascism in Germany). But the problem remained: How to ensure that class distinctions remained permanent and thus, stop the ancient Middle/High replacement cycle?

In order to ensure their oligarchal security, the High devised this "*Grand Plan*" to manipulate public opinion so they could eventually abolish individual privacy and strip the Middle and Low of their physical resources (homes, land, businesses, etc.). A revolt of the Middle and Lows could be avoided by keeping them "stupefied by poverty", and thus, ignorant of any better way to live. *The Book* explains why this is necessary:

If leisure and security were enjoyed by all alike, the great mass of human beings who are normally stupefied by poverty would become literate and would learn to think for themselves; and when once they had done this, they would sooner or later realize that the privileged minority had no function, and they would sweep it away. In the long run, a hierarchical society was only possible on the basis of poverty and ignorance.

The "*Grand Plan*" called for the world to be geographically divided into three parts. Wars would be waged continuously between the three, not to conquer an opponent, but in order to control one's subjects and maintain the hierarchical structure of society. Thus:

The goal of the wars is to enable the economy to be kept going for the benefit of the High, its military, and its bureaucracy and control personnel (the Thought Police, etc.) but at the same time to assure that any excess production capacity is prevented from producing consumer goods for the lower classes. That excess capacity is directed to producing excess military goods which will ultimately rust away or be destroyed in warfare; that is, the excess capacity is deliberately *wasted* in order to turn it away from the production of goods which would result in added leisure or well-being for the lower classes... (Jones' summary of the "*Grand Plan*").

The Book explains the goal of the High (from *1984*):

Why does the Party cling power? The Party seeks power entirely for its own sake. We are not interested in the good of others; we are interested solely in power, pure power... The object of power is power... And the real power is not power over things, but over men.... And how does one man assert his power over another? By making him suffer. Unless he is suffering, how can you be sure that he is obeying your will and not his own? Power is inflicting pain and humiliation. In our world, there will be no emotions except fear, rage, triumph, and self-abasement. Everything else we shall destroy- everything... We have cut the links between child and parent, between man and man, between man and woman. But in the future there will be no wives and no friends. There will be no art, no literature, no science. There will be no distinction between beauty and ugliness... If you want a picture of the future, imagine a boot stamping on a human face- forever.

In Orwell's classic, as in the real world, the High consists of the banking and corporate elites, the richest 1% of global society, "*the plutocracy*." Their allegiance is not toward any nation, but rather to wealth and power. Jones (1996) believes that Orwell was convinced that such a plan actually exists. Certainly, there are uncanny parallels between Orwell's fictional world the realities of our world today, including perpetual warfare, the drive for power as an end in itself, the requirement that all citizen's practice "doublethink," and state manipulation of the masses through fear and propaganda, etc. (Stratton, 2003).

Indeed, as in *1984*, it seems the "*private network*" that is guiding the 9/11 operation is also the international, monied elite, most notably the 13 or so families that control most of the world's banks (Paul, 2004). And although 9/11 was an inside job, there were clearly external collaborators. Evidence presented here strongly suggests that the governments and intelligence agencies of Britain, Israel, Saudi Arabia, and Pakistan, in particular, played key roles in the crimes of 9/11 and the two subsequent wars of aggression justified by 9/11. The real "*axis of war*" ("*axis of evil*"?), then, appears to be the United States, Britain, and Israel. However, we must again recall Tarpley's (2006) assertion that this is a *rogue, private network*. Thus, we can postulate that these governments, among others perhaps, have been infiltrated and taken over by this network. Based on its actions to date, it appears that this network hopes to destroy (via war, debt, outsourcing of jobs, etc.) and then privatize the United States. And apparently, this is their agenda for the entire world (Juhasc, 2006), perhaps somewhat as in Orwell's "*Grand Plan*."

The United States today is a “*one party state*.” The Republicans are currently ruled by the “*necons*” and supported by a radical group of *Christian Reconstructionists* who believe that now is the time for Christians to assert dominion over the entire earth (Miller, 2006; Moyers, 2005). By dint of this rather strange, unholy alliance as well as the financial backing of “*the corporatocracy*” (the High), Republicans control all branches of government, the media and the military/intelligence apparatus, as well as the CFR, the Trilateral Commission, etc. (Rampton and Stauber, 2004). All these institutions, in turn, apparently answer to this private nexus of international bankers and corporate leaders (oil/weapons/drugs, etc.).

Alexander Cockburn sums it up in Whiteout: The CIA, Drugs, and the Press:

One half of the world’s people live on less than \$2 a day... Ultimately, the “war on terrorism” is about global control by U.S. corporations and the World Trade Organization. It wants to strike down public ownership, social organizations and institutions, and substitute control by the strong and rich over the weak and poor... The “drug war” is a code word for social control and repression.

Since the Bush administration seems to be following the PNAC script, we can anticipate their next moves. It appears incontrovertible that one purpose of 9/11 is to unleash a world war in the Middle East. Indeed, this war has already begun with the American invasions of Iraq, Afghanistan, and perhaps soon, Iran, and with Israel’s invasion of Lebanon. The blueprint for such a conflict has already been drawn up in CFR-member Samuel P. Huntington’s *Clash of Civilizations: Remaking of World Order* (1995). This book calls for war against two groups, first the Islamic World, then China. It is now obvious to all that the main pretexts for the present war in Iraq, namely that Saddam Hussein possessed weapons of mass destruction and was involved in 9/11, were deliberate lies. New conflicts are now being orchestrated with Iran, with Lebanon, with Syria, etc., based on similar lies. And of course, on this fifth anniversary of 9/11, President Bush is trying re-ignite fear of “*Islamic terrorists*” so that Americans will accept his new war of aggression against Iran. Another motivation for war, however, is that U.S. global hegemony has much to do with the fact that oil has been traded on the world market in U.S. dollars (Clark, 2005). This has given Washington and London a chance to skim profits and control the market. Recently, Iran, then Iraq, and then Venezuela all decided to switch their sales of oil to the Euro. As this threatens the entire economic system in the U.S., it gives the “*necon oligarchy*” in Washington, D.C. another reason to orchestrate war in the Middle East.

Again, the Machiavellian cabal that stole the last two national elections (Greenwald, 2002; Miller, 2006) serves a *private, international financial network*. This cabal is part of the same “*secret government*” that orchestrated the Bay of Pigs, the Kennedy assassinations, the secret wars of the CIA, the Iran-Contra affair, the Vietnam War, World Wars I and II, and the Great Depression (Still, 2004, Schoenmann, 2004). I would speculate, along with Ruppert (2002), that immediate goal of the global “ruling elite” is to establish American domination over the entire world through the phony “war on terrorism.” However, this sequence of wars could easily lead us into an apocalyptic, and perhaps final, world war, accompanied by a total collapse of the world economy. Then, they may decide to abolish most, if not all nation states, including the U.S., in order to usher their long-sought “*one world government*.” They may or may not elect to utilize the structure of the U.N. as the

organizational center. This long-sought “*New World Order*”, if it comes to pass, would be the culmination of their centuries-old dream of creating a more or less permanent “*oligarchy of the wealthy*”.

There can be little doubt that this “*oligarchy of the wealthy*” already exists. The *New York Times* reports that the richest 1% of Americans own and control over 90% of the wealth. However, the true oligarchy is apparently much smaller. According to Townsend (1983), about 5000 people control the economy. And these 5000 or so individuals each have an average of about 14 corporate directorships. Schoenmann (2004) notes that because this international banking and corporate elite has hegemony over capital it is able to control the state so that “*the state is a vehicle for subsidizing their needs and imposing their will.*” However, according to Schoenmann: “*They are an isolated handful of people. And their power rests on an acquiescence that is precarious and impermanent.*”

Because the corporate-controlled media has refined the techniques of public relations, propaganda, and coercion, American’s have been deceived into believing that the main issues involve left vs. right, Democrat vs. Republican, capitalist vs. communist ideologies. But the big issues are civic issues and class issues (Miller, 2006). Up until today, this country did the best job of embodying the enlightenment doctrines that power will always try to limit freedom and that therefore, governments should be subjugated to the will of the people. But today, things that we take for granted, such as the Bill of Rights, the Constitution, and the Declaration of Independence, are no longer really applicable. Separation of church and state, checks and balances in three branches of government, freedom of the press- the 4th estate, freedom of speech for individuals, the triumph of reason, all of these are in jeopardy. Today, there is a profound assault now on the very ideals upon which our country was based, the ideals of the founding fathers. Now, we urgently need to reclaim the ideals that made this nation possible.

But the words and spirit of our founding fathers and other leaders still resonate with many Americans:

Government is not reason; it is not eloquent; it is force. Like fire, it is a dangerous servant and a fearful master.

George Washington

A government afraid of its citizens is democracy. Citizens afraid of government is tyranny.

Thomas Jefferson

Those that would give up essential liberty in pursuit of a little temporary security deserve neither.

Benjamin Franklin

All tyranny needs to gain a foothold is for people of good conscience to main silent.

Thomas Jefferson

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

Theodore Roosevelt, 1918

Summary and Conclusions

The evidence presented in this paper overwhelmingly proves that 9/11 was an inside job and a “psy op” against the American people. Much of this evidence has been suppressed by the government/media complex, but nonetheless is available in alternative sources, including books, journal articles, videos, and websites (see **References**). This evidence shows that 9/11 was a case of “*false flag, state-sponsored, synthetic terrorism*,” an elaborate hoax orchestrated by rogue elements within the U.S. government (with outside collaborators) to serve as a pretext for the phony “war on terrorism.” This “war of terrorism” itself is but a cover for establishing a global Pax Americana, or “*full spectrum dominance*” of the world and imposition a global police state. The official 9/11 myth itself is an outrageous and preposterous “*conspiracy theory*,” which constitutes “*The Big Lie*.” It is only able to function today due to massive complicity of the corporate-controlled media. The ultimate agenda of the global elite is to foment world war in order to bring in world government (Hilders, 2001).

The *modus operandi* of the criminal cabal now in control of the U.S. (as well as Britain and Israel) is cover up their last crimes with their next ones (Sanders, 2004). Since this cabal currently controls all branches of the U.S. government as well as the media, it is doubtful that these crimes will be either investigated or punished through traditional legal avenues. While they are in power they will continue to do their best to thwart meaningful investigations of the 9/11 crime. Thus, the only realistic hope of the “peace movement” is to dismantle the 9/11 hoax/myth by informing ourselves and others regarding the overwhelming evidence that disproves that myth and holding citizen’s grand juries and conferences, etc. Hopefully, dissemination of this knowledge will discredit our leaders in the eyes of American and world opinion, opening the possibility for an alternative to corporate dictatorship. For this group in power, especially, “*truth is the enemy of the state*,” as Joseph Goebbels once stated.

Life on our beautiful planet Earth has been evolving for 4.6 billion years. Our Earth provides air, water, sunlight, food, and a home for about 30 million species; free of charge. We 6.5 billion humans on Earth today have indeed achieved astonishing success as a species, progressively advancing our civilization. However, a tiny, but radical group of super-rich individuals now seek complete control and ownership of everything. These Machiavellians believe that “*might makes right*” and that “*the ends justify the means*.” This relatively small fascist network has infiltrated and seized control of some of the world’s most powerful governments and through those governments it is currently committing every manner of crime, as if they are above all the laws of God and man.

My hope and belief is that once these crimes are exposed to the light of day, this cabal will be brought to justice and humankind will be able to progress toward a more peaceful and equitable future. Clearly, we are at a turning point in history; and the grand experiment we call human civilization can now go in one of two main directions, either toward:

1) a global community that honors human and species diversity and seeks to ensure the well being of all members of those communities as well as the planetary environment, or toward

2) a “*scorched earth*” where the very few succeed in destroying all their competition for the Earth’s resources. In this nuclear age, his “*last one standing*” strategy could result in massive human and environmental destruction.

If indeed, the nuclear bombs go off and our species and countless others are destroyed, the driving destructive force will have been our own greed, fear and anger. We know from history and our own experience that these negative emotions can lead to war and that modern war can literally create hell on earth.

However, love and compassion are powerful and effective antidotes to the negative emotions of greed, fear and anger. I, for one, believe that our higher power- call it God, Buddha, Allah, the Great Spirit, whatever you want, now requires us to evolve spiritually. We must finally grow up and learn to practice Jesus’ tough-love commandments to “*love your enemy*” and “*love your neighbor as yourself.*” As one bumper sticker asks: “*Who Would Jesus Bomb?*” Obviously, Jesus would not bomb anyone or any nation. And each of the Abrahamic religions, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam stresses the importance of helping the poor and needy. Indeed, the only time that Jesus got angry in his entire ministry was when he physically threw the “*money-changers*” out of the *Temple* for practicing extortion and “*usury.*” Well, modern “*money-changers*” have now taken control not only of the Temple and the Church, but virtually all the other institutions as well (Still, 2004). Would World War IV even be possible if people began to actually put Jesus’ (or Buddha’s, or Mohammed’s) teachings into practice? No.

In many ways, America has a spiritual heart, but we are now being deliberately misled by the propaganda of our religious as well as our political and cultural leaders. Many of us are now waking up to the fact that our government has declared and is fighting a war upon “*we, the people.*” This relentless class warfare pits the super-rich against everyone and everything else. Middle class America has a distinct disadvantage in this war, because most of us do not understand that war is being waged against us. The lower classes, however, the African Americans and Native Americans, etc., have understood this all along.

Former Secretary of State (and CFR member) John Foster Dulles expressed the issue honestly a half century ago:

...somehow, we find it hard to sell our values.... namely that the rich should plunder the poor.

To tell a brief personal story here, a few years ago I informed an old friend that I suspected 9/11 was an inside job. When he readily agreed, I asked him why was so quick to

agree. He replied that he'd read Zinn's *A People's History of the United States* and therefore saw that 9/11 fit the larger pattern of perpetual class war that has marked the real history of this country.

But it is also true that we in Middle America have had much to be grateful for. With our Declaration of Independence, our Bill of Rights, and our American Empire, a great many of us Americans have lived better than the kings of old during the past century. But the tide of history has now turned against us. Our leaders are cannibalizing the infrastructure of our society as fast as they can. They know that they cannot sustain their imperial predations without resorting to terrorism, terrorizing people, and staging false-flag synthetic terror events. Our leaders have clearly decided that our democracy and our Bill of Rights are no longer compatible with their goal of establishing a global, corporate, dictatorship.

But the fact remains that "we" vastly outnumber "them." Thus, "they" absolutely depend on their propaganda machine to keep us in a state of ignorance and fear. And the Bush team trades on fear. Therefore, our mandate now, if we want to keep our democracy and our country, is to overcome our ignorance with the facts and with knowledge and our fear with courage. If we turn off our propaganda boxes (TVs) and tune out the inane programs that anaesthetize us, we can do this. The alternative, I believe, is to let our fear continue to rule us, as we march, like lemmings, toward our own extinction.

Carolyn Forché put it more poetically in The Country Between Us:

There is a cyclone fence between ourselves and the slaughter and behind it we hover in a calm protected world like netted fish, exactly like netted fish. It is either the beginning or the end of the world, and the choice is ourselves or nothing.

It is past time we Americans realize that what has been hijacked is our country, our democracy, and our future. Perhaps once we begin to uncover, discover, and comprehend the astounding level of corruption that infects our corporate-controlled government, we will find the motivation and determination to reclaim the excellent resources we have to fall back on, like, for instance, the Declaration of Independence:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.

Our founding fathers seem to have had a potent mixture of courage, understanding of history, and sense of justice. Do enough of us retain enough of these qualities today? I believe

we do. I hope and pray we do. Frank Morales tells this story from Ground Zero about a modern American hero:

A few days after the destruction at the World Trade Center I received a call from a staff person at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine who asked me if I, being a priest, would be willing to journey down, through all the militarized check points that had been set up immediately following the bombings, to perform last rites for the dead.... Walking down Lower Broadway into the heart of darkness, I could clearly smell the stench of death.... Standing there I was approached by a fireman, a 40ish football player-looking guy from Queens. Spitting up blood and popping antibiotics, he told me that the wives of his friends buried somewhere beneath the burning toxic earth were calling him everyday and asking him if he'd found their husbands yet. I told him to go home, that he was sick. He looked at me and said, "I know I'm going to lose ten years of my life here, but I can't let my buddies down. I can't go"....

Recognizing that I was somewhat overwhelmed by the spectacle of devastation all around us he said to me, "Father, you don't see any chairs or tables, no desks, do you? All you see is steel and earth. Look at the earth," he said, "the people are in it." As he said this, he motioned me to examine the soil that I was standing in. It was rich and moist, enriched with the ground-up bodies of the dead. My feet inside my boots began to tingle. At this point, recognizing that I had truly arrived in hell, I was moved to utter in his presence, possibly for his benefit, that "hey, if I had somebody in this mess, I'd be pissed as shit, and yeah, I'd wanna get those bastards," at which point he put his hand on my shoulder and whispered, "Hey, it's not about that. You wanna know something," drawing near to my ear, "Bush and Bin Laden have the same banker."

Frank Morales

Certainly, in this age of potential nuclear annihilation, violence is not the answer. The answer is peaceful resistance and non-cooperation is the answer. Emergency Medical Technician, computer expert, and courageous American from Ground Zero, Indira Singh, points the way toward the future when she says:

Silence is betrayal.

Indira Singh

And as for me:

**Con los pobres de la tierra quiero yo mi suerte echar
(With the poor people of the earth, I want to cast my lot.)**

from *Guantanamera* (Jose Marti)

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Appendix A- Basis for Legal Proceedings
(from Mariani/Berg's RICO suit against Bush administration;
in Maars, 2004)

Classification (Categories) of Crimes Committed

1. Generic list: High Treason, murder, manslaughter, assault, conspiracy, criminal facilitation, bank, insurance, security, and other fraud; obstruction of justice, lying under oath, breach of contract, military crimes, acts or omissions, liability of a principle, failure to supervise, faulty building materials or methods, clean air act violations.
2. Criminal solicitation, conspiracy attempt, criminal facilitation, criminal mischief, aiding and abetting, forgery, false written statements, perjury, homicide, bribery, money laundering, terrorism, homicide, assault, arson, larceny, offenses regarding computers, insurance fraud, trespass and damage to property, bribery involving public servants, etc. all are provisions in the New York statutes. (each of these has levels of culpability).
3. Need to find hard evidence. Separate proofs and evidence from speculation. So rank the evidence based on which is the strongest case. Filmed and recorded evidence is best. Official and then unofficial records, legal realities (job descriptions of authorities of individuals). Eye witness accounts. Press accounts are secondary sources. Accounts in books are tertiary sources.
4. Need to ID damaged parties, including residents and workers, rescue workers, property owners: (Port authority, transit authority, NYC police and fire departments, NYC school system, and other government agencies). Taxpayers paying compensation funds,
5. Need to find areas of public support. What are most egregious crimes. Putting military workers in harms way. failure to warn, failure to heed warnings, failure to investigate, benefiting from tragedy, using tragedy as an excuse to deny civil rights, allowing potential conspirators to leave country, disregard of airline safety, , using illegal funds for execution and cover-up, using tragedy to get government contracts and appropriations, for political purposes, to justify war, instilling of terror in hearts New Yorkers and Washingtonians.
6. ID of potentially liable and culpable parties: Sec. Defense Donald Rumsfeld, President Bush, VP Cheney, Dep. Sec of Defense Paul Wolfowitz, CIA George Tenet, NSA

Director Rice and National Sec. Council, NORAD, FAA, FBI Louis Free, Joint Chiefs of Staff Richard Myers, people in charge of Fort Detrick, Maryland (anthrax poisoning).

7. Realize jurisdictions – different levels of government.
8. Where did money come from to pull off the job?
9. We need real investigation. This will take money.

New York damages:

1. Calculate value of property damage from crimes
 2. Calculate value of loss of life
 3. Calculate value of future earnings, mental distress, loss of use of limbs and mental capacity, environmental damage, loss of health, pollution, liability for increased health care, pension plans, disability, insurance losses,
- Including

1. Cost to repair and rescue (NYC)
2. Loss of profits to businesses and owners
3. Loss of tax revenue
4. Loss of privacy and individual rights (USA PATRIOT ACT)
5. Loss of life of military personnel in Afghanistan and Iraq

Motive, Means, and Opportunity

1. According to Ruppert (2005), attacks of 9/11 were pretext for US, British, and Israeli empires to seize by force the remaining oil reserves on the planet.
2. Precedents for secret operations: Manhattan Project, that developed atom bomb and Stealth fighter. Number of people involved in these projects exceeded number of people needed to carry out 9/11.
3. Motive: trillions of dollars.
4. Bush had complete plans for war on Afghanistan on his desk on Sept. 9, 2001 (source: Condoleeza Rice).