

Ashcroft Personally Rejected Specific Warnings of Impending Terrorist Attacks During Summer of 2001

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EDITORIAL

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During June to early August 2001 Attorney General Ashcroft and his staff received but strongly rebuffed more than one plea from Chicago attorney David Schippers to look into intelligence Schippers had of an impending Middle Eastern initiated terrorist attack on Manhattan for late summer or early fall of 2001, around the time of the 9/11 attacks. Schippers has revealed this story publicly on many talk radio programs throughout America. Schippers was the attorney for the Republican House Managers during the trial of Clinton in the Senate.

And in August 2001 Ashcroft met with Air Force General Benton Partin in Ashcroft's DC home to receive a lengthy report (that I helped prepare) and briefing about terrorism in the OKC bombing that proved to be directly related to the 1993 WTC bombing and the subsequent 9/11 attacks. Ashcroft not only rejected Partin's pleas to investigate failed FBI and DOJ policies leading to domestic and foreign terror operation in the US, but Ashcroft to this day has not followed up, but instead covered up FBI and DOJ criminal conduct by obstructing justice and ordering FBI agents not to testify about matters relating to the OKC bombing, FBI and DOJ foreknowledge and the use of informants and provocateurs associated with domestic and foreign terrorists.

Fox News Dallas recently conducted a lengthy interview with a major witness, Gloria Smith of the OKC Travelers Aid, connected directly the evidence presented to Ashcroft by General Partin in August 2001. Fox News did a report on the interview with Smith on April 19, 2004 but deliberately and knowingly left out all mention of the Ashcroft briefing, the information in the report Ashcroft received and the names of the FBI informants and provocateurs who were involved in the OKC bombing operation. Smith told me that Fox News deliberately did not notify Smith of the Fox News report and that Smith feels that she was treated rudely and with great disrespect by Fox News for not notifying her of the report when it aired especially since she reported doing the story, Phil Keating promised her she would be notified. I was notified only a few minutes before the report aired on the Fox Report with Sheppard Smith by voice mail and was not told of the content until a week later.

Fox News has relatives working for Bush and it is strongly believed that Fox News covered up for Bush and Ashcroft when they aired a brief excerpt of their interview with Smith leaving out all of the details incriminating to Bush, Ashcroft and the DOJ and FBI in the case.

I specifically asked the Dallas Bureau chief for Fox about these matters today and I asked if Fox ever planned to reveal the letters from Smith to Ashcroft and any information about the FBI informants with McVeigh's car at Travelers Aid. The Fox News Dallas bureau chief answer was "of course not." I was stunned and told the chief that we were very disappointed and thought that Fox should air all the important parts of the interview for the good and safety of the country.

This coverup by Fox News was done even though previously the Dallas bureau chief had told me that Fox News had verified independently that the same suspects seen by Smith were seen with McVeigh in OKC before the OKC bombing. This episode demonstrates that Fox News is deliberately not reporting information that is important to national security in order to protect and hide the misconduct of political figures Fox News favors, Bush and Ashcroft.

On April 13, 2004 Attorney General Ashcroft testified before the 9/11 Commission.

The remainder of article reveals how prior testimony given to the 9-11 Commission prior to Ashcroft's appearance demonstrated not only the Bush administration's lack of interest in terrorism in the US prior to 9/11 but a strong and consistent pattern of Ashcroft's outright rejection of numerous other pleas and specific and detailed warnings (in addition to Schippers and Partin) concerning impending terrorist attacks in the US during the summer and fall of 2001.

These rejections were so strong by Ashcroft and the pleas so numerous, credible and highly placed that Ashcroft's actions cannot be explained by just gross negligence, which alone is grounds worthy of having Ashcroft fired and replaced immediately. Ashcroft had extreme forewarning about pending terror attacks in the US and yet Ashcroft deliberately did nothing adequate to even try to have something done about them. It appears that Ashcroft's failure to act was deliberate and not based on incompetence.

What follows is a presentation of information found in the following two articles:

Critiquing Ashcroft's 9/11 Show

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2004/04/15/opinion/main612043.shtml>

Ashcroft denies taking little interest in terrorism

<http://www.cnn.com/2004/ALLPOLITICS/04/13/911.commission/>

In one of its staff reports, the 9/11 Commission had already offered a harsh assessment of Ashcroft's performance before the attacks, portraying him as uninterested in terrorism issues and unresponsive to pleas from the FBI to beef up its counterterrorism efforts. And earlier that day former acting FBI director Thomas Pickard and former FBI counterterrorism chief Dale Watson — two of the main sources for the negative

information about Ashcroft contained in the staff report — had expanded on their criticism of the attorney general in public testimony before the commission.

By the time Ashcroft's turn arrived, some fairly serious charges about him were on the table. Why, one day after telling the Senate in May 2001, that combating terrorist attacks was his highest priority, did Ashcroft issue a memo outlining the Justice Department's strategic goals that didn't mention counterterrorism -- a memo that Watson testified almost made him fall out of his chair?

Former acting FBI Director Thomas Pickard said Ashcroft dismissed warnings of terrorist threats that summer and rejected appeals for additional counterterrorism funds. Pickard said "in late June and through July, he met with Attorney General Ashcroft once a week," the report says. "He told us that though he initially briefed the attorney general regarding these threats, after two such briefings the attorney general told him he did not want to hear this information anymore."

Pickard also said that though President Bush had been warned on August 6, 2001, in an intelligence memo that al Qaeda was "determined" to strike U.S. targets, neither Bush nor Ashcroft asked to meet with him between then and the attacks.

The commission also heard from J. Cofer Black, the former head of the CIA's counterterrorism center, who said that intelligence reports in the summer of 2001 indicated a "massive" terrorist strike was in the works.

"The attorney general on May 10 issued budget guidance for us, and I did not see that as a top item on the agenda," Pickard said.

The Justice Department proposal did not include an increase in counterterrorism funding over its pending proposal for fiscal year 2002, and Pickard said Ashcroft rejected his appeal for additional counterterrorism funds on Sept. 10 -- a day before the al Qaeda attacks.

In addition, FBI counterterrorism chief Dale Watson "told us that he almost fell out of his chair" when Ashcroft outlined his budget priorities in May 2001, because the list made no mention of counterterrorism, the commission reported earlier.

So why, in the summer of 2001, did Ashcroft reject a request from Pickard for an extra \$58 million to help the FBI combat al Qaeda? And why did Ashcroft, after being briefed twice by Pickard on terrorist threats that summer, tell the acting FBI director that he didn't want to hear about the matter anymore?

The Gorelick memo was a way for Ashcroft to turn the harsh spotlight on someone other than himself — which he needed to do since his responses to the criticisms leveled by Pickard and Watson were decidedly unpersuasive. Ashcroft initially said that the May 2001 memo that didn't list counterterrorism as one of DOJ's top priorities -- the memo that almost made Watson fall out of his chair -- was based on a strategic plan issued by his

predecessor, Janet Reno. But he also conceded that Reno's strategic plan did indeed include mentions of terrorism.

As for his rejection in the summer of 2001 of Pickard's request for \$58 billion more in counterterrorism money for the FBI, Ashcroft tried to fudge matters by noting that the FBI was working under a Clinton administration budget when the attacks occurred and that the first Bush budget for the FBI, which was for fiscal year 2002, substantially increased counterterrorism spending. But of course it did; that budget was crafted after the 9/11 attacks.

Finally, Ashcroft just denied that he ever told Pickard he didn't want any more briefings on terrorism issues. That left Ashcroft in a he-said/he-said dispute with a career FBI agent whose integrity -- unlike the attorney general's -- has never before been questioned.

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Counter Terrorism Antecedents for the 9/11 Attacks – Terrorism Cover-Up

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The report below has been formally transmitted to, received by and discussed with the 9-11 Commission Staff with the full knowledge of House Speaker Dennis Hastert's office. Hastert's office has also received and discussed the report.

The report is accompanied to the 9/11 Commission with a copy of a Federal lawsuit OKC attorney Mike Johnston filed against Iraq in the DC court of Federal Magistrate Deborah Robinson in March 2003. The lawsuit contains evidence relevant to the participants and sponsors of 9/11 as well as the OKC bombing. Johnston is also an expert and prior litigant on Iraqi acquisition of WMDS technologies inside the US prior to the Gulf War.

This report is being posted on LP to make the public aware of the details of this evidence and information sent to and received by the 9-11 Commission and Congressional leaders. The public has a right and a need to know this information regardless of the final outcome or actions of Congress, of the White House, of the 9-11 Commission, or any pending or subsequent legal proceedings.

REPORT TO THE 9/11 COMMISSION :

“Intelligence and Counter Terrorism Antecedents for the 9/11 Attacks”
With Addendum:

“Iraq and Chinese Support for Collaborating Terror Organizations; Small Footprint WMD Development and Proliferation by Iraq”

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This report asserts that the FBI and CIA learned the plans of and "monitored" the activities of known AlQaeda terrorists and 9/11 hijackers in the US with informants for more than 3 years prior to 9/11 without getting them off the streets.

A PBS Frontline documentary aired Thursday, October 16, 2003 and was entitled "Chasing the Sleeper Cell" and examined the extended, long term FBI surveillance of an AlQaeda terror cell at Lackawanna, New York after 9/11. In the documentary FBI official Dale Watson of the Joint FBI and CIA Counter terrorism Center (CTC) was interviewed at length:

Mr. Watson: “Once the C.I.A. gave Lackawanna the "most dangerous" label, however, administration officials asked, "Can you guarantee to me that these people won't do something?"

"And the answer," he said, "is we think we can.

The following is the section of the PBS interview with Watson that should cause the Commission enough concern that the Commission will want to further reevaluate existing FBI and CIA policies and activities that the remainder of this report describes and that were in effect years before 9/11:

“We are probably 99 percent sure that we can make sure that these guys don't do something — if they are planning to do something. And under the rules that we were playing under at the time, that's not acceptable. So a conscious decision was made, 'Let's get `em out of here.' ”

CTC Chief Watson said the bureau felt it could ensure that nothing would happen ‘while it continued to watch the suspects, in the hope of being led to bigger prey.’”

FBI CTC official Dale Watson was exhibiting the same mentality that prevailed before 9/11 with the FBI tracking of terrorist hijackers for too long, that is, to "continue to watch the suspects, in the hope of being led to bigger prey ” while mistakenly assuring the White House that with a 99 per cent probability nothing bad would happen even though the FBI intentionally left KNOWN terrorists on the streets. This same policy and mentality affected FBI and CIA handling of the known 9/11 hijackers before 9/11 as this report describes below.

Fortunately in the Lackawanna situation, administration officials and the CIA prevailed in convincing the FBI that it could not guarantee something could go wrong if the FBI continued to monitor the terror cell at Lackawanna so at least "they were taken off the streets."

But the Lackawanna cell is not the only AlQaeda cell the FBI was monitoring at the time and PRIOR TO 9/11. In the fall of 2001 the Washington Post and Bob Woodward reported that the FBI was monitoring at the same time but NOT moving against 5 KNOWN AlQaeda terror groups inside the US only ONE of which was the Lackawanna group.

These other 4 KNOWN cells still have not been taken off the streets to this day.

The Commission should consider that there likely are not enough FBI agents on every street corner to watch all these terror groups at once like the FBI monitors the mob and still be sure that nothing will go wrong unless the FBI gets the terrorists off the street with existing laws including the new Patriot Act tools as soon as the FBI and CIA know they are terrorists.

The situation is even more difficult for the FBI and CIA because of the influx of unscreened illegal aliens into the US and the recent FBI admission there are Al Qaeda sleeper cells inside at least 40 different states at this time who may have access to small footprint WMDS.

What should further concern the Commission is that apparently the FBI has convinced the administration to go back to the old way of operating PRIOR TO 9/11 to continue to monitor for years members of six known large AlQaeda cells inside the US without taking them off the streets. I refer the Commission to the following quote in the NY Times article by DON VAN NATTA Jr. from Aug 23, 2003, "Six Groups Said to Be Monitored in U.S. for Possible Qaeda Links":

"American officials have limited their actions so far to intensive surveillance of the suspects, who they say are spread across 40 states, in order to gather more information about their plans and organization, the officials said. The decision to continue the surveillance, rather than to detain some suspects, reflects a strategic shift by United States government investigators. They said they had concluded that at this stage it was more valuable to try to learn more about the groups' activities and possible plans through extended observation."

What the New York Times article fails to recognize is that "the strategic shift" in policy it refers to really only occurred with the Lackawanna cell and pre 9/11 surveillance policies of tracking known terrorists for years without getting all of them off the streets remain unchanged.

The Commission should evaluate whether or not “extended observation” was and still is too long (more than a few weeks) when the FBI and CIA say they lost track of too many of KNOWN AlQaeda hijacker terrorists PRIOR to 9/11. As shown in the addendum to this report, before and after 9/11, terrorists of different organizations were and still are collaborating inside and outside the US and may succeed in setting up more cells, recruiting more terrorists, receiving small footprint WMDS and carrying out more attacks in the US.

There are FBI agents such as Robert Wright of Chicago and XXXXXX have publicly stated their opinions that laws existing prior to 9/11 gave the FBI the tools to take these terrorists off the streets back then if FBI supervisors and officials had permitted it. The new Patriot Act makes it even more certain that the FBI has the tools so that terrorists can and should be taken off the streets. Those monitored without arrest, detention or deportation prior to 9/11 include but are not limited to Ali Mohammed and 9/11 hijackers Atta, Jarrah, Hanjour, AlShehhi, AlHazmi and AlMihdhar, along with Moussaoui in San Diego, Phoenix and at the Norman, Oklahoma Airman flight school.

The following is some detailed evidence and proof of FBI, CIA and White House policy , surveillance activities and conduct that permitted known terrorists to operate inside the US for years prior to 9/11, the OKC bombing and the 1993 WTC bombing when some of these same terrorists were actively involved in two and in some cases all three of these attacks and bombings. This failed policy needs reevaluation and correction so that attempts to stop future terror attacks inside the US will be more successful:

1. The FBI and CIA station chief in the Philippines learned the details of plans for the OKC bombing and plans to train hijacker pilots for a 9/11 style attack on the WTC, other US skyscrapers and DC Federal buildings (not Project Bokinka) in January and February 1995.

The CIA and FBI learned this information from CIA surveillance of an Abu Sayeff terrorist cell meetings involving Iraqi operative Khalid Mohammed, his nephew Ramzi Yousef, Abdul Murad, Wali Khan, Philippino Edwin Angeles, Americans John Lebney, and Terry Nichols, and 5 Iraqi agents including a bomb expert.

The CIA and FBI also learned of this information in debriefings from undercover Philippine Intelligence agent Edwin Angeles who was in the meetings. John Lebney was engaged in Chinese appliance sales and was known to the CIA. Further information was learned by FBI interrogation of fellow cell members (arrested) Abdul Murad and Wally Khan.

Khalid Mohammed made these plans for the 9/11 style attack with FBI and CIA knowledge in 1995 a full year before Khalid went to Bin Laden and AlQaeda in 1996 to finalize and gain support for his plans.

Khalid Mohammed has told US interrogators that he indeed planned the 9/11 mission in the Philippines in 1995. Philippine authorities have told CNN that the Philippine

government told the FBI and CIA of the plot in 1995. The FBI legal attaché blocked the Pentagon terror advisor, Jesse Clear, from getting details of 1995 Abu Sayeff meetings with Terry Nichols out of the Philippines starting in 1996. This is according to what Jesse Clear personally told me in late 1996.

In the Philippines in late January 1995 the FBI and CIA also obtained access to Ramzi Yousef's computer hard drive in. The computer hard drive contained a letter from Khalid Mohammed to a Mr. Siddiqy urging greater help from Mr Siddiqy. News reports stated that one or more Siddiqys were suspects involved in the 1993 WTC bombing AND the 1995 OKC bombing. Anis and Assad Siddiqy and Mohammed Chafti from Brooklyn New York were arrested immediately after the OKC bombing and then the FBI had them released the same day.

The FBI claims they lost track of their arrest and the FBI 302 reports of their arrest until they were discovered in the Dallas FBI SAC office of Danny Defenbaugh in January 2001. FBI agent Odom from Denver twice actively tried to intimidate the witness Debbie Burdick to keep silent about her eyewitness account that she had seen the Siddiqy's and Chafti with McVeigh in OKC near the bombing scene.

The Commission needs to know that Mohammed Chafti, and Anis and Assad Siddiqy from Brooklyn New York were suspects in the 1993 WTC bombing AND were involved in the OKC bombing with McVeigh. On the day of the OKC bombing FBI agent Floyd Zimms admitted to OKC police officers that Zimms deliberately gave out false information concerning the vehicle driven by the men. Zimms deliberately and falsely identified their getaway car as an old green Oldsmobile Cutless, one Zimms used to drive, but not the vehicle the men were driving on the day of the bombing when they fled to Dallas and were later released. The vehicle two of the men were driving was a rental car from Dallas, the men had switched the plates on their rental car, they were detained initially by the Oklahoma Highway Patrol and later arrested in Dallas. One of the other men was arrested in OKC at a motel. The FBI intervened in Dallas and OKC and had the men later released for reasons unknown.

The CIA and Tenet should have known that Saddam Hussein and Iraq made direct payments to 911 hijacker Mohammed Atta and mastermind Khalid Mohammed via the Muslim and Syrian brotherhood starting over ten years before 9/11 and while they were working with Iraqi agents.

The CIA and Tenet should have known that Iraq used Abu Nidal to trained Ramzi Youseff, Khalid Moahmmmed and the 9/11 hijackers Mohammed Atta and Ziah Jarrah, who were the roommates of fellow hijacker AlShehhi in Hamburg.

The CIA and Tenet should have known that Ramzi Yousef traveled with Iraqi Dr. Ishan Barbouti in the US and in England during the 1980s to acquire WMDS for Iraq including from US companies. This is also further described in the addendum below.

Khalid Mohammed worked with an American citizen who was also an FBI informant, Melvin Lattimore, and they both helped carry out ALL THREE OF THESE ATTACKS, 1993 WTC, the OKC bombing and 9/11. This is explained in detail in item 7. and other items following below.

2. FBI agents visited the Norman flight school in 1999 after a visit by 9/11 hijacker Mohammed Atta, and told the owners that they were tracking Atta as a suspect in a terror plot involving airliners. Bin Laden's personal pilot had trained at the Norman flight school in 1996. The FBI was tracking hijacker pilots being trained in the US because the FBI and CIA had learned of the 9/11 plot by Khalid Mohammed starting in 1995 described in item 1 above. The FBI visited several flight schools in Phoenix and Norman tracking the training of the hijacker pilots well before 9/11. See items 3-8 below.

3. FBI agent Ken Williams used informants Adjai Collins in Phoenix to track hijacker Hani Hanjour for over three years. FBI agent Steven Butler used informant Abdussattar Shaikh in San Diego to track for at least two to three years the hijacker pilots Hani Hanjour, AlHazmi and AlMihdhar.

While living with Abdussattar Shaikh, hijackers AlHazmi and AlMihdhar had frequent visits from Mohammed Atta and Hani Hanjour. The FBI agent Steven Butler who was Shaikh's handler claims that he never had reason to suspect AlHazmi, AlMihdhar, Atta or his informant Abdussattar

Yet the FBI knew that Shaikh paid for computers for AlHazmi and AlMihdhar and that he paid for a rental car the FBI knows was driven by them between San Diego and Phoenix for their visits with hijacker Hani Hanjour in the fall of 2000.

AlHazmi and AlMihdhar lived with Hanjour in a San Diego apartment from February 2000 to September 2000 and had limousines pick them up for short rides in the middle of the night.

Then AlHazmi and AlMidhar moved to the house of long time FBI counter intelligence informant Abdussattar Shaikh in September 2000 where their rent was paid for by a Saudi Omar al-Bayoumi who worked for officials of the Saudi Arabian consulate in Los Angeles. Al-Bayoumi is believed by the FBI to be an intelligence officer. Al-Bayoumi put AlHazmi and AlMihdhar in contact with their new landlord and FBI informant Shaikh at the local mosque where Shaikh was a leader of the mosque.

According to an October 5, 2002 article in the New York Times the FBI refused to allow the San Diego FBI informant Abussattar Shaikh and his handler, FBI agent Steven Butler to testify before the Congressional hearings on 9/11 about their monitoring of 9/11 hijackers AlHazmi, Hani Hanjour and Al Hamdi:

"As for Butler, his criticism of FBI headquarters and the intelligence community, in general, led to a punitive transfer and he left the FBI in disgust."

What is important for the Commission to note is that the 9/11 Congressional report states the best chance the FBI had to unravel the 9/11 plot was by paying more attention to the FBI informant Abdussattar Shaikh who lived with AlHazmi and AlMihdhar.

4. FBI agent Ken Williams sent a memo to an FBI unit in the CTC directed by Dale Watson in the early summer of 2001. William's memo warned of AlQaeda plans to use hijacked airlines inside the US based on information Williams had learned about hijacker Hani Hanjour from informant Adjai Collins. One should wonder if Williams's memo was also based on information learned about Hani Hanjour co-hijackers Atta, AlMihdhar and AlHazmi from FBI agent Butler and FBI informant Abdussattar Shaikh. Williams's memo to an FBI CTC unit was ignored and Watson claimed he did not learn of the Williams memo in time

5. While the FBI CTC units ignored Williams, Williams persisted and contacted the CIA directly in the early summer of 2001 about his evidence and concerns pertaining to AlQaeda training pilots for attacks inside the US. Williams was reprimanded for going to the CIA.

The Commission should determine if the Williams memo and conversations with the CIA reached Cofer Black of the CIA part of CTC AND if William's information was included in the CIA report concerning AlQaeda attacks inside the US discussed by Dr. Rice at President Bush's Daily Brief on August 6, 2001. If this information was not provided in the CIA report and part of Dr. Rice's briefing on Aug 6, 2001, then the Commission should determine why it was not especially since then it should have been because the CIA knew about it in detail from Ken Williams in time to put it in the CIA report for Dr. Rice.

The Commission needs to be fully aware that according to Senate Intelligence Committee staff Director Eleanor Hill, the White House ordered the classifying and withholding from Congress all information the US knew about terror mastermind Khalid Mohammed and his 9/11 plot plans, the foreign [Saudi] sponsorship of the plans with money and help to 9/11 hijackers AlAhzmi and AlMihdhar and Hani Hanjour via Saudi Omar Al-Bayoumi and all antecedent information the President was told about the 9/11 plot before 9/11.

The 9/11 Congressional report leaves out the most important facts that the information from Ken Williams memo (that reached the CIA) was specific about Al Qaeda attacks INSIDE the US using hijacked airlines with the very hijacker pilots ATTA, HANJOUR, ALMIHDHAR and ALHAZMI that lived with and/or visited and were helped by the FBI informant Abdussattar Shaikh and with the help of the Saudi Omar Al-Bayomi.

The Commission should review and investigate why this information is not in the final 900-page 9/11 report issued by Congress and why the information was withheld from Congress even though part of it may have once been in the redacted 28 pages of the report.

I received a phone call from James Lewis, the staff director (who helped write and assemble the 900 page report) for the House Intelligence Committee over this story BEFORE the Congressional report on 9/11 came out. Lewis told me that I could provide him with information if I wanted to but he also advised me that I would be under investigation by law enforcement such as the FBI for anything I told him or provided him in writing.

Before the Congressional report came out I also had a phone discussion about this same information with James Hensler, the staff director for the Senate Intelligence Committee who also helped write the 9/11 Congressional report. The OKC attorney with whom I have closely worked for almost 9 years, Michael Johnston wrote Mr. Lewis and Mr Hensler providing some of this information before the 9/11 Congressional report came out. Mr. Johnston received no response and none of the information was included in the 9/11 Congressional report.

The discussion in items 1-5 above and in items 6-7 below provides a very strong basis to conclude that Congress was not fully informed and in fact blocked by White House actions and classifications over the 9/11 plot plans of Khalid Mohammed and what the FBI ,CIA , CTC and Bush and Clinton administrations knew or should have known from tracking the 9/11 hijacker pilots for several years before 9/11.

6. George Tenet has said publicly and recently that he and the CIA only got incomplete information - a first name and a phone number - two years before the 9/11 attacks, from German intelligence about a member of the Hamburg cell of Atta and Zarrah, namely 9/11 hijacker AlShehhi.

The Tenet public explanation about AlShehhi is inconsistent with published accounts that CIA agent David Edger monitored the Hamburg cell of Atta, AlShehhi and Zarrah for almost four years before the 911 attacks with an informant Dakalzani. The CIA and FBI also appear to not want it publicly learned that a member of the Hamburg cell, Ziah Jarrah, had his ticket purchased on the Pennsylvania 9/11 flight by an employee of Oklahoma University (OU) with the knowledge of the FBI at the time when CIA agent Edger was in Norman working with Tenet's mentor, David Boren, the former Chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee and the Chancellor of OU. Ziah Jarrah's uncle supported Ziah while working for German intelligence and Abu Nidal.

7. In 1998-2000 the CIA learned from monitoring a Malaysian meeting with Hambali and other AlQaeda members that Zacarias Moussaoui was AlQaeda. And Moussaoui was sent from Paris via the Hamburg cell by Khalid Mohammed to live with US citizen and FBI informant Melvin Lattimore while attending the Norman OK Airman flight school. Lattimore's credit card was used to buy bomb-making materials in the 1993 WTC bombing. Lattimore was with McVeigh's car and two other FBI informants in OKC at the time of the OKC bombing and was named to the FBI as part of the OKC bombing one day after the bombing. CIA operative Khalid Mohammed used Lattimore for roles in the 1993 WTC, the OKC and the 9/11 attacks.

The CIA's top man at the CTC, Cofer Black, was in a position to have known and to have told Tenet about the connections of Moussaoui with AlQaeda and his monitoring in OK by FBI informant Melvin Lattimore. Groups associated with the CTC blocked Minnesota FBI agents from searching Moussaoui's computer when the FBI (Dale Watson) and CIA (Black) CTC knew from 1998 –2000 that Moussaoui was AlQaeda and training for a terror mission with hijacked airliners.

8. OKC bombing witness Gloria Smith is the Director of the Travelers Aid that was down the street from the bombed Murrah Federal building in OKC. Smith and three of her coworkers saw three key suspects that were FBI informants with McVeigh's car at the Travelers Aid.

One of the suspects is the known terrorist and the long time FBI informant, Melvin Lattimore who is also a Black Muslim originally from St Louis.

Lattimore was Zacharias Moussaoui's roommate who Khalid Mohammed had sent via Paris and the Hamberg cell to live with Lattimore while Moussaoui attended the Norman OK flight school. Lattimore's credit card was used to buy bomb-making materials for the Khalid Mohammed planned and Ramzi Yousef executed 1993 WTC attack. Other informants named Lattimore to the FBI one day after the OKC bombing as a participant in the OKC bombing. Yet the FBI did nothing adequate about the FBI informant Melvin Lattimore.

Lattimore was Federally imprisoned in November 2001 for carrying a weapon in violation of a prior felony conviction of stockpiling explosives. Lattimore was to have been released in November 2003. Lattimore's attorney was Susan Otto, McVeigh original attorney, who once told attorney Stephen Jones that Jones' opinion of the US government would never be the same if Jones learned what the US government's role in the OKC bombing had been. Jones described the Otto statement in his book "Others Unknown".

Melvin Lattimore worked with Khalid Mohammed to help do the 1993 WTC, the OKC and the 9/11 attacks all while known to the FBI. Adanan Shukrijumah was sent to Oklahoma after 9/11 with two other AlQaeda accomplices by Khalid Mohammed to conduct terrorist acts on the US. The men are pilots and are believed to be carrying small footprint WMDS. The FBI claims that they cannot find the men even though the FBI has confirmed that the men were inside the US twice in 2003.

Lattimore is now is out of prison and could harm Smith. The DOJ and FBI should get Lattimore off the street before he could harm Smith. Unless Lattimore is found and stopped, Lattimore can connect up again with a known AlQaeda terrorist Adan Shukrijumah at large inside the US and sent by Khalid Mohammed to attempt another terror attack inside the US.

Even as an FBI informant, Lattimore is should still be considered as a terrorist and the 911 Commission should understand that the FBI has proven three times that the FBI's awareness of Lattimore failed to stop the 1993 WTC, the OKC and the 9/11 attacks. A

fourth attempt by the FBI to monitor Lattimore to track AlQaeda and other terrorists like Adnan Shukrijumah could once again prove to be a fatal mistake.

The other two suspects and known FBI informants identified with Lattimore and McVeigh's car by Smith and her coworkers at the Travelers Aid in OKC were Peter Langan and James Rosencrans. See item 9 also.

Langan was taken out of prison by the FBI and Secret Service in 1994 to do undercover work on domestic and foreign terrorism inside the US. While working for the FBI he robbed banks in the MidWest, was photographed painting hand grenades at the FBI infiltrated compound, Elohim City, and was with Rosencrans and Lattimore at the Travelers aid with McVeigh's car just before the OKC bombing.

Rosencrans was a drug dealer and Fortier's next-door neighbor in Arizona. Rosencrans was allowed by the FBI to keep the proceeds from the pawning of guns that were stolen from gun dealer Roger Moore, the FBI and prosecutors had testified (perjury) were used to fund the OKC bombings. Rosencrans was the FBI's star witness against McVeigh at the Federal Grand Jury in OKC in June and July 1995. Yet Rosencrans had large amounts of ammonium nitrate like used to make the OKC bomb found dumped in his back yard right after the OKC bombing.

Smith has high quality photographs of Lattimore, Langan and Rosencrans that match her eyewitness descriptions extremely well. Smith spoke directly with Rosencrans at the Travelers Aid.

At least 6 different FBI agents interviewed and brow beat Smith and three coworkers over their eyewitness accounts over a six-month period. The agents took few notes, did no FBI 302 interview reports to be passed on to the courts and would not allow the witnesses to work with a famous FBI sketch artist in town. The FBI agents were particularly aggressive toward the witnesses about Lattimore and tried to make the witnesses change their stories about Lattimore.

A major news network and other witnesses have validated and independently confirmed Smith's account of Lattimore and other men with McVeigh and McVeigh's car in OKC before the OKC bombing. Other witnesses and the news network also place Lattimore with McVeigh and other terrorists at an OKC motel before the OKC bombing and also a few months before the 9/11 attacks.

The Smith story is an indictment of officials in the Clinton and Bush administrations. AG John Ashcroft and IG Glen Fine of the DOJ personally received and acknowledged receipt of letters from Gloria Smith in the summer of 2001 about suspects seen by her at the Travelers Aid with McVeigh's car and about the criminal malfeasance of FBI agents toward her, her coworkers and the US criminal justice system. But Ashcroft, Fine and the FBI never followed up.

The FBI misconduct and behavior toward Smith and her coworkers and the FBI deliberate mishandling of their eyewitness accounts may have been an officially ordered cover-up by Clinton officials high up in the FBI or White House particularly because these FBI agents conduct was unlike that of other FBI agents Smith has worked with for years and known of them to be very efficient and professional note takers and FBI 302 report writers and willing to have sketch artists work with witnesses over serious crimes like the OKC bombing. While the initial FBI deliberate inaction was during the Clinton administration, the deliberate inaction continued within the FBI under Bush and especially by IG Glen Fine and AG Ashcroft of the DOJ.

In a recently taped interview with Fox News Dallas, Smith told Fox that she felt that if Ashcroft and Fine had acted on her information and followed up on Lattimore, the 9/11 attacks would have been less likely.

9. There is evidence to the effect that Khalid Mohammed was in OKC in March and April 1995 to help in the OKC bombing the planning of which Khalid appears to have assisted Terry Nichols with in the Philippines in January 1995. CIA official Robert Baer told OKC attorney Mike Johnston that the time line of Khalid's activities supported Khalid being in OKC at that time.

Further, there are witnesses associated with a Hamas and Palestinian operative who describe seeing and talking to Khalid in OKC at that time. And there are witnesses that sketched two ME looking men, including a man looking strikingly similar to Khalid (same height, build and beard), casing the Murrah building a few days before the OKC bombing. The sketches were shown to the FBI right after the bombing but were deliberately ignored by FBI agents. There are also sources close to former CIA director Admiral Woolsey that also assert Khalid Mohammed was in OKC during March and possibly April 1995.

Robert Baer also complained to Bill Gertz of the Wahsington Times in a published interview in 2002 that Baer was ignored and rebuffed for over a year by the Bush administration to try and track down Kahlid Mohammed. Baer then worked with WSJ reporter Danny Pearle to find Khalid. Unfortunately, Khalid beheaded Pearle as a result. But the incident finally motivated the Bush administration to then try harder to capture Khalid. Khalid was captured in March 2003.

10. This item should be known by the CIA and Tenet and should also be investigated by the 9/11 Commission:

Federal court testimony revealed that gun dealer Roger Moore was an FBI and CIA operative at the time he knew McVeigh and encouraged him for almost two years to attack Federal buildings and do the OKC bombing to "combat the "new world order" according to Moore's letters to McVeigh. Moore had a CIA based contract to build nitromethane (believed used with ammonium nitrate and fuel oil in the OKC bombing and sought out by McVeigh and Fortier in OKC) powered drug interdiction boats in Florida with HW Bush close associate Aranow, involved in Iran Contra. Moore also

introduced McVeigh to an explosives chemist, Steve Coburn in Arizona before the OKC bombing.

Moore is the man who testified at the Nichols Federal trial and recanted his testimony in a published letter a few months later. Nothing was ever done to Moore about his false testimony. The US prosecutors had claimed that guns were stolen from Moore to help pay for the OKC bombing. The problem with that false reason is that at least one of the guns they claimed were stolen was not stolen at all but in fact belonged to Terry Nichols. Moore's alias with McVeigh, Robert Miller, was used by FBI informant Peter Langan (see item 7.) on a phony drivers license found with Langan's belongings.

Langan's father was a high level official at the CIA. Langan was taken out of Federal prison in 1994 by the FBI and Secret Service to do undercover work on domestic and foreign intelligence. Langan was filmed by BATF informant Carol Howe at the FBI and CIA infiltrated Elohim City compound in OK where CIA, FBI and German intelligence informant Andreas Strassmeyer also worked. Strassmeyer worked with Colonel Petroskie connected to the CIA and was protected by the US State Department and FBI during undercover operations (1989-1995) at the Elohim compound in Oklahoma including Strassmeyer contacts with Tim McVeigh.

The other problem is that the FBI permitted FBI and DEA informant James Rosencrans (Fortier's neighbor) to sell guns stolen from Moore and keep the proceeds for himself allegedly because McVeigh and Fortier owed Rosencrans money for drug deals. Rosencrans testified against McVeigh twice at the Federal grand jury in OKC in 1995 even though he brandished guns at FBI agents and even though large amounts of ammonium nitrate (like used in the OKC bomb) were found dumped in his back yard.

11. The CIA and Tenet should know that Iraqi Heidar Barbouti of Houston (son of Dr Ishan Barbouti described in item1) may have assisted the Iraqi Al Hussain Hussaini after the OKC bombing even though Hussaini was seen by many reliable witnesses with McVeigh before and at the time of the OKC bombing. Hussaini was brought to the US under the direction of former CIA director Admiral Woolsey and President HW Bush along with other Iraqis after the Gulf War.

Hussaini was permitted to roam free by the FBI for years and was a baggage handler at Bostons' Logan airport used by the 9/11 hijacker around the time of the 9/11 attacks. For more on Hussaini please see item 18.

The CIA and Tenet should know that Heidar Barbouti, bought the luggage that carried the bomb that blew up the Lockerbie flight with direct Iraqi help.

12. The CIA and Tenet should know that the acting CIA director at the time of the OKC bombing, Admiral William Studdeman (see addendum) publicly stated in published accounts that the OKC bombing was an act of International terrorism shortly after the OKC bombing while making a speech in Chicago.

13. The CIA, FBI (Freeh) and Tenet know that OKC bombing provocateur Andreas Strassmeyer knew and encouraged McVeigh while Strassmeyer was an FBI asset and a CIA asset (with Colonel Petroskie) in the US from 1989 until 1995 and, like 9/11 hijacker Ziad Jarrah, was involved directly with German intelligence. Strassmeyer was also protected from arrest in Oklahoma near the FBI infiltrated compound Elohim City by the US State Department in 1999.

14. FBI SAC Danny Defenbaugh (former OK Bomb Inspector) tracked known Al Qaeda terrorists in Dallas and the US and around the world for years using FBI agents AND Dallas police officers from 1997 to 2000 when he should have arrested them. These terrorists are believed to have helped in the 9/11 attacks and possibly in the OKC bombing (see below). The Dallas chief of police at the time, Terrell Bolton publicly objected on TV to his not being adequately informed by Defenbaugh's activities with Bolton's Dallas police officers.

15. A number of FBI agents like Robert Wright of Chicago have publicly complained that they were only allowed to follow known terrorists for years inside the US but never allowed to open a criminal investigation against them for prosecution and arrest.

16. Former FBI Director Louis Freeh told the Senate Judiciary Committee and Senator Orin Hatch in May 1995 that the FBI was monitoring known Abu Nidal terror cells in Dallas, LA and Virginia without taking them off the streets. Freeh told the committee that the FBI was also deliberately helping known terrorist individuals come into the US to populate and track the Nidal cells for years.

The problem with this policy by Freeh which the Judiciary Committee did not object to is that while Abu Nidal worked directly for Iraq he trained terror mastermind Khalid Mohammed, his nephew Ramzi Yousef (1993 WTC bombing), along with 9/11 terror hijackers Mohammed Atta and Ziad Jarrah.

17. Senator Orin Hatch openly told journalist Cal Thomas for a 1998 published interview that the FBI was closely monitoring (but not taking off the streets) over 2000 known terrorists INSIDE the US.

18. FBI and Israeli intelligence agents jointly monitored the Al Arian terrorist group in Florida for almost 13 years without taking the group and Al Arian off the streets. The FBI also monitored the activities of Syrian Islamic Jihad leader Ramadan Sallah while he was working in Florida with the Al Arian group. There was a raid by Federal authorities in OKC on March 13, 1995 in connection with the OKC bombing when authorities were trying to find an associate of the Al Arian group connected to Ramadan Sallah and professor Sami Al Arian.

Dual Israeli and US intelligence asset William Northrup was sent immediately from Florida to warn OKC FBI officials on April 17, 1995 of a possible Middle Eastern assisted terror attack on the Murrah and one other federal building across the street from Murrah in OKC. Northrup knew the Pentagon terror advisor Jesse Clear for over 20 years

and gave Clear and others his account. Northrup also told a radio news audience in OKC in 1998 that Israeli and German intelligence told the US government that ME terrorists were involved in the OKC bombing.

In an affidavit more than 100-pages long, FBI Agent Kerry Myers detailed the long investigation of former University of South Professor Sami Al-Arian.

Myers, an anti-terrorism expert who once testified in the case against Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh, also said Al-Arian and the others provided advice on the terrorist group's structure, financing, organization and relationships with other terrorist groups, including Hamas [appear tied to PLO activist Dr. Samir Khalil of OKC and the OKC bombing]. They used the University of Southern Florida USF as a cover and brought other terrorists into the United States "under the guise of academic conferences, meetings and employment."

This included a conference in OKC in December 1991 with Hamas members taped by Steve Emerson for his video "Jihad in America". The attendees to the conference openly discussed attacking the WTC. And in 1997 Emerson gave an interview with Chris Ruddy in which Emerson said that there would be many repeated attempts to bring down the WTC until it succeeded. Emerson worked with FBI Deputy director Buck Revel and Israeli Counter terrorism official Yigal Carmone. Carmone publicly stated soon after the OKC bombing that foreign terrorists were involved in the OKC bombing and offered Israel's help to Clinton from Israeli Prime Minister Rabin.

Former House Intelligence Chairman Dave McCurdy from Oklahoma wrote an article for the Oklahoma Gazette in May 1995 in which McCurdy stated that demolition agents associated with a large Hamas cell in Oklahoma likely contributed to helping in the OKC bombing.

A ME male was with Terry Nichols and two other accomplices at Newkirk Oklahoma and headed toward OKC with a Ryder truck on the afternoon before the OKC bombing. The FBI and BATF interviewed three witnesses to this incident including two school teachers and the wife of a police officer. The witnesses identified the ME male from a good sketch the FBI showed them. None of this information was ever brought up at trial.

On the morning of the OKC bombing a ME male was seen by witness John Morris Kuper accompanying McVeigh in OKC and in front of working surveillance cameras at the Downtown Public Library and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. The surveillance tapes were confiscated by FBI agents immediately but were never turned over at trial. Kuper testified at the Nichols trial. Kuper went to the FBI with his story soon after the bombing.

Two ME males were seen by witnesses with McVeigh in front of the Murrah building and running to a late model brown Chevy truck with a bug shield that was the subject of a public FBI APB right after the bombing. The same men and truck were later seen speeding a few block away by witness Kay Herron moments before Murrah was bombed.

The two ME males were positively identified by Herron as the Iraqi Al Hussain Hussaini (see item 11 also) and the Palestinian Abraham Ahmad. Hussaini and Ahmad were employed by a Palestinian believed to be associated with Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad, Dr. Samir Khalil. Khalil was reportedly in Las Vegas in 1994 with McVeigh at the same time and at the same motel with an Iraqi recruiter. Khalid was photographed with a man believed to be an Iraqi intelligence agent identified as Jafar Osman within a week after the OKC bombing. And the Pentagon terror advisor Jesse Clear knew this information.

The Chevy pickup was later returned painted yellow at an OKC apartment complex by Olie Ahmad shortly after the bombing. The morning of the bombing, a group of ME males abruptly left the same apartments without paying their rent. The truck was impounded by FBI agent Jim Ellis who told witnesses that the truck was the same truck used in the OKC bombing.

Yosef Bodansky, director of the House Task Force on Terrorism, wrote memos to his boss and to the intelligence community a few months before and after the OKC bombing stating that US intelligence believed that there could likely be a ME terrorist assisted attack on the Murrah building. Bodansky worked for the Task Force Chairman, James Saxton, Republican Congressman from New Jersey.

Deputy Sheriffs Dave Kochendorfer and Don Hammonds publicly stated in a news conference and before an Oklahoma Country grand Jury that they were told by Oklahoma Congressman Earnest Istook the night of the OKC bombing that the FBI had received a threat from a local ME terrorist group against the Murrah building on April 9, 1995. Kochendorfer was intentionally intimidated by FBI agent James Carlisle to try and have Kochendorfer change his story. Carlisle falsified his FBI 302 interview report with Kochendorfer according to Kochendorfer's account. Kochendorfer wrote a letter of protest to the OKC FBI SAC, Mr Kucker.

In March 1995 the Newark Star Ledger, in an article by John Rudolph, published memo excerpts from the head of the US Marshals, Eduardo Gonazales, warning of ME terrorist attacks on US Federal buildings in Americas heartland (including the Murrah building) as a result of a fatwah issued over the 1993 WTC bombing trials.

Federal Judge Wayne Alley and the entire OKC Federal family was warned of a pending possible attack against an OKC Federal building in late March 1995. US prosecutor Beth Wilkerson testified to this fact to Federal Judge Matsch in a preliminary hearing for the McVeigh trial.

Judge Alley was warned by the US Marshals and decided to stay home from work from April 4, 1995 until after the OKC bombing. Judge Alley also told his children to take Alley's grand children out of the Murrah day care center before the OKC bombing. This story is reported in the Oregonian, Alleys hometown newspaper who interviewed Alley after the OKC bombing.

FBI agents who normally visited the Murrah building on business at 9 am (two minutes before the time of the bombing) and who brought children to the day care center were told not to go the Murrah building on April 19, 1995. There are many witnesses to corroborate this fact. Yet none of public victims who went to the Social Security office and the Day care center in the Murrah building were ever warned.

19. FBI agents in Sacramento, California used Egyptian Ali Mohammed as an informant from 1992 until 1996 while Ali Mohammed participated in AlQaeda operations around the world. The CIA should have been aware of Ali Mohammed's operations during this time as well. Ali Mohammed wrote Bin Ladens' terrorist training manual, not just Mohammed Atef, according to what CIA official LC Johnson admitted to me.

Ali Mohammed helped Bin Laden write the AlQaeda terrorist manual using US intelligence manuals and information Ali gained while he served as a US Green Beret and worked for a time for the CIA Ali moved Bin Laden from Sudan to Afghanistan while CIA agent Cofer Black of the CTC was in the Sudan monitoring Bin Laden's activities. Ali Mohammed was used by the FBI to squire Dr, Ayman Zawahiri around inside the US in 1995 possibly along with Khalid Mohammed as well.

During that time Ali Mohammed helped Khalid Mohammed set up terrorist cells throughout the US, trained Bin Laden terrorists in the US on how to use US intelligence manuals and to deliver bombs, biological, chemical and possibly nuclear weapons in the US. Ali was indicted in New York in December 1998 along with Bin Laden's secretary el Hage for the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center, the Kenyan and Tanzanian Embassy bombings and for setting up Bin Laden terrorist cells in the US.

El Hage had been living in Dallas and tracked by the FBI in Dallas for several years before his arrest. When arrested, Ali was carrying US intelligence manuals and documents on how to plant explosive devices in public buildings. Explosive devices were planted inside the Murrah building based on eyewitness accounts and forensic experts. In addition to an exploded Ryder truck, evidence of exploded and non-exploded devices was found at the scene.

FBI and CIA asset Ali Mohammed may have had a role with Khalid Mohammed in the 1995 OKC Oklahoma City bombing because of the direct participation of Ali and Khalid Mohammed with the same men in the OKC bombing that were also involved in the 1993 WTC attacks, namely Anas and Asad Siddiqy, Mohammed Chafiti (see item 1), and Melvin Lattimore (see items 1,7, 8)

20. FBI agents contributed funds to known Hamas terrorists inside the US for over 6 years to track the KNOWN Hamas terrorists but not take them off the streets. The operation was approved by DOJ AG Janet Reno and included payments made to Hamas by Phoenix FBI agent Ken Williams who was using informant Adjai Collins to also track 3 known 9/11 hijackers in Phoenix for almost 4 years before 9/11.

21. It is known as fact that, while an FBI and CIA informant, Ali Mohammed along with Khalid Mohammed and Khalid's nephew Ramzi Yousef, assisted in the 1993 WTC bombing. The FBI through FBI agent Nancy Floyd and informant Salem had foreknowledge of the 1993 WTC attack.

The FBI and US Attorney in New York squired another known 1993 WTC bomb maker, Mr. Yassin around New York for a week after the bombing while Yassin had acid burns on his legs but showed the FBI how and where the bomb was assembled. The FBI deliberately let Yassin go directly to Iraq. Vice President Cheney referred to Yassin last summer in an interview as an example of an Iraqi involved in the 1993 WTC bombing.

22. There are published reports that the DOJ withheld evidence the Moussaoui case in order to avoid having Khalid Mohammed assistant Bin Alshibh testify about this information and to keep it from coming out in a public trial. The DOJ decision to do this may have been based in part upon the advice of the CIA and Tenet.

A trial in Germany of an Al Qaeda member of the 9/11 hijacking team is going to be retried because the US (based on DOJ and CIA decisions?) refused to let AlQaeda member and Khalid Mohammed associate, Bin Alshibh testify about his knowledge of the Hamburg cell operations monitored by CIA agent David Edger and German intelligence. This is the situation even though German intelligence testified in the first trial about IRAN'S role and German and CIA monitoring of the cell before 9/11.

The DOJ wants alleged dirty radiation bomber Jose Padilla tried as an enemy combatant rather than be tried in public court even though he is a US citizen. Is this being done because the DOJ and CIA want to avoid having the public learn of the CIA's knowledge and previous contacts with terror mastermind Khalid Mohammed. Jose Padilla also closely resembles a ME John Doe (with the same scar on his face) seen with McVeigh AND Nichols in OKC at the time of the OKC bombing.

Addendum: Iraq and Chinese Support for Collaborating Terror Organizations; Small Footprint WMD Development and Proliferation by Iraq

There are also considerable questions that need to be asked of George Tenet, Dr. Kay and Stuart Cohen about small print WMDS jointly developed by Iraq and Al Qaeda in Iraq since at least 1998 (based on a 1998 DOJ public indictment) and shipped to terrorist groups around the world prior to April 2003.

Cohen wrote the 2002 National Intelligence estimate and told Nightline about the small footprint WMDS late in January 2004. Dr. Kay told Nightline and the British press that Iraqi scientists with WMD technical know how and WMD materials started going out of Iraq to terrorist nations such as Iran and Syria starting in 1998.

The CIA and Tenet should know that the CIA and HW Bush directly assisted Iraq AND LIBYA (Rabthah Chemical plant and fissile materials production, uranium and plutonium) using Iraqi Dr. Ishan Barbouti in the late 1980s to acquire US WMD based

technologies and materials in the US and overseas with the full help and involvement of Ramzi Yousef and also possibly with his uncle Khalid Mohammed.

The CIA and Tenet also should know that Admiral Studdeman (see item 12) was directly involved for HW Bush and the CIA to acquire and transfer US WMD technologies to Iraq and to personally attempt to discredit the factual allegations of Texas Congressman Henry B. Gonzalez about the transfers read on the floor of Congress on national TV and introduced into the Congressional Record.

The Bush administration knew where and how to also take out another Al Qaeda supporter of Iraq, Zarqawi, but rejected a Pentagon plan to take him out in 2001-2002. Zarqawi has led the killing of US troops in Iraq to this very day and was leading Iraq's effort to help Al Qaeda leader Zawahiri develop small footprint WMDS at Ansar Al Islam in Iraq to be given to terrorists around the world- and they were doing this from 1998 to 2003.

A sister cell of Ansar Al Islam is in Canada and may have received WMDS and may be assisting Adnan Shukrijumah and two accomplices sent to North America by Khalid Mohammed and seen in the US and Canada in 2003.

Before 9/11 and after Bush took office was Bush told by Tenet (like Clinton was told by Tenet) where Bin Laden was? Did Bush like Clinton not attempt to take out Bin Laden when the CIA knew where he was and had an opportunity? Or did Tenet not tell Bush or did Bush find out too late to do anything?

In 2000 and 2001 Baghdad hosted terrorism coordination and collaboration conferences between Al Qaeda leader Zawahiri and leaders from Hamas, Al Qaeda, Islamic Jihad and Hezbollah as well as leaders from Syria and Iran. These meetings have led to greater cooperation, amalgamation, coordination and planning of new terror attacks around the world since 9/11.

The meetings also resulted in the transfer and propositioning of small footprint, concentrated and re-constitutable WMDS specifically designed for terrorist use with these terror groups and nations around the world including Canada, the Far and Near East, Europe, Cuba and Iran and Syria. The CIA and Tenet have only recently publicly announced last month that these groups are now working together when the CIA has known this since at least 2000 or earlier

China is a leading backer of Al Qaeda with intelligence, training, money, and weapons and safe haven. China has used Al Qaeda to attack Spain and now threaten France to drive a wedge in the Western alliance and split off American allies. China has proliferated nuclear missile and WMD technologies to Iraq, Iran, Syria and North Korea.

A war on terror that does not publicly address China's role in terrorism and proliferating weapons to terrorist groups and nations is not a complete or adequate war on terrorism.

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Anatomy of CIA Planted Disinformation about USG Prior Knowledge of 9/11 and OKC Bombing

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EDITORIAL

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While the article presented below by AP reporter John Solomon has some interesting facts and information from the past especially the NSC, it needs to be read with the understanding that the article misdirects the reader away from what really happened with respect to FBI and CIA and the Joint Counter Terrorism Center's (CTC) foreknowledge and tracking of known AlQaeda terrorists in the US for years. In this area, the article is flat incorrect and appears to be deliberate disinformation.

John Solomon has received information from the CIA and written articles over the years when the information from the CIA was intentional disinformation. For example, Solomon has written and gone on talk shows claiming that Khalid Mohamed planned the 9/11 attacks for Bin Laden in 1996 (rather than 1995 as will be shown) and has deliberately parroted the Rice, Clarke and Tenet, CIA cover-up and disinformation line that there was no connection between Al Qaeda and Iraq or Iraq and 9/11.

This is knowingly false disinformation. Even CNN reported that Khalid Mohammed told his interrogators about planning the 9/11 attacks in 1995 and not 1996 as Solomon would have you believe. And CNN reported that Philippine authorities not only corroborated Khalid's interrogation but revealed that knowledge that the Iraqis helped make the 9/11 plan and the OKC bombing plot was described to the US CIA and FBI by Philippine authorities in 1995.

Solomon knows that Khalid Mohammed came up with the 9/11 and OKC bombing plans in the Philippines with full CIA and FBI monitoring and knowledge in late 1994 and

early 1995 using 5 Iraqi agents and an Iraqi demolition expert. Solomon knows that Khalid and his nephew were trained by Iraqi agent Abu Nidal in bomb making skills along with hijacker Atta and Ziad Jarrah.

Solomon has also had access to most all of the USG prior warning memos about the OKC bombing written by the director of the Congressman James Saxton's House Task Force on Terrorism and Unconventional Warfare, Josef Bodansky, but Solomon has deliberately not completely or accurately reported about these memos in an effort to perpetuate the CIA cover up of FBI and CIA foreknowledge of the OKC bombing. Solomon actually bragged to me about his handling of these memos in a phone call slightly less than two years ago.

Solomon also worked with reporter and Marine Colonel Roger Charles and as noted in the Solomon article has also had close interview contact with Richard Clarke, Clarke and Charles are men both well connected to the Clinton White House staffs.

Solomon's article does give some glimpses of Dale Watson, a key figure in the USG 9/11 hijacker foreknowledge and cover-up. The White House exerted executive privilege to keep Watson from testifying before the 9/11 Commission. Watson is the man who knew the results of FBI translator Seibel Edmonds translations showing the 9/11 attacks were imminent. Bush has also blocked testimony by Edmonds at the Commission hearings.

Before reading Solomon's article below first read the facts in the next few paragraphs, then decide if Solomon is writing the correct stuff about what the FBI and CIA did and did not do prior to 9/11. Keep in mind also that the CIA has had journalists on its payroll before. And the CIA has fed false disinformation to their favorite journalists even when the journalists are not on the CIA payroll.

The FBI did know in detail about 9/11 hijacker AlHazmi (Hamzi) for years as an Al Qaeda hijacker pilot in the US. More importantly, former CIA director Woolsey's boy, FBI chief Dale Watson, at the Joint FBI and CIA Counter Terrorism Center did know all about the FBI tracking Hazmi for years.

The FBI agent Steven Butler in San Diego who was following Hazmi, (Hamzi) used FBI informant Abdussatar Shaikh as an informant for three years as Hazmi drove back and forth to see Hani Hanjour with AlMihdhar in Phoenix where they were being monitored at the same time by FBI agent Ken Williams and his informant Adjai Collins. Williams is the agent who sent a very specific memo to the FBI and CIA and discussed it at length with the CIA in early to mid summer 2001.

The CIA had hijacker Al Shehhi's numbers and name and was following him in Hamburg and the US for years. THE CIA agent who did this was David Edger who also came to Norman OK in Aug 2001 when hijacker pilot Ziad Jarrah's ticket was purchased there by someone close to the FBI. Atta, Zarah and AlShehhi were part of the same Hamburg cell connected directly to Khalid Mohammed and Moussaoui. The FBI and CIA at CTC were both tracking Moussaoui inside (Lattimore informant) and outside the US.

All of this is in my report to the 9/11 Commission which I posted on LP (Intelligence and Counter Terrorism Antecedents for the 9/11 Attacks) but which the Commission has swept under the rug thanks to Bush cover up man, Philip Zelikow, the staff director at the Commission who worked for Condi Rice before going to the Commission.
Hijacker Chats Years Before 9/11 Detailed

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The government intercepted conversations by early 1999 indicating that two Sept. 11 hijackers-to-be were connected to a suspected al-Qaida facility in the Middle East, but the National Security Agency did not pass on the information to other agencies, a congressional report on intelligence failures says.

The NSA interception was the first evidence in American possession that eventual hijackers Khalid al-Mihdhar and Nawaf al-Hazmi were connected to each other and to al-Qaida, but some of that information was not brought to the attention of other agencies until early 2002 after Congress began investigating pre-Sept. 11 failures, according to excerpts of the report that is to be released Thursday.

The Associated Press obtained excerpts from officials [Clarke, CIA friends of Solomon?] who had read it after it was declassified.

The report states that NSA began intercepting conversations in fall 1998 from an undisclosed al-Qaida location in the Middle East, and that analysis of those communications in early 1999 divulged that al-Hazmi was mentioned by name and al-Mihdhar was mentioned as "Khaled."

NSA subsequently concluded that "Khaled" was the eventual hijacker, al-Mihdhar, the report states.

"These communications were the first indication that NSA had of a link between al-Mihdhar and al-Hazmi," the report says. "They were not reported in NSA SIGINT (signal intelligence) reporting because the persons were unknown, and the subject matter did not meet NSA reporting thresholds," the report says. It adds that the standards inside NSA for when to report such information varied greatly depending on the analyst.

Beyond its own interception, the NSA also received similar electronic eavesdropping information in 1999 from another unnamed intelligence agency and did not pass that information on either.

"For an undetermined reason, NSA did not disseminate the report," the excerpts stated. "It was not until early 2002 during the joint inquiry, that NSA realized it had the report in its databases and subsequently disseminated" the information to CIA, Congress and other intelligence agencies.

In testimony before the joint congressional intelligence committee, NSA Director Lt. Gen. Michael Hayden conceded "our performance in retrospect could have been better." But he added, "This was not some culturally based failure to share information."

Hayden said that despite the fact that NSA did not share the 1998-99 interceptions, U.S. intelligence by 2000 had al-Hazmi and al-Mihdhar "in our sights. We knew of their association with al-Qaida." Before that time, he said, the information about their connections to al-Qaida in the intercepts was "unexceptional."

The interception by the super-secretive NSA, the government's premiere electronic eavesdropping agency, is one of numerous signs of growing terrorist threats against America that were missed by U.S. intelligence before Sept. 11, the report states, citing examples in which different agencies had pieces of the puzzle.

For instance, the CIA separately received information that al-Hazmi and al-Mihdhar were present at a January 2000 meeting of al-Qaida operatives in Kuala Lumpur that was monitored by Malaysian authorities. By the time, CIA recognized the significance of the information and shared it with the FBI, the two hijackers had slipped into the United States.

The joint congressional committee that conducted the inquiry, however, concludes none of the U.S. agencies had information that "would have provided specific, advance warning" to uncover the Sept. 11 hijackings, the report says, according to the excerpts provided to the AP. [NOT TRUE]

The report spends substantial time discussing failures by the FBI to adapt to the growing terrorist threat. Officials said it portrays an agency that had not yet shifted its priorities from crime-fighting, which had been at the heart of its mission for decades, to preventing terrorism before Sept. 11.

For instance, agents in charge of FBI offices across the country were instructed early in 2000 to scour their communities for al-Qaida operatives but they made only spotty progress before the hijackings, according to the officials.

The FBI's top terrorism official, Dale Watson, and the White House's anti-terrorism director, Richard Clarke, told a meeting of FBI supervisors in March 2000 that there was a high probability that al-Qaida "sleeper cells" were working on U.S. soil and that identifying them should be a top priority, the officials said.

Clarke told the joint congressional committee that investigated the Sept. 11 attacks that he later visited a half-dozen FBI field offices to reinforce the message and returned with the assessment that the job of getting the FBI to focus on the terrorist group headed by Osama bin Laden was like "trying to ... sort of turn this big Queen Mary luxury liner," according to excerpts from the report.

FBI officials declined to discuss details of the report, but they reiterated that Director Robert Mueller has remade the bureau to focus on preventing terrorist acts. Mueller was on the job just a few days when the attacks occurred.

The changes include borrowing the expertise of the CIA to train FBI analysts on how to read intelligence with an eye toward prevention rather than crime solving; hiring new analysts and linguists to focus on intelligence from countries with high terrorism threats; refocusing the priorities of field offices, and shedding some crime-fighting duties to free resources for the war on terrorism.

Clarke told the gathering of FBI supervisors in March 2000 that a plot to blow up U.S. sites during the millennium celebrations _ a plan that was foiled just months before the Florida meeting when an al-Qaida operative was captured at the U.S.-Canadian border _ was evidence of the existence of sleeper cells.

To emphasize the importance of the mission, Watson told the supervisory agents that their future promotions and bonuses would be based in part on their performance in tracking al-Qaida cells, according to Clarke and others who attended the meeting. "They were somewhat taken aback," Clarke, now a private security consultant, told AP in an interview.

Clarke said in the months after he and Watson made the presentation, there was some but "not a lot" of evidence that the FBI's field offices had made progress tracking terrorists. The report says Watson, who retired last year after serving as assistant director for counterterrorism, tried in the period before Sept. 11 "to get more control of field offices" but that he believed the special agents in charge were "focused more on convicting than disrupting" terrorists.

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Clarke is not high on my list of favorites but he did publicly apologize to the families of 9/11 for not stopping 9/11, something that Bush has not found the moral character and courage to really do yet.