

9/11: Ten Smoking Guns

1) Why didn't NORAD fulfill its standard operating procedure and intercept the planes? Were those standards, which had previously allowed hundreds of off-course planes to be intercepted immediately, altered in the lead up to 9/11? Was NORAD intentionally confused by the wargames taking place on the morning of 9/11 or were they ordered to stand down?

Flight 77 was known by NORAD to have been hijacked by 8:50am. Yet it is a full 48 minutes until any fighters are scrambled, as two leave Langley AFB just two minutes before Flight 77 hits the Pentagon at 9:40am.

2) Testimony given to the 9/11 Commission hearings by Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta attributes the following quotes to Dick Cheney.

During the time that the airplane was coming in to the Pentagon, there was a young man who would come in and say to the Vice President, "The plane is 50 miles out." "The plane is 30 miles out." And when it got down to "the plane is 10 miles out," the young man also said to the Vice President, "Do the orders still stand?" And the Vice President turned and whipped his neck around and said, "Of course the orders still stand. Have you heard anything to the contrary?"

As the plane was not shot down are we to take it that the orders were to let the plane find its target?

3) What was the cause of the collapse of WTC Building 7?

The building wasn't hit by a plane and yet it collapsed in the same manner as the twin towers. Why hasn't Larry Silverstein offered a public explanation as to the meaning behind his comments on a September 2002 PBS documentary, America Rebuilds, where he admits the decision was made to "pull" the building. Pulling a building is the industry term for controlled demolition. The official FEMA report listed fire damage as the reason for the building's collapse, even though photos taken before the collapse indicate minimal fires.

How can the collapse of the building and also the twin towers be justified in light of numerous examples of high story buildings which burned for hours and even days without collapsing, such as the recent Windsor Building fire in Madrid?

4) How did Rudolph Giuliani know that the south tower was about to collapse? Giuliani told ABC's Peter Jennings, "We were operating out of there when we were told that the World Trade Center was gonna collapse."

If fire damage was actually the cause, the twin towers were the first steel buildings to collapse from fire damage in history. WTC7 was the third. Who told Giuliani the building was going to collapse and how did they know?

5) In the days following September 11th, the FBI released a list of the 19 hijackers.

Reports by mainstream news outlets, such as the BBC, suggest at least four of these hijackers are still alive. Saudi Arabian pilot Waleed Al Shehri was one of five men that the FBI said had deliberately crashed American Airlines flight 11 into the World Trade Centre on 11 September. He told journalists there that he had nothing to do with the attacks on New York and Washington, and had been in Morocco when they happened. He has contacted both the Saudi and American authorities, according to Saudi press reports.

Other so called 'suicide hijackers' who have come forward to protest their innocence are Abdulaziz Al Omari, Saeed Alghamdi and Khalid Al Midhar.

What are the chances of paper passports remaining intact after the plane's impact and accompanying fireball? How many passports of passengers were recovered? At least a third of the

victims were never identified and yet the apparently miraculous survival of the paper passport seems to have not been questioned or elaborated upon. Was it an attempt to frame the very individuals the FBI would later blame for the attack?

6) A number of public officials were told not to fly into New York on the morning of 9/11. Mayor of San Francisco Willie Brown was set to fly into New York on the morning of September 11. However, he got a call from what he described as his 'airport security' late September 10th advising against flying due to a security threat. Newsweek twice reported that top Pentagon officials had got a warning of the impending attack on September 10th, and cancelled their flights for the next day. This confirms that these officials knew both the locations of the imminent attack and the method of using jetliners as bombs. Why didn't the people on the targeted planes get the same warnings? Why weren't the people that would become victims given this same privilege?

Are people who don't choose to have political careers unworthy of vital information and protection? NO!

Why weren't airport security and air defence response advised to be especially vigilant? Why didn't they receive, highlight or pass on the intel from the previous investigations of the suspects? And why were those investigations stifled?

7) Reports from French newspaper Le Figaro claim from July 4th-14th 2001, Osama bin Laden was being treated for kidney infection at the American Hospital, Dubai, United Arab Emirates. There, on multiple occasions, he met with CIA Station Chief Larry Mitchell. Bin Laden gave Mitchell 'precise information' regarding 'an imminent attack' on the US. Bin Laden also met with numerous members of his family, who left the US by chartered flights after September 11th with the full blessings of the US government.

The hospital denies that bin Laden had ever been a patient.

8) A record number of 'put' options, speculation that the stock of a company will fall, were placed on American and United Airlines in the days preceding September 11th. This despite a September 10th Reuters report stating 'airline stocks set to fly.'

9) Between September 6 and 7, the Chicago Board Options Exchange saw purchases of 4,744 put options on United Airlines, but only 396 call options. On September 10, 4,516 put options on American Airlines were bought on the Chicago exchange, compared to only 748 calls. The investigation as to which criminals benefited from advance knowledge of the terrorist attack led straight to Alex Brown/Deutsche Bank - chaired up until 1997 by executive director of the CIA, Buzzy Krongard. Why wasn't Krongard taken in for questioning by the FBI and who else was involved in this insider trading?

10) Pakistan ISI Director General Mahmud Ahmad instructed Ahmad Umar Sheikh to hotwire \$100,000 to the 9/11 lead hijacker, Mohammad Atta.

On September 11th, Ahmad was a guest of former clandestine CIA officer and CFR member Rep. Porter Goss and Skull and Bones/CFR member Senator Bob Graham. Since September 4th, he had met with top brass at the CIA, the Pentagon and the White House, including Colin Powell, Richard Armitage, Joseph Biden and George Tenet.

Condoleezza Rice lied in a May 16th 2002 press conference when she claimed ignorance of Ahmad's visit and the \$100,000 transfer. Ahmad had already resigned from the ISI and the FBI had confirmed the circumstances behind this. Rice stated "I have not seen that report, and he was certainly not meeting with me."

What was the money man behind the terrorists doing in the halls of the US government before, during and after 9/11?