

## THE 9/11 INVESTIGATIONS

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- Less than one month after the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks, the Justice Department ordered FBI agents across the country to **curtail their investigations into 9/11.** They were told to focus instead on an "effort to thwart future attacks". (Why not both? You'd think they might be related.) Some agents were frustrated, suggesting that being able to continue their investigations might have led to finding the guilty parties. But, according to the New York Times, a law enforcement official stated that, "The investigative staff has to be made to understand that we're not trying to solve a crime now." (New York Times, 10/9/01)
- Within weeks of the 9/11 attacks the Government set up a compensation fund for victims' relatives. However, to get any of the money, relatives **had to agree not to sue anyone other than "terrorists".** Many declined and filed lawsuits against Saudi elites (Guardian, 9/20/02) and members of the Bush Administration. (AP, 12/24/03)
- According to Newsweek and Reuters, **both George Bush and Dick Cheney pressured Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle not to investigate 9/11.** Daschle said, "I can tell you on January 24<sup>th</sup>, first, and on January 28<sup>th</sup> second, and on other dates following, that request was made." Cheney later called this Daschle's "misinterpretation." (Reuters. 5/27/02) The President and Vice President also objected to and stalled the 9/11 Commission.
- The head of Pakistani intelligence's ISI, Lt. General Mahmoud Ahmed, met with CIA director George Tenet just days before 9/11, (The News, 9/10/01) and during the attacks he was having a breakfast meeting with Porter Goss (R-FL) and Bob Graham (D-FL) heads of the House and Senate Select Committees on Intelligence. (Washington Post, 5/18/02) In October 2001 it was reported that General Ahmed had ordered \$100,000 to be wired directly into alleged "lead hijacker" Mohammed Atta's bank account. (Times of India, 10/09/01) When this became public, and the FBI reportedly confirmed it, the Bush Administration did not demand Ahmed's extradition, a trial, or even an interrogation. Instead, they simply pushed for, and received, his quick and quiet removal from his post. (Wall Street Journal, 10/10/01) Porter Goss and Bob Graham led the original 9/11 Congressional investigation and didn't report on their meeting with Ahmed. The 9/11 Commission Report does not even mention Ahmed with regard to terrorist financing.
- ▶ In the weeks and months following 9/11, it came out that the white house and intelligence had **received scores of prior** warnings from internal intelligence and from other countries about impending attacks contradicting their repeated claims that no one knew... (a small sample here: Fox News 2/5/17,)

## Insider Trading:

There were millions, perhaps billions of dollars of insider trades placed **against the two airlines: American and United in the week before 9/11,** most of them in the form of put options (bets that the stock price will fall). (San Francisco Chronicle, 9/29/01 10/3/01) For example:

Sept. 6-7 United Airlines - 4,744 put options / 396 call options (bets the stock will rise)

Sept. 10 American Airlines - 4,516 put options / 748 call options

No other airlines had these, (Bloomberg *Financial News*, 9/18-19/01) but similarly lopsided put/call ratios were seen for Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley and other business in or associated with the World Trade Center that were hurt by the attacks.

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. (AP. 9/18/01) Dylan Ratigan of Bloomberg Business News said, "This could very well be insider trading at the worst, most horrific, most evil use you've ever seen in your entire life. This would be one of the most extraordinary coincidences in the history of mankind if it was a coincidence." (ABC World News Tonight, 9/20/01)

Investigations were launched; however, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) claimed they **found none of the trades to be linked to al Qaeda, and therefore concluded that no insider trading could have happened.** (Slate, 9/10/03) The 9/11 Commission also seems satisfied that these were all just lucky coincidences. (9/11 Commission Report, p 499) \$2.5M went unclaimed even though we're told these were legal trades. Since the SEC is not filing a complaint, the details of who profited from the attacks will probably never be publicly known. The only thing we do know, according to the official sources, is that the lucky ones weren't al Qaeda or its affiliates.

## THE FBI:

► The government claimed the 9/11 attacks came 'like a bolt from the blue'. FBI director Mueller said that, "there was nothing the agency could have done to anticipate and prevent the attacks." (Senate Intelligence Committee, 9/18/02) But some FBI field agents say differently. They have been told not to say so too loudly or too publicly:



• Former FBI translator (Arab languages) and whistleblower **Sibel Edmonds** complained to her supervisor about corruption and possible espionage in the translation department. Her complaints were <u>ignored</u>. After she testified privately before Congress and the 9/11 Commission, and her testimony was found credible, Edmonds was legally **gagged** and, in an unprecedented move, her public testimony was retroactively classified. (New York Times. 5/20/04, Village Voice, 4/6/04) (See her <u>open letter to 9/11 Commission Chairman Kean</u>) Daniel Ellsberg says that Edmonds possesses information "far more explosive than the Pentagon Papers". (HuffPost 11/25/07 / 12/6/17) <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-aSbmRHqKL4">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-aSbmRHqKL4</a>



• FBI counter-terrorism agent **Robert Wright**, who claims his **investigations into terrorist funding might have prevented the 9/11 attacks** had they not been **purposefully blocked and thwarted from above**, has been **gagged** including a publishing ban on the book he's written. The FBI threatened to fire him if he spoke publicly. (Fox News, 5/30/02)



• In August of 2001, Minneapolis FBI agents feverishly **tried to get a FISA search warrant** to search the computer of Zacarias Moussaoui. One agent claimed that **Moussaoui might "fly something into the World Trade Center."** (Newsweek, 5/20/02) A Radical Fundamentalist Unit supervisor **rewrote the search warrant request, deleting key evidence and making the case weaker**. (Washington Post, 3/21/06) The warrant was not granted, although FISA requests had almost never been turned down. **Coleen** Rowley accused FBI higher ups of quashing the investigation. (See agent Rowley's letter to FBI Director Mueller at: <a href="https://wikispooks.com/wiki/Document:Coleen\_Rowley\_Memo">https://wikispooks.com/wiki/Document:Coleen\_Rowley\_Memo</a> points 5 and 6) Rowley was named Time person of the year in 2002 and eventually stated that we still don't know the truth about who was behind 9/11, and called for an independent investigation.



• In July of 2001, Phoenix FBI agent **Ken Williams** sent a memorandum to two FBI counter-terrorism offices, **warning about Middle Eastern men taking flight lessons.** He suspected bin Laden's followers and recommended a national program to check visas of suspicious flight school students. This memo was seen by the same supervisor who handled the Moussaoui case above, thus adding merit to each case, but **no action was taken**. (New York Times, 5/21/02, CNN 5/27/02) Vice President Cheney said in May 2002 that he **opposed releasing this memo** to congressional leaders or to the media and public. (CNN, 5/20/02)



- The FBI supervisors identified by whistleblowers as **sabotaging critical terrorism investigations** have all been **allowed to keep their positions**, except for the ones who, shortly after 9/11, **were promoted.** (Salon, 3/3/03) (In fact, promotions went to key officials who were in charge of many aspects of the 9/11 "failures" including intelligence, air defense, and national security.) Compare this to the **treatment received by FBI whistleblowers. Sibel Edmonds** was **fired**, and John Ashcroft used the rarely invoked "state secrets privilege" to have her federal whistleblowers lawsuit thrown out of court. (CNN.com, 1/14/05, ACLU press release) **Robert Wright** was moved into a basement office and reportedly forced to buy his own computer. Then, in 2005, he was **fired** from the FBI.
- The two alleged hijackers best known to intelligence before the attacks actually **lived with an FBI informant** in San Diego. (Newsweek, 9/15/02) The **FBI and the Bush Administration blocked the Congressional Inquiry** from interviewing the informant. And the FBI tried, unsuccessfully, to block the informant's FBI counter-terrorism "handler" from testifying as well. (New York Times, 10/5/02)

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