



# THE 9/11 INVESTIGATIONS

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➤ **In less than one month after the 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? One would think the two 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 Cheney and Bush 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)

## ➤ **Insider Trading:**

There were millions, perhaps billions, of dollars of **insider trades placed against American Airlines and United Airlines 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, 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 showed similar trading patterns. (Bloomberg *Financial News*, 9/18-19/01) **However, similarly distorted put/call ratios were seen for Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley and other businesses in or associated with the World Trade Center** that were hurt by the attacks.

The suspicious trades were all over the news in the days following 9/11. **“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)

Secret investigations were launched immediately after the attacks. However, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) ultimately 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) Since the SEC did not file 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 National Security Agency, which is tasked with electronic surveillance, **refused to share 9/11 related data** with other agencies, and then **destroyed this data** over the objections of government intelligence officials and Congressional staff who said the information could have helped direct investigations. (Boston Globe, 10/27/01)

➤ The **head of Pakistani intelligence, Lt. General Mahmoud Ahmad**, 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) The next month the story broke that **General Ahmad had ordered \$100,000 to be wired directly into alleged “lead hijacker” Mohammed Atta’s bank account.** (Times of India, 11/13/02) When this became public, and the FBI reportedly confirmed it, the Bush Administration did not demand Ahmad’s extradition, a trial, or even an interrogation. Instead, they simply pushed for, and received, his quiet removal from his post. (Wall Street Journal, 10/10/01) The 9/11 Commission Report does not even mention Ahmad with regard to terrorist financing. The nature of Ahmad’s Washington meetings remains a mystery.

➤ Sen. Bob Graham and Rep. Porter Goss were never questioned by the Joint Congressional 9/11 Inquiry regarding their breakfast meeting with what may have been a 9/11 financier (General Ahmad). **Rather, the 2 men directed the Inquiry.** Republican and Democratic panel members alike complained that the cochairmen withheld information (Palm Beach Post, 9/21/02) and exercised “near total control over the panel, forbidding the inquiry’s staff to speak to other lawmakers.” (St. Petersburg Times, 9/29/02) (Flyer Last updated 12/07) -->>>

# THE FBI

➤ **The government claims the 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 and whistleblower **Sibel Edmonds** complained to her supervisor about **high-level government corruption, FBI corruption, and possible espionage in the translation department.** Her complaints were ignored. She testified before Congress and the 9/11 Commission, (also reporting that her supervisor had ordered translators to slow down or stop translations after 9/11, purportedly to present a backlog to Congress to get more funding). After 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) (See her open letter to 9/11 Commission Chairman Kean at <http://antiwar.com/edmonds/?articleid=3230>)



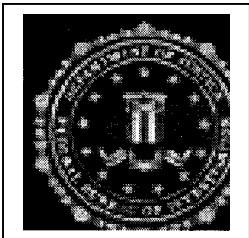
- FBI counter-terrorism agent **Robert Wright**, who claims his **investigations into terrorist funding might have prevented the 9/11 attacks** had they not been **purposefully blocked and thwarted from above**, has been **gagged** including a publishing ban on the book he's written. The FBI threatened to fire him if he spoke publicly. (Fox News, 5/30/02, 3/4/03)



- In July 2001, Phoenix FBI agent **Ken Williams** sent a memorandum to 11 government 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. **No action was taken.** (New York Times, 5/21/02) Vice President **Cheney** said in 2002 that he **opposed releasing this memo** to congressional leaders or to the media. (CNN, 5/20/02)



- In August 2001, Minneapolis FBI agents feverishly **tried to get a FISA** (Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act) **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 HQ supervisor inexplicably **rewrote the search warrant request, deleting key evidence of al Qaeda connections**, making the case weaker. Minneapolis FBI agent and chief legal counsel **Coleen Rowley** wrote a memo to FBI Director Mueller asking, **“Why would an FBI agent deliberately sabotage a case?”** At FBI Headquarters the search warrant request landed on the desk of the Radical Fundamentalist Unit chief who had also received the flight school memo, each case adding merit to the other. **But he declined to submit the warrant request and sat on the Phoenix memo.** (Time, 5/27/02) (See the famous “Coleen Rowley memo” at: <http://www.time.com/time/covers/1101020603/memo.html> [points 5 and 6])



- **None** of the FBI supervisors identified by whistleblowers as **sabotaging critical terrorism investigations were fired.** In fact, several **were promoted and given awards shortly after 9/11.** (Salon, 3/3/03) (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**, who claims there would be **high level criminal prosecutions** in this country if she could tell what she knows, (The Baltimore Chronicle, 5/07/04) was **fired**, and John Ashcroft used the rarely invoked “state secrets privilege” to **have her federal whistleblower lawsuit thrown out of court.** (CNN.com, 1/14/05) Edmonds has founded the National Security Whistleblowers Coalition ([www.nswbc.org/index.htm](http://www.nswbc.org/index.htm)). **Robert Wright**, the only agent to ever successfully seize terrorist funds prior to 9/11, was moved into a basement office and reportedly forced to buy his own computer. In 2005 the FBI **fired** him. ([washingtonpost.com](http://washingtonpost.com), 4/23/05)

➤ The two alleged hijackers best known to intelligence before the attacks, Nawaf al Hazmi and Khalid al Mihdhar, actually **lived with an FBI informant** in San Diego. The **FBI and the Bush Administration blocked the Congressional Inquiry** from interviewing the informant. And the FBI tried, unsuccessfully, to block the informant's counter-terrorism “handler” from testifying as well. (New York Times, 10/5/02)

➤ Though **FBI supervisors seem to have stopped every significant FBI investigation into 9/11** both before and after the attacks, **the FBI did allow agents to investigate Congress.** Phone records were asked for and lie detector tests requested regarding an embarrassing leak of information about NSA 9/11 intercepts. (Washington Post, 8/2/02)

## Recommended Websites:

**911truth.org**   **ae911truth.org**   **911sharethetruth.com** (for books, videos, and other material)  
**gunsandbutter.net** (listen to interviews with leading 9/11 researchers)   **communitycurrency.org** (for local news and events)  
Go to **cooperativeresearch.org** to view **The Complete 9/11 Timeline with links to many articles cited.**

## Recommended Books:

***The Terror Timeline*** by Paul Thompson   ***The War on Truth*** by Nafeez Ahmed   ***The New Pearl Harbor*** and ***The 9/11 Commission Report: Omissions and Distortions*** by David Ray Griffin

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