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One of the saddest lessons in history is this: If we've been bamboozled long enough, we tend to reject any evidence of the bamboozle." – Carl Sagan

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## Meet The Author

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## Introduction

By now, we've all been told many times over the historic importance of the attack on September 11, 2001. They changed us. They altered the course of history.

This is undeniably true.

And yet for many of us, 9/11 exists in a sort of fog, or maybe it would be better to say a mist, of assertions, assumptions, wild speculations and incomplete explanations. There is so much we don't know about that day, and the months leading up to it, and the years since.

In the pages that follow, the confusing elements of 9/11 will begin to clear. Unfortunately, the revelations they yield a sum even more tragic and terrible than most could have suspected — and one too consequential to ignore.

Beginning with reports by veteran federal investigators, we see that for eighteen months preceding 9/11, Saudi intelligence agents harbored and supported the 9/11 hijackers in every conceivable fashion. We will see how the operation was funded, how their handlers led the hijackers to flight training on Boeing airliners in the Arizona desert, and how they devised an air attack that defeated the world's most sophisticated defense system.

These discoveries by FBI field agents were exposed during the first official investigation into 9/11, a Congressional Joint Inquiry that was conducted back in 2002. This commission also discovered and reported direct financial and logistical support from top Saudi officials to the 9/11 hijackers while they trained in Florida, California and Arizona.

So what happened to the report?

According to the Inquiry's chairman, their final report met a fierce coverup and a blatant obstruction of justice from the Bush Intelligence Community. The "indisputable" evidence about the Saudis in the Top Secret version was simply redacted from the declassified version.

Among a host of explosive discoveries, the investigators found buried in the Bureau's urgent dispatches from FBI field agents to Washington throughout the spring and summer of 2001, reporting that a group of Saudis had traveled to the Arizona desert and were training that an "inordinate number of individuals of investigative interest" were engaged in flight training. One agent reported "an effort to establish a cadre of individuals in civil aviation who would conduct future terrorist activity." But apparently, no one at FBI Headquarters was interested in stopping the plot.

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Meanwhile, another group of federal investigators reported to the Inquiry that a Saudi with long and intimate ties to U.S. President George W. Bush directly funded the hijackers and that the hijackers' handlers in the U.S. "had access to seemingly unlimited funding from Saudi Arabia." These findings led the inquiry's chairman to state, "There was a clear line between the 9/11 hijackers and the government of Saudi Arabia."

When we follow the hijackers to the desert for flight training, we see that another unit of Bush Intelligence Community began setting up a decoy, emphasizing in "Top Secret" reports to Washington, a frightening menace posed by some super-terrorist named Osama bin Laden. They sent a dozen reports up to the president's advisors, called PDBs, presidential briefing papers, that would serve as proof that Osama bin Laden was planning some sort of attack. But when we check these reports, all we find is hearsay, and nothing else, to support their claims. Then, as we will see, in the vulnerable hours immediately after 9/11, while America staggered in a state of profound shock, Bush Intelligence "officials" began pointing the finger to this ready-made evildoer.

The barrage of false media reports were so convincing that America forgot our system of justice. In our haste, our rush to judgement, America was led to believe in torture, judicial executions, media trials and military tribunals.

Even in a closer examination of this supposed super-terrorist and his organization, all we find are relatively crude bombings and decapitations of hostages. The suggestion that Osama bin Laden, single handedly or through his lieutenants, had leaped from car bombs to the total defeat of all elements of United States national security, with an air raid based on a coordinated midair hijacking of four airliners, is preposterous. As we will see from a complete analysis of the hijackers' tactical plan, it is not remotely possible.

When we do a methodical breakdown of the attack using official reports from the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), radar recordings from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and recovered data from the black boxes, we understand the intensive planning, intricate execution and impressive skill needed to accomplish the 9/11 mission. The biggest surprise for everyone who receives their "news" from the six media conglomerates is that this evidence takes us not to some shady terrorist group, but again, to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia: funding, logistical support, tactical planners, Boeing airliners, Boeing flight instructors. It's all here, and it doesn't end here.

When we focus on the most capable of suspects, we find and examine a series of documents, drafted in the late 1990s by top financial supporters and Cabinet members of the future Bush Administration. Each of these documents conclude with a plea for an American military invasion into the Middle East. Suspiciously, one paper in particular outlined a war plan that mirrors what has actually transpired. The authors, who name Dick Cheney as their inspirational leader, wrote of an intention to transform America after a hypothetical terrorist attack described as "a new Pearl Harbor." In their "New American Century" the Bush administration's military-intelligence establishment would come to the fore with an aggressive Middle East agenda.

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Suspiciously enough, the vice president's former corporation was well positioned to provide massive logistical services to one hundred thousand U.S. troops for a relatively quick deployment. He also fed America a stream of false intelligence about weapons of mass destruction, and embellished links between Saddam Hussein and bin Laden during an urgent rush to war.

Domestically after 9/11, under the guise of fighting terrorism, a massive security sweep swiftly and quietly put the Bush Intelligence Community in control of the FBI and two super-authorities, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Transport Security Agency (TSA). Meanwhile, elements of the Intelligence Community's "special operations" propaganda unit became the exclusive pipeline of false and misleading information to American media concerning 9/11, incessantly feeding us un-sourced reports on bin Laden and his alleged operational "mastermind," Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, or KSM.

This is the big bamboozle: Using the hysteria-inducing codewords "Osama bin Laden" and "al Qaeda," the Bush Intelligence Community has seized control of our most powerful government agencies, including the Justice and State Departments, the FBI, TSA, and DHS. On the seal of the United States Intelligence Community, reproduced on the cover of this book, note the circle of sixteen stars which represent sixteen government agencies they now control from the George Bush Center of Intelligence near Washington. One of the stars represents their conquest of our U.S. Treasury, which has already spent at least one trillion taxpayer dollars on the hunt for Osama bin Laden, the wars that he caused and the security sweep imposed by the Patriot Act.

In the pages that follow, we will see precisely how 9/11 changed our world and why, because of our false impression of 9/11, the Bush Intelligence Community now effectively remains in control of every armed authority of our federal government and easily overpowers the Executive, Judicial and Legislative branches.

Some might call this a coup. Others may say it's a brave new way of dealing with a changing world — a radical way of fighting a global war we just can't be trusted to understand.

Either way, you may finally be able to see through the mist of deception, the smoke and mirrors, to find our democracy, our constitution and our freedoms in great jeopardy.



## My Smoke

My phone would not stop ringing. I tried to sleep through rings but I finally surrendered and made my way to the phone in my office. There were already fifteen messages. Only the schedulers at United would be so persistent, but I had just returned at midnight from a day trip up and down the American west coast, seven times no less, from my base at Los Angeles to San Diego to Seattle, and every major airport in between. I had at least one message in the rest coming. I began listening to the great urgencies of the new day.

First message: "Dude, are you watching this? I'm at the Helmsley, it's crazy, call me."

*Watching what?*

Second message: "Honey it's me, I hope you're not flying New York this month. This is me. Please, please call me. I love you."

Third message: "Hey, do you have the TV on? Please call me, I'm worried sick about the news."

I had a houseful of visitors, all sleeping soundly as chills ran up the back of my neck, not from fear but from the love and concern in the voicemail playbacks. I scrolled through the messages, all from the eastern and central time zones, and none from the crew desk.

My kid sister and her young family were sleeping in the guest bedroom, visiting — my other kids — I knew were there, were fine. Dawn was breaking at 6:20 as I checked the news and felt sweet Pacific air streaming through our Santa Barbara home. What the hell was going on?

I flicked on the television and the screen was painting a picture of thick, black smoke billowing from a very familiar building. I was just in the Windows of the World restaurant a few days earlier and now a close up showed a gaping hole, five or six stories wide and deep, and way up beyond the reach of water canons, an inferno, with dozens of windows glowing out from each side of the north tower of World Trade Center. "Holy smoke" was all I could muster. What the hell? What does this have to do with me? Then I saw it, a Boeing 767 strafing Manhattan, down low, at a thousand feet, the dark blue and grey paint of our own plane. Holy smoke, it was definitely one of our planes.

A wild stupid thought surfaced, I thought one of our pilots was trying to get a better shot at the fire — as the plane disappeared behind the building and another camera angle showed it pull up the final bank, not away from danger but straight into the south tower. The plane ignited an orange jet-fuel blast of ten thousand gallons, blowing the building to shreds as debris filled the screen. A shock wave hit my shoulders and my head jumped back in disbelief. "Holy smoke." The chills returned, this time from head to toe.

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The phone was ringing again as I too, wondered where all my airline buds were, who ones had just died on this massive public stage, which flight attendants, which base? replay continued and again, just like the first time, it banked into the building and down if I didn't jump again. It's impossible, I thought, for a pilot, a United Airlines captain purposely bank into death with all those souls sitting behind, all trusting his judgment. Impossible. My God.

Who would, who could, do this?

In stunned silence, I watched the scene unfold but was still able to find cognizance remembered, through a rush of shock and awe, my work over the previous ten years hundreds of hours at this desk, on layovers, studying the new inexorable power that invaded America, the bull in the china shop that had already caused havoc in my career an undercurrent of deep mistrust amongst our pilot association.

The culmination of that research was nearly finished, and because there were so many holes in my understanding at the time, it was written as a novel based on my time flying the spooks back in the 1980s. Even before this stunt, there was a sick feeling that America was in deep, deep trouble, that a group, this new Bush Administration, just like the Bush Administration, was an incredibly dangerous, brazen bunch of well-connected, educated ideologists. They were on a power trip similar to others in world history, but as I knew this was the first attempt by what our founders had labeled domestic enemies to overthrow the Constitution and place America under their own absolute power.

As a former operative in this group's notorious covert missions, including Iran-Contra and the sting on Pablo Escobar, I recognized that this smoke rising over Manhattan must add a major piece to my large jigsaw puzzle of evidence. A picture was forming with colors of blood red and gold. There were murders, assassinations and stacks of cash. There were Wall Street bankers, members of our Congress, lawyers, mobsters, and the keys to the United States Treasury. The central piece was Iran-Contra and my former position within an operation involving arms smuggling and huge financial transfers. There were cargo planes, a fleet of Learjets and congressional hearings. There were two major scandals; the savings-and-loan heist and something called BCCI. New pieces included mysterious rolling blackouts, campaign financing, the Enron Corporation and Kenneth Lay. There was a stolen Presidential election, Jeb Bush, Kathleen Harris and James Baker. Over there were guns, an ocean of oil, a Saudi monarchy, covert operations, biological weapons, Executive Branch officials and the world's mightiest military. The big picture was emerging as an empire, with a confederacy of domestic enemies attempting a revolution, against the United States of America. I was nearly done, but now, with this astounding act, the upcoming book and all its research might easily, like the criminal I had studied, fade into obscurity.

Before the third replay of our Boeing 767 slamming the south tower, I realized the stunt was done for political reasons. Oil prices and gold would be affected. Stocks would crash. Airline labor, all American labor would be affected. Our military would suddenly be deployed.

*Shit. Of course.*

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The question remained. Who in the world would they pin this on? Who had the guts, the expertise to do something anywhere close to this? For years in the airline industry, I'd sat through many briefings on terrorist organizations that posed threats to us. The hijackings by holding a plastic explosive and forcing a landing were about all we expect but this, actually flying a plane, a Boeing 767, into a Kamikaze ending was off the charts.

If fate would have it, this stunt was executed in my area of expertise, my backyard, the cramped working space of a United 767 cockpit, a highly technical environment where every action, every word spoken and every radio transmission is recorded.

I recall my first warm piece of knowledge on that morning: the fact that these were commercial airliners meant that almost every action in this attack would be recorded, from flight data devices on each aircraft, FAA radar recordings and air traffic control transmissions. One day, I thought at the time, we would be able to piece the entire attack together to learn exactly what transpired and who was behind the insanity. Bullshit would last so long.

I picked up the ringing phone. "Phil? Thank God you're home." It was my first flight instructor, my dad, calling from New Orleans. "What the hell is going on?" I told him that I saw it. "There's more planes missing," he said.

"Holy smoke."



## The Tactical Plan

The tactical plan was brilliant. In some areas, it relied on factors beyond anyone's control. That it succeeded at all is a tribute to someone's careful calculations, and their provision of resources, preparation and intensive training. Significantly, for this examination, the attacks also were more complex than any terrorist group had ever attempted.

As we break down the attack, we see a plan so intricately ingenious, and executed with such precision, that it eliminates assumptions made by U.S. Intelligence officials about the identity of the plotters – the suspects singled out from the start as the perpetrators.

The 9/11 attack defeated the United States of America to a degree that is hard to fathom. Beginning with government agencies designed to protect the homeland, we see that the Central Intelligence Agency was defeated; the Federal Bureau of Investigation was defeated. The security measures of the Federal Aviation Administration were defeated. National security advisors, airport security and airline security were defeated. The U.S. Coast Guard and the missile defense system which protects the nation's capital were rendered useless. The world's greatest defense establishment was nullified.

Post 9/11, the defeats continue. A suspect identified as Osama bin Laden supposedly eluded our Special Forces – Army Rangers, Navy Seals, Delta Force – for nine years at a cost of 5,000 American lives and a trillion dollars. When we supposedly “found” bin Laden, unarmed, he was not captured or afforded a trial for the world to see; he was (allegedly) shot in the head in front of his family before one piece of evidence was even heard.

Another suspect, captured and held at Guantanamo Bay, Khalid Sheikh Mohamud, the alleged “mastermind” of the attack, has not been afforded a trial despite an attempt by the current U.S. Attorney General and the President of the United States. Those efforts have been derailed by the fear tactics of those in the Intelligence Community who believe that our Justice Department can't be trusted to prosecute him and our penal system is too weak to hold him. The United States of America is afraid to hold a trial. So now, too, our system of justice has been defeated. All of these defeats have been pinned on one man: Osama bin Laden.

This is the big bamboozle.

## Bombers Did What?

The Bush Administration quickly sold to a stunned nation that Osama bin Laden and his organized group, something called al Qaeda, had somehow orchestrated the greatest tragedy upset in world history. Before 9/11, al Qaeda's most sophisticated acts of terrorism were crude car and truck bombings, their signature sucker punches. They were also blamed for ramming a rubber boat, crudely laced with explosives into an American destroyer parked at the Port of Yemen. Post 9/11, al Qaeda has been blamed for failed attempts by passengers on American airlines to ignite a shoe bomb and an underwear bomb.

As we look at the tactical plan, one might ask how any of us bought an explanation that a few bombers had miraculously leaped to a coordinated aerial attack that completely defeated the world's mightiest military.

As we refocus on the events of 9/11 itself, from the beginning, we may realize that we were directed toward answers and explanations that were flawed from the first. So let's start over - from the beginning.

In recreating the attack, by using official NTSB and FAA transcripts to synchronize flight and voice data from the recovered black boxes, we can see that the element of surprise allowed the first wave of attack against New York to go unchallenged. But then the element of surprise was lost. At that point, given that this was a multi-pronged attack involving several airliners, every second of delay jeopardized the rest of the mission.

Although time is important in any tactical plan, time - Time with a capital T - was mission-critical on 9/11. The delay between the New York attacks and the strike on the Pentagon, compounded by the crash of United 93 in Pennsylvania, meant that even though the tactical elements achieved spectacular successes, in strategic terms the attack experienced major setbacks. These flaws go a long way toward exposing a most troubling set of conspirators.

Almost all attention concerning 9/11 has been focused on the terrible deeds that the conspirators accomplished. However, it is at least as important to focus on how the attack was designed to unfold, and what it was designed to achieve.

The conspirators chose four perfect flights to hijack. All were scheduled to depart within minutes of each other from three east coast airports. All were among the first flights of the morning, and therefore among the least likely to be delayed. Because of unpredictable delays at these busy airports, it would be hard to know which plane would hit its target. But if things went just right, they might have all hit within minutes if not seconds of each other. An area of great concern for the planners was that delays of any length would jeopardize the attack.

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All four flights had very similar profiles and objectives. Each plane would be converted from a normal passenger flight to a heavily fueled, guided missile. The takeovers would be planned to transpire close to the targets, so hijackers could initiate a fairly managed descent rate to the targets before military fighters could intercept.

The planners chose their flights wisely. Transcontinental flights are heavily fueled. Routes from the east to west coast provide predictable courses for plotting the takeoff points.

The hijackers were trained on one of the few "dual rating" combination aircraft. The Boeing Corporation purposely designed the 767 and 757 with nearly identical cockpits. Consequently, airlines like United consider training on the 757 as credit for training on the 767 and competency on the 767 converts to competency on the 757. The cockpits are so similar that airlines conduct six-week training courses for their pilots using the 757. After a relatively short, two-day 767 "differences" course the pilot is also qualified on the heavier 767.

The 767 outweighs the 757 by over 100,000 pounds, making the 767 a better aircraft to destroy the larger World Trade Center towers. The two 767s held around 14,000 gallons of fuel at takeoff while the two 757s held around 12,000 gallons of Jet A fuel. The 757s are strategically better to hit targets like the Pentagon, which only stands 100 feet high. The smaller 757 has increased maneuverability compared to the wide-body 767s selected for the World Trade Center targets. Basically, the aircraft selection reveals an expert in aviation matters.

On 9/11, the initial execution went according to plan. All four airplanes were fully fueled and loaded and pushed back from their gates on schedule. American 11 pushed back from the gate at Boston at 7:50 a.m. United 175 pushed back, also from Boston, at 7:59. United 93 pushed back from Newark at 8:01 and American 77 pushed back from Dulles Airport near Washington at 8:10.

At this point, the odds were excellent that all four planes would be airborne by 8:30 a.m., all would reach their windows for takeover by 8:40 and all would be burning through their targets within an hour after takeoff. By 9:11 a.m. on 9/11 Americans were witnessing, via television screens around the nation, something that would look very much like Armageddon.

What actually happened was horrific enough. But consider the impact of simultaneous strikes on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon and the destruction of the Capitol dome, which appears to have been the target assigned to United 93. This was the plan: Americans waking to fire and brimstone with the Capital Building and the Pentagon, as well as both World Trade Center towers in Manhattan all engulfed in flames. People would die horribly on live television. By the time the first images were broadcast the attack would have been completely over.

But that is not what happened.



profound as the psychological impact of 9/11 is, the trauma of what was intended to happen would have ratcheted that impact up to a level that is difficult to conceive or estimate, except to say that it would be capable of producing almost unlimited political consequences, and for a very long time.

If the plan gone as designed, the planners could expect a frantic but fruitless response from the U.S. defenses. By 9:11 on 9/11, Americans would be in a state of profound shock and terror. The President of the United States would give a somber speech from an elementary school where he had been showing compassion for America's students, reading a recent story to 7-year-olds. It would be obvious that there hadn't been a damn thing he could do after immediately launching waves of fighter jets from Cape Cod to Dover Air Force Base to Maryland to Hampton Roads only to find that the sneak attack was completed and the planes were gone but smoke filled the skies. He would soon identify the evildoers and bravely send American military into a new, justified era of retaliation.

But it didn't happen that way.

When the tactical plan is analyzed in aviation terms, it becomes clear that two of the hijackers executed the tactical plan to perfection. It is also abundantly clear that they did not. They did not just fail by not managing to crash United 93 into the intended target; they failed to achieve one of the most important goals of the overall mission. They failed because of the delays, the long duration of the four hijackings, which tends to obscure the identity of the real conspirators — meaning not the nominal hijackers, but the mission planners and architects. The actions, or more accurately, the inaction, of key officials within the Executive Branch before, during and after the attacks demonstrated an inexplicable incompetence. At worst, this was just one part of a plan to replace democracy with a shadow government that was already taking shape.

## The Joint Congressional Inquiry

It is infinitely important to go back to an investigation, conducted shortly after the attacks, where the real planners and executioners of 9/11 were clearly exposed. With all the distractions of terror and war, few Americans realize that in 2002, a Congressional Joint Inquiry was formed to investigate the 9/11 attack. The investigation was an unprecedented act by the U.S. Congress. Never before had the two permanent intelligence oversight committees, one from the House and one from the Senate, collaborated on an investigation. The Congressional Joint Inquiry was led by three veteran and dogged investigators who would find, deeply hidden in the FBI files, a troubling discovery: The hijackers had been supported, in every conceivable way, by agents of the Saudi Arabian government as they prepared for the attack.

From the moment the hijackers arrived on U.S. soil, it is well documented that Saudi Intelligence agents, and employees of the Saudi Civil Aviation authority, provided housing and obtained drivers licenses and harbored them. After lying low as a sleeper cell through the year 2000, they would be led to intensive flight training in the Arizona desert in December of 2000, which leads to the first plausible explanation of the incredible performance demonstrated on 9/11. After submitting an 800-page report to the American public, moderate U.S. Senator Bob Graham of Florida, the co-chairman of the Inquiry, said, "There was a 'direct line' between the terrorists and the government of Saudi Arabia. The Saudi government had provided logistical and financial support to at least two of the 9/11 hijackers while they lived in Southern California." [1]

One might think a statement of this magnitude would draw significant media attention. It didn't. For some odd reason, the American media wasn't interested in the possibility of the Saudi government being behind the 9/11 attack. Anytime Saudis were mentioned in the news, there was a great silence and a commercial break would follow. But if the Saudi government was involved in 9/11, this is a fundamental change in our understanding of the attack and the past decade of terror. This is a game changer.

All great investigators will tell you that there are ground rules that should never be broken. Never rule anyone out. The "perfect crime" is perpetrated by people we would never expect. Following the money is another. The third is focusing on suspects that just don't seem to tell the truth. When we consider that 9/11 was an inside job, these rules lead us to Dick Cheney. The remaining question is a big one. How many others were involved? We may never know but we know Cheney was not, could not have been acting alone.

As you will see over and over in this book, the Bush White House has gone to great lengths to hide the Saudi execution of the attack. Led by the American Vice President, the Intelligence Community was allowed to tamper with the inquiry's report be-

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released as a declassified document. They redacted 28 pages that dealt with the involvement and crammed explosive discoveries deep in the report between long, monotonous passages. They would distract the American public with threats of further wars, a rush to judgment, a push to war, and announce, with great fanfare, that they would form a 9/11 Commission. Meanwhile, the Vice President threatened the Inquiry's staff with jail if any of the information on the Saudis was leaked.

Senator Bob Graham, the Inquiry's chairman, would be the first of many investigators attempting to expose the inquiry's findings. Graham knew that many of his colleagues on the Congressional committee, Democrats and Republicans alike, shared his view that the material gathered was explosive and that they, too, felt it should be made public. But what seemed to many of them a breach of the Constitution's separation of powers, the House and the FBI had muzzled them into silence. [2]

Graham published his own book in 2004 entitled *Intelligence Matters*, where he described the heavy coverup by the Intelligence Community. Senator Graham did not mince words, saying that "the Bush White House was determined to cover up Saudi involvement in 9/11 and that the administration had found an eager accomplice in the FBI." [3]

Graham wrote the incredible account of how the Vice President arranged an FBI investigation of the Inquiry while the Inquiry was investigating the FBI. [4]

Graham chronicled that FBI Headquarters had responded aggressively to Cheney's demand that the FBI investigate the Inquiry's staff during the investigation, interviewing scores of members of Congress and their aides. The Bureau suggested it wanted to use photographs on some of the lawmakers with the threat of prosecution and jail - of being convicted in a time of war. To Graham, the entire experience seemed surreal.

Graham outlined how Cheney led a cover up of mass proportions, describing all sorts of tactics that included leaking false information to the media and then quoting information leaked as evidence. This United States Senator, having led an investigation into the worst attacks of 9/11, was now accusing the Vice President of a coverup. One might think that Senator Graham's calling out of the Vice President would draw significant media attention. It didn't.

Instead of reporting on the Saudis and their connections to high-ranking members of our Executive Branch, the media repeated, time and time again, exactly what the Intelligence Community told them to sell: that it was Osama bin Laden, a super-terrorist with no army, no country, living in an Afghan cave, who supposedly defeated all American domestic defenses. Any talk to the contrary was by conspiracy kooks. Questioning the White House's frightening times was strictly taboo and downright un-American, yet Graham's investigators were convinced that a number of Saudi officials knew that terrorists entered the United States beginning in 2000 in preparation for some sort of an attack. Graham believed that Saudi officials had directed spies operating in the United States to kill them. [5]



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It was an astonishing allegation, but Graham felt the facts were indisputable. The remaining question was whether any of the evidence could be made public and whether Graham could survive the efforts by the White House and Congressional Republicans to portray him as a partisan conspiracy theorist – a headline-grabbing kook. As you will see, Graham had come to believe that new FBI Director, Robert Mueller, had become a “facilitator of ineptitude of the bureau” and was “directly involved in the effort to hide the truth.” [6]

The evidence about the Saudi links to the hijackers was dug up because of the tenaciousness of the joint committee’s staff director, Eleanor Hill, a veteran Congressional investigator who had worked for both Democrats and Republicans, and Michael Jacobsen, a former FBI lawyer and counterterrorism analyst who had joined the staff and was one of its most dogged investigators. During this 2002 Congressional investigation, Jacobsen found the most important evidence about the Saudi connection to the hijackers buried in the files of the FBI’s field office in San Diego and at FBI Headquarters in Washington. As you will see, the Vice President and “special activities” would see that this information never reached the American taxpayers who paid for the report and the investigation.

Senator Graham wrote: “What Jacobsen found in searching through the FBI’s files was that two eventual hijackers had been befriended shortly after their arrival in California by a mysterious Saudi expatriate who seemed clearly to be working on behalf of some part of the Saudi government.” Of great interest is that he was on the payroll of an aviation contractor to the Saudi government. [8] After studying the flight profiles from the attack, plugging in Saudi Intelligence as the true architects of the attack solves every last mystery in regard to the slick tactical plan and the hijackers’ stunning flying performance.

As Jacobsen and the other Congressional investigators kept digging, they found evidence that these contacts appeared to be part of a larger network of Arab expatriates who had been tasked to help the 9/11 hijackers. One particular Saudi Intelligence agent, Osama al Bayoumi, whose income had grown dramatically in the period in which he assisted two hijackers – almost \$40,000 above his usual salary from his job with the Saudi aviation firm – was documented as the hijackers’ personal assistant. Jacobsen had found evidence that yet another Saudi living in San Diego who also appeared to work as a spy, Osama Bassan, had funneled thousands of dollars to Bayoumi. [8]

The source of Bassan’s money was an additional shock to the Congressional investigators. Much of it had come in the form of cashier’s checks directed to his family by the wife of the Saudi Ambassador to Washington, Prince Bandar bin Sultan, the close personal friend of the Bush family. This raised a big red flag. Prince Bandar, as you shall see in following chapters, has been involved over the past 30 years in numerous covert activities of U.S. Saudi Intelligence. [9]

There was another alarming surprise in the FBI files: Two of the hijackers had been in close contact in San Diego with a longtime FBI informant, Abdussattar Shaikh, who both lived in Shaikh’s home for a time. As you will see, incredibly, the Bush administration and FBI Headquarters blocked the Congressional investigation from interviewing the informant after Jacobsen learned his identity. [10]



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For more than 80 pages within the Inquiry's report, there is clear evidence that the hijackers entered the United States in January 2000 and were immediately met by Saudi intelligence agents in Los Angeles, California. The Saudi agents were identified as employees of the Saudi Civil Aviation Authority, which explains the hijackers' flight training on Boeing 747 planes. [11]

To keep the Saudi operation obscured from the public, we will see evidence that the administration developed an elaborate decoy. The creation of Osama bin Laden as the face of evil is well documented as premeditated. The Intelligence Community began spreading his name, using rumors and disinformation tactics, about the same time that the hijackers began their final stage of flight training. After the attack, these rumors were fed to the media as absolute proof that he was behind the attacks. [12]

Plain and simple, 9/11 was a signature Saudi Arabian Intelligence operation, repeatedly documented by federal investigators. In the Congressional Joint Inquiry report and for the remainder of this book, we consistently see an information battle between rank-and-file field agents and executive-level positions.

Throughout the following chapters, I have double-starred certain individuals and groups, such as FBI Headquarters\*\*, to highlight Intelligence Community\*\*, and Bush-Cheney White House\*\* assets. These are operatives who take their orders from the top — not necessarily from the President, but from the George Bush Center of Intelligence\*\*.

For example: The FBI\*\* countered the FBI San Diego and Phoenix findings. FBI\*\* represents FBI Headquarters\*\* at the Executive level while FBI represents FBI field agents and middle management.

In these first chapters, I will present passages from the declassified version of the report from the Congressional Joint Inquiry into Intelligence Community Activities before and after the attacks of September 11, 2001. To identify the passages, I have introduced the evidence **TOP SECRET**. By using cross outs, we know that the report has been declassified by the Intelligence Community\*\*.

I will end the passage with the page number of the report. I have provided a link to the original report where you can verify that the passages were not taken out of context and encourage you to read it. As mentioned earlier, this report became a victim of "cramming" information deep within an 800-page report. The following examination extracts and highlights this crammed information. As you will see, there is a continuous interpretation between FBI field agents and the Intelligence Community\*\* side of the FBI\*\*, which is a Bush White House\*\* asset.

In aviation training, we refer to an anomaly, something that doesn't add up, as a RED FLAG. As pilots, we are trained to identify red flags on a path to correcting a potentially dangerous situation. After the passages from the Inquiry's report, RED FLAG is used to identify areas of concern.

Even with all the redactions that were executed by the Intelligence Community see an enormous amount of evidence that was compiled by FBI field agents around the country as they followed the 9/11 hijackers from the time they arrived in the United States on January 15, 2000, until their execution of the attacks on September 11, 2001.

This first passage describes the initial meeting between the hijackers and a Saudi Intelligence agent at a Los Angeles restaurant:

**TOP SECRET**

**On January 15, 2000, following an important meeting of al-Qaeda operatives in Malaysia, (future 9/11) hijackers al-Hazmi and al-Mihdhar arrived in Los Angeles where they remained for approximately two and a-half weeks. At one point, they met Omar al-Bayoumi. A person interviewed after September 11 says that he was with al-Bayoumi and the latter met (9/11 hijackers) al-Hazmi and al-Mihdhar. This person says that al-Bayoumi invited him to travel to Los Angeles, explaining that he had business at the Saudi Consulate. When they arrived at the consulate, Bayoumi met with someone behind closed doors. Bayoumi and the person with whom he traveled to Los Angeles went to a restaurant where they met (9/11 hijackers) al-Hazmi and al-Mihdhar after they heard them speaking Arabic, and he invited them to move to San Diego. Bayoumi returned to San Diego after leaving the restaurant, and al-Hazmi and al-Mihdhar arrived in San Diego shortly thereafter."**

**(page 172)**

RED FLAG – The Saudi Intelligence agent, Omar al Bayoumi, went directly from the Saudi Consulate to a meeting with the hijackers. In the next passage, he will be identified as an employee of the Saudi Civil Aviation Authority, and will remain in constant contact with the hijackers throughout their preparation.

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**According to an individual interviewed by the FBI, Bayoumi's superior from his employer, the Saudi Civil Aviation Authority, was approved by (Saudi Aviation Minister) Hamid al-Rashid.**

**Despite the fact that he was a student, Bayoumi had access to seemingly unlimited funding from Saudi Arabia. For example, a source identified Bayoumi as the person who delivered \$400,000 from Saudi Arabia for the Kurdish mosque in San Diego. One of the FBI's sources in San Diego informed the FBI that he thought that Bayoumi must be an intelligence officer for Saudi Arabia or another foreign power.**

RED FLAG – Unlimited funding from Saudi Arabia answers virtually all later questions in regard to hijacker funding.

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The following cable demonstrates the division within the FBI between headquarters\*\* and the field offices. As we have seen, the Inquiry's chairman said that FBI Director Robert Mueller\*\*, appointed by George W. Bush just a week before the attack, was directly involved in hiding the truth. Several times in this report we see FBI used, but again, there is a subtle but distinct difference between FBI Headquarters\*\*, which is a Bush White House operation\*\*, and FBI field agents, who represent a skilled group of investigators. In the following cable, we see that FBI Headquarters\*\* was concerned that FBI field agents would discover the hijackers, and warned them to keep these potential discoveries away from law enforcement.

**TOP SECRET**

**From FBI Headquarters\*\*:**

**al-Mihdhar is located, the interview must be conducted by an intelligence agent\*\*. A criminal agent CAN NOT be present at the interview. This case, in its entirety, is based on intel. If at such time information is developed indicating the existence of a substantial criminal crime, that information will be passed over the wall according to the proper procedures and turned over for follow-up criminal investigation.**

**From the New York agent:**

**Whatever happened to this - someday someone will die - and wall or the public will not understand why we were not more effective and using every resource we had at certain 'problems.' Let's hope the (S) National Security Law Unit (NSLU)\*\* will stand behind their position (about the 'wall') then, especially since the biggest threat to us is getting the most 'protection.' (page 153)**

**RED FLAG - This cable gives the impression that headquarters doesn't know where the al hijacker (al-Mihdhar) is, but just four pages later, on page 157, we see that he's had "frequent contacts" with an FBI\*\* - Intelligence Community\*\* asset:**



**TOP SECRET**

**Two September 11 hijackers, Khalid al-Mihdhar and Nawaf al-Hazmi, lived in San Diego, California, beginning in February 2000. Mihdhar left San Diego in June 2000, while Hazmi remained until December 2000 when he moved to Arizona.**

**During the time they were in San Diego, these two hijackers had numerous contacts with a long-time FBI counterterrorism informant. A third hijacker, Hani Hanjour (the pilot/hijacker on the plane that crashed at the Pentagon), may have had more limited contact with this informant in December 2000.**

**CIA\*\* and FBI Headquarters\*\* had information tying [September 11 hijackers] Mihdhar and Hazmi to al-Qaida as early as January 2000 and later received information that they were in the United States. The San Diego field office received none of this information before September 11. (page 158)**

RED FLAG – We see that the Intelligence Community\*\* knew the hijackers were in the San Diego area, but never informed the San Diego field office.

In the next passage, we find evidence that this informant was actually working for the Intelligence Community\*\*. Naturally, the Joint Inquiry wanted to speak with this informant\*\* who had “numerous contacts” with the 9/11 hijackers. Who the informant was working for might be answered by another question: Who is protecting him? On page 158, we start to learn.

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**An FBI written response to the Joint Inquiry acknowledges questions about the informant’s credibility, but the administration\*\* and FBI\*\* have objected to the Joint Inquiry’s request to interview the informant and have refused to serve a committee subpoena and notify the informant of a deposition on the informant. As suggested by the FBI, the Joint Inquiry submitted written interrogatories for response by the informant. Through an attorney, the informant declined to respond and indicated that, if subpoenaed, the informant would require a grant of immunity prior to testifying. Thus, this section has been prepared without access to the informant and in reliance on FBI documents, interviews of personnel\*\*, and FBI\*\* representations about the informant. (page 158)**

RED FLAG – The Administration\*\* refused to serve a committee subpoena on the informant who had numerous meetings with the 9/11 hijackers. They even refused to submit written questions that the FBI field office had requested. An attorney demands immunity for the informant, and the U.S. Congressional Inquiry is stopped in its tracks.

for the next several pages of the report, we get the informant's story through an Intelligence Community agent\*\* described as "the informant's FBI handler\*\*." As you can see, the informant's testimony has many holes which contradict the FBI field agents' version.

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When the San Diego office realized that the informant\*\* had numerous contacts with the two hijackers (of the Pentagon attack plane), FBI personnel became suspicious that the informant may have been involved in the plot.

The FBI handling agent\*\* attributed inconsistencies in the informant's reporting to the informant's personality.

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Despite these characteristics, the FBI handling agent\*\* testified that the informant was "very credible, highly reliable, very, very credible, and very useful. In the FBI handling agent's\*\* opinion, the informant was 'duped' by the hijackers and was not suspicious of them at all.  
(page 162)

RED FLAG - Obviously, the Intelligence Community's FBI handler\*\* is selling a story that the informant\*\* was duped while no one explains why this FBI informant\*\* was needed to meet frequently with the two hijackers in the first place. If the informant\*\* isn't working with the San Diego office; he was from another division within the U.S. Intelligence Community\*\*.

**TOP SECRET**

Based on Joint Inquiry interviews of San Diego FBI personnel involved with the informant before September 11 or in assessing the informant's\*\* credibility after the attacks and reviews of thousands of Bureau documents, several unresolved questions about the informant's\*\* credibility remain. Although the informant\*\* did not recognize hijacker Hani Hanjour [the Pentagon attacking plane's pilot] in the photographs shown to the informant\*\* by the FBI after September 11, there are indications that Hanjour was in the San Diego area with the informant\*\* in December 2000 and probably met the informant\*\*.  
(page 163)

RED FLAG - On page 165 we get heavy redactions from Vice President Cheney's report, which refused to declassify this passage (over the Inquiry chairman's objections) contradicting the FBI handler's\*\* claim:

**TOP SECRET**

**FBI personnel believe it's likely that the informant\*\* met Hanjour [Pentagon plane pilot] in December of 2000 and are unable to explain why the informant\*\* failed to identify Hanjour."**

**The informant's\*\* credibility is called into question in other important ways:**

**The informant\*\* made a variety of inconsistent statements to the FBI during the course of multiple interviews. The informant\*\* has provided the FBI with many different dates as to the informant's\*\* numerous contacts with Hazmi and Mihdhar and their initial contact. The FBI has acknowledged that 'San Diego agrees with (the) Joint Inquiry ... there are significant inconsistencies' in the informant's\*\* reports.**

**The informant's\*\* statements are not consistent with information developed through investigation concerning the dates of the contacts. The FBI\*\* concedes that the hijackers may have known the informant\*\* months earlier than the informant admitted.**

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**RED FLAG - Even with these heavy redactions, we see evidence that the informant knew the hijackers before he admitted to knowing them. And still, the Bush White House would not allow the Inquiry to question him.**



## Intelligence Community

You may be asking yourself: the Intelligence Community? What's that? Solely because Osama bin Laden, sixteen government agencies have gathered under an umbrella of unity, presumably to prevent further attacks upon the homeland. Ten years after 9/11, we ask, what does the Intelligence Community\*\* not control?

The brain behind the Intelligence Community is an incredible group of individuals. They cover a hundred years of deep roots into secret societies at Ivy League schools. They have deep roots into Wall Street banks. They were the founders of Central Intelligence. They have people everywhere, in the Justice Department, defense contractors, throughout Congress. They, for sixteen of the last century's final twenty years, had the keys to the United States Treasury and the Executive Branch of the United States government. They have the original social network and an unlimited supply of funding. Among a host of powerful networks where taxpayers' earnings flow lavishly is the State Department. Another is the Department of Defense. Today, this group is a confederacy that has nearly one million people on our payroll and I hope you're sitting down for this, 832,000 employees have Top Secret clearances in over 10,000 offices around the United States. They have control of our armed federal force. They control the FBI, CIA, DHS, TSA, DEA, the Department of Defense, the Justice Department and the United States Treasury. They have "lost" \$15 billion from the treasury.

And, a vast majority of taxpayers are unaware of their existence.

Since 9/11, because of 9/11, because of Osama bin Laden, all of these agencies fall under the control of the United States Intelligence Community. They have a sprawling headquarters just outside of Washington; the George Bush Center of Intelligence. This is shadow authority that you are paying for and yet, you have no say in their actions. They can't be voted in and they can't be voted out.

They are presently using \$3.5 billion of our earnings to build a headquarters for their secret police, near Washington, for the Department of Homeland Security\*\*. DHS\*\* is going to link into every county sheriff and city police office, and eventually conduct pat-downs at every train and bus station in our nation. All because of Osama bin Laden. It doesn't stop there. You can expect that a new mail system will be under an armed branch of DHS, with an inspection process similar to the current airport procedures. We are already treating the DHS as the controlling force at DMV and at the USPS.



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Don't look now, but the following agencies are now secured and controlled by Intelligence Community\*\*:

- » **The Department of Homeland Security\*\***
- » **The Transportation Security Agency\*\***
- » **The Central Intelligence Agency\*\***
- » **The Federal Bureau of Investigation\*\***
- » **The Department of Justice\*\***
- » **The Department of Defense\*\***
- » **The United State Treasury\*\* (double red flag)**
- » **The U. S. State Department\*\***
- » **The Drug Enforcement Agency\*\***
- » **The Department of Energy\*\***

A 2010 Washington Post four part series, "Top Secret America" by Dana Priest and William Arkin was able to explain much about the inner workings of the Intelligence Community\*\*. These two journalists explored America's shadow government, which has out-powered any other branch of the American government since and because of 9/11. Still, Priest and Arkin are still asking questions and don't seem to know the true reasons for the new sweeping changes. The following chapter note links to the series. Take time to note the massive covert and psychological operations and the infiltration of propaganda officers\*\* into the American news media. [1]

Yet, there is good news. The \$15 trillion they have "lost" looking for Osama bin Laden did not vanish from the face of the earth, it simply went to a place where we can't find it. Thanks to our founding fathers, American citizens come armed with a Constitution and are backed with judicial and penal systems. With a little focus, we can track down the missing \$15 trillion.

## Flight School

Unfortunately for independent investigators, the taxpayer funded National Transportation Board, the NTSB, released the flight data recordings recovered from two of the hijacked airliners. This release came after a quick rush to judgment and a media conviction of the administration's lone suspect. It seems that in all the confusion and drama, no one had taken a hard look at these recordings.

When we study the data found in the black boxes, we see a story of precise navigation, of incredible coordination, of advanced maneuvering and hair-raising dives. Flight profiles revealed that a tailored operating procedure was used to fly directly to predetermined targets, followed by a series of advanced hand-flown maneuvers that included rapid descents, steep turns and coordinated roll outs. [1]

We can see that strategic navigational frequencies were immediately set in, autopilots were disabled in non-standard methods, gear and flap warning horn alerts were disabled, and cabin intercoms were disabled. The hijackers were all taught identical non-standard navigation procedures and knew exactly where to impact their targets to cause maximum damage.

When synchronizing these recordings with FAA radar, ATC and cockpit transcripts, it becomes obvious that the hijackers had critical inside help from aviation and tactical experts. They had selected the perfect planes, and had drawn up a four-airliner coordinated attack plan designed to defeat our domestic fighter jet coverage. The grand finale was the successful penetration of protected airspace over the nation's capital two hours into the attack.

The precision and low-level maneuvers training is evident when we see the extraordinary flight profiles and FAA radar recordings. For example, American 77, after navigating from its starting point directly to a relatively small area, executed a difficult descending low-altitude 90-degree steep turn before it torpedoed the Pentagon just three feet off the ground at 460 miles per hour. As a twenty-year Boeing pilot and captain on the 757, I would be challenged to duplicate this performance without several practice flights. [2]

In just four minutes and forty seconds, United 175 was taken from cruise mode over New Jersey at 31,000 feet into a hair-raising descent toward the Statue of Liberty before a sharp climb off at a thousand feet, screaming over Manhattan at a hundred knots over the redline and slamming the World Trade Center. [3] The hijackers flew at expert levels of skill and ship on airliners that require a six-week training course – for experienced airline pilots – and did it single-pilot, without an experienced co-pilot, in a large cockpit designed for two professional aviators.

## *THE HYPOTHESIS*

Flight training for this attack would require a fairly large operation. This operation would be difficult to hide and a logical progression to achieve this proficiency would take time. The hijackers would have needed at least one Boeing airliner, an experienced Boeing flight instructor, a team of mechanics and fuelers, and, of course, they would need a secure covert airport to operate several training flights. If we could learn where this training had taken place, it would lead us straight to the planners and conspirators.

## *EVIDENCE*

On 9/11, we're talking about planes that weigh 300,000 pounds, engines that produce 100,000 pounds of thrust, pushing aluminum tubes through the air at 500 miles per hour and burning a gallon of fuel every two seconds. You don't just jump in these cockpits and fly around like a professional pilot without some serious flight and systems training.

I have spent my airline career exclusively on Boeings, and I have captain ratings on specific types: from the classic 727, 737 and 747 to the newer "glass" cockpits of the 7400, 757 and 767. But today, if I were to jump into a cockpit of the French built Airbus would not be able to start the engines, operate the autopilot or navigate. The systems are all different.

If I were tasked to execute a 9/11 type flying performance on an Airbus, it would require at least two weeks of intense flight instruction and a dozen practice flights to accomplish what those hijackers were able to do. And don't give me flight manuals in French or French speaking instructors. I would need English speaking just like the hijackers needed Arabic speaking instructors.

But the hijackers weren't airline pilots. They would have to begin from scratch. After examination, we see evidence that over a period of eighteen months, the hijackers went through basic flight training, some simulator time and multiple practice runs in an actual Boeing 757.

## *BASIC FLIGHT TRAINING*

Detailed reports from FBI field agents confirm that basic flight training began in early 2000 on small, single engine airplanes at private flight schools. [4] This was a logical first step by the mission planners to prepare them for more advanced training.

In early 2000 at a small Venice, Florida airport, three of the four pilot/hijacker Mohammed Atta (AA11); Marwan al Shehhi (UA175) and Ziah Jarrah (UA93) enrolled at a small private flight school (Hoffman Aviation) for initial flight training. [5]

The fourth pilot/hijacker, Hani Hanjour, already had limited flight experience. Hanjour was the pilot/hijacker on American 77 that hit the Pentagon had tried (but failed) to become an airline pilot in Saudi Arabia in the early 1990s. Hanjour enrolled at a small flight school in 2000 near San Diego. Using a cover as Saudi Royal Family body guards, they told flight instructors that the Saudis had asked them to become pilots. [6]



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testimony gathered by FAA and FBI field agents from the hijackers' flight instructors stated that they were marginal single engine pilots at best. [7] The most cited reason for slow progress was a language barrier between students and instructors. The hijackers spoke Arabic but the training materials, flight manuals and all cockpit labeling are in English. As English speakers, imagine trying to learn to fly a strange airplane with Arabic flight manuals and Arabic speaking instructors.

However, over the next year, each of them demonstrated enough competency to earn certificates (licenses) including commercial and instrument ratings that were limited to small, single engine aircraft. [8]

The small, single-engine airplanes used for training were basic trainers. In comparison, a Cessna 441's nose wheel, just the nose wheel weighs more than the entire airplane used in basic training. While these small airplanes top out around 10,000 feet and just over 100 miles per hour, the Boeings push 550 miles per hour and altitudes up to 43,000 feet.

Although this experience helped them, it does not explain the performance we witnessed on 9/11. This initial basic flight training served as the first of three phases of training.

### *SIMULATOR PHASE*

At least three simulator sessions were arranged by the Saudi Intelligence agents; another step to flight competency. Atta's group was augmented with sporadic trips to Boeing simulators – operated by contract training companies. [9]

The hijackers stuck out like sore thumbs. In fact, they were immediately reported to FAA and FBI field agents after their visits to independent simulators in Minneapolis, St. Louis and Miami. As per usual, the FBI\*\* investigation from HQ\*\* was impotent, after the hijackers' instructors reported that young Arab pilots weren't interested in learning how to land or takeoff, they just needed to fly around in a Boeing simulator. The reports indicate that no progress was made in training these guys and the instructors had encouraged them – encouraged them to quit flying altogether. [10]

### *FINAL PHASE- AIRCRAFT TRAINING*

When we read over the Intelligence Community's\*\* explanation of hijacker flight training as told to the 9/11 Commission, there is no mention of aircraft training. They attempted to glaze over this by stating that the hijackers prepared by "watching Hollywood movies of hijackings, flying single engine airplanes and playing computer games." This is ludicrous; like saying that a surgeon prepared for an operation by watching the television news. E.R.

As we have already seen, the congressional inquiry had discovered that a specific group of hijackers had repeated contact with the hijackers in southern California. Most revealing was that the hijackers had been in regular contact with two employees of a Saudi aviation firm that operated a fleet of Boeing airliners. [11] This immediately provided an explanation as

to where they found flight instructors and aircraft manuals. The inquiry's report is very clear that the hijackers were, for eighteen months, operating right here in California, Florida, and Arizona. The evidence also revealed that in the six months leading up to 9/11, each of the pilot/ hijackers made multiple trips to a specific triangle between San Diego, California; Las Vegas, Nevada; and Tucson, Arizona.

The search for an airport and Boeing airliners narrowed into this triangle. Obviously, the hijackers had found solutions to multiple problems that were reported by their civilian flight instructors in late 2000. By 9/11, these relatively novice light aircraft pilots were able to navigate and fly Boeing airliners in a most competent manner. There is only one explanation for this leap in proficiency. Training, training and more training.

The congressional inquiry reported that beginning in May of 2001, the hijacker/pilot began making multiple trips into the desert. It's almost funny how many people saw them and reported them to authorities. [12] The FAA was called at least five times. FBI agents wrote (at least) three reports and sent them up the ladder to FBI Headquarters. With any followup from FBI headquarters\*\*, this plot would have been stopped multiple times over. In short, they were not as covert as they thought they were. They left some very sized footprints in southern California which led to Las Vegas and to the Arizona desert. [13] Eventually we found, within that desert triangle, all the missing items: an aircraft, Boeing airliners and a large group of Saudi Arabians.

In the following passage, we see the hijackers from the east coast began making trips into the desert, using Las Vegas as the point of entry. [14]

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**Director Mueller \* \* noted the Las Vegas layovers:**

**“However, with respect to travel to Las Vegas, we know that at least one hijacker (each pilot) on each of the four hijacked airplanes traveled to Las Vegas, Nevada, sometime between May and August of 2001. This travel consisted of an initial transcontinental flight from an East Coast city to a West Coast city, and a connection in that West Coast city to a Las Vegas-bound flight.”**

**Beginning in May 2001, each of the four hijackers flew across the United States.**

**Director Mueller \* \* describes these trips: “With their training complete, it appears that the pilots began conducting possible surveillance flights as passengers aboard cross-country flights transitioning between the Northeast United States and California.”**

**(Page 139)**

RED FLAG – Again, we see a subtle misdirection of the facts. What led Mueller to testify that the hijackers had completed training in May when the attacks were still months down the road? You can bet that this is when the hijackers needed to polish all

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and fast. The hijackers' civilian flight instructors were emphatic that in early 2001, there were not anywhere close to being competent enough to fly Boeing airliners. Obviously, something had changed. Note that only the pilots made these trips.

The most plausible explanation is that the hijackers' handlers had arranged advanced training with experienced, Arab-speaking Boeing pilots.

Many of us have seen surplus, bank-owned airliners parked at airports in the western United States. Usually these planes are between lease agreements with airline companies. Usually, if no lease is negotiated, the planes will be cannibalized in the lucrative parts of the aircraft market. There are also storage airports known as aircraft "bone yards" scattered throughout the western deserts. The dry desert air preserves the planes' avionics and interiors while they sit for sometimes for years at a stretch.

A storage airport in the desert would be ideal for covert flight training. After learning of multiple trips to the desert, I began the search for specific airplanes, the 757 and 767, and I found several at storage airports that I knew about: Las Vegas, Tucson, and Mojave. After making contact with a veteran aircraft broker employed by investment banks, I learned of two more airports used for storage: Victorville, California, east of Los Angeles in the Mojave Desert, and Pinal Airpark, a secluded field between Phoenix and Tucson. Each of these airports had Boeing 757s in storage but only Pinal and Las Vegas had airworthy 757s and 767s. In the spring and summer of 2001, just when the hijacker/pilots had all flown into Las Vegas and disappeared for three days at a time. [15]

I also began checking with contacts who have remained in the government contract industry to see if they could provide clues. Three different sources, all pilots under government contracts, immediately pointed to a famous spook airport used by the government contractor and mercenary outfit Blackwater\*\*. They relayed that there were frequent flight training missions being conducted in the middle of the night with military and civilian pilots in top-secret fashion and that this particular airport had nearly one hundred aircraft scattered around the field in storage. By using two completely different avenues of inquiry, the Pinal Airpark began to raise red flags. [16]

When I focused on the airport, an interesting connection surfaced. The Pinal Airpark had a long history as a training airport for the Intelligence Community\*\* dating back to Air Force\*\* operations, the alleged CIA\*\* operation that was allegedly trafficking heroin in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War. For some, war is a great distraction for enormous profits.

Investigative journalist Jeremy Scahill, who wrote *Blackwater: The Rise of the World's Most Lethal Mercenary Army* had also discovered this airport and identified it as an Intelligence Community\*\* facility. [18] Scahill wrote that a top Intelligence Community official\*\* appointed by Bush in June 2001 as the Director of Operations of Central Intelligence was closely connected to this airport's managers, to contracts from the Intelligence Community\*\*, to the owner of Blackwater and to several no-bid aviation-related training contracts.



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Alarming,ly, this same official\*\* was the former head of the same investment firm that had enjoyed astronomical stock profits as a result of the attack. [19] Scahill reported that this investment firm had placed put options (a trade that predicts a stock price drop) on the two airlines in the week preceding the attack. Those airlines were United and American, the only two airlines used in the attack. There were other rather large commodities trades on gold and oil by the firm. Obviously, if he was the contract official, and knew about the Saudi operation and tactical plan, he would know that American and United were targeted airlines.

This temptation may have been too difficult to overcome. Alone it might be a mere coincidence, but when we start adding this to a dozen similar coincidences, we begin to see a most troubling pattern.

The Congressional Inquiry and the 911 Commission both reported that each of the pilot/hijackers who were training in Florida made separate trips to the Arizona desert from May to August of 2001. [20] Meanwhile, the San Diego hijackers suddenly moved to Arizona in December 2000, two days after George W. Bush was declared to be President following the vote recount fiasco in Florida. [21]

These guys were not invisible. FBI Agent Ken Williams of the Phoenix, Arizona office sent an urgent message to FBI Headquarters\*\* in July of 2001. This message is described in the Congressional Joint Inquiry's report:

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**In the communication, the agent expressed his concerns, based on first-hand knowledge, that there was a coordinated effort under way to send students to the United States for civil aviation-related training. He noted that an 'inordinate number of individuals of investigative interest was in this type of training in Arizona and expressed his suspicion that this was an effort to establish a cadre of individuals in civil aviation who would conduct future terrorist activity. (page 20)**

RED FLAG – One might think that a cable like this would launch serious action, but the report goes on to say that the cable was ignored at FBI Headquarters\*\*.

The FBI field agent in Phoenix made another observation:

### **TOP SECRET**

**"These people don't come back to Arizona because of the sun or they like the state. I believe that something was established there and I think it's been there for a long time. We are working very hard to identify that structure." (page 172)**

RED FLAG - That structure could very well be the Pinal Airpark. In 2005, after receiving tips from pilots under contract from the Intelligence Community\*\*, I personally took a trip out to Arizona and located the airport where they had been assigned, near M



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na, between Tucson and Phoenix. I confirmed what they had relayed to me: There massive Intelligence Community\*\* air operation with six Boeing 747s being loaded cargo all day while Blackhawk helicopters and C-130 cargo planes buzzed throughout night on flight training missions. I was not allowed past the entrance gate that had 1 guards posted. But as I moved around the perimeter fencing, I saw dozens of Boeing ers parked around the field. There were at least six Boeing 757s and six Boeing 767s. was surely the perfect covert training ground for the hijackers.

ow we begin to see the men behind the curtain. Subtle misdirections by Bush nistration appointees\*\* have been highly effective in throwing investigators off track. ollowing exchange is an example:

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**FBI Director Mueller appeared to concur (with CIA Director George t):**

**While here, the hijackers effectively operated without suspicion, ering nothing that would have alerted law enforcement and doing ing that exposed them to domestic coverage. As far as we know, contacted no known terrorist sympathizers in the United States.” (age 168)**

**D FLAG – But for the next two pages, 168 to 170, the Inquiry countered Mueller’s by listing several findings of a team of possible logistical and tactical planners:**

**TOP SECRET**

**However, the Joint Inquiry review of documents and interviews of personnel indicate that the six hijackers who served as leaders and tators of the September 11 attacks were not isolated in the United s, but instead maintained a number of contacts in the United States e September 11.**

**Though the extent to which the persons with whom they were in act in the United States were aware of the September 11 plot is own, it is clear that those persons provided some of the hijackers e they prepared for the attacks. These contacts in the United States d the hijackers find housing, open bank accounts, obtain drivers ses, locate flight schools and facilitate transactions. (age 170)**

**D FLAG – We already know the hijackers aviation contacts were meeting at the Consulate. Now we see Mueller\*\* providing erroneous testimony about the logistical hat FBI field agents had reported to FBI Headquarters\*\* on five separate occasions.**

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The Joint Inquiry would call Mueller\*\* back in for a hearing in October of 2002, where he was asked to explain his earlier testimony. Mueller\*\* is quoted on page 170:

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**“When I say that the hijackers did ‘nothing that exposed their domestic coverage’ and when I say that the hijackers ‘contacted no known terrorist sympathizers in the United States,’ (I) meant in the context of the hijackers not contacting - before 9/11 - terrorist sympathizers on whom we had technical or other forms of coverage. I can assure the committee that I had no intent to mislead.”**

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RED FLAG – No intent to mislead? Here’s what the chairman of the Congressional Inquiry said about Mueller\*\* in his 2004 book, *Intelligence Matters*:

“The White House was determined to cover up Saudi involvement and had four other eager accomplices in FBI Director Robert Mueller. Mueller\*\* was directly involved in the effort to hide the truth.”

## Capitalizing On Terror

A tooth hanging on a chain around the neck of A.B. "Buzzy" Krongard came, according to Scahill, from a Great White shark that he had punched in the jaw. The shark's picture hangs in the office of the number-three man at CIA, who was appointed executive director in March 2001, six months prior to 9/11. [1]

Krongard was appointed after a career in which he was credited with building up one of America's oldest and most successful investment banking firms, Alex. Brown. Imagine the possibilities for a man with complete access to secret government intelligence and endless connections in stock and commodities trading. [2]

Princeton alum, an ex-Marine and the legendary puncher of the Great White, Krongard was rumored to have been working with the CIA during his entire tenure with Alex. Brown. Scahill reported that the strange mix of high finance and CIA connections led Krongard to push for a new firm within the agency that would specialize in intelligence and real capitalism – in other words, a unit that could take real monetary bets on future events, including, for example, the next big terrorist attack. And according to a former Blackwater executive, Buzzy Krongard and Blackwater CEO Erik Prince are "good friends." [3]

In his book *Blackwater*, investigative author Jeremy Scahill reported that the first no-bid contract was handed to Blackwater from CIA through Buzzy Krongard in April 2002, a \$100 million no-bid deal to provide 20 security guards at the Kabul CIA station for six months. Krongard stated that he talked to Prince about the contract, but couldn't remember exactly who called whom and "was not sure which came first, the chicken or the egg." [4]

It's not just the CIA and Blackwater that are major players at Arizona's Pinal Airpark, where military training is conducted and where Boeing 757s and Boeing 767s were parked during the winter and summer of 2001. The Blackwater CEO has his fleet of airplanes training at the airpark and now Buzzy Krongard is linked to a major worldwide investment firm. These connections come to the forefront when we consider a series of strange stock trades involving United and American airlines.

Anyone with foreknowledge of the 9/11 attacks would, of course, have had an opportunity to capitalize with trades in stocks and commodities futures. Either these hijackers were making big bets that they wouldn't be able to collect or someone damn close to the operation was playing inside information about the tactical plan.



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The Wall Street Journal and the San Francisco Chronicle reported that on September 6 and 7, 2001, "put" options speculating that United Airlines stock would go down were purchased through Deutschebank/Alex. Brown, the same firm previously managed by Robert Krongard. An enormous increase over normal sales activity placed 4,744 put options versus 396 "calls." [5]

On the day before the attack, September 10, 2001, 4,416 put options were purchased for American Airlines (compared with 748 calls), on the same day that Reuters reported that American stocks were poised to "take off." In both cases, the traders never cashed in the win, and the FBI was unable to trace the amazingly insightful investors. [6] No other airline displayed these lopsided trading patterns. The New York Times reported that the Alex. Brown unit of Deutschebank – which had its offices in the WTC – abruptly resigned from a \$30 million, three-year contract on September 12, 2001. [7]

The American exchanges that handle these trades, primarily the Chicago Board of Options Exchange, or CBOE, and the NYSE, know on a daily basis what levels of options are purchased. "Put options" are highly leveraged bets, tying up blocks of stock, as a given stock's share price will fall dramatically. To quote "60 Minutes" from September 19, 2001, "Sources tell CBS News that the afternoon before the attack, alarm bells were sounding over unusual trading in the U.S. stock options market." The transactions that "could not have been planned and carried out without a certain knowledge, particularly heavy trading in oil and gold futures," said Germany's Bundesbank chief, Ernst Welte

Unusual trading? A jump in UAL put options above normal between September 7 and September 10, and 285 times higher than average on the Thursday before the attack.

A jump in American Airlines put options 60 times above normal on the day before the attacks. No similar trading occurred on any other airlines. A Bloomberg Business Week report and the Institute for Counterterrorism, or ICT confirmed these findings. [9]

Morgan Stanley saw, between September 7 and 10, an increase of 27 times the normal of options on its shares. Merrill-Lynch saw a jump of more than 12 times the normal of put options in the four trading days before the attacks. "This could very well be the worst trading at the worst, most horrific, most evil use you've ever seen in your entire life. It would be one of the most extraordinary coincidences in the history of mankind if it were a coincidence," said Dylan Ratigan of Bloomberg Business News. [10-interviewed on "Morning Texas" on September 20]

"I saw put-call numbers higher than I've ever seen in 10 years of following the markets, particularly the options markets," said John Kinnucan, principal of Broadband Research. Jonathan Winer, an ABC News consultant, said, "It's absolutely unprecedented to see a flow of insider trading covering the entire world from Japan, to the U.S., to North America and Europe." [11]

Andreas von Bülow, a former member of the German Parliament responsible for oversight of Germany's intelligence services, estimated the worldwide amount of the trading at \$15 billion. CBS News gave a conservative estimate of \$100 million. [12]

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Not a single U.S. or foreign investigative agency has announced any arrests or developments in the investigation of these trades, even though former Securities and Exchange Commission enforcement chief William McLucas told Bloomberg News that regulators would “certainly be able to track down every trade.” [13]

## Leaving Las Vegas

It takes a close reading of an innocuous-looking statement within the 9/11 Commission report to realize that a huge entourage of the longtime Saudi Intelligence Minister, notorious Prince Turki al Faisal, was somewhere in the United States prior to and after September 11, 2001. Tucked in the back of the commission's report (and later removed) was an account of three separate chartered airliners carrying about 100 Arab men (mostly Saudis) from Las Vegas on midnight transatlantic flights beginning on September 19.

We now have evidence that the former head of Saudi Arabia's secret police was in Las Vegas during the time that the 9/11 Commission "could not explain" why all the hijackers had made trips to Las Vegas in the months leading up to 9/11. As reported by the FBI agent from the Phoenix field office, he had personally witnessed: "an inordinate number of individuals of investigative interest" engaged in flight training in Arizona and expressed his suspicion that this was "an effort to establish a cadre of individuals in civil aviation who would conduct future terrorist activity."

In fact, the roster of Saudi officials in the United States on September 11 raises several red flags. These included the Saudi Defense Minister, the Saudi Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Saudi Minister of Aviation and the head of Dallah Avco Group, the Saudi aviation company that operated Boeing jetliners for the Saudi government. [1]

This was in addition to Saudi Prince Bandar the close friend of President Bush, who was sending checks to two hijackers' bank accounts and who was the Saudi Ambassador to the United States on 9/11. Also, the head of two of Saudi Arabia's holiest mosques stayed at the same hotel as the all-Saudi hijackers of AA77 – at the Marriott Residence Inn in Herndon, Virginia – on the night of September 10. [2]

In the week after the attack, there were at least five chartered flights with high-ranking Saudi officials that left from Las Vegas, Newark, Boston and Washington, all cities, by the way, with direct links to the hijackings. By September 24, 2001, they had all returned to the Kingdom.

In 2002, the British Observer reported that the widely feared Prince Turki al Faisal had a long relationship with the U.S. Intelligence Community\*\*. [3] Of great interest to the Observer's reporting that pilot/hijacker Mohamed Atta had meetings in early 2000 with Prince Turki's agents in Hamburg, Germany and we see that Atta left Hamburg soon after. [4]

Atta's destination after this reported meeting with Turki's agents in Hamburg was Huffman Aviation, the small school in Venice, Florida where Atta began basic



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ng. He was soon joined by Ziah Jarrah and Marwin al Shehhi, the hijacker pilots on d 93 and United 175. They told people in Venice that they were bodyguards with the government and needed to learn to fly airplanes as part of a security team for the Monarchy.[5]

nce Turki displays a great confidence in methods that Saudi Intelligence has "allegedly" oyed in the past. It doesn't take a genius to know that this 9/11 hit was right up his nd something that causes a wry smile to form on his face. In one interview, he asserts e can make "anything" happen and no one would ever know who was behind it. [6] ough the former head of Saudi Intelligence was sued by 9/11 victims' families for being ed in the attack, he was defended by James Baker III's law firm and the case was n out on technical grounds. [7]

e Prince's entourage in the United States during the summer of 2001 entailed a t opportunity to get the needed Saudi Boeing flight instructors into the country, and ter the attacks without anyone interviewing them. The chartered departures from Las were a four-engine DC-8 for Geneva on September 19, 2001, with 69 passengers, ing 46 Saudis; a Boeing 727 for England with 18 Saudis on September 20; and on mber 23, a jumbo Lockheed L-1011 for Paris. Only 34 passengers were listed on that hich has a capacity of nearly 400. On that flight was Prince Turki. [8]

one in the FBI ever confirmed who cleared these flights to leave without interviewing assenger. Prince Bandar said on "Meet the Press" in September 2001 that the FBI\*\* d the flights. Again and again we see a broad term used to explain major discrepancies. a Saudi prince announces that the FBI cleared the flights, all questions are magically red.

nce Turki and Prince Bandar have more connections to Arabic-speaking Boeing instructors than anyone else in the world. The means and opportunity to slip the ers into Pinal Airpark\*\* or other facilities for training were theirs. The motive was d-changing event. The Saudis would benefit greatly not only from the targeting of emesis al-Qaeda, but from an American invasion of Iraq, one that they had promoted he first Gulf War. Dick Cheney would guarantee Prince Bandar that America was to invade Iraq months before anyone informed the U.S. Congress. [9]

November 2001, Prince Turki expressed his public support for the U.S. operation in nistan, referring to al-Qaeda as an "evil cult." By calling out bin Laden for complicity attacks, he would be helping to "sic" the world against this greatest enemy, an enemy as made several assassination attempts against the Saudi royal family. In the winter 8, three buried suitcases had been found in Saudi Arabia containing nine Sagger s. The Saudis learned that al-Qaeda was intending them for use against the royal Former FBI Director Louis Freeh told The New Yorker, "From where I sat and what I knew ... al-Qaeda was more a threat to Saudi Arabia than to the U.S. and bin s whole focus was on toppling the royal family and getting the U.S. forces out of Arabia." [10]

## Jet America

In 1983, I was hired by a Learjet charter company based at Lakefront Airport in New Orleans. Although we were a legitimate charter operation, rumors were that we were running a front and money laundry for a major group of political players involved in a series of questionable special activities.

After about a year with "the company", I began flying a wise guy named Barry Seal. Barry was a gregarious man of forty with a quick wit and photographic memory. In the early 1980s, Barry was becoming a legend around the backwaters of southeast Louisiana. Local pilots had heard the rumors that Mr. Seal was a covert agent of God-only-knew-which government agency. He had accumulated a wide assortment of airplanes and helicopters and would appear out of nowhere at Lakefront or any other Gulf Coast airport and disappear just as quickly, usually in a black Mercedes or black Hughes helicopter.

For the next six months, I would be Barry Seal's Geronimo Line, his air escape route, on a dangerous Drug Enforcement Agency mission to capture Pablo Escobar, a notorious Colombian who ran the Medellin Drug Cartel. I flew his Learjet 23, a six seat Learjet ship that had enough room for Seal, two politicians and two Tumi suitcases. I figured Barry was either one hell of a suitcase salesman or was running cash all over North and Central America.

Soon, I was catapulted into a wild world of coordinated activity within a cloud of secrecy. Our operation took us all over the country and I was trained to leave no tracks. Everything from jet fuel to hotel suites was paid for out of a seemingly endless supply of cold cash.

Flying for Barry was never routine and wherever we went there were always armed guards, their gun handles protruding above the belt in the back. They would patrol driving routes and station themselves around any hotel where we stayed. Anywhere we went, Barry would hand me a new digital beeper and I was never certain when it would light up with orders to launch.

Those orders were always short and specific. He expected that I arrive not a minute early and not a minute late. It might be two in the morning or two in the afternoon, but I was always to have one engine running and the entry door unlocked. Once Barry was inside the plane, he would roar, "Haul ass" and I would immediately taxi to the runway. To get us airborne, the true destination a mystery until we were in our hideout, the dark stratosphere 40,000 feet up. I had no idea who might be in pursuit, but I knew that I had to want to find out even as I tried, but usually failed, to anticipate Seal's next move.

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the mission to capture Escobar progressed, Barry began telling me of a second element. We would be soon be flying cargo for Uncle, which was his term for our covert element operation. One morning, we launched from Lakefront and flew to Columbus, and over the next few weeks, courtesy of the American taxpayers, the Ohio National Guard arranged many things for us. One of which was a training course for Mr. Seal on the engine Lockheed C-123 Provider, a Vietnam-era military cargo plane.

Few weeks later, on a warm Key West night in June 1984, I stood on the tarmac next to Barry Seal and watched as the Provider was loaded with crate after crate of M-16s and ammunition. The work was precise and clean. Six athletic men, all dressed in black, loaded the cargo plane in less than ten minutes.

After the weaponry came lawn mowers, a dozen weed-whackers, some covered pallets, and finally two shiny new Harley-Davidson motorcycles. All of this had come out of a rental truck, and all of it was done in a flash. The loaders quickly jumped back into the truck and sped away as the gates to the tarmac opened just long enough to let the enormous truck out. In a blink, there was no sign that anything had ever happened.

For months, I flew in this bubble of strange activity. I knew that landing in the middle of the night at all kinds of remote airports with nary a visit nor a word from any form of local law enforcement meant that this special activity had a special green light.

Two years later, after I began my airline career, all of the newspapers reported that Barry Seal had been gunned down in a mobster type hit. Then one day I just happened to see a congressional hearing on television. The man that ran our operation was testifying before the House of Representatives.

I could hardly believe my eyes--- or ears.

Was this possible? Here was Mr. John Cathey as I had never seen him, wearing a United States Marine uniform and speaking with high-flown patriotism; of taking orders directly from President Reagan. I knew he was lying and sure enough, he was ultimately convicted and sent to Congress. His new name was mysterious. Everyone was referring to John Cathey as someone else - as Marine Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North. [1]

With only casual interest, I became aware that our activities back in 1984 were a major part of something called the Iran-Contra scandal. My interest slowly transformed into one of deep research. In 1995, I began writing a novel based on my personal experiences with the Iran-Contra affair and my year flying with Barry Seal. It took me five years to understand what was behind the operation.

Through congressional records and published first hand accounts, it became evident that the group behind the Contra operation was run out of Vice President George Bush's office in 1984. Just four years later, Bush and the Intelligence Community\*\* had control of the United States Executive Branch. From 1988 to 1992, George Bush was the President of the United States and by 1998, a troubling scenario was developing: His son, George W., the Governor of Texas, had become a candidate to be the next president of the United States.



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I wrote with a sense of urgency, a warning that this Bush group would spell a disaster for America. But with nearly daily discoveries of Bush-related bank heists like BCCI and Savings and Loan scandal, the writing of the book encountered delays. I would not finish until after Junior was elected president and after the revolutionary day that was 9/11. For me personally, since the election in 2000, it's been like watching two trains collide. On September 11, I had the sick feeling that I had was of personal failure to get the story out in time.

In the research of the Contra operation, it became apparent that Barry Seal was running arms, cash and contraband under Marine Colonel Oliver North under the direction of Vice President George Bush. Obviously, there were high-crimes committed that warranted congressional hearings which led to special prosecutor Lawrence Walsh. After a five-year investigation Walsh wrote that there was "a vast, lucrative international arms and trafficking market had prospered" just below President Reagan.[2] When the case was ready for trial in late 1992, Bush was president and he simply pardoned all six defendants on Christmas Eve. There would be no trial, no oaths, no anything.

They got away with it, but as we revisit this Contra scandal in the next two chapters we begin to see that major players in the dirty deeds of the 1980s will reappear in the evidence. Some things don't change. Most interesting is the collaboration between "special activities" and Saudi Prince Bandar bin Sultan.

## Two For One Scandals

Anyone born before 1960 may remember Iran-Contra, the Reagan Administration's most scandal of the 1980s. As a minor player in the Contra side of this operation, and thirty year researcher of these special activities, I can tell you a few things that over the years seem to have been lost.

For starters, these were two completely separate operations. Most important is that Ronald Reagan had little to do with either. Both scandals began and ended at the Vice President's office where the former CIA Director and his personal attorney, James Baker who had slipped in as Reagan's Chief of Staff, ran both operations. These two fellas immediately began setting up a secret government from the day they rode Reagan's coattails in Washington in early 1981. America has never been the same.

The Iran portion of the 1984 Iran-Contra scandal involved the covert illegal sale of weapons and other arms to the Khomeini-led Iranian government during the Iran-Iraq War. Ronald Reagan and his Secretary of State, George Shultz, announced Operation Staunch, the Administration's international campaign to stop all countries from selling arms to the "outcast state" of Iran, what were Baker and our Vice President doing down in the White House basement? Selling arms to the Iranians!

The Contra portion involved arming terrorists who were bombing farms and villages in Nicaragua. Contras was the romantic term for the counterrevolutionaries of corporate America's friend, the iron-fisted dictator Somoza, who had been successful in keeping labor at peasant levels for American enterprises in rubber and fruit, but had been booted out by a new democratic movement led by Daniel Ortega. The U.S. Congress, after many years on arming the Contras, decided against any funding at all.

Congress passed two initiatives, the Boland Amendments I and II, specifically prohibiting U.S. involvement in funding or aiding the Contras. It didn't buy the White House argument that Ortega's Nicaragua was a threat to the United States. In fact, history shows there was never a threat. The stories generated by Baker\*\* and Bush\*\* about the Soviets supplying arms to Nicaragua all proved to have been manufactured. [1]

Baker ran a quasi government in Reagan's basement at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue with a staff of members, led by Oliver North and his assistant Fawn Hall. Reagan had no idea what was happening in the covert office below. When the scandal broke, North and Hall were caught in a week-long coverup by shredding thousands of documents in the White House basement. [2]

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When we take the time to study these two separate impeachable high crimes orchestrated by the same fellows – Vice President George H.W. Bush\*\*, Chief of Staff to the President James Baker\*\* and Marine Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North\*\* – we might realize that false pointing to Reagan would provide hints about what happened in the case of 9/11. The method of committing an egregious crime and providing a false point away from true criminals has worked repeatedly. In the case of Iran-Contra, Bush and Baker sent the media on a wild goose chase with questions about how much President Reagan knew. The answer is that he didn't know enough about who was leading him around. They used the President as the decoy.

Now, in the year 2012, we see that Bush Senior\*\* and Baker\*\* were the men behind the curtain, laying the foundation of our present day Intelligence Community\*\*. A further observation is that Bush Junior and Dick Cheney drained our treasury over a span of eight years and left their successors with a financial disaster. Twelve trillion dollars plus normal taxpayer contributions were all spent. They left office just about the time the late notice arrived. Good luck, bra.



## Executive Orders

of history's most successful partnerships has been that between the winners of the 1980 Houston Country Club Men's Tennis Doubles Championship. Of the partners, one was a 34-year-old Connecticut native and United States Senator's son with a narrow chance of becoming President of the United States. The other was a well-connected third-generation Houston lawyer, only 28, who would go on to master the superpower game. The two would synergize as the world's most powerful political duo. George Herbert Walker Bush and James A. Baker III would evolve into a two-headed power monster. [1]

Forty-two years later, in the 1980 Presidential campaign, Bush's tennis partner became his campaign manager. In a major push for their first shot at the American Presidency, they lost badly to former California Gov. Ronald Reagan. Nevertheless, they found a way to take the reins of the real White House agenda and the Treasury for the next 12 years.

Reagan looked toward the general election against an embattled Jimmy Carter, a prominent voice was emerging from the East Coast upper-crust establishment. Major Bush began whispering the name of George Bush and alluding to his amazing ties to Texas, combining involving Texas oil, the CIA and Wall Street. Against Reagan's original choice, Bush, who had lambasted him in the primaries by labeling his vision "voodoo politics," was chosen as the running mate and the geopolitically balanced ticket won a narrow victory. [2]

After the election and before Reagan took the oath of office, a smooth play was made to ensure the president-elect that would swap out major parts of the Reagan agenda for the plans of the winners of the Houston and Kennebunkport country clubs. Ed Meese, Reagan's friend, campaign manager and fellow Californian, was Reagan's first choice to be the chief of staff. As the first critical move, Reagan was told that Bush's campaign manager and attorney, James Baker, would be a better choice because of his expertise in the fine print department, and he would (in theory) save the new White House many headaches. [3]

After Reagan bought it and on January 15, 1981, James Baker slipped into the large White House office while Meese was given a smaller office and the manufactured title of counselor to the president (with Cabinet rank). Baker, the chief of staff to the president, and Vice President Bush now held keys to all of America's military and intelligence agencies. The new lawyer from America's oil capital and the former head of Central Intelligence took the reins of the United States government. [4]

One of the first on the hit list was American labor. The Air Traffic Controllers had overwhelmingly supported Reagan, but were soon dumped and replaced by nonunion workers. Of course,

years later, those replacement workers were demanding a union, but the damage had been done and the tone set. Reagan, former head of the Screen Actors Guild, began to appear confused at his own actions against a union he had vowed to support.

A silent, confounding shift went unnoticed by most American voters. While Reagan gave great speeches with positive messages accented with humor and perhaps the best timing of any politician in U.S. history, Bush and Baker slipped into the White House basement to build a covert government with CIA\*\*, DEA\*\* and black ops\*\* assets. Today, this operation is called the Intelligence Community\*\*.

In the first year of this administration, the revolution began with a most interesting Executive Order that was signed by President Reagan; an order handed to him, along with an ink pen, by James Baker. It basically gave the Intelligence Community\*\* the authority to do anything they deemed necessary and the legal right to deny these activities. Reagan signed the Executive Order 12333 in December of 1981.

EO 12333, a major alteration to the American Constitution, would lay the foundation for the revolutionary change. Bush Junior signed another Executive Order in 2004 that paved the way for more defined Intelligence Community authority. EO 13355 insures that all intelligence goes through one man, the Director of National Intelligence, before it goes to the President. What's the President going to say when the DNI says he can kill a suspected terrorist? When the DNI told President Obama in 2011 that "special ops" was in a position to capture Osama bin Laden in Pakistan, the President was in a precarious situation. If he said no, he was screwed. Perhaps what he should have said was this: Okay, you have been surrounded, let's see some surveillance photos, let's see some proof.

Today, as a result, the Intelligence Community is basically running the United States Government. This would be called a revolution away from our Constitution. The people who have made these changes are, by Constitutional definition, domestic enemies.

"Domestic enemies of the U.S. Constitution (regardless of status or position, past or present) are those who manipulate the law or lawmakers to violate the principle of freedom which our Founders and patriots have fought for[.] [They are those who] remove the safeguards [and rights it contains]. [They are those who] distort, circumvent, or in any way threaten the [original intention of the ...] Constitution, minimize [its] sovereignty, infringe upon state and individual rights, usurp authority, advance [or tolerate] tyranny in any branch - legislative, executive, or judicial], who conceal or promote [such treasonous] provide immunity or pardons for such." [5]

## Invisibles

After Congress specifically and expressly banned U.S. funds for the Contras in 1984, we now see that much of the Intelligence Community's\*\* financial issues were solved by the Bandar bin Sultan of Saudi Arabia. As we have seen, Prince Bandar also solved the special issues of the 9/11 hijackers through accounts traced to him at the Riggs Bank in Washington in 2001.

In a letter that Ollie North\*\* wrote to Prince Bandar (as reported by William Simpson in 2006 in *The Prince: The Secret Story of the World's Most Intriguing Royal, Prince Bandar bin Sultan*) we see:

My Friend,  
Next week, a sum in excess of \$20 million will be deposited in the usual account ... It will allow us to bridge the gap between now and when the vote is taken and the funds turned on again."

In fact, those funds from Congress would never be turned on again. North wrote that the money should be used to "redeploy and hide Contra forces." These forces would be used in brutally assaulting the Nicaraguan working class. "This new money will provide the flexibility we have not enjoyed to date" and "help train the forces" (training that Barry McCrory was supervising) "and volunteers to develop a regular air re-supply operation." North confirmed that "it was a deal that was never supposed to be exposed to the light of day; it was the fact that Saudi Arabia was the key financier." [1]

Prince Bandar was quoted as saying, in *The Prince*, that he knew this deal was "politically dicey." He would testify in front of Congress that Bandar "had sought to keep under wraps the details in funneling millions through a Swiss bank account" and "he was promised we were going to keep it a secret, and we tried." When the secret was spilled, the Contra prosecutor started asking embarrassing questions and Bandar refused to cooperate, claiming diplomatic immunity. That's all it took to stop the questioning. [2]

Prince Bandar, on October 21, 1986 would issue the following statement from the Saudi Embassy in Washington:

"Saudi Arabia is not and has not been involved either directly or indirectly in any military or other support activity of any kind for or in connection with any group or groups concerned with Nicaragua." [3] Oh really?

Barry McCrory was quoted as saying, after hearing about the illegal arms shipments, "If such a scandal gets out, we'll all be hanging by our thumbs in front of the White House." [4]



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Believing he had the full support of the White House, Bandar watched the congressional hearings on television and the testimony of then National Security Adviser Robert McFarlane. Funny things happen when National Security Advisors are placed under oath; they tend to tell the truth. McFarlane testified, "It became pretty obvious to the [Saudi] ambassador, that his country would gain a considerable amount of favor, and frankly, I thought it was the right thing to do; they would provide the support when Congress cut [funding for the Contras] off."

McFarlane continued, "In May or June of 1984, [Seal began the flight from Key West on June 6] a 'foreign' official [he later identified Bandar] offered to donate to the Contra cause." [5]

Prince Bandar explained in *The Prince* about the Congressional testimony of his friend, the National Security Advisor. "He spilled his guts and let me down. The time he lied to the media I said, 'We have nothing to do with it and America never talked to about it' - because that is what he and I agreed to say. I said to him, 'Look, I don't care what the truth is; if you're going to tell some story, let's tell it together. If it's a lie, then let's tell it together. If it's the truth, then let's tell the same story. But you're going to kill yourself if we tell different stories.'" [6]

Bandar continued with his outrage at McFarlane, "And he sits in front of the world in Congress and says, 'I must confess, Prince Bandar of Saudi Arabia called me one day and said, 'Come on over - we want to help you and the Contras - can we give you twenty-five million?'" Bandar continued, "He not only lied, because I didn't give a cent about the Contras - I didn't even know where Nicaragua was - but he came to me in the middle of the night saying, 'Look, we need help,' etc., etc., and I said, 'Fine, but has the president authorized this?' McFarlane said, 'I will take you there to see him and he will say, 'Thank you.' I said, 'Fine, that's all I need.'" [7]



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After James Baker pointed down to North and lesser players, Ollie showed up at congressional hearings in his Marine uniform and the bewildered country could only see a very patriotic young soldier who was just doing what his President wished. He was indicted on 16 felony counts and only convicted of three: aiding and abetting in the execution of a congressional inquiry, destruction of documents and accepting an illegal bribe. [8] He was given a three-year prison sentence, which was suspended, a \$150,000 fine and 1,200 hours of community service. On July 20, 1990, however, all the convictions were overturned by a federal appeals court and the sentences were vacated.

In 1996, prize-winning investigative journalist Gary Webb wrote a series for the San Francisco Mercury News that linked North's project to the CIA and further to the distribution of cocaine in the 1980s into Los Angeles, the profits having been funneled to the Contras. Webb found that the influx of Nicaraguan-supplied cocaine had fueled the widespread crack cocaine epidemic that swept through urban areas. In 1998, CIA Inspector General Frederick M. Whitworth confirmed much of what Webb had alleged, reporting that Contra-related entities involved in the drug trade had been protected from law enforcement by the Reagan-Bush administration. [9]

On December 11, 2004, Gary Webb died from two gunshot wounds to the head, shots reported in media reports as self-inflicted, an unprecedented feat. [10]

A congressional report on the scandal stated that the administration exhibited "secrecy, deception and disdain for the law." [11] Congress noted that President Reagan had been aware of most, if not all, of the illicit activity, leaving Vice President Bush\*\* and Baker\*\* the highest-ranking covert operators. Mysteriously, the congressional investigators didn't believe the Bush claim that he was out of the loop. Large volumes of documents relating to the scandal were destroyed or withheld from investigators by administration officials\*\*. The official White House\*\* podium churning out confusing disinformation, Reagan was labeled as the Teflon president.

The U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs reported in 1988 that members of the State Department\*\* "who provided support for the Contras were involved in drug trafficking, and elements of the Contras themselves knowingly received financial and logistical assistance from drug traffickers." [12] The Senate Foreign Relations Committee in 1999 concluded that "senior U.S. policy makers were not immune to the idea that drug trafficking was a perfect solution to the Contras' funding problems." [13]

The congressional report, known as the Tower Commission (nicknamed from Texas Governor John Tower) went on to say that "the Contra drug links included ... payments to drug traffickers by the U.S. State Department of funds authorized by the Congress for humanitarian assistance to the Contras, in some cases after the traffickers had been indicted by federal law enforcement agencies on drug charges, in others while traffickers were under investigation by these same agencies." [14] Former DEA agents testified that drug trafficking was conducted with full knowledge of the CIA. The agents further alleged that investigations were hindered by U.S. government agencies. [15]



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Once again, congressional inquiries found alarming criminal evidence against surging power in the Intelligence Community\*\*, but for some odd reason, the media refused to present these issues to the American taxpayer. Is this really a group that you'd want to give the keys to the United States Treasury?

On January 29, 1997, The Wall Street Journal reported on activities at the Mena, Arkansas, airport that involved then-Governor Bill Clinton in a cover-up of illegal trading activity. [15]

Mena, Arkansas was the spook hub for unmarked weapons going out and coming in. This led to the 1980s explosion of cocaine and crack.

The article stated:

*"At the center of the web of speculation spun around Mena (Arkansas) are a few undisputed facts: One of the most successful drug informants in U.S. history, smuggler Barry Seal, ran his air operation at Mena. At the height of his career, he was importing as much as a thousand pounds of cocaine per month, and had a personal fortune estimated at more than \$50 million. After becoming an informant for the Drug Enforcement Administration, he worked at least once with the CIA, in a Sandinista drug sting. He was gunned down by Colombian hit men in Rouge, La., in 1986."*

Meanwhile, the special prosecutor had been collecting evidence on the scandal over the past six years. It appeared that George Bush and his gang were in deep trouble with indictments of six of his lieutenants. This added to his re-election defeat to Bill Clinton. November spelled doom for George Bush. Finally, we would get them all under oath. All of the illegal matters of secret armies, secret cocaine smuggling and all the items we see in the next chapter would have been exposed.

But, wouldn't you know, on Christmas Eve of 1992, shortly before leaving office, President George H. W. Bush pardoned all six defendants in the scandal: Elliott Abrams, Duane Clarridge, Alan Fiers, Clair George, Robert C. McFarlane and Caspar W. Weinberger. Elliott Abrams had pleaded guilty to obstructing justice.

In 2001, President George W. Bush appointed Abrams as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director on the National Security Council for Near East and African Affairs. In 2011, Intelligence insider Steve Piczenik said that Abrams was a CIA Administration operative in the false flag on 9/11, along with Cheney and Rice. [16]

John Poindexter had been convicted of multiple felony counts for conspiracy, obstruction of justice, lying to Congress, defrauding the government and the alteration and destruction of evidence; in 2001, President George W. Bush named him his Director of the Information Awareness Office. [17]

John Cathey/Ollie North can be seen on national television as a Fox News icon, and he came within a whisker of being elected U.S. Senator from Virginia in 1994. On e



ancy Reagan told a reporter that North had lied repeatedly to her husband about Contra. [18]

Lawrence E. Walsh's on the Pardons (New York Times article on December 25, 1992) Christmas!

years after the arms-for-hostages scandal began to cast a shadow that would darken administrations, President Bush today granted full pardons to six former officials of Ronald Reagan's Administration, including former Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger.

Mr. Weinberger was scheduled to stand trial on Jan. 5 [1993] on charges that he lied to Congress about his knowledge of the arms sales to Iran and efforts by other countries to help the Nicaraguan rebels, a case that was expected to focus on Mr. Weinberger's handwritten notes that contain references to Mr. Bush's endorsement of the secret shipments to Iran.

On one remaining facet of the inquiry, the independent prosecutor, Lawrence E. Walsh, is to review a 1986 campaign diary kept by Mr. Bush. Mr. Walsh has characterized the President's failure to turn over the diary until now as misconduct.

#### Decapitated Walsh Efforts

In a single stroke, Mr. Bush swept away one conviction, three guilty pleas and two pending cases, virtually decapitating what was left of Mr. Walsh's effort, which began in 1986. Mr. Bush's decision was announced by the White House in a printed statement after the President left for Camp David, where he will spend the Christmas holiday.

Mr. Walsh bitterly condemned the President's action, charging that "the Iran-contra scandal, which has continued for more than six years, has now been completed."

Mr. Walsh directed his heaviest fire at Mr. Bush over the pardon of Mr. Weinberger, which trial would have given the prosecutor a last chance to explore the role of the President and other Reagan officials, including Mr. Bush's actions as Vice President.

#### 'Evidence of Conspiracy'

Mr. Walsh hinted that Mr. Bush's pardon of Mr. Weinberger and the President's own pardon of the Iran-contra scandal could be related. For the first time, he charged that Mr. Weinberger's handwritten notes about the secret decision to sell arms to Iran, a central piece of evidence in the case against the former Pentagon chief, included "evidence of a conspiracy among the highest ranking officials in the Administration to lie to Congress and the American public."

The prosecutor charged that Mr. Weinberger's efforts to hide his notes may have obstructed impeachment proceedings against President Reagan and formed part of a pattern of obstruction and deception. On Dec. 11, Mr. Walsh said he discovered "misconduct" in Mr. Bush's failure to turn over what the prosecutor said were the President's own "highly confidential contemporaneous notes, despite repeated requests for such documents."

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The notes, in the form of a campaign diary that Mr. Bush compiled after the election of November 1986, are in the process of being turned over to Mr. Walsh, who said, "In light of President Bush's own misconduct, we are gravely concerned about his decision to pardon others who lied to Congress and obstructed official investigations." (end of passage)

As for George H.W. Bush, on April 26, 1999, a seemingly rather uninteresting event took place in Langley, Virginia, when the Central Intelligence Agency's Headquarters were given a new name. Oddly enough, the building was named for a man who had served as CIA director only one year. It was named for a man who had been knee-deep in Iran-Contra, BCCI and more during his term as Vice President of the United States. As for the celebrated War on Drugs, while Nancy and Ronald Reagan were mounting a campaign "just say no" to drugs in the early 1980s, the Bush covert operation was supplying cocaine in epidemic proportions to America with a pipeline from Columbia using contractors like Barry Seal.

This is just some of the special activities that were found in the Bush-Baker years. In Chapter 19, we will see more shocking accounts of bank heists with reports of arms, and drug smuggling.

## Special Activities

In hindsight, Barry Seal may have been one of the original members of a very successful covert group who have become the rainmakers of the United States Intelligence Community\*\*.

Let's take a look at the elite unit known as the Special Activities Division\*\*. When we look at the activities of this group, we learn that they are the thread that connects with every one of the unverifiable accounts of 9/11, accounts that produce contradictions and decoys far from verifiable evidence. If we compare the methods and history of this group to those of bin Laden, it is safe to conclude that this group actually has the capability to pull off a coordinated aerial attack and blame it on anyone they wish, while bin Laden's capabilities have been limited to crude bombings and beheadings.

According to passages in the Washington Post series Secret America, we find that the Special Activities Division\*\* is a division of the United States Central Intelligence Agency's National Clandestine Service\*\* responsible for covert operations, black operations and other "Special Activities," including covert political action and paramilitary special operations. [1]

Within Special Activities, there are two separate groups: one for paramilitary operations and another for political action. The Political Action Group is responsible for covert operations related to political influence, and psychological and economic warfare. The development of technology has added cyber warfare to their mission. A large covert operation usually has components that involve many, or all, of these categories, as well as paramilitary operations. The division is supervised by the U.S. Secretary of State\*\*. [2]

The Paramilitary Operations Group\*\* is the element responsible for paramilitary operations. These operations include collection of intelligence in hostile countries and regions, and all threat military or intelligence operations with which the U.S. government does not want to be overtly associated. As such, members of the unit (called Paramilitary Operations Personnel) normally do not carry any objects or clothing (e.g., military uniforms) that would identify them with the United States government. If they are compromised during an operation, the government of the United States may deny all knowledge. [3]

The Special Activities Division\*\* provides the President of the United States with an option when overt military and/or diplomatic actions are not viable or politically feasible and is directly tasked by the President of the United States or the National Security Council at the President's direction. This is unlike any other U.S. special mission force. As the action arm of the NCS, the Special Activities Division\*\* conducts military direct action missions such as raids, kidnappings, sabotage, targeted killings and unconventional warfare. On high profile ops they



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get romantic names like Seal Team Six. [4]

The political action group within Special Activities conducts the deniable psychological operations known as Black Propaganda. Propaganda includes leaflets, newspapers, magazines, books, radio, and television, all of which are geared to convey the U.S. message appropriate to the region. In the United States, the most obvious propaganda tool is the News Corporation's Fox News and its perpetual circle of disinformation. [5]

One of the News Corporation's most effective Post 9/11 World tactics is planting viruses in the Wall Street Journal, the New York Post or the National Geographic Channel, and then quoting the article and expanding the virus with loose, open discussions on TV talk shows like Hannity or the Factor. Incredibly, the News Corporation has developed a revolving door between elected officials, Wall Street and "contributors" to their hundreds of media outlets. Karl Rove, Ari Fleischer and all the 9/11 gang are still there, routinely broadcasting to tens of millions of unsuspecting taxpayers. With sexy anchors and swooshing sound effects, the message is obscure but steady: It's all Obama's fault and we need to continue the American invasion into Iran. Arabs and Muslims are the real bad people. We must kill them all when they come over here and kill all of us. The message is insanity.

These techniques have expanded to cover the Internet as well. They may employ psychologists to work as journalists, recruit agents of influence, operate media platforms, plant stories or information in places it is hoped it will come to public attention, or seek to distort and/or discredit information that is public knowledge. [6]

One statement that rings true was delivered by former CIA Director William Casper. In his deathbed he wrote, "The CIA has every imaginable media outlet covered." [7]

If you'd like to see an Intelligence agent working today, turn on your TV and know that the Justice and Foreign Affairs correspondents on all major networks, like Andrea Mitchell (married to Alan Greenspan) and Pete Williams are getting all their "intelligence" from the same exact source: unnamed officials of intelligence\*\* or state\*\* that just happen to be working up covertly with unverifiable reports. I'm not saying these reporters are spies, but they are reading a script prepared at some point by intelligence officials\*\* working out of the George W. Bush Center of Intelligence\*\*. Viewer beware.

I published a preliminary report (that was written to airline pilots in more technical terms) entitled *False Flag 9/11, How Bush, Cheney and the Saudis Created the Post 9/11 World* back in August of 2008 and sold the book through Amazon. Almost immediately there were a series of "reviews" from supposed readers that completely distorted the book, claiming that the book was about some crazy missile theory or a controlled demolition of the WTC towers. Those theories popped up just after 9/11 and continue with some people called the 9/11 Truth Movement. I suspect that this entire movement was planted by the Special Activities\*\* as a "gray" operation. Once planted, we see people spewing information about all types of wild theories. It serves a purpose. For every second someone is talking about how the buildings fell is a second that they are not talking about how the planes actually got there or how the Saudi government supported the hijackers.

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In all such propaganda efforts, "black" operations denote those in which the audience is kept ignorant of the source; "white" efforts are those in which the originator openly acknowledges himself; and "gray" operations are those in which the source is partly but not acknowledged. [8]

Despite the lack of any credible evidence against Khalid Sheikh Mohammed (KSM), Special Activities Division\*\* was directly responsible for the following critical events:

**The capture of KSM in Pakistan;**

**The transportation of KSM to torture facilities\*\* around the world;**

**The transportation of KSM to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba\*\*;**

**The second-hand "testimony" of KSM to 9/11 Commission investigators;**

**The second-hand "confession" of KSM that he was the 9/11 mastermind;**

**The 183 documented trips to a water board to gain this confession.**

## Man Behind The Curtain

The President was not in Washington on 9/11. This left the Vice President as the de facto commander of the White House response. In theory, Dick Cheney, a former Deputy Secretary was the perfect person at the perfect time. Note that the initial response by fighter jet coverage was quick and competent. Isn't it interesting that when the tactical delays began to experience delays, the military went into an inexplicable stall? Most bizarre was the President's attempt to look busy reading *The Pet Goat* with second-graders. Later the Vice President claimed he scrambled more fighter jets but when we checked seven separate logs of communication and orders, this claim was unfounded and misleading. [1]

The planning, knowledge and skill required for the mission involved a host of many large and small, basic and highly esoteric. Somehow the hijackers had confidence that they could defeat airline security with lethal weapons that would just narrowly pass check-point scrutiny – as if this matter had been thoroughly tested.

The most challenging aspect of conducting an air raid against the United States was defeating our blanket of fighter jet coverage. On any given day, in any given time, U.S. fighters may be up and flying within seconds of New York and Washington. With someone on the inside of our top military commanders, it would be impossible to know where these fighters would be positioned when the attack commenced.

Coincidentally (or not), no fighters were airborne on the east coast on the morning of 9/11. But still, the world's most advanced system of military fighter jets was ready to scramble at a moment's notice, with a variety of lethal missiles capable of taking down any hostile aircraft in short order. It is impossible to explain why, for two hours, our fighters were not scrambled to at least intercept and interfere with the raiding planes. As a last resort, we would require approval from our Commander in Chief\*\*, fighter pilots could have scrambled down any hostile plane heading for a populated area.



## Decoy

Now, let's take another run through the 2002 Congressional Joint Inquiry's report with a different focus. This time, we will see how the Inquiry began on page 3 with a pre-set notion of the matter of guilt had long been decided by the Intelligence Community\*\* and that Osama bin Laden was responsible for the attack. We are led to believe that a man with no military training, armed solely with a vague "fatwa," was able to defeat a \$9 billion a year Intelligence Community\*\* within a trillion dollars worth of U.S. national security.

Let us note that someone on the Inquiry was making a case that bin Laden was responsible for the attack. Someone kept inserting bin Laden as the culprit, and that someone must have had a hand in the editing and writing of this report. Later, we will see exactly who that person was, but for now, let's see what was reported. Once we get past the headline, we find nothing to support the claim that Osama bin Laden defeated, or had any capacity to direct, our domestic fighter jet coverage or to plan anything that resembles a coordinated attack. Once we get past the mysterious claims, we see no evidence of his involvement in the planning or operational knowledge of the attack. None.

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**Osama bin Laden's role in international terrorism had also been known for some time before September 11. He initially came to the attention of the Intelligence Community\*\* in the early 1990s as a financier of terrorism. However, bin Laden's own words soon provided evidence of the steadily escalating threat to the United States that his organization posed. In August 1996, he issued a fatwa - or religious decree - authorizing attacks on Western military targets in the Arabian Peninsula. In February 1998, bin Laden issued a second fatwa authorizing attacks on U.S. civilian and military personnel anywhere in the world. Bin Laden's fatwas cited the U.S. military presence in Saudi Arabia and the Persian Gulf, the Palestinian issue and U.S. support for Israel as justification for ordering these attacks. (Page 3)**

**TOP FLAG** - After studying the entire report, this paragraph is used (time and again) to provide absolute justification that Osama bin Laden was behind 9/11. The Intelligence Community's\*\* conclusion is based primarily on a fatwa supposedly written to unknown members of a vague organization. Says who? The Intelligence Community's\*\* unnamed sources.

So, on the bottom of page 3, we get a footnote of sorts about the Anthrax scare that was added to hysteria to an already hysterical scenario.[1] A thousand words of fear are countered

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**To date, no connection has been established between the anthrax attacks and the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.**

(Bottom of page 3 in footnote form)

RED FLAG – If there is no connection to 9/11, then why is this in the report? Anthrax that was used to scare the hell out of everyone was actually linked to a U.S. military lab\*\* in Maryland. [2] But this report has linked a fatwa writer to anthrax – as part of the overall hysteria delivered to the nation. In 2001, Americans were suddenly feeling vulnerable from a host of new enemies and all types of strange weapons. Fox News reported these threats as a real possibility every single day from 9/11 until the American invasion of Iraq. [3]

For the next 100 pages we get “intelligence” from the Intelligence Community\*\* with frightening quotes about a “new breed” of terrorism, violent Islamic cells, not linked to any specific country but united in anti-American zeal.

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**In January 1996, the Counterterrorist Center (CTC)\*\* – which had been established at CIA\*\* in 1986 (Reagan-Bush Administration) – created a special unit that was dedicated to focusing on bin Laden and his associates. The unit\*\* quickly determined that he was more than a terrorist financier, and it\*\* soon became a hub for expertise on bin Laden and for operations directed against his terrorist network, al-Qaeda. Officials from the unit\*\*, which started with about 16 CIA officers and grew to about 40 officers\*\* from throughout the Intelligence Community\*\* prior to September 11, 2001, had unprecedented access to senior agency officials\*\* and White House policymakers\*\*.” (Page**

RED FLAG – This confirms that the CTC\*\* and the CIA Bin Laden Unit\*\* were actually Intelligence Community\*\* operations under White House\*\* control. For the remainder of the report, heavy quotes from these two CIA units\*\* are used to counter field agents’ reports. This report goes down a road to pinning all types of attacks on bin Laden, without mentioning any specific operational evidence. None.

## Weakest Link

So, let's get to the nitty-gritty. On page 154 of the Congressional Joint Inquiry's report, let's see exactly what we are looking for in a relatively small, four paragraph section entitled: Case Against Bin Laden. The case is a bread sandwich.

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### The Case Against Bin Laden

In the days following the September 11 attacks, the FBI\*\* received additional photographs from the surveillance of the Malaysia meeting. One of these, the FBI\*\* quickly learned, was a photograph of Khallad. The Bureau\*\* also learned that a January 2001 photo identification of bin Laden by the joint CIA/FBI\*\* asset had been mistaken. The person thought to be Khallad was actually Nawaf al-Hazmi.

The conclusion that Khallad had attended the meeting was nonetheless correct.

Later in September, the FBI\*\* prepared an analysis of bin Laden's responsibility for the September 11 attacks to help the State Department\*\* develop a "white paper" that could be shared with foreign governments:

Even at this early stage of the investigation, the FBI\*\* has developed compelling evidence (the analyst\*\* concluded) which points to bin Laden and al-Qaida as the perpetrators of this attack. By way of illustration, at least two of the hijackers met with a known senior al-Qaida terrorist, the same al-Qaida terrorist that reliable information demonstrates orchestrated the attack on USS Cole and who was involved in the planning of the East Africa embassy bombings.

The two hijackers were al-Mihdhar and al-Hazmi. The senior al-Qaida terrorist was Khallad. The place they met was Malaysia. The facts linking al-Mihdhar and al-Hazmi to Khallad and therefore to bin Laden became the focus of the case the State Department\*\* made to governments around the world that bin Laden should be held accountable for the September 11 attacks. (page 154)



RED FLAG - Compelling evidence? They pin 9/11 on bin Laden because a guy who may have known was at a meeting with suspected terrorists in Malaysia. This is the case. Where's the aviation expert, or tactical planners, or any operational evidence? There are 200 pages in the report linking Saudi Intelligence directly to the hijackers and this is all that is found on Bin Laden.

As we have seen earlier, these are the same two hijackers (Mihdhar and Hazmi) who were receiving checks from Saudi Prince Bandar's wife's account at the Washington-based Riggs Bank\*\*. This opens a can of worms.

In 2002, FBI field agents reported an interesting link straight to the top of the Saudi government. The field agents discovered that the same Saudi Government agent, Osama Bayoumi, who met two hijackers in Los Angeles and became their logistical handler throughout their preparation, had opened bank accounts for two hijackers at the Washington-based Riggs bank. About two weeks after the accounts were opened, Bayoumi's wife began receiving huge monthly payments from another Riggs account belonging to Saudi Prince Bandar's wife's. Red Flag. [1]

When we follow the money that funneled to the 9/11 hijackers, we see that it originated from high officials of the Saudi Arabian government through accounts at Riggs. Would you know, the storied Riggs Bank, which opened in 1836 and was the bank of choice for twenty-three U.S. Presidents, world leaders and notorious dictators, abruptly shut down in 2005 when the FBI started probing Prince Bandar's frequent withdrawals of a million dollars or more. The bank, founded by members of an Ivy League secret society, survived the Civil War but the connections to Saudis and 9/11 took them down. [2]

Now, let's find their evidence against Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the American neo-fundamentalist convicted "mastermind" who is being held at Guantanamo Bay\*\*.

The first mention of KSM comes on page 29:

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**Finally, an early summer 2001 Intelligence Community\*\* report stated that Khalid Shaykh Mohammed - the senior al-Qaida official - has been identified as the mastermind of the September 11 attacks. He was recruiting individuals to travel to the United States and engage in planning terrorist-related activity there.**

**(page 29)**

RED FLAG - They call KSM a senior al Qaeda official identified as the 9/11 mastermind. If you repeat that the world is flat a million times, it does not make it flat. This is where we see evidence that the Intelligence Community\*\* continued setting up their decoys in 2001, while special activities knew the attack was in "go mode", when the hijackers were in the final stages of flight training.

early every time we see mention of KSM by the Intelligence Community\*\*, there is a deliberate effort to hot-wire him as the 9/11 mastermind. But when researching evidence of involvement, there's a biography about a guy who graduated from North Carolina State University, therefore he's hot-wired as the 9/11 mastermind.

KSM has also been blamed by the Intelligence Community\*\* for the murder of New York Times journalist Daniel Pearl. The evidence: KSM is a suspect based on a gruesome photograph of an unidentified man, holding Pearl's severed head by the hair. The photo shows a hand, supposedly of the executioner. One Philippine investigator claimed the hand in the picture resembled the hand of KSM. Therefore, we are to believe, that KSM splits time between chopping off heads and figuring fuel calculations for Boeing 767.

Let's take a look at the most detailed evidence on KSM. It's there on page 30, where KSM has his very own paragraph and once again we see an effort to label him the mastermind:

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### **Khalid Shaykh Mohammad**

**Prior to September 11, the Intelligence Community\*\* had information linking Khalid Shaykh Mohammad (KSM), now recognized by the Intelligence Community\*\* as the mastermind of the attacks, to Osama bin Laden, to terrorist plans to use aircraft as weapons, and to terrorist activities in the United States. The Intelligence Community\*\*, however, did not designate KSM to rendition target status following his 1996 indictment in connection with the Bojinka Plot and, as a result, focused primarily on KSM's education, rather than his activities and place in the al-Qaida hierarchy. The Intelligence Community\*\* also did not recognize the significance of reporting in late 2001 concerning KSM's active role in sending terrorists to the United States, or the facilitation of their activities upon arriving in the United States. Collection efforts were not targeted on information about KSM that might have helped better understand al-Qaida plans and activities, and KSM's role in the September 11 attack was a surprise to the Intelligence Community\*\*. (According to information obtained by the Intelligence Community\*\* from several sources after September 11, 2001, KSM - also known as "Muktar" (Arabic for "the Brain") - masterminded the September 11 attacks.**

**(Page 30 in bold print)**

RED FLAG - Muktar the brain? Are you kidding? Now read that last sentence again and check where this information (evidence) originates - who exactly are the sources? "They" "several sources" without naming any.

Now below, we see the Intelligence Community\*\* tell a doozie of a story that has no

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The information indicates that KSM presented a plan to Osama bin Laden to mount an attack using small rental aircraft filled with explosives. Osama bin Laden reportedly suggested using even small planes. Thus, the idea of hijacking commercial airliners was born. Thereafter, KSM reportedly instructed and trained the hijackers on their mission, including directing them to undergo flight training. (page 31)

RED FLAG – Apparently KSM, or Muktar the Brain, and bin Laden are tight. Is this comedy script? They say KSM trained the hijackers? Where? How? This passing claim is an intention to simply use airliners is the equivalent to having it done. But this is real evidence of KSM related to pilot training is missing. As this un-sourced hearsay bin Laden continues, we see on the next page a continuation of vague evidence: “like the Bojinka Plot in the Philippines, “connected” to the first World Trade Center bombing “might have” been involved in the East Africa embassy bombing.

The Bojinka Plot sounds scary; an ambitious plan, according to intelligence officials, to place bombs on twelve jumbo trans-Pacific airliners. But there was a typical plot. While these terrorists were making the bombs in Manila, they burned down the airport and this Bojinka Plot was thwarted. According to the Intelligence Community\*\*, Muktar was “connected” to the plot but, as usual, there is no evidence that he was anywhere in Manila. Our super-terrorist, according to the Intelligence Community\*\*, then made a miraculous leap from a failed airline bombing to actually flying four airliners to New York. Really? The next terror event “linked” to al-Qaeda was back to lighting off a store in which failed, followed by a hostage decapitation, followed by an underwear bomb, which failed, followed by a five gallon propane tank “bomb” that was left in a car near Times Square, which also failed. The media gave all these ominous titles: Christmas Day Bombing was the underwear job, the Times Square Bombing was the propane job and the bomb that never made it anywhere close to the airport was the Bojinka Plot. Between these failures thanks to Muktar the Brain, they hijacked commercial passenger airliners and defeated the entire national security system.

Outstanding! What’s next? Maybe they can hijack the Space Shuttle and start shooting at us from outer space.

On page 31, we get a summary of KSM in a report disseminated by all Intelligence Community agencies\*\*, military commanders, and components in the Treasury and Justice Departments\*\* emphasizing KSM’s ties to bin Laden as well as his continuing presence in the United States.



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The report explained that KSM appears to be one of Bin Laden's most trusted lieutenants and was active in recruiting people to travel outside Afghanistan, including to the United States, on behalf of bin Laden. According to the report \*\*, he traveled frequently to the United States, including as recently as May 2001, and routinely told others that he would arrange their entry into the United States as well.

Reportedly, these individuals were expected to establish contact with colleagues already there. The clear implication of his comments, according to the report \*\*, was that they would be engaged in planning terrorist-related activities.

(Page 31)

RED FLAG - It is possible and feasible that KSM may have actually been doing what he says: recruiting people for the attacks and having some role in getting them to the United States. But after all this relatively believable account, the Inquiry called the bluff at the bottom of page 31:

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Neither the CIA \*\* or FBI \*\* has been able to confirm whether KSM has in fact been traveling to the United States or sending recruits here prior to September 11.

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RED FLAG - Just when we thought we had something of consequence, we learn that none of the assertions made by the Intelligence Community\*\* can be verified. There were no photographs of KSM in the U.S., no plane tickets or customs or immigration records checked. There's little wonder why the Administration\*\* didn't want to try him in a U.S. Federal Court; there is no evidence and he would not be convicted. Even worse, if they found him innocent, the president\*\* and his vice president\*\* could be tried for war crimes.

## Electronic Hide And Seek

Before any commercial airliner is dispatched for flight, primary and back-up electronic transponders must be operational. The transponders are a major part of the air traffic control system, relaying an electronic signal through an antenna on the aircraft that is recognized by ATC radar. Each flight is assigned a four digit code that pilots dial in prior to departure which transmits all the pertinent flight information to ATC controllers – flight number, type of aircraft, ground speed, altitude, cleared route, departure airport and destination – in one easy-to-read block on the controller's screen. The four pilot/hijackers had been specifically trained to turn off the transponders immediately after commandeering the aircraft, a move that was designed to create initial confusion in a deadly game of hide and seek against the ATC and military defense systems.

Based on expected routine radio calls to ATC that never came because the two pilots had been murdered, we know that AA11 was hijacked at 8:14 a.m. As in all four cases, the evidence indicates that the cockpit was stormed, the pilots were killed with box cutters, the passengers were herded to the back of the plane under direct force, mace, bomb threats, bloodshed and panic. [1]

The hijackers knew that the autopilot would be engaged, so they could pull the pilots out of their seats without losing control of the craft. There was one pilot on each hijacked plane of five (or four, in the case of United 93); the remaining four (or three) were muscle. Evidence indicates that each plane was under the hijackers' control within five minutes after the cockpit was stormed. [2]

In the case of AA11, by 8:21 a.m. Mohamed Atta was in the captain seat just 22 minutes after takeoff from Boston and in control of the aircraft. We know this because just before the Boeing 767 turned south on a course for New York, the transponder was switched off and ATC instantly lost AA11's data on their radar screens. There was still a basic "primary" radar return reflecting off the airplane; the controllers would simply tag the aircraft and manually enter the aircraft's identification. No one was expecting the aircraft to deviate from its cleared route over the vicinity of Albany and make a screaming bomb run for the World Trade Center. [3]

## Media Bamboozle

The bamboozle began within hours of the attacks, before anyone could think straight. Without presenting a shred of evidence, the American news media, led by Rupert Murdoch's News, began injecting the 9/11 virus: corrupted information that this was the work of Osama bin Laden and a frightening "network" of terror.

The quick spread of this virus was understandable; the terrorists were quickly labeled as such. Nearly every senior member of the Bush Administration\*\* and every major news media outlet. However, no media analysts bothered to address the miraculous leap from previous terrorist media attacks. The widespread assumption of al-Qaeda responsibility dovetailed perfectly with new injections of fear; as the administration spread the mysterious Anthrax scare and disinformation about weapons of mass destruction that were supposedly intended for Iraq, the Bush Administration\*\* warned us to brace for further "spectacular" attacks.

Of course America was afraid. If a terrorist organization could truly select the perfect candidates for their mission, slip 19 Arabic-speaking suicidal maniacs and two dozen hijackers through airport security, murder four flight crews, take and hold hostages at bay while piloting four immensely complicated Boeing jetliners from high altitude to a low-altitude precision air strike after navigating for hundreds of miles straight to the nation's capital and U.S. military headquarters without being shot down by a blanket of military jets, what could they not do? Instead, after we take a collective breath and realize that Osama bin Laden or since 9/11 has al-Qaeda ever executed anything more sophisticated than their crude bombings.

The new administration had broken the code.

The code was that money bought the greatest dictator of all, commercial television time. Through a one-way flow of persuasion, strategically scripted and delivered with moving images and dubbed with base drums, to millions of working (taxed) Americans, a message, no matter how absurd, can be sold.

The endless barrage of television time during the 2004 election made John Kerry, a Vietnam veteran with three Purple Hearts look like a headline grabbing coward while a guy who went AWOL from his Texas Air National Guard unit, a swashbuckling hero, capable of leading the world. [1]

The entire case of Osama bin Laden, from his formal introduction on September 11, 2001, until his media death on May 2, 2011, not one American has heard a single word related to this person. Not one solid piece of evidence has ever been presented in a court of law, not one plausible explanation as to how bin Laden was able to defeat all elements



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of U.S. national security. Yet, a vast majority of Americans are somehow convinced Osama bin Laden was the evil force behind the 9/11 attacks.

The bamboozle is a concoction of media reported events. We have been told a thousand times that he was “behind” the attacks. We were shown videos of him shooting. We have seen him in a gold robe. We have heard through an Intelligence Community interpretation that he admitted to the attack. We have seen the photos of him walking the mountains. We have been told that al Qaeda has a press secretary who sends out press releases. Most American taxpayers know this as common knowledge, as fact.

But when we take a closer look, we see an entirely different picture. The Washington Post reported on May 25, 2010 that a psych-ops group\*\* within the Special Activities Division was caught producing fake bin Laden videos. [1] They also traced the al-Qaeda “press releases” to a U.S. intelligence contractor\*\* called SITE\*\*, an interesting liaison between the White House\*\* and Fox News\*\*. [2]

SITE, an acronym of Search for International Terrorist Entities, is actually a Pentagon sub-contractor that seems to be al Qaeda’s press department. When we hear that al Qaeda has released a statement, it’s actually coming through SITE. Who knows where the information? [3]

SITE has released 29 audio messages and three videos, supposedly of Osama bin Laden. The last video in 2007 was so ridiculously obvious, that they just stuck with audiotapes; they could fake his death. The Post article reported that our friends at special operations were making propaganda films, “using one of our ‘darker’ members to play [super-terrorist] Osama bin Laden.” [3]

The last tape released to the national media was of a man that SITE\*\* claimed was Osama bin Laden. The tape was “frozen” for all but three minutes while an unknown interpreter\*\* told us what he supposedly said. Later, we learned that this SITE\*\* group, led by Rita Katz, had sent this tape to several officials in the Executive Branch\*\* before the tape was released by “al-Qaeda.” Oops. [4]

After a small amount of media speculation directed toward bin Laden’s physical features, which included a dyed black beard, a differently shaped face and smaller hands, all major American networks reported to millions of taxpayers that U.S. Intelligence officials had confirmed that the tape was really Osama bin Laden. [6]

Consider the raid that supposedly killed bin Laden. Americans have not been afforded one piece of evidence that confirmed that he was ever in the raided house or one piece of evidence that he was killed. There was no trial, no jury, no judge, just a claim that originated deep within the Intelligence Community\*\* and reported in a month-long media blitz as fact.

The following day, the national news reported that al Qaeda released a statement of revenge for “bin Laden’s” death. The bamboozle is that al Qaeda doesn’t really have a press department.

## THE BIG BAMBOOZLE

Residents of the town where the raid transpired never saw bin Laden. The head of the Taliban disputed the raid and said that bin Laden had died long ago and was buried in an unmarked grave in the Afghan mountains. [4] An obituary of bin Laden was published in a Pakistani newspaper in December of 2001. [5] But still the Intelligence Community\*\* convinced nearly everyone that they actually killed him in 2011.

Although the Intelligence Community\*\* claimed they had watched the raided house for months, they could not produce one iota of proof; not one surveillance photo, not one voice recording, not a body, nothing. Yet, as in all media reports concerning bin Laden, the claim is reported as fact in all major media stories. It was a coordinated message trumpeted on the pages of every major American newspaper. Fox News was in a state of euphoria.

President Obama said that he was 50/50 that the intelligence he had received from the Intelligence Community\*\* was accurate. What if the 50/50 evidence, the same chance as a coin toss, was actually tails instead of heads. How would we ever know? My calculation, based on ten years of research is that the actual chances of the 9/11 "architect" (bin Laden's final title) being in that house was a solid 0/100. I don't know who they killed, if anyone, but it wasn't the architect of 9/11.