

CONNECTING THE DOTS: UNANSWERED QUESTIONS

WHY

in the months before 9/11
did FBI headquarters consistently
obstruct field agent investigations of
potential terrorists?

WHY

were many detailed warnings
from the intelligence services of
Britain, Germany, Egypt, Russia, Italy
and other foreign governments ignored?

WHY

do eyewitness accounts of the behavior
and movements of lead hijacker
Mohammed Atta conflict with the findings
of the government investigation?

WHY

in the days immediately before 9/11
were there massive spikes in
the number of "puts" on the stocks of
airline and insurance companies?

WHY

were some
prominent travelers
warned not to fly
on 9/11?

9|11 CitizensWatch

America has waited long enough.
America wants answers. We'll find them.
We'll honor the victims by learning the truth.

WHY

did the head of Pakistani intelligence
approve more than \$100,000
in wire transfers to
lead hijacker Mohammed Atta?

WHY

in the 1 hour and 20 minutes after the onset
of a multiple hijacking, with the Twin Towers
hit, and a third jet hurtling to our
nation's capital, did no USAF or Air National
Guard fighters defend the Pentagon?

WHY

in the wake of the most cataclysmic
intelligence failure in American history
has not a single intelligence official
been held accountable?

WHY

did the Bush Administration
for over a year
stonewall victims' family members demands
for a full independent investigation?

WHY

did Congress appropriate a paltry \$12 million
for this inquiry when at least 3 times that
much was required for the comparatively
trivial Whitewater investigation?

QUESTIONS REMAIN REGARDING AIR SECURITY AND DEFENSE ON 9/11

9/11 Citizens Watch maintains that regular response procedures followed by FAA and NORAD in any air emergency or hijacking were apparently not followed on 9/11. Evidence indicates that intercept planes were activated very late, nor at all, or in some cases, called back to base during intercept or from practice maneuvers. This particularly applies to AA77 that struck the Pentagon, which was approaching the most guarded airspace in the country with a great deal of lead-time for interception. Despite this, not a single plane appears to have been scrambled in defense of Washington, DC or the Pentagon that day.

- Why were repeated warnings from foreign intelligence sources of terrorist attacks using planes as weapons during the week of September 11 apparently ignored?
- Why were certain Pentagon and elected officials reportedly forewarned and instructed not to fly commercial aircraft on 9/11?
- Why were readiness exercises and security precautions conducted at the Pentagon for the possibility of an attack by an airplane seemingly forgotten on 9/11?
- Why did Bush officials claim that the use of planes as weapons was a complete surprise when they had taken precautions against such attacks and knew of bin Laden forces using just this method?
- Why was standard FAA/NORAD emergency response procedure for any plane deviating from course, losing communication with tower or transponder signal not followed during the multiple hijackings on the morning of 9/11?
- Why was NORAD radar unable to detect these problems in advance of FAA notification, especially when they were conducting a Noble Eagle readiness exercise at headquarters that morning?
- Why were combat-ready planes not scrambled in a timely fashion from the many bases and air stations that are part of the North East Air Defense System of NORAD that morning?
- Why were planes not scrambled from Andrews Air Force Base, Anacostia or Norfolk Naval Air Stations or other locations to intercept American Airlines Flight 77, which was known to be hijacked and approaching Washington, DC for nearly 40 minutes before hitting the Pentagon?
- Why was the secured air space defense around Washington, DC (area P-56) not protected by the TRIAD and other radar and fighter jet defenses designed to do so?
- Why were fighter pilots from Langley Air Force Base scrambled to New York and asked to confirm a hit on the Pentagon en route?
- Why were fighters scrambled out of Otis Air Force Base who reached New York too late to intercept either attack plane not turned to intercept Flight 77 on its way to Washington?
- Were other planes ready to scramble and called back, not used, or scrambled that failed to intercept?
- Were shutdown orders given that day by President Bush and if so were they conveyed to pilots?
- What radar and other defenses exist at the Pentagon and were they activated that day?
- Why have not all communications from planes, among air defense agencies and recorded in black boxes or by radar been released to the public?
- Why was the security of Air Force One reported as compromised, a claim later denied, and why did secure communication lines on Air Force One fail following the attacks?
- Why was the Pentagon War Room, NORAD, TRIAD and building security unable to respond to what was clearly a plane on an attack mission in the time following 8:45 am when the first plane struck?
- Why was the head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Richard Meyers out of communication with the Pentagon until after the building had been hit?

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9/11 Families and Investigators Demand Transparency and Accountability, Question Conflicts of Interest, Support Local Resolutions

(Washington, DC) 9/11 Citizens Watch, an advocacy group for family members of victims of the attack as well as independent researchers and investigators nationwide, is calling on the Bush administration and the 9/11 Commission to act more aggressively in fulfilling its mandate, to make public its sources and findings, and to assign accountability and culpability for the attack.

"If the 9/11 Commission hopes to have its findings trusted, its final report produced in a timely fashion, and its recommendations acted upon, then the Commissioners must be unwilling to settle for any further delays in release of evidence from a 'slow-walking' White House. They must also insist upon taking testimony under oath, and deny the White House or any government agency the right to have 'minders' monitor witness "interviews," insisted Kyle F. Hence of 9/11 CitizensWatch. "The Commission's failure to secure full cooperation from the White House and other agencies in release of pertinent documents and evidence raises grave doubts about the integrity of the process and their commitment to fulfill their mandate without compromises," Hence noted.

CitizensWatch, a Washington and New York City based watchdog group, joins the 9/11 Family Steering Committee for an Independent Commission in expressing concern over questions of conflict of interest arising from Executive Director Philip Zelikow's close ties to National Security Advisor, Condaleeza Rice. "Clearly, his role in the creation of incoming President Bush's National Security Council, now under scrutiny for its handling of pre-attack intelligence and warning signs, compromises his position as 'lead investigator.' The Commission must maintain the ability to be fully probative and objective, as well as transparent, if it hopes to resolve doubts and restore public trust in relation to the many unanswered questions about this Administration's response to 9/11," said John Judge, co-founder and head of the D.C. office of CitizensWatch.

Concerns about the course of the investigation have now reached "Mainstreet, USA." CitizensWatch has recently endorsed a 9/11 resolution that will be considered by the Newtown, Connecticut town council this week. The resolution expresses support for the demands of transparency, thorough investigation and government accountability shared by CitizensWatch and the 9/11 Family Steering Committee [www.911independentcommission.org]. CitizensWatch members insist this is a sign that failure to address critical questions and hold ranking authorities accountable will not be acceptable to the American public.

The specific demands supported by this new local initiative include: 1) regular release of 'findings' of fact as was produced during the Congressional Joint Inquiry; 2) testimony under oath; 3) no 'minders' during interviews by Commission staff; 4) subpoena and release of key hard evidence; and 5) more direct citizen and family involvement in the public proceedings of the Commission. Neighboring towns are expressing interest in passing similar resolutions.

CitizensWatch will be attending the Commission's fourth round of hearings on October 14 in Washington, DC, focused on the subject of "Intelligence and the War on Terrorism," and will be providing the Commission with lists of questions.

Questions recently posed to the Commission by CitizensWatch, to clarify their commitment to independently investigating the well documented charges of insider trading have not been fully addressed. During presentation of the Commission's most recent interim report, Vice-Chair Hamilton disagreed with the premise of a question regarding pre-attack 'insider option trading.' While the FBI recently has closed its investigation on this issue, presumably the Securities Exchange Commission has not. CitizensWatch urges further inquiry.

9/11 CitizensWatch also calls on the Commission to release all existing unclassified evidence and documentation relating to the events of September 11, 2001, and the government response to the attack. These should include films, videos, tapes, transcripts, black box recordings, logs and other evidence collected, restored or confiscated by the FBI, Justice Department, local agencies or others documenting the actual attack as well as FAA, air traffic control and NORAD responses.

"If the public is to have faith in the conclusions and recommendations of the Commission, their investigation and proof must be fully transparent to the public. The most complete release of classified materials possible, as well as their own interviews and correspondence should accompany the release of their final report," said Judge.

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9/11 Citizens Watch was founded to serve as a watchdog group that will monitor the work of the independent National Commission on Terrorist Acts Upon the United States. A citizen-led effort that unites families of the victims of 9/11 with investigators and researchers who have raised the unanswered questions about the events of that day and the forces behind these attacks, as well as about the government responses to them at home and abroad. 9/11 Citizens Watch also serves as a liaison between these interested parties and the Commission staff.

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right into right hands - right time!
what three institutional changes will make it more likely?
Kerr: "There will be another attack."
te want to attack.

QUESTIONS RELATING TO US INTELLIGENCE AND TERRORISM

"What surprised me was how much the Bush administration knew right after the attacks, and how little they knew right before" former Secretary of State Madeline Albright on CNN's *Late Edition*. → people to place

- 1) What is the historical relationship between US intelligence run or sponsored covert operations abroad since the end of World War II and the animosities and tensions that contributed to the attack of 9/11? → injure
- 2) What is the specific historical relationship between the CIA, DIA and the Afghan resistance movement and the formation and arming of Al Qa'ida and Osama bin Laden? → strategic analysis
- 3) What is the historical and current relationship between the CIA and Pakistani Inter-Services Intelligence, a conduit and source of funding for bin Laden, Mohammed Atta and the Taliban that continues to the present?
- 4) What is the relationship of the Saudi royal family and intelligence services, the CIA and the Bush family? → policy
- 5) What is the relationship between George Tenet and former Pakistani ISI head General Ahmad, who visited the CIA in September 2001 just prior to 9/11, and who reportedly sent \$100,000 to Mohammed Atta?
- 6) What is the relationship between key Contragate figures now in positions of power in the Bush administration and the events of 9/11, including the fact that Atta lived with an Iran-Contra pilot?
- 7) Which intelligence agencies received the dozens of advance warnings of the attack, who processed them, and how were they distributed or responded to? What did the intelligence agencies tell President Bush in their briefings about these warnings?
- 8) Why did agencies that knew of the specific method of attack, using planes as weapons, and the plans of Al Qa'ida to use that method, fail to make preparations, or if they did prepare, fail to activate them?
- 9) What was the source of intelligence that led to forewarnings to San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown's security staff, who warned him not to fly on 9/11 as reported in the *San Francisco Chronicle*?
- 10) What intelligence reports led to the decisions of VP Dick Cheney and Atty. General John Ashcroft to stop taking commercial flights weeks in advance of 9/11? What intelligence source led to the forewarning of "Pentagon brass" not to fly on 9/11, as reported by *Newsweek* and *MSNBC*?
- 11) What intelligence led the Secret Service to cancel all fly-over air traffic above the Genoa, Italy economic summit, which Bush attended in the summer of 2001?
- 12) What led the Pentagon to activate Delta Alert, the highest level of security, in 1999, and to put cameras and radar on the roof "in case they try to fly a plane into the building"?
- 13) What decisions led top FBI counter-intelligence expert John O'Neill to resign from the FBI following apparent frustrations of his efforts to identify foreign sources of terrorism relating to Al Qa'ida and the 1993 attack on the World Trade Center, and were the terrorists aware he moved to head security at the site?
- 14) What was the role of David Frasca and others in FBI counter-intelligence in editing and weakening the request by agent Coleen Rowley to obtain FISA court permission to search the computer records of terrorism suspect Moussaui?
- 15) What led to the delay by FBI counter-intelligence agent to raise concerns about suspected terrorists receiving flight training in the US, a fact first reported by Jerry Allen, a FBI informant who infiltrated Muslim mosques in the mid-'90s? What led David Frasca to ignore that delayed request prior to 9/11?
- 16) Why were multiple FBI investigations and public queries about the hijacking suspects ignored or obstructed? Why were calls to the CIA concerning their activities in Vienna, Virginia ignored?
- 17) What was the role of Florida Governor Jeb Bush in reportedly flying to Venice, Florida immediately after the 9/11 suspects were identified to collect documents about them at several flight training schools, and is the Commission privy to that documentation?
- 18) Was Senator Church's intelligence committee responsible for "shackling" the CIA and FBI by exposing and curtailing many excesses that violated human, civil, legal and international rights and laws? Will restoring those practices really lead to increased security or ability to counter terrorism?

Not a delegate
of the
committee
→
Mary McCarty - CIA, NSC; 20 years
- behind
with
proximity of [unclear] event
- integrates into counter
technology