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KYLE HENCE: . . . hearings or the hearings that were conducted by the 9/11 Commission. We have a group of commissioners that will be hearing testimony provided by witnesses, authors, experts, whistleblowers and I'd like to first start by saying that who is not here yet. Dr. Faiz Khan, um, is an emergency room doctor and a local imam. He's an American Muslim of Indian Afghani extraction. He is an M.D., he's an emergency physician and internist in New York City, on duty on 9/11, treated victims, later at Ground Zero with rescue teams. He's an assistant imam at various New York City and Long Island mosques and is on the advisory board of 9/11 Truth.org.

We have three commissioners. He's the first. Secondly we have, on the far end of the table here, Bob McIlvaine and Bob is a 9/11 victim family member. He lost his son Bobby, uh, in the, on the 106<sup>th</sup> floor of the north tower. And then we have Cynthia McKinney. Cynthia is a former congresswoman, four terms – is that correct, Cynthia?

CHAIRWOMAN CYNTHIA McKINNEY: Five.

KYLE HENCE: Five terms, excuse me. And she's just won her primary and she's running to regain her seat in congress. And she will be chairing the hearings to day. Originally we had planned to have Cynthia co-chair with Catherine Austin Fitts, life long Republican and former Assistant Secretary of Housing in the first Bush administration.

00:00:04:28 Due to an emergency medical situation with a very close friend of hers she called late last night and said that she could not make it. So, she expressed her regret and that she does intend that we to follow on this hearing with others and find financial and public support that she will be joining as a Republican member of the commission to co-chair it. She brings great expertise and, and

insight to this process. So we miss her and we also miss Dr. Bob Bowman. Dr. Bob Bowman is a retired lieutenant colonel in the air force. He's a Ph.D. and I believe he is a bishop in the United Catholic Church. His house was damaged in the recent hurricane so he's not here.

00:01:00:09        However, we're going to proceed anyway. So I'm going to turn it over briefly, very briefly to brief comments if they'd like to from Cynthia and Bob and then I'm going to introduce Michael Kane who represents New York 9/11 Truth.org and then we'll turn it over to the witnesses very briefly just to say who they are and their affiliation and what they'll be testifying to today. And then we'll turn it over to members of the press who have questions for either our witnesses or the commissioners. So let me turn it over to Cynthia McKinney, the chair of today's 9/11 Citizens Commission. Cynthia.

00:01:42:02        CYNTHIA McKINNEY: Thank you, Kyle. And, as soon as we can get out, cord unentangled we will allow Mr. McIlvaine to make his opening statement.

00:02:21:04        BOB McILVAINE: Hi, I'm Bob McIlvaine. I apologize for this short biography there. You know I'm, I'm at the end stage of work and I, I was a teacher. I've worked in a psychiatric unit, acute care facility. I was a teacher on the unit and I got laid off in 2003. And it's amazing since then the journey I've been on, to find the truth. That's, that's the only thing I wanted out of life. I'm a parent – I'm sorry. It is a very difficult time of year.

00:02:55:27        CYNTHIA McKINNEY: Don't be sorry.

00:02:57:16        BOB McILVAINE: Uh, I, I, it's – I've spoken over a hundred times in the last year and I just can, can never get through the beginning because it's still without Bobby, my son. And a wonderful person, a graduate of Princeton,

tremendous intellectual, unaffected human being yet he wanted to solve the world's problems also. And the week before he died we had talked about the Taliban in Afghanistan because he had such a profound interest in what was happening there.

00:03:31:02 So he died on September 11th and I knew that the answers were so simple, that this was definitely wrong and we categorize it as a good against evil. But, I continued working. I never did find out how my son died. He was supposed to be on the 106<sup>th</sup> floor but I wasn't able – we were able to find his body the following day and I just, for a year I spent trying to find out how, you know, the exact circumstance surrounding his death.

00:03:59:02 But anyway in February 2003 I got laid off and since then I've had the opportunity belonging to groups, going to the commission, reading all these wonderful people over here about what's happened on September 11<sup>th</sup> and just trying to find the truth. That's all I want. It's not that I'm looking for punishment but I've been at the commissions and I, and I do want blame cause there's a lot of people to blame. Nineteen who killed my son, they're dead. But there's so much that happened before then and the truth has to come out. And we were talking about early, this country will not survive if we don't get the truth of this because it will never ever stop.

00:04:41:07 And we, the citizens in the United States and that's my only quest. I'll spend the rest of my life, as hard as this is – it's opening up that wound every time I talk about it cause I have to talk about Bobby. And it's difficult and that's why not that many – it just wears at you, just wears you down. But the thing is it's a powerful voice. So the only thing I want to do and that's why I'm here is to maybe find more ways to get it out to the public. I think the rest of the world has heard the message but I don't know, just – and more people in the

United States are hearing the message. But hopefully everyone will know the truth of what's happened on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Thanks.

[APPLAUSE]

00:05:26:26 CYNTHIA McKINNEY: A very powerful opening statement from Mr. McIlvaine, Commissioner McIlvaine who, uh, sets the context for us as to why exactly we are here. And, uh, the importance of the work that these good presenters, these panelists do. Every day that they wake up their work is about finding the truth. And the reason we are here is about truth.

00:05:58:17 So now I would just like to say that I'm finally happy to be on a commission where it's okay to ask a lot of questions. Here we intend today to ask a lot of questions. Questions will be posed from the audience and questions will be posed from the, uh, commissioners, Mr. McIlvaine and myself. Let me also mention the fact that Catherine Austin Fitts, my co-chair in these, uh, in this hearing which we hope to expand to include more hearings, is not here, as has been explained by Kyle. But we also want to know that the work that she does and the important issues that she covers will not remain uncovered. That will just give us more opportunity and more need to do a follow up hearing.

00:07:03:20 Now let me also just say that Hurricane Frances stormed into Florida and in, to a lesser extent, into my home state of Georgia. And after she left we all have to clean up, we're part of the clean up crew. Well, the Republicans stormed into New York City just a few days ago and you could consider the work that we're about to do the clean up work, the most necessary clean up work. But in this space our minds are open, our facts are welcome, we have no political agenda other than the truth. The City of Atlanta where I come from, our symbol is resurgence, the Phoenix, because as you all know the City of Atlanta was

burned by, uh, General Sherman as he went through, um, through the south. And Atlanta rose again even sending President Jimmy Carter to the White House. We don't take credit for Zell, however.

00:08:28:26 When Reconstruction took place in this country and George White, was the last African-American member of congress, he stood on the floor of the house as he was about to leave because of Jim Crow laws and he said, "This, Mr. Chairman, is perhaps the Negroes temporary farewell to the American Congress but let me say, Phoenix-like, he will rise again and come again some day."

00:09:01:08 When I came to New York, in one of my previous visits, this was a – there's a poster that was given to me – truth crushed to the ground shall rise again. And so now we are here to say that no organization, no administration, no forces, no powers that be are going to crush the truth of what happened on September 11<sup>th</sup> to the ground. [APPLAUSE] Because these panelists who are here, these researchers and those of you in the audience who spend all of your time trying to understand what happened so that we can put to rest some of the pain of my fellow commissioner Mr. McIlvaine. We will make sure that the truth will rise again. That's why we're here today. So thank you very much.

[APPLAUSE]

00:10:06:26 KYLE HENCE: Michael Kane from NY 9/11 Truth.org, very briefly.

00:10:14:24 MICHAEL KANE: Very briefly. Thank you, Kyle. I'm with 9/11 Truth. It's a group that we had our founding here on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2003 when we had an event at the Riverside Church where some of these distinguished panelists were there including Cynthia McKinney and Mike Ruppert, John Judge. It was a

great event and off of that we decided this movement that was a researched-based movement that was widely on the internet, needed to get into the streets, needed to get to the people because widely the media was not doing the job that we thought it needed to do in order to get to what both commissioners so eloquently said we're here for, the truth.

00:10:57:12 So ever since January 3<sup>rd</sup>, of 2004 of this year, we've been at the footprint of Ground Zero, handing out literature, holding up signs that say, "Support Victims Families, Stop the 9/11 Cover-Up," other signs as well. And starting basically a dialogue with the people of New York as well as internationally because Ground Zero is affording people coming from all over the world to see it. That's what we've been doing. I have to say the response has been overwhelmingly supportive. Some people disagree and debate but that's great, that's what it's about.

00:11:30:12 It's about freedom of assembly, freedom of speech and of and about citizens taking –

00:11:35:17 KYLE HENCE: It needs to be very brief.

00:11:36:08 MICHAEL KANE: Responsibility for what happens into this investigation of 9/11 because the 9/11 Commission has not done a sufficient job. So, on behalf of New York 9/11 Truth I thank everybody for coming here especially our panelists and the commissioners here. I just want to say there is one other commissioner that, he isn't here right now, Dr. Faiz Khan. He was also at our September 11, 2003 event. He's a great man and I'm very honored he'll be here as well as a commissioner to hear this. So once again I'd like to thank everybody for coming on behalf of the New York 9/11 Truth.

[APPLAUSE]

00:12:12:04      KYLE HENCE: Thank, thank you, Michael. Now we'd like to move very quickly through the witnesses who are here. Obviously we'll be hearing from each of these later. We want to get to your questions and we the public waiting outside. So, I'm going to turn if over first to Paul Thompson, then we have Barrie Zwicker, Michael Springmann, Michael Ruppert, John Judge, Jenna Orkin and Nicholas Levis. Paul Thompson, please.

00:12:36:04      PAUL THOMPSON: Hi, my name's Paul. I've had something on the internet called the 9/11 Timeline for the past couple of years and I'm really glad to say that two days ago it was released as a book published by Harper Collins and I'm going to be speaking today on two topics. I'm going to be speaking on the foreign intelligence warnings warnings that came from foreign governments and generally aren't that well known. And then the second thing is [the] potential role of Pakistan in the 9/11 attacks.

00:13:01:12      BARRIE ZWICKER: I'm Barrie Zwicker, a journalist and media critic, and I will touch on the intersection of history, 9/11 and the media in my remarks.

00:13:23:16      MIKE SPRINGMANN: I'm Mike Springmann. I'm a former foreign service officer. I'm currently an attorney in private practice in Washington, D.C. I'm going to be talking to you all today about the issuance of visas to terrorists by officials of the United States government.

00:13:39:09      MIKE RUPPERT: My name is Mike Ruppert. I am the publisher/editor from the "Wilderness Newsletter," also the author of a new book which is going to print even as we speak today, called *Crossing the Rubicon: The Decline of the American Empire at the End of the Age of Oil*. I will be testifying today about,

a couple of important things, one of which is a series of unmentioned, unexplored war game live highjack exercise drills and other exercise drills, inserting false radar blips into radar screens on 9/11. I will present to the Commission today, and I've written confirmation that the joints chief was running a live fly exercise on 9/11, a highjack drill which confused fighter response. I will also discuss elements of perjury and how the attacks were facilitated by the United States government and particularly Vice President Cheney.

00:14:21:02 JOHN JUDGE: My name is John Judge. I'm one of the co-founders of 9/11 Citizens Watch. We have served as a monitor and watchdog over the commission process since it began, the 9/11 Commission. And I'm here today in the role of trying to help an independent commission frame some of the questions and contradictions and omissions of the, of the official report and the flawed recommendations that have come from those conclusions.

00:14:59:09 JENNA ORKIN: Jenna Orkin, chairperson of the World Trade Center Environmental Organization. I'll be talking about the environmental disaster of 9/11 which was largely the fault of the White House and the EPA. The White House told the EPA to change it's press releases, reassure New Yorkers for the sake of reopening Wall Street and sacrifice the health of thousands.

00:15:32:00 NICK LEVIS: Uh, my name is Nick Levis, I'm with 9/11 Truth.org. I am an author and a researcher. I'm going to be dealing with an overview of the, many, many bodies of evidence that have been gathered by 9/11 researchers and shared in the net, within the network, over the last three years. I'll be presenting a kind of summary of the different bodies of evidence, and, and an evaluation of the possibilities for a future investigation.

00:16:15:02 [KYLE HENCE]: Yeah, just, just to clarify. Nick Levis, John Judge and Carolyn Betts are giving essentially what would amount to a staff statement. If some of you followed the 9/11 Commission hearings, there were staff statements presented to the commission and to the public at those hearings so they'll serve that purpose. Carolyn Betts is a, a lawyer and she will be, we'll present her, introduce her later on. Unfortunately Sibel Edmonds could not be here. We had planned to have video testimony of her but due to scheduling problems, that did not happen.

00:16:49:13 So, if, without any further ado let's turn it over to questions from members of the press and, if we can – probably we'll try to do this within the next 10 to 15 minutes so that we can get the public in here. They're waiting out, they've been waiting outside. So, members of the press if you please. Could you please stand up. If, if you don't mind we would like – cause we are recording this for the wider audience that are not here – there are microphones, if you would be willing to come up and get on the microphone over on the opposite side of the room where [UNINTEL] is pointing, there's a standing mike. You see that? Thank you so much.

00:17:27:19 You can address your question to either commissioners or anyone there on the panel.

00:17:34:18 MERCEDES TALEGO: Hi, my name is Mercedes [TALEGO (?)], I work of the newspaper, *El Correo*, from Spain. It seems to me that most of you here already have achieved a conclusion about what was the motivation of these covert acts of September 11<sup>th</sup>. I'd like to, I know it's going to be discussed all day, but I'd like to get like a briefing by somebody who will tell me what were the motivation and how high up, the government was, is the responsibility of

ignoring, the signs of September 11<sup>th</sup>. I've seen somebody in the witness panel have mentioned Dick Cheney.

00:10:19:08            KYLE HENCE: Mike?

00:18:20:09            MIKE RUPPERT: Okay, I'll, I'll speak for myself on this. There is some degree of consensus beginning to appear on the world scene. Not everybody necessarily agrees with it but for me, I think the overriding, the imperative with regard to a motive for the attacks of 9/11 was the fact that very clearly the world is beginning to encounter diminishing supplies of hydrocarbon energy in a situation called peak oil. In fact where the planet, I believe, is, plus or minus one year away from the all time historical peak of production even as demand is still soaring and we are at a point now where global oil production will diminish irrevocably, uh, and unalterably into the history, which will be probably one of the most epochal changes in human history.

00:11:03:20            There's an abundant record, which I present in my book, *Crossing the Rubicon* showing that Vice President Cheney through his energy task force, an even before his entrance into the White House was well aware of the situation called peak oil. The energy supplies were foremost of the Bush administration's agent and that the pretext in the form of terror attack historically consistent with Operation Northwoods, which we'll talk about today I'm sure, with the attacks on Pearl Harbor. We needed a pretext to secure by force the world's hydrocarbon energy supplies and to pursue them around the world, wherever, they could be found. And I'll be talking about that at some length in my testimony today and I hope I'll, I'll be asked about it.

00:11:45:05            Others may disagree about that but clearly what the evidence we've seen with the world economy today, and what has been happening to oil supplies since

9/11, as we predicted in my newsletter, that the world is clearly behaving as if that was the case.

00:20:00:25 KYLE HENCE: Okay, um – Bob.

00:20:04:21 BOB McILVAINE: Yeah, I do a lot of speaking and I like to go to high schools and, if I can, to colleges also – and, again, I'm not an authority on anything – but it's very important to me that especially high school kids understand that this isn't a one shot deal. We look at Bush and say that the horrors of the world [UNINTEL] revolve around Bush and I really try to trace the foreign policy of the United States, you know, for the last 50, 60 years after World War, or 50 years after World War I [sic] and in connection with oil and the idea, you know, that we're out there for the good of democracy and human rights and equality and things of this sort but it's more about natural resources. But just try to connect the dots and to explain to people my son's murder isn't just a one day affair and then it becomes good and evil. But it's part of the big tapestry, the history that we're such an immense part of.

00:21:00:17 KYLE HENCE: [UNINTEL] can we move onto another question, a member of the press?

00:21:04:22 ANTHONY LAPPÉ: Hi, Anthony Lappé from GNN.TV. How you guys doing today? It's a question for, uh, former Congresswoman McKinney. You may be back in office soon. Are you worried that participating in a panel like this is a, is a dangerous, another dangerous move. And are you going to be continuing to do some of this work if and when you get back into Congress.

00:21:33:11 CYNTHIA McKINNEY: Anthony, I can, I, I'm not surprised that you would ask me that question. Is participating on a panel who's purpose is to

discover the truth about an American tragedy, is that, is such participation dangerous? It shouldn't be. This is still America. And, will I continue to do the work that I was doing before I left Congress? I am – there's not way I can stop pursuing the truth. And in fact, if anything the July 20<sup>th</sup> Democratic primary which put me in a position to return to Congress actually was a, I would say a referendum on pursuit of the truth.

00:22:33:09      And so it would be a betrayal to my constituents and to all of the supporters who have supported me during these two years that I have not been in Congress for me to all of a sudden become a different person. So I'm not going to become a different person. What you see, basically, is what you get. And, I think the voters understood that. All of the powers that be understand that and most importantly the activists can rest assured that, we will pursue inside the halls of Congress these questions now as they once were being pursued.

00:23:17:02      ANTHONY LAPPÉ: Thank you.

[APPLAUSE]

00:23:21:11      KYLE HENCE: Okay, we're going to need to call this to an end for now because they've got, we're behind schedule and if you can try to catch up with the various witnesses cause they don't all go on at once. So if you're a member of the press and have further questions, please try to catch them when you can. And, we'll be posting their statement on the 9/11 Citizens Watch.org site. We'll also be making a transcript available of the entire proceedings today, all six hours. And those of you who are going to leave, you – I believe WBAI will be covering the portion of the hearings that run from 3:00 to 5:00. So whoever's on the schedule from 3:00 to 5:00. So, thank you very much for

your attention. So we'll take a break for about 10 minutes and then we will start the program. Thank you.

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KYLE HENCE: Thank you Michael Kane. Well welcome. This is a truly historic day and this is a truly, we believe, historic process we're beginning. I would like to apologize. I see some of you waving yourselves with paper or magazines. Apologize for the temperature and the uncomfortable humidity in the room. I was told that this morning the AC was working fine, I think we're starting to get some air moving for you. And so as a result of the air conditioning stopping working it's a little hot so please bear with us. Hopefully the, the technicians or the folks who are, the repairmen are here and, and work.

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So I'm going to basically – again, my name is Kyle Hence, I'm a co-founder of 9/11 CitizensWatch, a Watch Dog Group based in D.C. and New York. And I'm going to read a brief introductory statement and the format is very much like a congressional hearing. We have commissioners here that I'll be introducing. We have witnesses providing testimony, whistleblowers, experts, authors and so on. They will come forward, they'll give a 15 minute presentation, 10, 15 minutes, sometimes with PowerPoint or video. And then the commissioners will pose questions to the witness that be sworn in. Some of you who maybe attended the earlier 9/11 Commission's hearings noticed that they weren't swearing in witnesses and that was, they only started because we made some noise about it and the press raised some questions to Chairman Kean.

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So, let me begin my formal remarks. Ladies and Gentleman, New Yorkers, fellow Americans and concerned citizens from around the world. Welcome to the first hearings of the 9/11 Citizens Commission, who some have dubbed the Omission Hearings. Thank you for coming to join our commission in hearing, our commissioners in hearing testimony of witnesses we have assembled today.

We are, we're present here today to say that we the people will be heard and that neither courageous whistleblowers nor unflinching investigative journalists will be silenced or intimidated by the pomp and circumstance that of a deeply compromised 9/11 Commission, the one commissioned by our government after much, much pressure was put on by family members and other concerned citizens.

00:26:54:21 The Bush administration obstructed and did not want to even launch an investigation into the attacks. And when they did the Congress only allotted \$3 million until, again, public pressure, family member pressure raised the budget and eventually they were granted \$15 million. Which is still a pittance compared to what they investigated, invested in the, the Challenger shuttle disaster. I think they spent \$50 million. Moving on.

00:27:21:21 We are here to exercise our god – in the broadest, most inclu-, most inclusive sense – given right of assembly, of free speech and ultimately to demand redress of grievances relative to the events of September 11th and the actions taken by the U.S. government in our names in the wake of the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks. Three years ago the world was transfixed when in the course of an hour and twenty minutes four aircraft were employed as weapons to murder nearly 3,000 people from scores of countries around the world.

00:27:55:25 We must ask ourselves and our leaders how we can maintain that ours is a government of, by and for a free people when a panel commissioned to investigate 9/11 and funded with just \$15 million does not answer a majority of the questions posed by victim family members and others. And I can confirm, for you that after speaking with one of the leaders of the victim family groups, that indeed as they've combed through their nearly 400 questions and looked at

the report they have found thus far, and they haven't gone through all their questions, but the majority of them have not been addressed.

00:28:33:27 How can we champion the great principles of our founders when nearly 400 questions were posed by the families over the course of two years and nowhere were they directly answered by a government appointed panel, distinguished panel. This, after fighting the administration who do not want to investigate and lobby hard on capital hill. This is an outrage and all the enacted recommendations, or hoped to be enacted, the hopeful, those who hope to enact the recommendations put forward by the commission in the world won't change the reality that the government failed to provide a full accounting of all the facts and circumstances.

The commission was charged with a dual mandate: to provide recommendations to make us safe on one hand but to also provide us a full accounting of the facts and circumstances. We are here to raise questions and doubt about their accounting of the events and the facts and circumstances surrounding the attacks. These are facts and circumstances that Bob McIlvaine, one our commissioners, wants to have answers to, wants to be further scrutinized for their wives, husbands, brothers, sisters, mothers and father, the victim family members, they perished on 9/11. New York's Finest and Bravest and our fellow citizens, many of whom still to this day have not been granted proper burial.

We are here to right this wrong, this travesty of justice and begin to redress the bodies of evidence too long ignored, that will help us to begin to answer the questions and help place pressure on the government, the important places in

government, to reopen the investigation, to answer the questions and the issues that the 9/11 Commission has either ignored or failed to address completely.

00:30:19:08      It is vitally important to note that note only hasn't the alleged primary culprit not been brought to justice for, but neither has a single co-conspirator been successfully prosecuted in nearly three years since 9/11. Not one single co-conspirator has been successfully brought to justice through out court system and charged with complicity in 9/11. And yet in the wake of the attacks not a single government official in a position of responsibility at the time of 9/11 has been held accountable in any way. In fact, what you have instead is people in positions of responsibility getting promotions and rewards in the wake of the attacks.

00:31:03:03      We have an intense and full program of hearings planned today. In six hours we cannot possibly begin to address everything that has been brought forward by different researchers, investigative journalists, family member on it. But we can begin to touch upon that which has not been addressed by the Kean Commission. We can begin to frame the key questions and the body of evidence that suggests perhaps a wider circle of complicity.

00:31:28:16      A Zogby poll commissioned by 9/11 Citizens Watch and 9/11 Truth.org found that nearly 50 percent, nearly half of New Yorkers polled, believed that the administration, or some leaders with this particular wording, had specific knowledge of an attack imminent on or around September 11<sup>th</sup> and consciously failed – these were the words in the question – to take action. Sixty-six percent of those polled in New York City believed that the investigation should be reopened by Congress or by the Attorney General of New York State, Elliot Spitzer.

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Today's – there are many events upcoming on 9/11, this coming Saturday, here in New York City at the Hammerstein Ballroom, the Manhattan Center. From 8:00 to 10:30, they'll [be] examining some of the questions we won't be. There are events in Santa Barbara, Washington, D.C., sponsored by Pacifica, in San Francisco sponsored by 9/11 Truth.org and in other cities across the country and around the world. We're scheduled to go to 7:00 p.m.; we hope to have time for your questions; we'll be passing around four by six cards later. And this evening, as Michael mentioned, we have 9/11 Truth.org – it's an umbrella organization that is trying to bring forward to the broader audience the key questions and to direct the public to bodies of evidence, documentaries, books, etc. that begin to open up a broader discussion about what happened on September 11<sup>th</sup>. They, with 9/11 Truth, New York 9/11 Truth.org, are sponsoring a world premiere of a documentary by Barrie Zwicker who is here as a witness and who will also be answering questions during Q&A session tonight. There are two showings, 8:00 p.m. and 9:30.

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We'll have a 20 minute break around 3:00 p.m. and what I'd like to do now before I introduce our commissioners briefly for their opening statements, I'd like to ask that we observe a moment of silence and that for those who perished on 9/11 and in the wars and violence since. So let us proceed with a moment of silence and prayer if you wish before we begin our first hearing. And I'd like to begin with these words: Not by power, not by money but by this, by thy spirit.

[SILENCE]

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KYLE HENCE: Thank you. A couple of changes to our panel, Dr. Bob Bowman had his house damaged by the hurricane. He was to be one of our commissioners. And Catherine Austin Fitts, a former official with the first

Bush administration, was to join Cynthia McKinney to co-chair today's hearings. And we hope to have her back should we do follow on hearings from this event. She's an extraordinary resource and can help shed light on the economic systems underlying much of the malaise that we see in our world today.

00:34:54:26 So let me move on and introduce the commissioners that we do have here. We have Dr. Faiz Khan at the far end of the table. He's an American Muslim of Indian and Afghani descent or extraction. He is a doctor, an M.D., emergency physician and internist here in New York City. On 9/11 he was on duty and treated victims at a triage center and worked with rescue teams. He's active in the peace movement. He's a lecturer and writer on various issues related to Islam. He is an assistant imam at various New York and Long Island mosques and was a delegate on the Baghdad peace belt pilgrimage that went to Baghdad the week before the war began.

00:35:45:12 And then on, Bob McIlvaine, um, very briefly and he can say a little bit more if he'd like. With Bob, uh, we're honored to have Bob here on the panel. As some of you, most of you are probably aware there was not a family member on the 9/11 Commission. At one point it was discussed, but in the end, it was made up primarily of conflicted insiders from inside the Beltway. So Bob McIlvaine lost his son Bob, Bobby, who worked, he was working and presenting on a business day in the north tower.

00:36:20:09 And then we have our, our chair, today's chair, future co-chair, of today's hearings, Cynthia McKinney. And much of you, I'm sure most of you are familiar with, with her extraordinary record in Congress, standing up, a voice of the people. Someone who – [as] a five term Congresswoman – who recently

won her primary and is working to regain her seat. [APPLAUSE] Yes, to regain her seat in Congress.

00:37:02:13 So let me turn it over to Cynthia and the commissioners and then after they've made brief introductory remarks we're going to show a portion of, an edited portion, of testimony provided by Mindy Kleinberg of the 9/11 Family Steering Committee, that she made before the 9/11 Commission – on the first day of hearings, March 31<sup>st</sup> of last year, down at the old, the Customs House, Manhattan. So, let me turn it over to Cynthia. Cynthia, please.

00:37:35:02 CYNTHIA McKINNEY: Thank you, Kyle. I would like to take this opportunity to thank 9/11 Truth and Citizens Watch for having this important hearing today. I'd like to also take the time to thank Commissioner Khan, as well as Commissioner McIlvaine for agreeing to serve with me on this very important commission. I would also like to mention another commissioner who couldn't be with us today but whose commitment we all know and that is Catherine Austin Fitts.

00:38:07:08 Today is just the beginning. Your support can ensure that we follow up with more of these hearings to flesh out all the remaining questions the experts and family members know have not been fully addressed by the official 9/11 commission or the Bush administration. Of course, please forgive me, but I cannot be in the City of New York and not say thank you, New York City. [APPLAUSE] But this time not just for supporting me but for also not being bamboozled into submission by questionable insider, backroom characters who want to take away our freedoms, [APPLAUSE] send out children off to war and rip and shreds the social safety net for the American people.

00:39:00:16      And, of course, I can't say thank you to New York City without also saying thank you to Georgia's Fourth Congressional District Democratic voters and our supporters of truth all over our country, who put me in a position to return to Congress as Congress' sojourner for truth. [APPLAUSE] A special thanks to the small coterie of friends who kept my questions relevant by their own deep understanding of the fundamental danger posed by today, day's forces known and unknown, operating in our name at this time. Those thanks especially include the dedicated leaders of the 9/11 Truth movement whose work has spawned similar gatherings this week all over our country.

00:39:51:28      For me personally it means the thousands of people I've had the opportunity to meet, who are not just against everything, but who are in the deepest sense pro America. Activists like our hosts today, Kyle Hence, John Judge, Nicholas Levis, Michael Kane, the panelists, Ms. Singh, Mr. Ruppert, Mr. Springmann, Mr. Thompson, as well as my fellow commissioners. And finally a word of thanks to the \$20 million man whose movie came out literally just days before my election. In the face of stinging criticism about the impact that his film might have had on my election, Michael Moore responded and I quote: "I'm glad Cynthia McKinney's coming back to Congress and I'm glad if my movie helped make that happen. [APPLAUSE] Even all those thank yous don't do justice to you, the activist community. But enough with that because now we've got work to do.

00:41:04:21      Finally I'm serving on a commission where it's alright to ask questions. We have allotted time at the conclusion of the panelist presentations for audience questions. Now I know that I intend to ask a whole bunch of questions and I hope you do too. Because we've got the experts here who have studied this tragedy and now it's details backward and forward. Hurricane Frances stormed into Florida and, to a lesser extent my state of Georgia, and left the cleanup to

us. Well the Republican party stormed into New York City, their words dripping with the politicization of an American tragedy and they left the cleanup to us.

00:41:55:10 Now I don't mind being part of cleanup crew. But here we operate under a different set of rules. First, our minds in this place are open, facts are welcome in this place; we have no political agenda other than the truth. My birth city of Atlanta has as its symbol, resurgence. The phoenix because out of General Sherman's Civil War ashes, that jewel of the south rose again and even sent a plain spoken man like Jimmy Carter to the White House. We take no credit for Zell. [LAUGHTER]

00:42:36:09 When reconstruction was truly over and all the civil rights gain from the Civil War had been wiped out through Jim Crow legislation in the south, Representative George White, the last black man serving in the United States Congress on his way out because those Jim Crow laws had made it to North Carolina too, rose on the floor of the house in 1901 and said, "This Mr. Chairman is perhaps the negroes temporary farewell to the American congress. But let me say, phoenix like, he will rise up some day and come again." And with the United States congress was all white for two, for one generation.

00:43:45:12 On one of my previous trips to New York City I was given a beautiful poster entitled, "Truth Crushed to the Ground Will Rise Again." Today and into tonight we will explore the truth of 9/11, the truth about America's tragedy belongs to all of us and can only be crushed to the ground for so long. The work of this commissioner, our expert panelists and our audience will ensure that the truth of 911 will rise one day. I look forward to the intense learning bout to take place during these presentations of our esteemed panelists. And now we

were hear from our Commissioner, Mr. McIlvaine, Commissioner McIlvaine and Commissioner Khan.

[APPLAUSE]

00:44:21:23 BOB McILVAINE: My name's Bob McIlvaine, I'm the rural Pennsylvania. I lost my son – when I did this for the press I wasn't able to get through it but maybe the second time around. I lost my son at Merrill Lynch – can't do it. And it's not just because it's 9/11, you know, it's – everywhere I speak it happens. But it brings a cold reality to the whole thing. There's a lot of people dying in the world. We're talking horrible deaths. The death of those people down there were horrible. To this day, I just had a discussion – I'm sorry I forget your name – but I'm still trying to find out what happened to him. I want to know to that last second what happened to him. Every parent wants to know that. I've run into a lot of parents, you know, my neighbor that have lost children and you just want to know that last second what horror that your child was going through.

00:45:27:22 And I think about it every day and it rips me apart. And to do this truly is a double edged sword because I really would – many days I want to go to an island and just sit there the rest of my life, ignore the rest of the world and as my son said yesterday, he said, "Why don't you be happy, try to be happy." Well it's impossible to be happy. I have happy moments. The suffering isn't as bad but the t-, pain is still very immense. It's always there. And when you do something like that it brings you right back to day one. Day one I have every day of my life. I've made that choice, it's been a wonderful journey.

00:46:11:03 And I do it for my son because he really believed that knowledge is power. And if anything you get out of this, it's knowledge. And you have to take it

out to the people, out to the American public. That's the only way we can do this. The people of this country must realize what the truth is. And history is replete with so many lies and they continue day in and day out. And it's just not this Bush administration, it's every administration. [APPLAUSE]

00:46:44:17 And trust me, I'm not an, I'm not an authority up here. All these other people are great authorities. I'm – this is a learning process for me. I've made every commission meeting, I've been involved with the widows. I mean they've done tremendous work. What they've done, the fact that this is out in the public, it would have been an impossibility. Just don't forget George Bush never wanted this commission. We would have had Kissinger as the head of the commission if it wasn't for the widows. They went to him and said to him, "Didn't you have some dealings with the bin Ladens in your past," and with that he quit the commission. Yet we would have had him.

00:47:21:24 So it's, it's just so important that you take a lot out of this and take it out there onto the streets because I just deal with the people, deal with my relatives, deal with the people in my neighborhood, they still look at it and say well I still want to be safe. No one wants to lose their life and they look at the president and say well he's our protector, our military is our protector.

[CALL FROM AUDIENCE]

00:47:47:19 Well, but the thing is this is the way it is. If you're raised in a family and you have three kids, all you want to know is you're protected. And I'm not saying that this is right, I'm just saying is it's so difficult to get to people to explain to them. Where do I start? Do I start in Iran in '53 or do I go into the Congo in '60?

00:48:07:00 WOMAN: Right.

00:48:07:19 BOB McILVAINE: It's a constant thing but it's an education. And I don't know, I think there's a lot of people it's a lost cause in this country. That's why we have to get out to the students of the world and they have to understand where this all comes from. It's connecting the dots. My son didn't die just because George Bush wasn't inattentive. It has a lot to do with Clinton, it has a lot to do with Bush, it goes all the way back to Eisenhower. Okay, so I just –

[APPLAUSE]

00:48:35:24 And this is the legacy of my son. If I would have died in those towers he'd be doing the same thing. He wants to know the truth, I want to know the truth. And I have found myself in the position – I get invited to this just because I'm a parent. It brings a lot of power to me. And I've had the opportunity to speak around the world. Although I won't fly I do a lot of TV and, and radio but I haven't flown yet. Uh, but it, it's been a great experience for me because I have, I'm an educator. I was a teacher most of my life. And to me it's all education and that's what it has to be. We just constantly have to educate, educate, educate. Then maybe people will start participating and that to me is the solution. Okay, thank you very much.

[APPLAUSE]

00:49:42:03 FAIZ KHAN: Good afternoon.

00:49:43:17 CYNTHIA McKINNEY: Good afternoon.

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FAIZ KHAN: It's a privilege and an honor for me again to share the platform with Cynthia McKinney. It's been an honor for me to be asked to be a commissioner on this panel. The importance of 9/11 truth cannot be overemphasized. It is impossible to overemphasize the issue of 9/11 truth. Now the attacks themselves and the false explanations, both have been a springboard not only to further criminal agendas by those who wield military and political influence in their bid to maintain a one way flow of cash and natural resources and labor.

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And notice I don't make any mention of nation states when I comes to these deep political issues because a lot of the deep politics transcends the dialectic of nation states. We have to think beyond nation states sometimes. Our foreign policy to some extent may be executed through Washington but it often does not originate there. It's very important for people to understand that when they probe these issues.

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Now the false explanations that have been put forth by the mainstream media has in a very powerful way intellectually arrested many of, not only the American public opinion but also many peace activists. Their opinions have been arrested. And using 9/11 as a platform for peace activism, while not addressing, while not addressing 9/11 truth, is just purely on the realm of logic completely absurd. The whole Muslims gone bad plus overwhelmed or incompetent intelligence equals 9/11, that just doesn't cut it anymore for anyone with the slightest amount of mental capacity to read the facts as you're going to have them presented to you today.

[APPLAUSE]

00:51:44:13      But it's not just presenting the facts. It's not even digesting the facts. As the evidence grows we need to be psychologically strong enough to face the implications like Bob just mentioned about how deep this can go. As the evidence grows we have to be completely dissatisfied and for-, forgive me for using medical lingo, I can't help it, but with incomplete diagnoses, with partial truths or with just treating or addressing symptoms without trying to root out root causes.

00:52:12:23      Now any activist working for peace, anyone who claims to be a truth seeker has to be honest. If you're not going to be honest then you might as well just get out of the game. At some point everyone has to ask themselves well: Am I more committed to my role as a spokesperson or am I more in love with my soapbox than I am with seeking truth? Am I more satisfied with occupying a niche in the activist scene than I am with seeking the truth? And as a physician I often ask myself am I just satisfied treating symptoms and not trying to get at the cure?

00:52:47:09      I just want to draw an analogy for you to really just bring the point home. Say you were a patient of mine and you came to me with a cough, some malaise, not feeling well. I'd advise some rest, maybe some steam inhalation, maybe take a chest x-ray. On the chest x-ray I might happen to see a little nodule in your lung. But you continue to hack away, come back days later I hear some wheezing. Maybe it's allergy season. I give you a little inhaler – how many asthmatics are out there, use their inhalers and, and some anti-allergy medicine.

00:53:17:26      Days later you come back, you're still hacking, you're still coughing . . . except this time you're bringing up phlegm. Well then I'll give you a very strong cough suppressant, something that numbs the entire upper airways so you don't really feel the need to cough. And after a while you're better and you come

back again, coughing, bring up more phlegm, this time with fevers and chills. Aha, pneumonia, I'll diagnose as pneumonia, give you some antibiotics, give you some fluids and you're better for a while and then again you come back.

00:53:47:19 This time you're losing weight, you're dehydrated, the fevers continue. Well no problem, I'll hospitalize you, give you some IV fluids, I can correct the dehydration, give you some nutrition, we can even give nutrition through the IV if you're not hungry. A week later your cough becomes bloody; first a little bit of blood tinged mucus the gobs and gobs of blood. Well that's okay, I'll transfuse you. I'll just give you blood back through your IV, no problem. Then the nausea, the vomiting, the blurry vision, you can't walk right, the lymph nodes in your neck are golf ball sized. What's all of this, at this point you're asking. Well it's what called a peroneal plastic syndrome from cancer that spreads.

00:54:33:25 Now how absurd is it, it is to just treat symptoms and not diagnose root causes. How absurd it is to treat symptoms but not even mention the word cancer. Many activists don't even want to go near the 9/11 truth issue. It's completely diagnostically dishonest not to approach this issue. Making partial diagnoses, treating symptoms in the face of obvious signs that there's something much deeper is harmful. It's harmful and it allows the perpetratative agenda to be unnoticed. So I hope you open your ears and pay attention. I'm going to learn a lot today. I've been following this issue. I've been very supportive of 9/11 Truth and I hope we have great session. Thank you.

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00:55:25:24 KYLE HENCE: Thank you commissioners for your opening statements. I've just been approached backstage by Barry Zellman. Barrie's been on my e-mail

list of CitizensWatch and Unanswered Questions.org for many months. And I've run into him on a couple of occasions during hearings and so on. And, he's asked to make a brief statement. He hasn't prepared anything, he lost his brother Kenneth in the north tower, and so I'd just like bring Barry Zellman out for a brief statement to address you. Barry.

[APPLAUSE]

00:56:05:01 BARRY ZELLMAN: Hi everybody. I kind of dropped by on a, on a short notice. I, this is kind of an impromptu kind of visit. I didn't plan to come here so if I stumble and don't make sense it's because I really didn't plan this. I really was never into politics ever in my life and it was a rude awakening on my brother's, murder three years ago. He was my best friend, my only brother and, you know I'm, these kind of things help me a lot because people understand me. You're a group of captive audience and it's good, it helps me get through my, my grief process.

00:56:46:18 There's never a resolution but it helps cause most of the time when I talk about the dynamics of politics, about 9/11, people look at me like I have three heads. Like, what, what you knew about it, what are you crazy? You know, so much for Republicans. And I never want to root, to label myself anything and I don't label myself anything. I just, I'm just out there dealing with my brother's murder. And I just wrote this e-mail, you know, people who do know me know me from the internet. I, I have a, I just write and write, and write and write. So I've become a good, pretty decent writer.

00:57:24:10 But I just responded to, Bush families for 9/11 and I'll just read this aloud, it kind of makes sums up a lot of things. When a political party chooses to run on its performance, the handling of its response to 9/11, it had better hope that

it can back it up. So many of the surviving 9/11 families know the transparencies in this message. But the Bush administration has always played to its biggest audience, those not directly affected by the mass murder of 2,749 people.

00:57:55:18 Still to sell this audience on the issue of 9/11, you're walking the dangerous territory. The record speaks of an administration who is not interested in following any of the so many leads in the months proceeding 9/11. The August 6<sup>th</sup> PDB briefing that was public-, publicized was a snapshot of our intelligence. It depicted an al Qaeda terrorist group active with cells ready to strike. In fact your own CIA agency named it "Bin Laden Determined to Strike Within the U.S." That was the time to do something. The window of opportunity to intervene and maybe save those lives is gone. Now is not the time to exploit those lives for your own self-serving interest.

00:58:44:21 This was in response to the RNC coming to New York. Um, that's really what it's, what's, what it's pertaining to. But I, I just embrace people that, that understand that four airplanes, an hour and half between the first impact the second impact with zero military response in the United States, it, it didn't happen that way, couldn't have happened that way. You're talking about the most intelligence, agencies that we have on the face of the earth, state of the art agencies and there was zero military response. Why wasn't President Bush on the horn as soon as the second tower was impact-, impacted, saying deploy military to, to New York? Why? And, you know, I, I'm a fair person, I listen to both, all sides of the, of the argument and I, and I did research upon research, upon research and no one can give me the answer.

00:59:42:10 But it's very transparent because our own president did not want to investigate this tragedy. And I understand it for you today for one reason, the only thing

that I could give my brother is the truth, that's it. I, I didn't get paid a cent, you know, the, the money was out there to shut people up. This [UNINTEL] money because there's two, there's two sides to 9/11 families. There are ones that were paid and ones that weren't. And I hate to bring money up but money is part of the equation. Uh, if they were married the spouses got lots of money, [UNINTEL] families got nothing. My father is 82 years old, my mother's still alive, my, uh, he was, my brother was married. The money doesn't – anything, you know, once my brother's wife and she doesn't even speak to us any more.

01:00:33:18 That's, that's on a personal level but . . . but the money was there for, for one reason. It's for peop-, keep people, pay off and keep it quiet and, um, I think people like you that are listening, thank you very much.

[APPLAUSE]

MINDY KLEINBERG testimony by video [A short video excerpt from 9/11 Family Steering Committee member, Mindy Kleinberg's testimony before the 9/11 Commission on March 31, 2003 is shown. Her complete testimony is posted as a PDF at the 'downloads' section of 911citizenswatch.org:

[http://911citizenswatch.org/modules.php?op=modload&name=Downloads&file=index&req=viewdownloaddetails&lid=17&ttitle=Mindy\\_Kleinberg\\_3-31-04\\_Statement\\_to\\_National\\_Commission\\_on\\_Terrorist\\_Attacks\\_Upon\\_the\\_United\\_States](http://911citizenswatch.org/modules.php?op=modload&name=Downloads&file=index&req=viewdownloaddetails&lid=17&ttitle=Mindy_Kleinberg_3-31-04_Statement_to_National_Commission_on_Terrorist_Attacks_Upon_the_United_States)]

JENNA ORKIN: I want to make sure to get two things in before I start. One is I am a plaintiff in a potential class-action lawsuit against the EPA and two is my website, World Trade Center Environmental Organization, wtceo.org. September 11<sup>th</sup> was a tragedy that has changed the course of history and the way we lived. It was also an environmental disaster of historic proportions.

The way the federal government has handled this aspect of 9/11 has been passive at best. At worst it rises to a level of reckless endangerment stemming from lies from the White House itself. From the beginning, independent scientists and other experts have uncovered data and testified to the dangers of the air downtown.

The response of the EPA, and by domino effect, by city and state agencies has been contradictory. On the one hand they protest, this was unprecedented, what do you expect us to do? On the other hand, they claim there is no problem. The fact remains that to this day there has been no adequate testing or clean-up and there are no plans in place for the comprehensive health care that will be necessary for the broad spectrum of illnesses not only respiratory, but also neurological, endocrinological, etc. which will manifest itself in decades to come.

In short, in the environment aftermath of 9/11 Osama bin Laden could not have found a more felicitous collaborator than George W. Bush.

The World Trade Center was a city with its own zipcode. It contained approximately 50,000 computers, each made with between four and twelve pounds of lead. The first forty storeys of at least one of the towers was coated with hundreds of tons of asbestos which was pulverized to particles of unusually small size and dispersed around Lower Manhattan as well as possibly to Brooklyn and beyond. Tens of thousands of fluorescent light bulbs each contained enough mercury to contaminate a quarter of a city block. The smoke detectors contained radioactive americium 241. The United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") found levels of polychlorinated biphenyls at 75,000 times the previous record. ["Numerous PCB congeners

including co-planer [dioxin-like] PCBs were detected at high concentrations. The Toxic Equivalency (TEQ) ... is 151 pg/L. In previous harbor work... the highest observed PCB TEQ was 0.002 pg/L." EPA report, September 20, 2001; quoted in FALLOUT, Juan Gonzalez, p. 73)] Dioxin also reached record levels.

The alkalinity of the air was equivalent to that of drain cleaner. A month after the disaster, scientists from the University of California at Davis found the highest levels of vanadium and very- and ultrafine particulates that they had ever recorded out of 7000 samples taken around the world including at the burning Kuwaiti oil fields. (The EPA did not measure particles of this size.) In addition, there were benzene, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons and all the other contaminants one might expect to find when a modern city burns.

Dr. Marjorie Clarke of Hunter College has testified that the World Trade Center disaster was "equivalent to dozens of asbestos factories, incinerators and crematoria as well as a volcano." [March 30, 2004 New York City Council Hearing on Post-9/11 Remediation of WTC Contamination.]

Nevertheless, starting on September 13, the EPA issued reassuring statements about the air quality downtown. At hearings conducted in February and March of 2002, EPA Ombudsman Robert Martin and his Chief Investigator Hugh Kaufman accused EPA Administrator Christine Todd Whitman of lying in part to protect her husband's holdings in Citigroup, the owner of major insurers of Lower Manhattan. The accusation that the EPA had actively lied was recently corroborated by a memo uncovered by EPA scientist Dr. Cate Jenkins which revealed that at the time of Whitman's statements, EPA already had test results showing asbestos that exceeded the agency's regulation levels. [From "9/11 Memo Reveals Asbestos 'Cover-Up,'" by Sam Smith of the New York

Post, July 16, 2004.]

A report by the EPA Inspector General in August, 2003, had said that Whitman's reassurances were premature but had stopped short of accusing her of lying. However it revealed that EPA's initial press releases, which cautioned the public about the levels of asbestos in the air and dust, had been revised by the White House Council on Environmental Quality. The cautionary statements had been deleted and reassurances added. Why did the CEQ interfere in this way? The report stated, "the desire to reopen Wall Street...played a role in EPA's air quality statements."

EPA was also able to report low readings for certain contaminants by using outdated equipment. An article by Andrew Schneider in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch on January 14, 2002, quotes Dr. Jenkins to the effect that for every asbestos fiber EPA found, independent contractors found nine. The risk of cancer from asbestos could be as high as one person in ten.

EPA Region 8 which had been in charge of an asbestos cleanup in Libby, Montana, offered Region 2 in New York access to up-to-date equipment. According to Dr. Jenkins' memo of July 4, 2003, Region 2 replied, "We don't want you fucking cowboys here. The best thing they could do would be assign you to Alaska." [From comments on the EPA Office of Inspector General's 1/27/03 interim report titled: 'EPA's Response to the World Trade Center Towers Collapse;'" Dr. Cate Jenkins, July 4, 2003.]

With the green light from EPA, Lower Manhattan reopened for residents, offices and students. Ground Zero workers were often told that since the air was safe, they didn't need to wear respirators. Some, such as Lieutenant Manuel Gomez, were explicitly forbidden to wear a respirator on the grounds

that it might frighten the public.

Residents returned to their homes some of which looked like Pompeii. But since EPA had declared the air to be safe, insurance companies often refused to pay for professional abatement. Businesses faced the same dilemma. And since EPA had handed jurisdiction over indoor air to city agencies, residents were obliged to turn to the New York City Department of Health which recommended that to clean up the dust in their apartments, they use a wet mop or wet rag. If the dust was really bad, said DOH, they should wear long pants. The Red Cross distributed buckets to assist in what was being portrayed as a piece of mundane, if heavy-duty housecleaning. DOH also cautioned residents to lower curtains slowly so as to dislodge as little dust as possible. But they said that children and pregnant women need take no extra precautions.

00:00:00:10 On October 9, Stuyvesant High School, where this writer's son was a student, opened to much fanfare about "showing the terrorists." Schools Chancellor Harold Levy set up a bivouac office at the school telling parents, "If I thought it wasn't safe, would I be here myself?" A freshwoman whom I'll call Anne told Levy she was worried and wanted to transfer out at least while the fires burned. Levy said if you leave now you can't come back. Four days later Levy himself left later telling a TV interviewer parents should focus instead on whether their children are having safe sex or wearing seatbelts.

00:00:19:07 In the past three years Ann has had two spinal taps to relieve the buildup of fluid pressure in her brain, a condition known as pseudotumor cerebri. For the next eight months after October 9<sup>th</sup> Stuyvesant Borough of Manhattan Community College which is home to 17,000 students and Independence Plaza a housing complex of 5,000 got a double whammy of toxic waste. Not only did they have the World Trade Center side to the south, but also at Stuyvesant's

north doorstep and next to it's ventilation intakes sat the waste transfer barge which transported the toxic debris to Staten Island.

00:00:59:25      Ordinarily this placement would have been a violation of state and federal laws but with the eight months of cleanup emergency conditions prevailed. The um...barge operation also prevented evacuation in the event of another disaster downtown. The kids would have to evacuate south towards it.

00:01:18:09      The barge station which operated 24/7 played host to a diesel [UNINTEL] (grain?) and idling diesel trucks which were only intermittently covered and wetted down as they bore their toxic cargo through the streets. Recently EPA itself has advocated stronger legislation curtailing diesel emissions particularly in stationary vehicles as diesel has been found to contain myriad carcinogens and toxic air contaminants.

00:01:46:09      In part as a result of the barge operation for half the days until February at the Stuyvesant monitoring station particulate matter 2.5, dust that is small enough to penetrate deep into the lungs and not come out again was above EPA regulatory levels. Often it was higher at Stuyvesant than at Ground Zero.

00:02:08:17      Because it has a relatively large surface area to volume ratio and that's because it's so small PM2.5 also absorbed onto it's surface whatever toxic chemicals were in the debris. On occasion isocyanate and tetrachloroethane, and asbestos also exceeded EPA limits and high levels of lead were found in the gym where the lead could be inhaled deeply. And in the cafeteria where it will settle on student's food.

00:02:37:01      Little is known about the synergistic effect of these contaminants but Dr. Steven Levin of Mt. Sinai has pointed out that if someone is an asbestos

worker and a smoker for instance, the effect is not simply twice as bad as being one or the other – it's 80 or 90 times as bad.

00:02:57:15 A major shield against these pollutants Stuyvesant's filtration system was approximately 10 percent effective until the end of January when at the insistence of the parents' association it was upgraded to 40 percent effectiveness. In addition, after the school reopened parents and staff learned that in the course of the school's supposed asbestos abatement ventilation system had not been cleaned.

00:03:25:06 At this point the chronology is going to become very simplified. Even after FEMA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, allocated \$20 million dollars to clean the Ground Zero schools the Board of Education refused to clean Stuyvesant's ventilation system or do white tests on the grounds that there was no problem.

00:03:43:29 Finally parents using the pro bono services of Stuyvesant alumnus and attorney Richard Ben-Veniste of Watergate and now 9/11 Commission fame threatened to sue. The Board of Ed refused uh...performed the white tests which showed 30 times the level of lead one might expect to find on the floor. There are no standards for lead in ventilation systems.

00:04:05:26 After initially claiming that the lead would stay in the walls the Board of Ed finally agreed to clean the ventilation system over the summer. During that cleanup a group known as Concerned Stuyvesant Community had two segments of the auditorium carpet tested for asbestos using an unusually sensitive test called ultrasonication. The auditorium is the focus of particular concern as it had been used as a triage center during the weeks that followed 9/11.

00:04:34:06 One of the samples came back with a reading of 2.4 million structures per square centimeter. A level which according to the independent experts whom Concerned Stuyvesant consulted indisputably called for remediation. The carpet was replaced - the Board of Ed citing aesthetic reasons.

00:04:55:13 There have been many illnesses. [DROPS OFF MIC. SPEAKER BEGINS AGAIN ON MIC]

00:05:04:01 There have been many illnesses already as a consequence of this exposure. Um...new onset asthma among residents over 50 percent of the Ground Zero workers, a larger number of the firefighters, 13 rescue dogs have died. Um...let me talk about something else first.

00:05:24:26 In May of '02 EPA instituted a cleanup program which was dangerously flawed. I won't go into detail unless you want to during the Q&A except for two things. The normal goal during a cleanup of a superfund site is one in a million extra cancers per contaminant. In the case of lower Manhattan EPA decided that the best they could shoot for was one in 10,000 extra cancers per contaminant. That's 100 times as many cancers as they usually aim for at Superfund sites.

00:05:59:19 The second anomaly in EPA's treatment of lower Manhattan...they relied on air tests for asbestos whereas in their own building they relied on dust tests which many experts agree are preferable to determine that their building needed an asbestos abatement.

00:06:21:07 In conclusion the EPA's handling of 9/11 is not only a catastrophe for New Yorkers it also bodes ill for the rest of the country since it serves as a precedent

for their response to analogous disasters in the future. As a New Yorker I'd like to make this final comment, the way the Bush administration has responded to 9/11 strongly suggest that they are very pleased to use New York as a lightening rod to take more than it's share of it's and get far less than it's share of homeland security funding. At the same time President Bush can use future attacks on New York to further his military and other aims. Thank you.

[APPLAUSE]

00:07:35:04 CHAIR CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: I have the distinct honor and pleasure to introduce the next panelist John Judge [UNINTEL]. John Judge and I worked together when I was in Congress. In fact I worked with a lot of these people when I was in Congress and that's why we had troublemakers inside [UNINTEL] outside. But in pursuit of the truth and in pursuit of information that the powers that be would rather us not have John Judge's particular expertise is the murder of John F. Kennedy. And as a result of that and my interest in the counter-intelligence program we came together and he gave me information, critical information in fact about the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr. which is one of my rather intense interests.

00:08:38:01 So with that introduction...John Judge is a stickler for details and he finds himself now with the unanswered questions of September 11<sup>th</sup>. So welcome John.

[APPLAUSE]

00:08:58:00 JOHN JUDGE: My comments are meant to serve in the role of what would be a staff member to an investigative commission and that's part of the role that if we could build a truth commission had other support for it that 9/11

CitizensWatch has had as it's, as it's long term outcome. So what I've tried to do is sort of frame for the commission some of the problems that pertain to this.

00:09:24:09 I'm sure you've seen this. It sold better than Harry Potter recently. And fortunately today I was glad to see that we have an antidote which won't sell as well.

[APPLAUSE]

00:09:37:00 This is Paul Johnson's excellent terror timeline and uh...it's a much more objective and thorough account of the events of 9/11 than you'll get from this official commission report. One of the questions I had about this is who is the author? The reason I ask that is it's written in a very lucid almost novelist style. It's not a conjunction of reports from other individuals. There's one author here. And we were never told the author of the Warren Commission report either. I dug it out of the record. It was brought over from the Pentagon army historical division on a technical duty order to write the report. And when the report was handed back to those investigative teams they wrote extensive notes saying 'what's his basis for this? How does he reach this conclusion?'

00:10:23:06 All those were buried for many years. His name was Otto Minniger he was brought here by General MacArthur at the end of the war. He was one of 26 official historians for Hitler's Reich.

[AUDIENCE GASPS]

00:10:36:23 And the author of the...Starr Report about the Clinton scandal with Monica had been a previous writer for *Penthouse Magazine*. I actually sent Tipper Gore a note asking her to put one of her obscene stickers on the report.

[LAUGHTER]

00:10:54:24 So, we don't know who the real author is here but um...it is a best seller. It's still seen as the definitive account. There's very little public criticism of it. It came out of a flawed commission process that we addressed in a critique that we released the day that it was released and there's some copies of that available here. In addition, sort of we couldn't do the autopsy til the corpse hit the ground but it's still ticking.

Two monographs have appeared...staff statements since this came out. And a chronology is promised and there is ongoing Congressional testimony as well. In the monographs there was an interesting disclaimer on each by Philip Zelikow the former executive director of the commission saying that the commission had access to these monographs in both draft and final form and in both classified and unclassified forms. That the commission had drawn in part on these for staff statements during the investigation that were read at the hearings and for some of the final report.

00:12:04:23 But, it says, the commission does not endorse these monographs as official record. That suggests to me that there was a lack of consensus and that we're given this bipartisan consensus decision at the top between the investigative teams at least on some issues and the commission staff and that's an area I think for fruitful...fruitful inquiry.

00:12:30:21 This also has no index ...there is an online index at the vivisimo.com web site, that's very useful where you can pull up a term and get it by paragraph in the order it appears in the report but the hard back edition which just came out within the last week does have an index but that also is not thorough. I began on a Word file doing an index of the first two chapters and ran out of memory because we don't need just a name index to this. It has to be topical and so there's work yet to be done on that.

00:13:03:28 It in large part at the rear of the, of the body over 100 pages is a notes section. The problem with the note section is that for the most part it is self-referential. It refers to testimony taken by the commission in private, to documents not yet released and to material that no one can see. At least the Warren report was released with 26 volumes of evidence. It wasn't all the evidence but it was some of it. And there had been a discussion between Hale Boggs...one of the commissioners and Alan Dulles another commissioner former head of the CIA where Boggs said 'well, do you think we ought to just put out the report without none of the evidence, won't it look a little fishy?' and Mr. Dulles says 'go ahead and print some of it. Nobody will read it anyway.'

00:13:50:04 I guess they're so...they've learned now that some of us will read it and so we got a report with footnotes that go nowhere. There were over 2,000 interviews. There were 80 staff members that of course [UNINTEL] themselves. There were nine investigative teams. We don't know the nature of this final record if we can get it loose because much of the testimony privately and some of the public was not taken under oath and also we were told that much of it was not transcribed. Much of it was not directly recorded and in many cases merely notes were taken.

00:14:29:01 That was officially told us to be the case with four hours of private testimony with Condoleezza Rice even though the 15 hours with Richard Clarke was fully transcribed and recorded. And it was certainly the case with the Cheney and Bush interviews which had notes that only one person was designated to be able to write and those notes had to be turned over to the White House for vetting before they'd be taken back to the commission that presumably sat and heard the hearing. And that kind of secrecy and lack of transparency and lack of sunshine approach to this has, has made it almost impossible to have an objective external review of the forensic and unclassified data which is still not released.

00:15:08:18 We wrote to the commission as 9/11 CitizensWatch and suggested that on release of documents that all unclassified forensics should be released immediately. And on the classified that they should use the new standards adopted under the JFK Assassination Record Review Board. That means only a living agent can be compromised, a current source or method of intelligence being compromised, a privacy agreement with an individual or a foreign government agreement. Those are the four categories under which something can be postponed for release. Nothing else.

00:15:37:21 Much more constricted than the Freedom of Information Act. And we asked for them to call for expedited release of the classified materials under that standard. We won a small victory I think in that the documents have now been sent to the National Archives for release in four and a half years rather than the standard anywhere between 20 and 50 years is possible for a Congressional investigation.

00:16:01:23 So it's a shorter period. Interestingly enough it's dated January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2009 when the current administration can't remain in power. So I found that interesting.

But as a function the Commission was exempt from the Freedom of Information Act and because these records are generated by a legislative branch they are currently exempt.

00:16:25:07 Interestingly enough there's a legal possibility to effect a mandatory review of a classified document put into the four and a half year delay, but there's no way to review an unclassified document for release. Of course you'd have to know the classified document existed to get the review and what agency it came from, but maybe you'd find it in the notes.

00:16:43:17 And the other option is to get a Congressional reversal and release of this material. The other problem with this report is it is jointly written by the independent commission and the White House. Governor Kean said that they took pains to create before it's release an unclassified...or a classified version of a report that would pass White House vetting and in order to do that they forwarded the draft chapters to the White House for pre-vetting. The standard procedure for an independent commission is that they release a report if it has intelligence issues involved, the White House would do the vetting along with the agencies and then they'd come out with a final report that might be redacted.

00:17:29:28 You think back to the joint inquiry report on the House and Senate intelligence committees it's redacted. It has holes in it. Well those holes tell you something. You know they indicate areas at least that are left out for a reason or what sorts of things. This has no redaction because it's pre-redacted. And so this is essentially not an independent document. It's a document that was co-edited by the White House and the Commission and it suffers from that as well.

00:17:58:01 Now Senators Dodd and Lieberman and representative Shay asked and formally requested that the report include if not answer the questions compiled over time by the family groups. And it did neither. It answers a few and there's many unanswered. It's at least put the questions in as an addendum and they didn't do that. But they can be found online at their 9/11 Independent Commission dot org site [SIC - 911independentcommission.org] and I know some family members are compiling lists of others.

00:18:28:28 This is based I believe because of the flawed Commission process on incorrect assumptions. Incomplete testimony and evidence, major omissions in the record and unsupported conclusions and the recommendations that come from all of that are similarly poorly informed and only the recommendations so far are getting any challenge. Interestingly enough I mention Thompson's timeline as an antidote to this report. Another antidote is Commission record itself. A combination of testimony and staff statements. When you begin to go through those you will find contradictions in their own record with what they've decided in the report.

00:19:09:03 Unlike the Warren Commission, which was characterized as a rush to judgment, I would characterize this as a rush to exoneration.

[LAUGHTER AND APPLAUSE]

00:19:21:28 It takes, it takes the attitude that this is all a systemic failure which means that there's no way to have direct accountability. There were no reprimands or demotions that resulted from these failures. No courts of inquiry or court[s] martial in the military where you can be court marshaled for wrecking a jeep and with their own building attacked, no line of duty inquiry. In fact people were more often promoted than demoted in relation to the events of 9/11.

00:19:50:26 A lack of appropriate preparational response to the warnings and opportunities and the events of 9/11 is unchallenged and naming these names is not in my view a witch hunt, but a probative approach that begins to put people on the carpet in terms of their own accountability and then shows you which part is systemic and which part is individual so that you can trace it down in a normal investigation.

00:20:15:00 But their attitude led them at the beginning to take much of the testimony not even under oath. And when challenged on that by the families and 9/11 Commission they told us, [Chairman] Governor Kean and [Vice-Chair] Hamilton told us that they felt people would be more forthcoming if they weren't under oath and we said that's a little counterintuitive to the way most investigations operate.

[AUDIENCE LAUGHTER]

00:20:36:12 So we did eventually sort of shame them into having people raise their hand and we did an ad campaign saying that Bush, Cheney, Condoleezza Rice, Clinton and Gore should all be called into public and testify under oath and to do anything less was to dishonor the dead. And so they can get everybody in there but it did cause them to at least start acting like they were investigating something.

00:20:57:17 And the failures of the command structure level have also not been addressed by the Commission even though they are pointed at. The law required that the Commission be available for 60 days for Congressional oversight hearings and if there were special sessions this summer and one's going on even today I think focusing on their recommendations but not their process or their conclusions.

And they have now sort of transformed themselves into a new thing called the 9/11 Public Disclosure which is a non-profit organization that will take pairs of commissioners and send them around the country to have public discussions. This may be a way to at least begin to have the public ask questions directly about some of these contradictions.

00:21:41:24 I've had trouble getting any schedule of appearances out of them but I'm working on it but there will be additional access of public input. And an objective assessment is going to be difficult given the lack of the record of the concealment or destruction of the forensic evidence. Pretty much what we have is standing court suits, our own investigations and the ongoing investigation on the building collapses by the National Standards group [NIST].

00:22:12:16 So, but there are some ongoing investigations and could be others initiated on specific aspects. This is called a consensus, a bipartisan consensus. But the consensus of history is not just bipartisan at the upper levels of power. It has to be agreed to in a non-partisan base...basis of the lowest levels of power in a society. And the facts of 9/11 belong to the American people as a whole. Because until we really know the truth we can't act on the truth.

00:22:44:13 Martin Shotz in one of the Kennedy assassination books makes a very telling statement. He says that the political paralysis in America stems from the fact that we are allowed to believe anything but to know nothing. And when we cannot know we cannot act. Rumors and theories then replace the knowledge to act responsibly and that's the exact opposite of a democratic process.

00:23:10:22 Thomas Jefferson said he knew of no safe repository for the powers of the society beyond the people themselves. And he said that if you feel that they are unable to exercise their discretion in a wholesome fashion, 17<sup>th</sup> Century for

you to think them too stupid, the solution is not to take the power from them but to inform their discretion. So that's why Jefferson realized that given the choice between a government without a newspaper or a newspaper without a government he would always take the latter because the flow of information, accessed information is more critical to the democratic process than the government that's put in power to enact it.

00:23:57:21 We don't have that here unfortunately. We have less and less of it. The task ahead is to investigate the work on the report and these monographs as they, as they continue to monitor the process of these legislative branch hearings, to establish the groundwork for a rationale for a people's truth commission because if this commission has done it's work why should we have an additional one? Anyone who's here I'm sure know why we want one but the general public would have to be convinced that this is flawed.

00:24:27:15 To challenge the assumptions of the Commission and Congress and the hearings and decision they're making and then to begin, and I hope the Commission does this not only address the facts of 9/11 but as the 9/11 Commission did address the recommendations. And get into the real questions that lie behind American foreign policy in the last 50 years. What constitutes real security in this country?

[APPLAUSE]

00:24:51:23 What is the balance between civil liberties and security? What is the role of militarism and intelligence in this society? What does it mean that we're going to go into an ongoing war for 60 years or the rest of our lives? Is that the proper response? And also what a basic question I'd ask is what is the role of

covert operations in the past and now in the future that I believe led into the situation we now live in...

[APPLAUSE]

...and they're not a solution to it.

[APPLAUSE]

00:25:24:22 Instead we're getting silent assent on many of these questions and no structural critique from this 9/11 Commission. So it's left to investigative journalists and researchers, the international press sources and whistleblowers. They have to both educate the public to these contradictions and the credibility of this report to justify further inquiry and also push for release of the full record so that we can do ongoing research.

00:25:53:24 The commission itself is limited in time and budget. They spent way more money on the nine deaths in the Challenger crash than they did on the 3,000 deaths. No family members were appointed. It was obstructed actively from its beginning by the executive branch. It had limited access to the record and the documents. Even the joint inquiry hearings which two of the Commission members sat in on, the record of those hearings were denied to them. At first it was exempt from the Federal Advisory Act so no families or citizens could serve in a formal advisory position. And it was rife with conflicts of interest. We detailed those in our preliminary report, but one of the major ones was the executive director Philip Zelikow, a person who's challenged by the librarian for the JFK Library on a book that he wrote based on tapes made available from the library of the, of the, of the Cuban missile crisis.

00:26:50:20 And this librarian said that Zelikow's work couldn't be trusted by any scholar or student. That his transcription of these tapes was so faulty that you couldn't rely on it and what they did was undermined the truth of the tapes which she had listened to which showed that Kennedy almost alone in many cases stood against the Joint Chiefs and the rest of his Cabinet in not wanting to go to nuclear war.

00:27:14:17 But this person Zelikow is part of the milicenter which is respect for the president and is creating the new version of the White House press conferences. People are pre-selected. He was also very tight with Condoleezza Rice and co-authored books with her.

00:27:30:24 He was appointed, the families didn't know this until much later, as part of the transitional team for the Bush Administration and the National Security Advisory Group. He sat in on the meetings with Sandy Berger and Richard Clarke where the advance warnings were given.

00:27:48:03 Now when the families found this out they said he should step down. The response of Kean and the Commissioners was well he has had to recuse himself at certain points in this investigation. In fact both he and Jamie Gorelick one of the commissioners were called as witnesses to their own commission. And the conflicts were so rife that Kean in exonerating him said we will all have to recuse ourselves at some point in this investigation. That's the chair...

00:28:17:01 MAN: You can take 30 seconds to, to wrap up. We've got to get to Joanne.

00:28:21:01 JOHN JUDGE: ...there's more to it but it was a flawed process that led to flawed conclusions. And I did present a report to you covering some of these along with an exhaustive comparative timeline on the flights and a bibliography.

There is more work to do. But I think the key areas that will bear fruit in terms of a Commission investigation are to challenge this idea that this was an intelligence failure and put it into it's proper historical framework of a state level sophisticated covert operation.

[APPLAUSE]

00:28:58:09 And, and this....[UNINTEL. SPEAKING OVER APPLAUSE] the last five administrations starting with Carter and Brezinski and the operations of the [UNINTEL] and also the Contra-gate scandal and many of the Contra-gaters are back in power. These were financed jointly by U.S. and Saudi intelligence, Pakistani ISI, drug money and uh...Otto Wright and Poindexter and Powell himself. All of these and others in the current administration were part of these covert operations [UNINTEL] led into the current situation we're in.

00:29:32:01 So, taking a look at that, taking a basic look at the suspects and the plot I would argue we do not yet know the true identity of the 19 people on the planes.

[APPLAUSE]

00:29:45:09 And I don't believe that they didn't get on the plane but I believe that when you don't know their true identity to have a report like this track them back through time encourages what's called an intelligence parlance a legend. It's like the false Oswalds. They go someplace, they use a particular identity. They establish a trail that you are meant to follow. But it's a trail that gives you false sponsorship of the event. And in covert operations you spend more time on that false sponsorship than you do on the event itself.

00:30:14:23      Were we unprepared? I approached Richard Shelby when the joint inquiry report came out and I asked him did you find instances where planes had been used as weapons or used as weapons by the, these terrorist groups. He smiled because I had quoted Condoleezza Rice saying it was so outside the box no one could possibly imagine. She backed off on that in her testimony saying well they knew but I didn't know which questions her competence to be National Security Advisor I would think.

[LAUGHTER AND APPLAUSE]

00:30:43:16      But, he said oh yes we found numerous instances of that. And then I said well, did your, did your inquiry find instances of preparations made in relation to these things? He literally blanched. His face turned, he stepped back and he said "can't get into that". Walked away from the podium. Graham took the next question and he came back to the podium Shelby and before asking the next question pointed at me and said "and on advice of counsel by answer to your question is 'no'".

MAN: John? John I hate to cut you off. But in the interests of time I just want to...

00:31:16:02      JOHN JUDGE: That's alright.

MAN: I can hear him all day of course as all of you can I'm sure.

[APPLAUSE]

00:31:20:18      JOHN JUDGE: Alright well I just the undefended skies of 9/11 will bear fruit FAA, and NORAD and these timelines are wrong. And the Minetta testimony

at 9:25 of Cheney discussing with a young lieutenant an order unidentified he said “sir, the plane is 50 miles out, it’s 30 miles out, it’s 10 miles out does the order still stand at each juncture?” Cheney snaps at 10 miles out and says “of course the order still stands”. This is before the Pentagon is hit. This is in reference to flight 77. If this is a shoot down order and all the testimony says no shoot 1 down order until after the Pentagon is hit. If this is shoot down order what’s delaying it? And if it’s not what is the order that’s concerning the young Lieutenant as the plane approaches the Pentagon?

[APPLAUSE]

00:32:22:08 WOMAN: Of course as you can see Mr. Judge is a stickler for details and the wealth of details is what this Citizens Commission is all about. We will go to a question and answer period now for the Commissioners and perhaps I know Dr. Khan is very interested in posing some of these medical questions to Ms. Orkin.

00:32:57:26 ...but first I want to go to Commissioner McIlvaine.

00:33:05:03 MR. MCILVAINE: First question to Jenna [Orkin]. Who do you think put the pressure about getting everything open? Was it Wall Street or the government or the government on Wall Street? Can we put a blame somewhere? Did it come from a group of people?

00:33:21:19 JENNA ORKIN [Witness]: Well, I’m not any more informed. Probably less than many other people about how Wall Street works with government. But do you think there’s a conflict between them?

[LAUGHTER]

MR. MCILVAINE: No.

00:33:35:07 JENNA ORKIN: I think that they were in agreement. Let's get Wall Street up and running and that's you know, their primary objective. Their first priority.

00:33:44:27 MR. MCILVAINE: Jenna, can you just also you mentioned the insurance companies. What interest did they have in sort of down claiming the role of [MIC FEEDBACK].

00:33:55:13 JENNA ORKIN: That they wouldn't have to pay for the cleanups.

MR. MCILVAINE: That's a huge incentive. [MIC FEEDBACK] And one more question just for the audience. Where can we get information about the facts, morbidity rates and the incidence of asthma and [UNINTEL] airways diseases and other things? Are those being tabulated by a private medical agency? A city agency? You? Where can you get those?

00:34:19:00 JENNA ORKIN: Well, there are a lot of studies being done. There was one um...done by Dr. Anthony Zema of Stonybrook and the Charles B. Wang Community Health Center in Manhattan. Department of epidemiology University of Pittsburgh School of Health. It showed an increase in asthma rates and severity among pediatric patients living with in a radius of five miles of ground zero after 9/11. There's a study at Mt. Sinai being done. There was an article by Andrew Revkin in the *New York Times* called *Smoke and Dust at World Trade Center is Linked to Smaller Babies*. So that the advice initially given that pregnant women need take no extra precautions turns out to have been false.

00:35:03:13 A lot of people, Dr. Joan [UNINTEL] (Gryman?) is studying it and many others.

MR. MCILVAINE: Thank you. Do you have anything?

00:35:15:18 WOMAN: Yes I do actually.

[OVERLAPPING VOICES]

00:35:28:04 CHAIRWOMAN MCKINNEY: Well then let me go ahead and ask Ms. Orkin when my mother used to be a nurse, a retired nurse and when these images of Ground Zero were broadcast to all of us she picked up the phone to me and said Cynthia, those workers are going to have health effects.

00:35:53:10 Now this is you know, my mom who is like so far away recognizing that there's going to be a problem here. Tell me in your legal case who are your defendants?

00:36:10:12 JENNA ORKIN: I'm so hesitant to talk about the legal case. EPA, Christie Todd Whitman, Mary Ann Gorinko who was under Whitman, um...it's essentially focused on EPA in general and specific individuals within Environmental Protection Agency

00:36:26:11 CHAIRWOMAN MCKINNEY: And so then what about the role of the City of New York and it's responsibilities for protecting it's citizens?

00:36:35:28 JENNA ORKIN: You're not talking about residents. You're not talking about Ground Zero workers um...essentially everybody took their cues from EPA

and once EPA declared the air to be safe that was the signal that you behave accordingly. And um...and so business as usual is what happened.

00:36:56:22 WOMAN: Well, couldn't people um...who were charged with the responsibility of protecting the lives of people here uh...question EPA?

00:37:07:12 JENNA ORKIN: In general the government didn't question. Citizens, the activists did question to a large extent and did protest and you know Juan Gonzalez came out with an article on October 26<sup>th</sup> which was the first I think major article that there really were problems. But there was such a kind of sense of um...we've got to show the terrorists, get back on the horse you know uh...that people were drowned out if they raised any such questions.

00:37:35:04 I know the kids at Stuyvesant felt it was unpatriotic to raise those sorts of questions and most did not. And I think that was the general sense at the time.

MAN: Just in fairness to the workers, I mean I happen to have been there the morning of the 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup>. I forget which one. 24 hours after the event and I can tell you all the workers there, there was such a frenzy to get there and do something that oftentimes we were actually reprimanded by senior officials for not wearing respirators, not wearing protective gear. But for them it was just a question of getting in there and doing what we can.

00:38:11:09 Um...so it wasn't uh...no one was thinking of those terms then. But at this point in terms of chronic exposure to things we really get in trouble with health. With chronic exposure, days and days and weeks and weeks and weeks – that's where these issues are probably most important. So I think they've been neglected.

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As far as the EPA is concerned that holds as much esteem in my eyes as the FDA. So both these agencies have been compromised multiple times through this [UNINTEL].

McKINNEY: I've concluded my questions.

KHAN: Any questions from the audience.

McKINNEY: Yes there should be.

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MAN: [UNINTEL]. We're gonna do audience at the end or...? Our plan is to take a short bathroom break now. WBAI is going to cover this next round of witness testimony and questions for two hours beginning at three sharp so we need your cooperation. We want you in your seats ready for Barrie Zwicker who will be coming next as the next witness at 3:00 o'clock sharp. That's when we understand and were told that WBAI will go live. So Q&A at the end of the next round.

[TAPE STOPS AND RESTARTS]

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NICHOLAS LEVIS: [OFF MIC] I believe we are at this moment we are live with WBAI and maybe another couple of minutes we'll have to start right away our panel. There have been some revisions.

[OVERLAPPING VOICES].

[HERE THE SPEAKER GOES ON OFF MIC WHILE SEVERAL PEOPLE ON MIC ARE DISCUSSING PROBLEMS WITH SOUND OR RECORDING EQUIPMENT]

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NICHOLAS LEVIS: [MIC COMES UP] ...book *The Terror Timeline*.

[APPLAUSE]

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NICHOLAS LEVIS: Ah, hello everybody! Welcome once again to the [UNINTEL] hearings. Now we're really going to get started. We've had a great panel so far with John Judge and Jenna Orkin and now we're going to get started with Barrie Zwicker in just a moment. We're going to turn this over back to the [UNINTEL] [OVERLAPPING VOICES] Bob McIlvaine and Dr. Khan

[APPLAUSE]

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NICHOLAS LEVIS: And this is sponsored by 911truth.org, 9/11 Citizens Watch and New York 9/11 Truth which is the local arm of 911truth.org

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NICHOLAS LEVIS: And after Barrie Zwicker, Michael Springmann, Paul Thompson, Michael Ruppert we will have a panel with all four speakers and I believe some chance for the audience as well to pose questions. Then we will take a break at 5:00 o'clock and at 5:20 Indira Singh will be testifying. But first she will be reading the FBI whistleblower and translator Sibel Edmonds before she testifies herself. Then we will have another break and the final panel with myself and attorney Carolyn Betts which we will present...

CYNTHIA McKINNEY: Come back or stay here all day, I am going to do [UNINTEL]. Please make sure you come back for the film, the brilliant film [UNINTEL]. Now there have been a lot of people who have done, you know, a little bit around this issue researching. And then there's a few people who have done a tremendous amount of work. And these are the people, some of the people that we have with us here today as panelists. One of those persons is –

00:00:34:15 [OVERLAPPING VOICES]

00:00:34:26 CYNTHIA McKINNEY: . . . great work is Barrie Zwicker. And, of course, he would be from Canada. [LAUGHTER] And people are able to view this work there to some [UNINTEL] it's not such a big thing. It's a big thing for us here to have –

00:01:00:21 [OVERLAPPING VOICES]

00:01:03:16 CYNTHIA McKINNEY: Because I sat there enthralled with each and every story [OVERLAPPING VOICES]. So here to let us know what he has discovered, the ins and outs of how it was put together, the great deception and the information [UNINTEL] that produces that great documentary is Barrie Zwicker himself. Thank you.

[APPLAUSE]

00:01:32:11        BARRIE ZWICKER: Well thank you very, very much Cynthia. May I use your first name?

00:01:38:08        CYNTHIA McKINNEY: You better.

00:01:40:17        BARRIE ZWICKER: I would not describe myself as a researcher actually. I don't want to, I don't want to correct your introduction, we were getting along so well, but truly I think that I am, I, I see myself as a popularizer. I have done research, I was an investigative journalist for Canada's national newspaper for a time and all journalism should be investigative. But it turns out I think I'm a, I'm a popularizer. And the voice I will use in my prepared remarks today is different from the voice I would use in the DVD that will premiere tonight, *The Great Conspiracy: The 9/11 News Special You Never Saw*.

00:02:23:24        Somebody's trying to get my attention.

00:02:25:18        WOMAN: Get sworn in.

00:02:26:27        BARRIE ZWICKER: Get sworn in?

00:02:27:23        CYNTHIA McKINNEY: Oh yes that's right. Thank you very much.

00:02:31:09        BARRIE ZWICKER: [MAKES SOUND]

00:02:34:21        CYNTHIA McKINNEY: Do we swear in popularizers?

00:02:37:24        AUDIENCE: Yes.

00:02:39:21        CYNTHIA McKINNEY: Do you swear to tell the truth to us all here today?

00:02:45:04      BARRIE ZWICKER: I do swear to tell the truth to the best of my ability here today and every day.

[APPLAUSE]

00:02:55:24      BARRIE ZWICKER: That was an interesting diversion. Thank you audience person. Now in the interest of not taking other peoples' time I will stick pretty closely to my prepared remarks here which begin this way.

00:03:10:29      "History is bunk" said Henry Ford. Interestingly he was a supporter of Hitler sending the Fuhrer a birthday gift each year. Another quote: "Those who ignore history are condemned to repeat it" wrote Santayana whose reputation for thoughtfulness was a little better than Ford's. Now my responsibility here today is actually not so much to tell background behind the making of *Great Conspiracy* although I'll digress for a moment with a little tad. Moments from now boxes are supposed to arrive at the back there that contain the first issues of and I was talked into this, Barrie Zwicker's "9/11 Resource Guide," 52 pages.

00:04:00:02      And in it there's a story about how *The Great Conspiracy* was made but mainly it's a transcript of the DVD. It's probably the best list of 9/11 websites assembled anywhere. It includes John McCurdy's 9/11 literature survey divided into nine sections, very [NOISE OBSCURES] sound and other resource materials like that. It will go on sale in, in moments.

00:04:27:00      But my responsibility is not to discuss the making of the that, I hope, popular, another popular DVD because The Great Deception did prove itself in the market if you will. My responsibility is to address 9/11 and history. And to

be truly responsible I must add the media. And to say there's an intersection between history and the media, however, comes close to being a misstatement unless we mean relatively insignificant and/or officially approved history.

Now an example of officially unapproved and significant history would be Howard Zinn's book *A People's History of the United States*.

00:05:10:06 The media and significant history barely intersect. And I say that as a person who has earned his living as a media critic for 33 years. Just as the media and 9/11 barely intersect, especially in respect to the claiming anomalies in the official story, some of which have been so compellingly defined here today by Janna and by John sitting in this very seat. I hope some of his erudition might rub off on me one way or another and the official story is the history of 9/11 as presented by the media to date. *The New York Times* ran a front page story in which the *Times* endorsed the Report of the 9/11 Commission as the final version of the history of 9/11.

00:06:03:24 And in the *Globe and Mail*, Canada's national newspaper in the book review section about two weeks ago, a gentleman named Wesley [LAST NAME (?)] who's an intelligence specialist, he wrote a review of the 9/11 Commission Report and another equally thick and equally unrevealing and distorted volume called the 9/11 Investigations, I think. And he praised these to the skies saying that this is history the way it's supposed to be. And somehow, even though he mentioned there was no index – now he seemed to overlook that, do not trust a book without an index. Someone doesn't want to check [UNINTEL]. And indexes are extremely revealing.

00:06:47:19 So someone coined the phrase, supposedly admiring journalism, that it is history on the run. And I say journalism is more like history on the lam. [LAUGHTER] The media to be more academic, to use more academic

language, the media are ahistorical. If you're depending on USA Today or ABC for your historical perspective, you are on a blind date with history. It's not an accident that some of those that some of us respect the most for their questioning of the provenance of 9/11 are historians. I mentioned Howard Zinn. There's also the marvelously well informed and capable Webster G. Tarpley of Washington, D.C. [APPLAUSE]

00:07:34:08 Now allow me a few – yeah. [APPLAUSE] Allow me a few observations about trends in the media, especially in regard to the media's relationship to power and history. This is the time to do so and to become more specific in that regard and to look at both the deadly pivot point in history and to critique the media's role in cradling that pivot point. Now there are many examples of rulers – by what I mean by pivot point – many examples of rulers surreptitiously ordering self inflicted attacks to mobilize public opinion behind their usually war agenda.

00:08:21:05 You can go back as far as Sparta. But more recently, for instance, in 1605 there was the so-called gunpowder plot against the British parliament buildings. Now, now I'll allow myself a digression here because it shows just how conned we can be. It so happens that my birthday is November the 5<sup>th</sup>. So I grew up knowing about Guy Fawkes Day, which is November 5<sup>th</sup>. And I always knew the little rhyme "Remember, remember the fifth of November/ Gunpowder, treason and plot." And I always assumed that there was a guy names Guy Fawkes who took barrels of gunpowder under the bridge of parliament buildings in 1605 and, um, tried to light them to blow up the parliament buildings against, to, to the detriment of the king.

00:09:12:09 And it turns out, I just learned a few months ago, that that was a deception by King James. It was cooked up and Guy Fawkes was framed and his co-

conspirators, alleged co-conspirators, were frame and they were hanged. And it was to aid the king in his wish for war with Spain and to generally, uh, buttress his reign. And I've gone literally my whole life not knowing about a deception pulled off by a ruler of old . . . and I just didn't know. And my son – last night I phoned him and his did some checking on the internet – and the official story about Guy Fawkes Day is still the one most people believe.

00:10:02:10 So if we are able to uncover the truth of 9/11 is will be in a snap of time in terms of historical development. And I hope we can. So you go back to Sparta as I say, you go back to 1605, you go back to 1989, the Spanish-American War. Why did the battleship Maine blow up in Havana Harbor? Why did somebody store all the armaments inside the boiler room? This is not a complete list. You have 1941, Pearl Harbor, in 1950 the Korean War, in 1964 the Gulf of Tonkin non-incident, in Operations Northwoods Plan, the non-existent incubator babies of 1991, who paved the way for Dever-, Desert Storm. And, of course, the greatest [UNINTEL] of the deceivers of all, 9/11.

00:10:53:14 Now in my DVD premiering tonight I do include sections on the Reichstag Fire of 1933, Operation Northwoods, Gulf of Tonkin and Desert Storm. And so let's play a brief clip on the Gulf of Tonkin incident and then I'll tell you why I chose this clip, this example from such an embarrassment of tawdry riches.

00:11:28:17 Now fast forward just two years from Operations Northwoods to August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1964. In the Gulf of Tonkin, North Vietnamese torpedo [LAUNCHEDERED (?)] war triggering deception, is partly because of one comment made to me personally two weeks ago today in Toronto by John Gibson of Fox News. Fox flew a crew from this city to my city to interview me, and I put interview in quotes, and I am losing my ability to read.

[LAUGHTER]

00:12:10:23 So, whoever's in charge of the lights.

[a short video is played]

00:12:12:05 CYNTHIA McKINNEY: [OVERLAPPING] Lights please.

00:12:13:26 BARRIE ZWICKER: Oh, thank you. Just like a record [UNINTEL]. So on September 11<sup>th</sup>, Fox News is to air a one hour documentary on anti-Americanism around the world. Um, I hope someone will tape it. And on that program unless there is a miracle or a mistake I will appear playing the role of mincemeat. [LAUGHTER] Fox learned of my miserable existence through Professor Nancy Snow of the University of Southern California – I think it's where she is. She's a friend and colleague. She has co-edited a book to be published shortly titled *War, Media and Terrorism: A Global Perspective*.

00:12:58:02 And I contributed an academically sound chapter titled "America: The Fourth Reich," which Fox is almost certain to publicize in its own way. In any event during my be [CLEAR THROAT] – excuse me – during my being grilled by John Gibson, he readily agreed to, to my surprise, that the Gulf of Tonkin incident was a sham. Now I can only presume that this was because LBJ, a Democrat, was in the White House at the time and the only things Fox hates more than terrorist harboring Canadians is Democrats. [LAUGHTER]

00:13:38:16 At the time of the Tonkin Gulf deception no media questioned the events. And I will digress just one other little time here and I hope this is not going to sound self serving. It really isn't intended to be. I remember seeing that headline in the *Globe and Mail* [UNINTEL] – Q&A, alright. I remember seeing the

headline that was shown in the *Globe and Mail* and, which I was working for at the time, and I remember myself thinking this is fishy. Now I don't say that to be self aggrandizing. I say it because there's a huge history. What is it that makes us in this room, so you have to explain, what is it that makes us question things? I haven't found the answer to that. I mean it isn't sexual orientation, it isn't culture, it isn't race, it isn't religion. I don't know what it is. What is it?

00:14:30:16 Well anyway we've go to Q&A. I would say that the media swallowed the Gulf of Tonkin trick hook, line and sinker. I have said generalizations about the media which could be heard any time, any day. [LAUGHTER] And I'll move rapidly through to my conclusion. History remains hidden. It is stillborn and it remains that only the people, we the people, it seems, can force history out into the open bit by bit. And this is what we're engaged in here today. We, the ruled, must do everything we can that is non-violent to reveal the tool of grand deceptions, wielded by the rulers, for the blight on humankind that it is.

00:15:27:17 The day is long passed that this murderous ploy should have been removed from the bag of dirty tricks that rulers use to keep populations in line and to line the pockets of the few. Thank you.

[APPLAUSE]

00:15:52:10 CYNTHIA McKINNEY: Okay, now we have a brief opportunity to ask questions of Mr. Zwicker. And we'll start again with Commissioner McIlvaine.

00:16:02:06 BOB McILVAINE: I just wanted to ask a couple of things. There's one that I can't get [UNINTEL] with. Uh, do you think if Bush loses, or when he

loses, the media will attack him? It seems like the, the fear factor is so great in the media that they're just . . . But I, I'm hoping that once he, once he loses that the gloves come off and we really might get the truth a lot quicker than like the Warren Commission or something that sorted was [UNINTEL].

00:16:30:19                    BARRIE ZWICKER: Well that, Bob, that is really, really a, a deep and excellent question because it's true that the media, – look at Martha Stewart – the media will attack like a bunch of piranhas when somebody's down and out. So normally they serve power, they reflect and promote – they reflect power and thereby promote it and serve it through servitude rather than questioning power and thereby serving it to loyal opposition. So [UNINTEL] questioning Bush n-, needles to say, and he, it's, if he goes down yes they might attack him.

00:17:08:25                    There's such a thing as fad in journalism. The, or pack journalism and they may do that. But I don't know. You're looking at a dynasty there and I will leave it at that. I mean I could – all sorts of ideas pop into my mind, or whether it would be maybe better if Bush was re-elected and make things even worse being which might in historical times speed up the clean up that we need. I mean I know that sounds heretical but –

[OVERLAPPING VOICES] [APPLAUSE]

00:17:39:22                    BARRIE ZWICKER: And, and, and I don't think I'm alone in thinking that Kerry is much, is much the same.

00:17:46:22                    MAN: Right.

00:17:47:04                    BARRIE ZWICKER: You know you [APPLAUSE OBSCURES] between their foreign policies. And mostly Kerry has just said he won't let Toronto ship its garbage to Detroit. [LAUGHS] Shame on him. Joking.  
[LAUGHTER]

00:18:03:08                    BOB McILVAINE: I just wanted to make a statement. You know, I, I had the quotes in my notes from being down at the commission hearings. But then Denise once said – we were in the commission hearings or hearing the news, whatever – he says, "Don't forget this is an exposition, it is not an investigation." So I think that was a real clue of what the nine, 9/11 Commission was all about.

00:18:24:01                    BOB McILVAINE: And my last question is, why is it the real of the world seem to be getting this idea of what's happening in the world and it, it's all going in the wrong direction, and yet the people in the United States – I mean it's that basic question. You asked why. What is it in the American public that they don't want to answer, ask these questions. Are the Europeans, Canadians or are they, they say I won't try. So . . .

00:18:46:02                    BARRIE ZWICKER: Well there are distinct differences in [UNINTEL]. Thirty percent of Germans, these are, these are –

00:18:52:13                    MAN: Academics.

00:18:53:08                    BARRIE ZWICKER: These are [UNINTEL] polls. Thirty percent of Germans, young Germans anyway believe that the U.S. government had a hand in 9/11, was complicit in it.

00:19:01:02                    WOMAN: Yes.

[APPLAUSE]

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BARRIE ZWICKER: [OVERLAPPING] A poll that we commissioned in Canada in May found that 16 percent of Canadians believed that. Sixty three percent of Canadians believed that – I believe this is almost a quote from our poll question – that persons within the U.S. government up to and including the White House has foreknowledge of the events, we don't use the word facts, of the events of 9/11 and, and deliberately failed to prevent them. Sixty three percent of Canadians believe that.

[APPLAUSE]

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BARRIE ZWICKER: [OVERLAPPING] We, we, I think – see I used to in [UNINTEL] in the United States and I love it. I love it when people call me anti-America. I love it because it just gives me an opening and I demolish them. But because I have so many friends here and, uh, and I have so much respect for all sorts of American traditions. But at the same time you live in a cocoon here and it's all got mirrors inside it. And it's all kind of USA is the greatest. And it, and it, and it, it harms the, the judgment.

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And so outsiders can see that. And then somebody once said that the 49<sup>th</sup> parallel, that's the border between USA and Canada, is the longest undefended one way mirror in the world. [LAUGHTER] And so we see every twitch of the American elephant and that American elephant rolls over and the Canadian mouse is squashed. So people have to pay attention to the United States because of the huge power that it [UNINTEL] here, economic, military, informational power especially. Although it's on a very shaky foundation.

00:20:51:12 So there, I think that is one large generalized answer to why Canadians, Germans, Brits, Spaniards and so on have a different view of this. We have different information sources in addition to CNN and also, uh, they are, they tend to be more diverse. And so in my DVD, which will premier tonight at 8:00, uh, I quote a Canadian columnist, Mark [MARTIN (?)], who, who writes things that you don't see here very often. Paul Krugman of The New York Times is very good, Bob Herbert and others. But there are more of, of that ilk, questioners, in Canadian journalism than in U.S. journalism by, by a small margin. We're far, far, far from perfect with the journalism in Canada. After all we're the land that spawned Conrad Black.

00:21:48:15 WOMAN: Yes.

00:21:49:08 BARRIE ZWICKER: As Black would say, “[OWEN (?)].”

[OVERLAPPING VOICES]

00:21:56:27 MAN: . . . questions from the audience.

[OVERLAPPING VOICES]

00:21:58:29 MAN: Hello.

[OVERLAPPING VOICES]

00:22:00:29 CYNTHIA McKINNEY: At the end of session of the four panelists so that they can be broadcast over WBAI.

00:22:08:17 MAN: The audience has [UNINTEL].

00:22:14:04 CYNTHIA McKINNEY: Yes.

00:22:14:08 MAN: [UNINTEL]

00:22:16:03 CYNTHIA McKINNEY: The, the audience will ask [OVERLAPPING] questions at the end of the presentations of the four panelists which is coming up and your questions will be broadcast on WBAI.

00:22:28:28 MAN: That's, that's correct. Um, we're actually working on WBAI right now [UNINTEL] they gave us their word or said they were going to air the program live and it's [NOT/NOW (?)] happening.

00:22:37:25 MAN: [UNINTEL]. But the plan is originally to have questions at the very end of the program. Um, and, but, uh, we're going to do it both at the end and at the end of this particular sequence of four presenters. So let's not waste any more time. Again, this is not a town hall forum, this is a commission hearing, but we are opening it up to, to questions. Cards will be, if they haven't already been passed out, for you to submit this questions. There is a town hall forum and more questions and, you know, will be allowed from the, from the public, uh, on the 11<sup>th</sup>. I understand that the Manhattan [UNINTEL] is also free. So we need to move on and I'll just turn it back over to our Chairwoman.

00:23:18:29 CYNTHIA McKINNEY: I thought the chair had some discretion in this. But obviously we don't. Um, do you have your cards?

00:23:26:01 MAN: Yup.

00:23:26:21 CYNTHIA McKINNEY: Okay very good. As the presenters make their statements it would be good for you to write them down. And I make a promise to you that at the end of the presentation of the four panelists, so now the commissioners will not ask questions until after each of the four panelists has made his presentation. Okay. With that we will hear from – cause I got a bunch of questions for you – but I will refrain from asking until we have heard from Mr. Springmann who is next, come on out. Attorney Michael Springmann. And then after Springmann, Thompson, Ruppert and then we'll have questions.

00:24:14:08 MAN: [UNINTEL]

00:24:16:18 CYNTHIA McKINNEY: Uh, yes, thank you very much. Attorney Springmann – oh, yes, you know, he's [UNINTEL] tell us what to do. [LAUGHTER] But your right hand isn't raised. And, yes, your bible is the truth. Do you swear to tell this commission the truth?

00:24:36:07 MAN: [UNINTEL]

00:24:40:24 CYNTHIA McKINNEY: Oh, my goodness, gracious, thank you very much. [APPLAUSE] Have a seat. Barrie don't you go anywhere. We're building to the climax. Okay. Mr. Springmann.

00:24:57:29 MIKE SPRINGMANN: I'm Mike Springmann. In the past I have been a foreign service officer, diplomat with the Department of State. I am currently an attorney in private practice in Washington, D.C. And I'm quite happy to be here, surprised to be here, because last year the Justice Department seized my e-mail accounts and put a client of mine on the no fly list. So I wasn't

quite sure what I would find at Dulles Airport today. But I got on the airplane at the airport with no problem all.

00:25:30:24 But I'm here to talk to you about visas, visas issued to terrorists and the CIA's consulate in Jeddah in the western part of Saudi Arabia. Recently, three years ago, we had 15 of the 19 hijackers get visas from the CIA's consulate in Jeddah. They didn't get them from London or Frankfurt or Cairo. They got them from Jeddah. They didn't get them from Dharhan in the eastern province, they didn't get them from Riyadh, the capital of the country. They got them from the American Consulate General in Jeddah. And I thought that was very peculiar and I had thought that all the hell that I had raised almost 15 years ago, and in the intervening period, might have done some good. I was wrong.

00:26:30:05 When I went out to Jeddah in 1987 I started to hear about problems that they had there, they had issues with servants and issues with politically important people. Nobody would explain to me exactly what the problem was. I heard from the Ambassador, I heard from a couple of people in the administrative offices for that section of the State Department. Well when I got there I started making pressure to issue visas to people who really had no ties to either to Saudi Arabia or their own country. As an example, a Sudanese refugee, he couldn't go back to Sudan, he was unemployed in Saudi Arabia, yet the political officer wanted him to get a visa to go to Washington, D.C.

00:27:28:02 And I checked it, I checked it strenuously. And the Chief of the Consular Section issued him a visa and when I asked why he said, "Well, for national security reasons." As time went on it got worse. I was being pressured by the Consul General, J. Phillip Frers, by a consular officer, I'm sorry not a consular officer a commercial officer and various other people throughout the consulate. We need a visa for this guy. It wasn't a visa for my friend, it wasn't a visa for

a prospective business contact. It was for somebody like two Pakistanis who were going to a trade show in the United States. They couldn't name the trade show, they couldn't name the city in which it was being held. But a CIA case officer, concealed in the commercial section, demanded a visa for these people within the hour of my refusing them.

00:28:28:05      And I said no. Tell me where they're going. You can't tell me why they're going. The law is very clear. These are intended immigrants and unless and until they can prove otherwise and they haven't done it. Do you have some information that is not available to me when they applied? He said, "No." I said, "They're not going." He went to Justice Stevens, the Chief of the Consular Section and got a visa for these guys. This went on all the time I was there. Uh, it was the consul general, it was these other people and it finally got to the point where J. Frers would tell me, "If you want a career in the foreign service you'll issue this visa."

00:29:04:10      And my staff said, "don't be stupid Mike, give them the visa and then write down on the application form who ordered that the visa be given." I kept a file on this. And when I left Saudi Arabia the file was shredded. Nobody knows who did it, nobody knows who gave the order, nobody knows why. But I complained to Justice Stevens, I complained to Stephanie Smith, the Consulor for Consular Affairs in Riyadh. And they said, well, you know, we have these problems and, and you really ought to do this. Stephanie suggested that when I went back to Washington I should talk to Bureau of Consular Affairs.

00:29:45:02      Well . . . Shortly before I left the State Department had something called an inspection team come out; I try not to talk jargon and government-speak to you. It's basically a management practice to examine how a foreign service post is functioning. Does it do things according to the law, does it do things

according to regulation, is there any more efficient way of doing this particular action? So I was told by a contact inside the consulate don't talk about this, don't talk the visas. And if you do, you're going to lose your job. I didn't think so but I decided it would be smart not to talk too much about it.

00:30:32:20 Well, when Joseph P. O'Neill came through he pressured me for an hour to talk about this and I said, 'no'. He said, "but I know this." He simply ran through exactly everything I knew about the situation plus a little but more besides. . . and on and on and on and finally wore me down. Oh, we're just going to help the efficiency of the foreign service, etc. So I told him this, then things went from bad to worse. The Consul General was livid...who wrote a remarkably negative efficiency report and said I shouldn't be in the foreign service at all. And . . . I had been told that this was a visa scam; and it certainly seemed that way to me. I was told look he who needs the money and the price supposedly for these visas was \$2,500.

00:31:24:24 [UNINTEL] . . .the king's barber servant to get a visa...Frers was seen filling out a visa application for people at the consulate, it was just absolutely incomprehensible to me. And people I had talked to who had been there really didn't want to say much more about it. And it wasn't until I was out of the Foreign Service, when my appointment had been terminated for unspecified reasons that I learned from three good sources – Joe Trento, the journalist, a fellow attached to a university in Washington, D.C. and a guy who with expert knowledge on the middle east who had worked for a government agency. They said, "it's very simple,

00:32:10:23 "the CIA and its asset Osama Bin Laden were recruiting terrorists for the Afghan war, they were sending them to the United States for training, for rewards, for whatever purpose, and then sending them on to Afghanistan."

And most likely problems they had with the liquor in the consulate large amounts disappearing and being sold with very high markups and so forth, was being used to fund this. Well, that explained the whole thing and that explained why nobody wants to talk to me about this, it's explained why the file the file was shredded and it explained why they were so mad at me because I apparently had disrupted their way of passing the [UNINTEL], collecting \$200 or more.

00:33:00:05 Well . . . when I learned this I went to the FBI and to Congress, House Subcommittee on International Affairs where I was told, "What's the matter, don't you like the CIA?" I went to the Justice Department's Office of Professional Responsibility, the section charged with corruption in government and crooked officials. Didn't want to talk to me. I managed to write a few articles and get them published in UNCLASSIFIED [UNINTEL] the Association for National Security Alumni.

00:33:40:00 Once September 11<sup>th</sup> happened Covert Action Quarterly published an account of this that I had written, not my best work, but it basically put down what I'm telling you folks right now. And then there was media interest, not American media interest but media interest from the British Broadcasting Corporation, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, RAI, Radio Televisione Italiana, the Italian Radio and Television Service, Canal Plus, a French channel. Of course you know journalists, even though you sent through journalists. But *The Washington Post*, which I approached, *The New York Times*, which I approached, *The Los Angeles Times*, which I approached, couldn't be bothered to print anything about it. They didn't ask me any questions –I did get a lunch from the Los Angeles Times, to look at some of the material that I had, that was as far as it went.

00:34:41:00 The Associated Press did a short article when people in government began getting embarrassed about reading about themselves comparison. But the wire service article disappeared. Nobody ever said they had seen it anywhere in the country. I'd been interviewed by a number of smaller, non mainstream radio stations. About a year or two ago I was on a good news show, uh, "Democracy Now" with Greg Palast. Like it's beginning to come out in the open. Greg Palast devoted a few paragraphs in his book *The Best Democracy Money Can Buy*. Craig Unger's book, uh, *House of Bush, House of Saud* has a couple of paragraphs devoted to me and the situation. And Joe Trento is publishing a book next month [ININTEL], called *Prelude to Terror*, which goes into detail on the situation and the CIA's Consulate in Jeddah and how terrorists got their visas.

00:35:41:12 But I think also this business of Visa Express that Joel Malbray and others are playing up is something of a red herring and little bit of misdirection. Saudis, people with Saudi passports, didn't have to appear in front of a consular office. Their personal appearances were waived. It's a good way to get people past the visa officer who asks awkward questions like I did, because you put them in a pile and you sent them to a reputable travel agent to the consulate. They did this in Central America according to [SALVINO?] CASTILLO, a drug enforcement agency officer. He said this is one of the agency's favorite tricks in slipping people into the country.

00:36:27:01 But, the difficulty is nobody wants to hear about this.

00:36:32:02 MAN: Mike, I'm going to [UNINTEL] one more minute, okay.

00:36:34:08 MIKE SPRINGMANN: [UNINTEL] Alright, so, basically I think that the way to reform things and put an end to this is to stop the secrecy, my freedom

of information request and its lawsuit was sealed as a threat to the national security. It was resealed within the last two weeks by Royce Lamberth, U.S. District Court from the District of Columbia. He's on the panel of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act judges. So what we've really got to do is abolish the CIA's director of operations, the people who overthrow governments and assassinate politicians the U.S. doesn't like and we've got to cut their budget of all the intelligence services by 25 percent.

[APPLAUSE]

00:37:23:07 So if you folks have any questions I'd be happy to entertain them.

00:37:26:04 CYNTHIA McKINNEY: We will pose our questions at the end along with the members of the audience. And now we will, um, hear from Paul Thompson, the famous author of the 911 Timeline we all have used as a reference. Paul. If, if, yeah, Paul's not on time. [LAUGHTER] Is Mike Ruppert ready? Okay. Thank you.

[APPLAUSE]

00:38:25:19 PAUL THOMPSON: We were going to do a, uh . . . What was that?

[OVERLAPPING VOICES]

00:38:30:11 MAN: Oh, sorry.

00:38:31:25 CYNTHIA McKINNEY: Uh, do you swear – yeah, raise your right hand, do, the standard's been set now. Do you swear to tell us the truth here today?

00:38:40:11 PAUL THOMPSON: Of course.

00:38:40:27 CYNTHIA McKINNEY: Thank you David. We need the truth.

00:38:49:05 PAUL THOMPSON: Alright, uh, should I move this up?

00:38:50:28 MAN: Yeah.

[BACKGROUND VOICES]

00:39:04:20 PAUL THOMPSON: So I want to talk about two things today. So I'll just go straight into it since I don't have a lot of time here. The first thing I want to talk about is, uh, the foreign intelligence warnings about 9/11. Some of you may have seen out back I have this, this book that has just gone a couple of days ago called *The Terror Timeline*. And this is based on my website. And the material I'm going to talk about today is, is based on what I've done on the website and now is in the book. And everything in there is, uh, from mainstream source material, CBS News, *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, that kind of material.

00:39:44:26 So I want to preface that everything I'm saying here, everything I'm going to be saying is coming from those kinds of sources. Um, and the first thing I want to start with is a quote from President Bush, just a few months ago he said, "Had I any inkling whatsoever that the people were going to fly airplanes in the buildings, we would have moved heaven and earth to save the country."

00:40:10:01 PAUL THOMPSON: So he didn't have any inkling whatsoever. Uh, and now I'm going to tell you something I think was probably the most significant

thing that came out of the 9/11 Commission. It, uh, and it really got ignored and, uh, just briefly mentioned in one of their staff statements. It said that, uh, in the beginning of the summer of 2001 Osama bin Laden actually started publicly talking about the 9/11 plot. He would go to mosques and he would speak in front of large crowds in Afghanistan, talking to his followers, talking to local, you know, local people were coming to the mosque. And according to the 9/11 Commission, uh, he actually would say things in his speeches like, uh, in one speech he said that people should pray for the success of an upcoming attack involving 20 murders.

00:41:07:16      Or another person said that bin Laden told them that U.S. would hit by a terrorist attack and thousands would die. So there's this really kind of, you know, very, almost open secret about the 9/11 attacks. So, another example would be, uh, John Walker Lindh, you might have heard of him, he's kind of the, they call him the Marin County Taliban guy. He went over there, joined el Qaeda; in a matter of days he learned all about the, the 9/11 attacks. He learned that there were going to be all these different airplanes involved. So, in other words, it was just a, a very, very widely talked about thing, um, in Afghanistan.

00:41:51:22      So then what we see is that all these foreign governments picked up on this and started warning the U.S. It also says in the 9/11 Commission Report that this, this knowledge, this foreknowledge was so extensive that it spread throughout the radical fundamentalist network throughout the world. So people all over the world, including in the United States now, were getting details of the plot months in the advance. Um, and this is why, I think this is main reason why we see now all these governments start warning the U.S.

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So I'm just going to run really quickly and just tell you some of the warnings that came out. Remember that all of these are mentioned, uh, in very mainstream sources – *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, those of stuff – and, uh, none of these, none of the things I'm going to talk about today, except for what I just said but all these foreign intelligence warnings, none of these are talked about in the 9/11 Commission. They've just completely ignored all of them. It's like, it's like, you know, it, these reports never happened. So, also all of these things I'm going to talk about, all are from three months before 9/11 – June, July, August – all these warnings start coming up.

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So the British, they warned the U.S. They say, el Qaeda is in quote the final stages of a very serious attack on western country. And then they also warned, uh, that, uh, that an al Qaeda attack will involved multiple hijackings. So it'll be a single attack, multiple airplanes hijacked. and Egypt, they warned – and this is, this to me is the most astonishing warning, also in the way it was just completely ignored. It was on “60 Minutes” on CBS, uh, just mentioned briefly. And I'll quote it for you. It says, “In late July Egyptian intelligence says it received a report from one of its operatives in Afghanistan that 20 el Qaeda members had slipped into the U.S.; four of them had received flight training on light aircraft.”

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To the Egyptians pilots of small planes didn't sound terribly alarming but they passed on the message to the CIA fully expecting Washington to request information. The request never came. So if that's not, uh, you know, we know there were 19 hijackers instead of 20, there were four training on light aircraft. Um, and again, it's not surprising given what, you know, bin Laden was saying to people and, you know, that Egypt had a, had a mole in Afghanistan and gave other good, good information so. Really remarkable that nothing was done.

00:44:46:14 Then later, uh, a few weeks later the Egyptians warned that, that this operation that was going forward were in the advanced stages. And this is according to the Egyptian President Hos-, Hosni Mu-, Murbarak himself. Then Germany, Germany warned, uh, that terrorists would use airplanes as weapons to attack quote American and Israeli symbols which stick out. Then Jordan warned that a major attack using aircraft is planned inside the United States. And by the way they even said the name of the, the code name of the attack, which is the big wedding, which turned out to be the code name of the 9/11 attack.

00:45:39:05 Russia, Russia warned that suicide pilots were training for attacks on U.S. targets. And then head of Russian intelligence later stated that we clearly warned the U.S. on several occasions but they did not pay the necessary attention. And then the Taliban, actually one of the, the foreign minister of the Taliban himself was a, kind of a, upset with the other leaders, didn't want the attack to go forward so he warned that al Qaeda was going to plan an imminent huge attack quote, unquote, inside the U.S. that'll kill thousands of people. And funny enough the excuse, uh, in the news reports about why this wasn't taken seriously was it says because U.S. intelligence agencies were suffering from warning fatigue.

[[BACKGROUND VOICES]]

00:46:32:27 There'd been so many warnings that they just couldn't handle any more. Um, you know that Argentina gave a warning, uh, because – not a lot of people know this but there's a little sort of a pocket of al Qaeda in the Argentina area. France gave a warning that's an echo of a, of a, of a Israeli warning. And I'll tell you the Israeli warning, they warned – well they had two separate warnings.

First one they said 50 to 200 al Qaeda terrorists are inside the U.S. planning an imminent quote major assault unquote aimed at quote large scale target unquote.

00:47:18:09 And then, this is, and actually this is probably the most remarkable warning is that according to *Der Spiegel* and some other newspapers in Europe a few months, a few weeks before the attack, before 9/11, Israel actually gave the U.S. a list of 19 terrorists. Now we don't know if that's the exact same 19, however, the report specified that four of the names were the same including Mohamed Atta, Marwan al-Shehhi and the two hijackers in San Diego al-Midhar and Alhazmi. So these are the leaders of the 9/11 plot and according to *Der Spiegel* all these names were given to the U.S. government.

00:48:03:23 Morocco gave a warning saying that al Qaeda's planning large scale operations in New York City in the fall of 2001, possibly targeting the World Trade Center. Um, so I could go on. These are just some selected warnings that I've given, but as you can see there are so many warnings, that in fact in the middle of August, Cofer Black who's the head of the CIA's counterterrorism center, he was speaking at a convention of counterterrorist officials in a public venue and he said quote, we are going to be struck soon, many Americans are going to die and it could be in the U.S. And later on he said that the top leaders were unwilling to act unless they were told that the attack was coming within the exact day and here is what they are going to hit.

00:49:04:01 So in other words he's saying that basically the leaders didn't care to stop the attack, made no moves to defend the United States unless they were told exactly the day and the location of what the attack would be. And in fact, we can see that the Bush administration did absolutely nothing despite all these warnings. There was one thing I found interesting in the 9/11 Commission hearings is that Transportation Secretary Norman Minetta, who is still the

Transportation Secretary, was asked, "So can you point to one thing that the Bush administration did before 9/11 that sa-, helped safeguard the U.S.?" And he said, "No." There wasn't a single thing.

00:49:51:03 So that's, that's the first part of my talk. The second part I want to talk about the issue of Pakistan. I could also talk about Saudi Arabia but I don't have time for that. But between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia these are the two countries that you think would have given the U.S. warnings. I mean here we're getting Argentina, all these countries, Morocco, are warning the U.S. But, uh, you know, the two countries, Pakistan is extremely closely tied to the Taliban. They basically, you know, created the Taliban and it was, the Taliban was their puppet, as even the 9/11 Commission has stated.

00:50:31:24 Uh, and then Saudi Arabia where all the hijackers are from, Osama bin Laden's from. We don't get any warnings from those two countries. I think there's significant evidence that, that the Pakistani intelligence agency actually had a very direct role in the plot. It's a very unusual intelligence agency. It's called ISI and it got very rich off of drug money. So rich from all the opium and heroin coming from Afghanistan and moving through Pakistan that it's self funding. So it's basically politically autonomous and people call it a state within a state. It can basically do whatever it wants. Some people say that the ISI is more powerful than the actual Pakistani government.

00:51:17:15 And as *The Wall Street Journal* has said, quote, despite their clean chins and pressed uniforms the ISI men are as deeply fundamentalist as any bearded fanatic. The ISI created the Taliban as their own instrument and still supports it. So there's essentially you cannot see a difference between the ISI and the Taliban and, in my opinion, al Qaeda. They all are essentially the same group of people. And in fact there was a, uh, some of U.S. reporters went to

Afghanistan just right before 9/11 and they said everything here that we've seen, everything – the Taliban has the water, the oil, the food – everything's coming from the ISI. They're just a [COUGH OBSCURES] puppets of the ISI.

00:52:08:18 So I'm going to run through just a couple of things really quickly. Here are some key characters to kind of keep in mind. Randy Glass was involved in a U.S. sting operation. He was a, a criminal himself involved this sting operation with the FBI and the, uh – what's it? – Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms. And in 1999 there was a ISI agent and they were recording the conversation as part of their sting operation. And this ISI agent was within sight of the World Trade Center. He pointed to the World Trade Center and he said, "Those towers are coming down." And he repeated that statement on several occasions. And this is, you know, [UNINTEL] this evidence has been recorded on tape.

00:52:56:19 So we can see this is interesting because some people say that people didn't know that, that the towers would be completely destroyed. Here we are even in 1999 stating with assurance that the towers are going to be completely destroyed. And I could go into a lot more about Randy Glass but there's a big sordid history there of ISI's involvements in even trying to buy nuclear weapons to give to al Qaeda.

00:53:26:18 Now another characters to keep in mind is Saaid Sheikh. He's a very, very important character and I think he's really the key to understanding a lot about 9/11. He's famous for being the killer of the reporter Daniel Pearl. You may remember in 2002 he got very brutally kidnapped and, and publicly executed basically. And, but it appears that Saaid Sheikh actually was one of the key funders for the 9/11 attacks. And so I'll read a quote from the *London Times* about him. It says, Sayed Sheikh is no ordinary terrorist but a man who has

connections that reach high into Pakistan's military and intelligence elite and into the innermost circles of Osama bin Laden and al Qaeda organization.

00:54:18:01      He, in fact, was so tied in that bin Laden called him his favorite son and he was even talking of, of replacing bin Laden some day. And yet he was also an ISI agent. I can't go into all the details but there's a lot of evidence showing that he actually trained some of the hijackers in terrorism techniques and he directly funded the attacks. Now Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the so-called 9/11 mastermind, he was also Saaid Sheikh's boss. They, they knew each other, they, for instance, they both participated in the Daniel Pearl killing.

00:54:56:22      Now Robert Fisk, who as you may well know is a very famous journalist, he said, like Saaid Sheikh, Mohammed was an ISI asset. [UNINTEL] handed over by the ISI these days is almost certainly a former employee of ISI whose control of the Taliban amazed even the Pakistani government. And then there's General Mahmoud Ahmad and he's the head of the ISI. *The Wall Street Journal* and other media outlets reported in the month after 9/11 that General Mah-, Mahmoud Ahmad, head of the ISI, ordered \$100,000, uh, to go from Saaid Sheikh to Mohamed Atta, the head hijacker. So we see a direct link from the head of the ISI to the head of the hijackers.

00:55:45:28      And this remarkable evidence has really been ignored. And this, and this last fact makes for all kinds of interesting, uh, connections to the U.S. because it so happens that General Ahmad on the morning of 9/11 was actually meeting with Senator Bob Graham, Democratic senator, Porter Goss House of Representatives, guy who's now up, up for being the, the new head of the CIA and John Kyle, another senator. And and in the weeks before this these same three U.S. politicians were in Pakistan talking to General Ahmad. We don't know what they were talking about. I certainly would like to know.

00:56:35:03 So I'm running out of time but another interesting figure that I think also points to very interesting directions is a guys called General Ham-, Hamid Gul is a former head of the ISI. And a recent report from UPI suggested that he actually, this Hamid Gul, was actually the master planner for Osama bin Laden. And one reason this is very interesting is because Richard Clarke has stated, you know, the counterterrorism czar for, for Bush and Clinton, stated that in 1999, they intercepted a message between Hamid Gul and some of the leaders of the Taliban where he said, you know, that, that time Clinton tried to hit you with a missile, late '98, don't worry, Clinton is not planning on doing it again and even if he does I'll warn you again like I, I gave you advance warning on the last time.

00:57:36:24 So this to me suggests that there is some sort of collaboration between people within the U.S. government and people in the ISI and this General Hamid Gul is being fingered as one of the masterminds of the 9/11 plot. The 9/11 Commission has, has covered up this information. There's actually an article in the LA Times that said that some people on the commission said that, that the Pakistanis were quote up to their eyeballs, unquote, in involvement with the Taliban and al, al Qaeda, and that the commission findings that are actually released were quote on the tip of the iceberg, unquote, on these connections.

00:58:16:20 Again, I'll say this one more thing. Daniel Ellsberg of the famous Pentagon Papers whistleblower, he said that, quote, it seems to me quite plausible that Pakistan was quite involved in 9/11. To say Pakistan to me is to say the CIA because it's hard to say that the ISI would know something that the CIA had no knowledge of. So, I hope that we can figure out these, these connections and bring these people to justice.

[APPLAUSE]

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00:00:00:18 CHAIRWOMAN McKINNEY: And we will collect the cards in about five minutes. So go ahead and uh...write. There were some folks over there that needed supplies. Did you get your cards? As all of these presenters have become my friends, but uh...Mike Ruppert was there for me when the corporate media that uh...Paul has chronicled their [UNINTEL] but when they were doing their thing on me it was Mike Ruppert whose shoulder was there for me and his brain too for advice on and counsel.

00:00:41:01 So uh...I am very pleased to bring Mike Ruppert on and uh...he will probably uh...knock your socks off.

[APPLAUSE]

00:01:08:26 CHAIRWOMAN McKINNEY: Mike? I'm gonna have to swear you in.

MIKE RUPPERT: Please do.

[LAUGHTER]

00:01:15:01 CHAIRWOMAN McKINNEY: You know as an L.A., as a former LAPD officer you uh...

MIKE RUPPERT: I've done this before.

00:01:22:00 CHAIRWOMAN McKINNEY: Yeah, okay well get to it.

00:01:24:21 MIKE RUPPERT: I do!

[LAUGHTER]

00:01:27:03 CHAIRWOMAN McKINNEY: I will!

00:01:28:08 MIKE RUPPERT: I am, I is and yes, we shall.

WOMAN: Okay very good.

00:01:34:18 MIKE RUPPERT: It's great to be here. Hot enough here for everyone? Congresswoman McKenney, Dr. Khan, Mr. McIlvaine, fellow citizens it is an honor to be here today to discuss some of the most serious issues ever to present themselves before free people.

00:01:51:00 There are many things I do not need to say here today. Others we'll say them for all of us. Almost all of us are deeply aware of and disturbed by the glaring inconsistencies, the evidence tampering, the obstruction of justice, the non-pheasant, the malpheasant and the other crimes represented by the final report of the Kean Commission investigating the attacks of September the 11<sup>th</sup>.

[APPLAUSE]

00:02:17:27 I will not digress to discuss them here but for the record I would like it noted that the entire membership of the Kean Commission is horribly and blatantly compromised by often egregious conflicts of interests that would have made them ineligible for participation in the tribunal charge....

[APPLAUSE]

00:02:38:26 The conduct in the discharge of their duties was shameful and criminal affirmation of those vested interests. Since the day of the attacks my newsletter *From The Wilderness* reinforced why an incredible staff of writers and editors that has worked virtually non-stop to investigate those attacks and to produce reasonable answers based up on evidence that will help fill the enormous void left by mainstream news organizations, the Congress and the Kean Commission.

00:03:07:29 As most of you know my long awaited book, *Crossing the Rubicon: The Decline of the American Empire at the End of the Age of Oil* has just recently been completed and even as we speak today the printing is starting in Canada. So we're very happy to see that. I am especially.

00:03:25:15 We have been accepting advanced orders for a week and the first shipment should go out by September 14. So or those of you have been waiting for that book which is 700 pages long with 1,000 footnotes, plenty for all of you to digest, challenge and do whatever you want to do with. It will be available for you shortly and we certainly hope before November 2<sup>nd</sup>. I don't know why I'd say something like that.

[LAUGHTER]

00:03:48:00 ...you can find information about the book at the website [fromthewilderness.com](http://fromthewilderness.com).

00:03:52:27 I believe that *Crossing the Rubicon* provides amply documented evidence with which to initiated and sustain a number of indictments of top level government officials for their roles in facilitating the attacks of 9/11. Most notably as my

chief suspect I name Vice President Richard Cheney as both a planner and executor of those attacks.

[CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

00:04:18:08 In order to complete my book I chose to focus on a clear and unmistakable evidentiary record based upon written records, statements of key officials, evidence presented under oath and first person interviews and investigations conducted by me directly in pursuit of information that discloses the truth about September the 11<sup>th</sup>.

00:04:37:14 I chose to avoid discussion of physical evidence issues for two primary reasons; first, physical evidence arguments based upon photographic and other analyses are not directly court admissible without overcoming several hurdles. First, a clear and irrefutable chain of custody backed up by affidavits or sworn testimony is required to even get such evidence admitted at trial.

00:04:59:24 Secondly such evidence is by definition only presentable in court at a time presentable or identifiable in court or discussable in court by means of expert witness testimony which is often subject to intense courtroom debate and judged only by the amount of money which can be brought to bear to produce experts to either validate or refute it.

00:05:22:08 In writing *Crossing the Rubicon* I decided the primary audience that I wanted to reach was the American people as a whole. I thought it best to present them with a book that I could say was legally admissible in court on its face since no interpretation was required and no chain of custody issues presented themselves with regards to footnotes or verifiable records.

00:05:43:10 The possibility of evidence tampering has been removed since all footnotes lead either to verifiable public record sources or are the work product of interviews conducted and recorded by me that I recount in the book as I would sworn testimony of a detective under oath. Since I have only 15 minutes to deliver my prepared remarks before going to questions let me begin by briefly summarizing my findings, briefly, and disclosing information which has never been made public until today.

00:06:11:09 *Crossing the Rubicon* is a detective story. It gets to the innermost core of the 9/11 attacks. It places 9/11 at the center of a desperate new America created by specific named individuals in preparation for peak oil. An economic crisis like nothing the world has ever seen. It looks at the crime from the viewpoint of a homicide investigator who must in order to establish guilt, examine and identify the motive, means and opportunity for the commission of the crime.

00:06:39:16 The attacks of September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001 were the pretext for the American and to a lesser extent the British and the Israeli empires to begin seizing by force those energy supplies needed to sustain their power and hegemony whether regional or global and their teetering economies. Both governments were involved well before the attacks occurred.

00:07:00:10 The attacks of 9/11 were accomplished through an amazing orchestration of logistics and personnel. Former National Security Advisor and Counter-Terror Advisor Richard Clarke has postulated that such a conspiracy could never be kept secret. Too many people would have been involved he insisted in his recent book *Against all Ends*. On this point I disagree with Clarke completely and point to the fact that the Manhattan Project which developed the atom bomb and the stealth fighter project were both successfully kept secret. The

numbers of people involved in both of those projects far exceeded the numbers of people within the United States government required to execute 9/11.

00:07:37:15     However I must express a deep debt of gratitude to Richard Clarke for in his book he left a very compelling trail of breadcrumbs, contradictions to the sworn testimony and written records submitted often under oath of our highest leaders and the hard evidence which provided me with the leads I needed to break open and answer the “who done it” part of 9/11.

00:08:00:26     For me the pivotal evidence absolutely demonstrating direct government complicity in and management of the attacks was found at a number of undisputed yet virtually unaddressed war games that I have shown were being conducted, coordinated and/or controlled by Vice President Dick Cheney or his immediate staff on the morning of September the 11<sup>th</sup>. The names of those war games are known to include Vigilant Guardian, Vigilant Warrior, Northern Guardian, Northern Vigilance and Tripod II.

00:08:30:26     There is a possibility that Northern Guardian is a duplicate name but the remaining exercises are indisputably separate events with different objectives. All have been reported by major press organization relying on undisputed quotes from participating military and FAA personnel. They have also been confirmed by NORAD press releases. All, except for Northern Vigilance and Tripod II, had to do with hijacked airliners inside the united...the Continental United States specifically within the northeast air defense sector, NEADS, where all four 9/11 hijackings occurred.

00:09:08:04     According to a clear record some of these exercises involved commercial airline hijackings. In some cases false blips or injects were deliberately inserted onto

FAA and military radar screens and they were present during at least the first attacks.

00:09:26:22 This effectively paralyzed fighter response because with only eight fighters available in the region there were as many as 22 possible hijackings taking place. Other exercises, specifically Northern Vigilance, had pulled significant fighter resources away from the northeast U.S. just before 9/11 into Northern Canada and Alaska.

00:09:47:29 In addition, a close reading of key news stories published in the spring of 2004 revealed for the first time that some of these drills were live fly exercise where actual aircraft likely flown by remote control were simulating the behavior of hijacked airlines in real life. All of this as the real attacks began. The fact that these exercises have never been systematically and thoroughly explored in the mainstream press or publicly by Congress or at least publicly in any detail whatsoever by the so-called independent 9/11 Commission made me think that they might be the Holy Grail of 9/11 – and that's exactly what they turned out to be.

00:10:30:09 Only one war game exercise, Vigilant Guardian, was mentioned in a footnote to the Kean Commission report and then it was deliberately mislabeled as an exercise intended to intercept Russian bombers instead of a hijack exercise in the northeast sector. Even then a deliberate lie was told to the American people as NORAD Commander General Ralph Eberhart testified to the Commission that the exercise actually expedited U.S. Air Force response during the attacks.

00:10:58:11 Before the Commission's final hearing I undertook a direct investigation in an attempt to learn more details about each of the exercises and specifically who

was controlling them or had planned them to take place on September 11<sup>th</sup> where it's abundantly clear based upon the record of statements made by the U.S. Air Force and FAA personnel that the games had effectively paralyzed fighter response during the attacks.

00:11:22:26 While most of my queries including the submission of direct written questions and telephone calls to NORAD, the Department of Defense and the Joint Chiefs of Staff resulted in stonewalling. That's a kind word. And did little to help clarify this key issue. One military officer revealed information that was to say the least startling. It confirmed my findings. After several phone calls and a lengthy email...a length of emails laying out what I had uncovered I received a written response from First Air Force Public Affairs Officer Major Don Arias. In that response he confirmed that the Joint Chiefs of Staff had been conducting a live fly hijack drill on the day of September the 11<sup>th</sup>. The name of that exercise, Vigilant Warrior, had been revealed by Richard Clarke on page nine of his book as he quoted a statement made to him by then acting Joint Chiefs Chairman Richard Myers.

00:12:17:02 To excerpt from Major Arias' May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2004 email addressed to me;

"Mr. Ruppert, the book is in the mail." It's an Air Force book which describes a completely different set of attacks than the one the Kean Commission investigated. "The Norad white exercise we were in on 9/11 was indeed Vigilant Guardian. I also learned something that may help you with your research. The terms used for NORAD exercises have specific names. Per NORAD instruction 33-7 nicknames 'a combination of two separate unclassified words which is assigned an unclassified meaning and is employed for unclassified administration, morale or public information. The first word must begin with the combination of letters of the alphabet allocated to the using

agency [UNINTEL]. A nickname is used exclusively to designate a drill or exercise. Exercise terms are used to prevent confusion between exercise directives with actual operations'."

00:13:18:10 That's the key sentence because they have to separate the exercises from real life. At least they're supposed to.

"Vigilant or Amalgam means that it is an HQ and a headquarters NORAD sponsored exercise. Guardian means that it is a multi-command **CPX** or **command post exercise**, meaning there's no live fly'. So on 9/11 NORAD was conducting NORAD-wide multi-command command post exercises with no live flies. This covers the radar injects that were present on the FAA radar screens throughout New England and the northeast sector on that day. Other exercise terms include **Warrior**. JCS, Joint Chiefs of Staff headquarter NORAD sponsored **field training exercise** or **FDX** or live fly. Because first Air Force CONAR is an intermediate level of command I may have, have to refer your questions to HQ NORAD, but I'll do what I can."

00:14:13:11 What he said was we have General Richard Myers saying Vigilant Warrior, we're in the middle of it. Richard Clark wrote it in the book, a NORAD officer here confirms that that was a live flight hijack drill in progress during the attacks.

00:14:25:16 Have you ever heard of that before? Any of you? The full text of this and other correspondence of my direct questioning of DOD and military personnel is included in *Crossing the Rubicon*. Major Arias says it's got to be mentioned again very quickly here.

00:14:41:20      What we have in this instance is direct written confirmation of a live fly exercise that involved the actual piloting of aircraft either by remote control or with real pilots in the northeast air defense sector. There are multiple confirmations of this which are in the book. Other exercises used the inserts confusing both FAA and NORAD radar screens. And this would account for well documented confusion over what might have been 22 different possible hijackings. It was impossible for the FAA or the Air Force personnel to tell which was which. With only eight fighter aircraft available the inexplicable delays in fighter response are now easy to comprehend.

00:15:21:08      When New York writer Michael Kane, who I believe is here today - wherever you are Mike, God bless you - approached General Eberhart on an FTW assignment for my newsletter at the conclusion of the Commission's last public hearing and asked for information on all the other exercises including Vigilant Warrior Eberhart's only response was "no comment".

00:15:42:07      Other government agencies have fallen back on the simple excuse the exercises are classified and failed to provide any clarification at all. Same with the Kean Commission several members of which were also questioned by Mike Kane. Nobody would talk.

00:15:54:20      There was also an additional non-military bio-warfare exercise called Tripod II being set up in Manhattan on September 11<sup>th</sup> and it was under the direct coordination of FEMA and by White House directive the immediate control of the Vice President Richard Cheney. The set up for that exercise conveniently placed a fully staffed FEMA New York City Department of Justice Command Post on Manhattan's Pier 29 just in time for it to be conveniently used as the Command Post after the Twin Towers had collapsed.

00:16:23:26 In reconstructing actual communications and chains of command I was extremely disturbed to find out that many officials in a position to take action that might have prevented the loss of life in the South Tower did not do so before Flight 175 became the second impact. This in spite of the fact that it was known and had been clearly communicated that Flight 175 had been off course, hijacked and headed toward Manhattan for some 20 minutes.

00:16:48:23 Included here are Vice President Richard Cheney, various NORAD officers and commanders, the FAA, then Mayor Rudolph Giuliani. In examining transcripts of Giuliani's testimony before the Kean Commission I find clear evidence suggesting that Major Giuliani committed perjury when he appeared before the Kean Commission this spring.

[APPLAUSE AND CHEERS]

00:17:15:04 It's interesting to note that of all 9/11 witnesses whose testimony I analyzed his re. his remarks, testimony remain to this day the only testimony which has not been transcribed and presented to the public. Instead I was forced to rely on transcripts prepared from video and audio recordings by 9/11 activists and researchers. I will now quote from *Crossing the Rubicon* as to what my analysis of Giuliani's testimony revealed. It may explain why the Kean Commission has deliberately withheld it from public view. I want to thank first Kyle Hence and Joe Friendly who provided me with a written transcript of Giuliani's remarks which I might add was independently verified through other recordings.

00:17:55:01 We begin in according to Giuliani sometime after Flight 77 struck the Pentagon.

“I’d already been informed by my Chief of Staff that he had reached the White House and by the police commissioner who I think had reached the Defense Department. I’m not sure exactly. But both of them had assured me that we had gotten air support because that’s why I wanted to reach the White House. I wanted to make sure that we had air defense for the city.

00:18:16:08 “And my Chief of Staff told me that he was informed by the White House that there were seven planes that were unaccounted for. At this point I knew of two and I had heard reports that the Pentagon had been attacked, that the Sears Tower had been attacked and several other things.”

00:18:29:28 Now who had told, I’m speaking now, who had told Giuliani about the two missing planes before this? Such information must have originated with NORAD, NEADS or the FAA. Those communications channels were obviously functioning at that time but then why no warning? The only likely explanation here is that lower command levels knowing that the national command authority, the White House and the Pentagon, had taken command assumed that the warnings would come from higher up and thus be more quickly heeded. Now we go back to Giuliani.

00:18:57:22 “So I got through to the White House. Chris Hennick was on the phone who was the, who was the Deputy Political Director to President Bush. And I said to him ‘Chris, was the Pentagon attacked?’ and he said ‘confirmed’”

Note; the Pentagon was struck at 9:41.

00:19:10:29 “And then I asked him if we had air support. I said ‘have you, do we have air support? Do you have jets out because I think we’re going to get hit again?’ he said ‘the jets were dispatched 12 minutes ago and they should be there very

shortly and they should be [CELL PHONE BEGINS RINGING – JINGLE BELLS] able to defend you against further attack'."

It's Christmas. Jingle bells. Okay.

00:19:29:29 "uh...against further attack' and then he said 'we're evacuating the White House and the Vice President will call you back very shortly'."

Now a number of mainstream press accounts, this is me, fixed the White House evacuation order between 9:41 and 9:45. I think it was a lot earlier. Thus there are two events fixing Giuliani's conversation with Hennick between 9:41 and 9:45. Are we to assume that no one in the White House had Giuliani's telephone number? He was a major player in the Republican Party, a strong supporter of George W. Bush. Why was he talking to a political director and not the Pentagon or the Situation Room at the White House?

[APPLAUSE]

00:20:08:26 Clark was there. Price was there. The Situation Room was hooked up to NORAD. The Pentagon, the FAA, the FBI, everybody – he or somebody on his staff had the numbers. The problem with the Giuliani-Hennick call is that it's timing is bounded by three parameters that don't fit. The call starts some time after the Pentagon was hit at 9:41. Hennick tells Giuliani that fighters were dispatched 12 minutes ago to protect you, i.e., New York City and we know that the only fighters sent to New York were sent from Otis Air Force Base at 8:46. 12 minutes after that would be 8:58. South Tower was struck at 9:03.

00:20:48:26 The end of the Giuliani-Hennick call was followed immediately by the start of the Cheney-Giuliani call, see below, and the immediate collapse of the world...WTC Tower at nine...South Tower at 9:59.

00:21:01:17 For the sake of argument let's say that this conversation occurred five minutes after the Pentagon was struck. That would mean that the White House told Giuliani that fighter aircraft had been scrambled and sent to New York seven minutes after 9:37 or 9:41 depending on which timeline is used or between 9:44 and 9:48. The final Kean Commission report released on July 22<sup>nd</sup> makes no mention of any fighters being sent to New York at this time. The only scramble order even close to Giuliani's account is the scrambling of fighters from Langley Air Force Base to protect Washington at 9:23 roughly matches the timing of Giuliani's conversation with Hennick.

00:21:41:00 The former mayor's testimony appears to be referring to the Otis fighters that had been directed to establish a combat air patrol over New York. But that poses another problem – a big one. If this is the case that Giuliani's testimony places the Otis scramble order almost an hour later than the official NORAD and NEADS accounts northeast air defense sector. Were these some other fighter aircraft? If so they have not been mentioned. And why did Hennick not mention the Otis fighters that were according to NORAD and eyewitness accounts already in a very visible low altitude combat air patrol over Manhattan? Anybody here that day didn't hear or see the fighters?

00:22:20:16 Giuliani should have been able to see and hear. Every other New York saw them. Are we to believe that Giuliani somehow remained oblivious to the fighter's presence? Are we to believe that no police or fire official took...a fire official told him that the fighters were there? That he couldn't hear them? The only available benchmarks suggest that the call from Cheney took place much

earlier than Giuliani claims. If we reference it to when the scramble order was issued at Otis Air Force Base the source of New York's fighter cover, 8:46 a.m., then Giuliani spoke to Hennick sometime around 8:58 or about five minutes before Flight 175 struck at 9:03.

00:23:00:10 If Hennick knew about other missing planes he was obviously getting information, at least indirectly from NORAD and NEADS, from whom? A political guy getting this information. The Secret Service seems the most likely candidates since there are numerous records of their active involvement by this time. At that time it was also known that Flight 175 had been en route to lower Manhattan for 16 minutes. There is no mention of Hennick issuing any warning to the New York mayor that a second plane was about to attack. How could the White House staffer have been certain about 12 minutes unless there had been a log? He was precise. Where is that log?

00:23:37:06 Why was a political staffer in possession of better data than the mayor of New York? What does this suggest then about the timing of the call that Giuliani then received from Dick Cheney immediately after talking to Hennick according to Giuliani?

00:23:51:00 "And I put down the phone and within seconds got a call in another room from the Vice President. I walked over to that room, picked up the phone. The White House operator was on the phone and said 'Mr. Mayor, the Vice President will be on in a moment' at that point I heard a click. The desk started to shake and I heard next, and I heard Chief Esposito who was the uniformed head of the police department, I'm sure it was his voice. I heard him say 'the South Tower is down, the Tower has come down'."

00:24:17:05 The South Tower collapsed at 9:59 and was recorded live by a multitude of cameras. This is confirmation that Cheney was making command decisions in all communications loops at least by this time. But if the White House call took place at 8:58 then more likely in conformity with what we have already established, Dick Cheney was actually hands on much, much sooner. As we have seen Cheney was already in that role between 8:45 according to the FAA, and no later than about 9:15.

00:24:45:19 The Secret Service which had snatched Cheney out of his office after Flight 175 hit at 9:03 was fully informed of all the developments and they never left Cheney's side. Quoting Giuliani:

00:24:56:19 "So the police commissioner and I and the deputy police commissioner we jointly decided we had to try to get everyone out of the building. So we went downstairs into the basement. We tried two or three exits, could not get out. I don't know if they were locked or blocked but we couldn't get out."

00:25:10:08 Here is more agonizing confirmation that no evacuation warnings had been issued for either Tower prior to 9:02. Yet full knowledge of the danger was available to the national command authority that Flight 175 had turned toward New York at 8:42. 20 silent minutes passed when many of those who have died could have been saved.

00:25:28:07 The failure to warn the occupants of the South Tower in spite of what is now an irrefutable record is not only a grave insult to the people of New York but the implications are compounded by the fact that Major Don Arias, the same NORAD officer who provided me with written confirmation of a live flight exercise had a brother working inside the World Trade Center during the attacks. While the entire national command system failed to issue any warning

to the people in the World Trade Center, Major Arias was compelled to leave his post long enough to place a phone call over a standard phone line to call his brother to warn him to get out of the building. Nobody else would do it.

00:26:07:20 All of this is abundantly documented in *Crossing the Rubicon* . There are many, many other instances of criminal conduct on the part of our government on September 11<sup>th</sup> and since. I could talk about the still unresolved issue of massive insider trading on the world's financial markets. I could talk about a multitude of specific warnings that were received by ignored by George W. Bush, Dick Cheney and the entire administration. I could talk about how retired FBI Special Agent John O'Neil was kept up drinking until 2:30 in the morning on the night before the attacks in a pattern very reminiscent of what happened with several Secret Service Agents assigned to protect President John Kennedy on November 22<sup>nd</sup> 1963.

00:26:49:29 One of the most insulting omissions of the Kean Commission is it's failure to even discuss a \$100,000 dollar wire transfer to Mohammad Atta just a few days before the attack at the order of the then head of Pakistani's Intelligence Services, the ISI. Or that as Paul mentioned, General Ahmad was having breakfast with Porter Goss, the man who is now being put forth to head out Central Intelligence Agency.

00:27:14:24 One thing I am certain of and I believe I have proven the case beyond a reasonable doubt in *Crossing the Rubicon*, I am certain, I am absolutely certain that Richard Cheney was not only a planner in the attacks but also that on the day of the attacks he was running a completely separate command and control and communications system which was superceding any orders being issued by the National Military Command Center, that's the Pentagon, or the White House Situation Room. To accomplish that end he relied on a redundant and

superior communication system maintained by the United States Secret Service in or near the Presidential Emergency Operations Center – the bunker to which he and National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice were reportedly rushed sometime after Flight 175 struck the South Tower.

00:28:00:18 I will demonstrate that the Secret Service possessed radar screens which gave them and the Vice President whose side they never left real time information as good or better than anything available to the Pentagon, the FAA or anybody else and that it was on the basis of that information that Cheney overrode and took complete operational control on September the 11<sup>th</sup>. I have shown that in what are called *national special security events*. I encourage you to all Google that on your computers. The U.S. Secret Service is the supreme U.S. agency for operational control with complete authority over the military and all civilian agencies.

00:28:35:25 I have established conclusively that in May 2001 by Presidential Order Richard Cheney was put in direct command and control of all war game and field exercise training and scheduling through several agencies, especially FEMA. This also extended to all of the conflicting and overlapping NORAD drills. I will also demonstrate that the TRIPOD exercise being set up on September 10<sup>th</sup> in Manhattan was directly connected to Cheney's role in number three above. By sheer dedication and sacrifice through endless hours of labor and uncounted sleepless night a great many true Americans have kept 9/11 on the table. There are a few of them right here, there.

00:29:16:09 9/11 on the table for review and examination by the people of the world and especially the people of America. It remains a clear and irrefutable challenge for all of us to persevere, to remain steadfast, to demand accountability and to take whatever personal risks are necessary to see justice done and to unravel

the confusing, perilous and often frightening world which has presented itself to us in the years since. I welcome your questions.

[APPLAUSE]

00:30:12:16 CHAIRWOMAN McKINNEY: We're making DVDs of this program today and so please sign up after we take our break so that you can receive information in the future about the DVDs or any other aspect of this program about which you may have some further questions. I am sifting through the questions and we're going to try and get to as many of these questions as we possibly can. I'm trying to weed out the ones that are repetitive.

00:30:50:27 So I will ask Commissioner Khan to go first with the series of questions that he has now while I continue to go through these questions from you the audience.

00:31:06:20 COMMISSIONER KHAN: Okay, I'm going to ahead and ask the audience questions. I, it's really tempting to expand and pontificate but just for the sake of time we want to keep the answers short and terse. There's a lot of detail that we can look up on our own. But just short, quick answers will be great. I guess this one I can ask Mike and then have Paul also comment. Any proof yet that bin Laden was responsible for September 11<sup>th</sup>?

00:31:32:07 MIKE RUPPERT: From a criminal standpoint in terms of the way you would approach it in a court of law which is how I approach everything the answer is no. The case has not been made. I believe Osama bin Laden has been and remains a CIA asset...

[APPLAUSE]

COMMISSIONER KHAN: Hold applause for a minute. Paul any comments?

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PAUL THOMPSON: As you may guess from my earlier talk I see a lot of evidence of knowledge of the attacks in Afghanistan in the months before 9/11 um...however Osama bin Laden appears to be more of a kind of a spiritual figure,a symbolic leader. We can see a lot of other people who you could call masterminds who would be way ahead of the list in my opinion over him.

COMMISSIONER KHAN: Thank you. Cynthia do you have a question?

CHAIRWOMAN McKINNEY: Keep going.

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COMMISSIONER KHAN: Okay. This I guess would be best handled by Barrie [Zwicker]. Barrie, what can we, I mean you've all pretty much ripped apart the credibility of the Commissions' we've explored the illegitimacy of being dogmatic about anything you hear [UNINTEL] with mainstream media. What can we do to expose or put pressure on the corporate media cover the 9/11 truth issue? Concrete steps.

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BARRIE ZWICKER: Boy I wish I knew. They're a huge problem and I've been struggling with them for three decades. You just work. You do what you can. There are, there are people within the media who are legitimate, they're authentic. There are fugitive paragraphs. There are excellent particular columnists and so on. And I think that people should recognize them, praise them, help them, link up with them. Write letters to the editor. Simple as it seems, a powerful thing. Letters to the editor column of a newspaper or magazine is usually the second best thing, second best read item in the section in that paper.

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So those are some of the things you can do and don't give up.

COMMISSIONER KHAN: Thank you. I can't read this one. The writing is too sloppy.

00:33:48:20 CHAIRWOMAN McKINNEY: Oh, I could read it. That's why I gave it to you. Let me see.

COMMISSIONER KHAN: I'm a doctor let's see. Some kind of doctor. Prognostic sign of somebody's penmanship.

00:33:57:03 CYNTHIA: Why has David Ray Graham's finding ...

COMMISSIONER KHAN: Griffin.

00:34:01:19 CHAIRWOMAN McKINNEY: Griffin's, that's right, findings attacking the official version and the attack on WTC and the Pentagon not received [LAUGHS] not received more attention in the U.S. media?

00:34:23:12 COMMISSIONER KHAN: In other words why isn't uh...Griffin's report receiving the press and the media attention it should receive?

MAN: Who...is that directed at anyone?

00:34:31:07 COMMISSIONER KHAN: Uh...how about Barrie?

00:34:33:08 BARRIE ZWICKER: Again it's de facto censorship that occurs. I personally contacted twice the letters editor of the *Toronto Stars* the largest paper in Canada drawing to his attention, his name's Dan Smith, drawing to his attention the publication of David Ray Griffin's book that it was selling very

well on Amazon. That it was extremely timely because it came out around the time of the 9/11 Commission. I said I thought it was worth reviewing. I have yet to see a review.

00:35:02:15 Way back when Charles Higham wrote a tremendous book called *Trading with the Enemy* that shows that Ford and General Motors and ITT and Sterling Drugs and others worked actively with the Nazis before and during the second World War. He wrote a book that the libel company, the, the libel insurance company charged one of the lowest premiums it had ever charged because it was so well documented. It's classic to this day. Hardly reviewed anywhere to this day. That book's over 20 years old. And I believe that Michael to my left here has made a comment a while back about it not being an accident that there are so many books that no one's heard about or that are out of print.

COMMISSIONER KHAN: Great, uh...Paul?

00:35:47:01 PAUL THOMPSON: Yeah, I'd also like to add that in Britain actually his book has gotten a lot more coverage. He's been on national television. He's been uh...mentioned in the...reviewed in the *Daily Mail* which is one of the biggest papers there. The book has done very well over there. This is something I've seen in my research is that often for events in the United States we have to turn to the European media to get some decent coverage.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: What's the title?

00:36:12:24 PAUL THOMPSON: It's called *The New Pearl Harbor* by David Ray Griffin.

MIKE RUPPERT: May I attempt some observation here?

00:36:18:07 PAUL THOMPSON: Sure, sure Mike. Please.

00:36:20:00 MIKE RUPPERT: I describe this in detail in *Crossing the Rubicon* because you have to establish the ecosystem in which all of this takes place and it is a financial ecosystem in which all of the corporate media in this country trades their stock on Wall Street government by price to earnings ratio, governed by cheap energy, governed by drug cash being laundered through the banking system, governed by...in other words when a flock of birds changes direction is it a conspiracy or was it just because all the birds know that it's their common interest? To do or not do something. And so there is that herd mentality.

00:36:50:10 The way you overcome that is you make more people go listen to independent media than are listening to the mainstream media and makes the mainstream media jealous.

[APPLAUSE]

00:37:07:14 COMMISSIONER KHAN: Alright, this is a question that needs some addressing in terms of paradigm shift and I want to, Mike, I want to ask you your opinion on this and I guess all of you. The terrorists and bin Laden have obviously declared war on the U.S.

MIKE RUPPERT: Is that it?

00:37:24:23 COMMISSIONER KHAN: No. What do they want, number one. Wars are usually started to gain something. What do they hope to gain?

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MIKE RUPPERT: Well first of all I do not accept the construct that 19 MusliM hijackers perpetrated the attacks of 9/11 out...

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MIKE RUPPERT: What we are faced with though is what some people, and I don't agree with this completely, a concept called blowback in which many of these Muslim fundamentalist organizations were deliberately created by the United States government for covert policy in the late '70s, early '80s throughout the Afghani-Soviet insurgency where people like Zbigniew Brzezinski were boasting about it. I mean that's where we see radical hate books that are used in some [UNINTEL] schools having been credited to University of Nebraska under the same contact that was printing oil drilling manuals for Unocal which is true.

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By the same token I was a policeman in South Central Los Angeles and I will say that if you stand on anybody's neck long enough they're going to get upset and they're going to try and fight back. That is a legitimate human right of self defense. What anybody I think wants, and I you know, I'm not advocating terrorism in any form or violence in any form but what I am saying is that some people fight back. And certainly there were terrorists who wanted to attack the United States before 9/11. There are probably five times that many since 9/11 based solely on the conduct of the United States government in foreign affairs since.

[APPLAUSE]

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COMMISSIONER KHAN: I just have a comment to Mike's. You know, extremists and fundamentalist ideology has been around since the earliest

centuries of the Islamic religion, of Christianity, of Judaism of Buddhism, of Hinduism. The question I think that needs to be asked that Mike is investigating is who funds these guys, who empowers them, who gives them logistical information and who owns their ideology? And Mike in your opinion is there a marriage between Wall Street, [CELL PHONE RINGS] CIA and [UNINTEL] Islamic networks?

00:39:28:29 MIKE RUPPERT: Well first of all the CIA is Wall Street, and Wall Street is the CIA.

[APPLAUSE AND CHEERING]

00:39:32:21 MIKE RUPPERT: There is no difference. I have a whole chapter on that and it's a real eye opener. But I think I look at this historically that [UNINTEL] served on the House International Relations Committee and I know that you had pretty good terms with Congressman Dana Rohrabacher of California. And I document the long, where Dana Rohrabacher absolutely incensed about how the U.S. was deliberately supporting the Taliban and Al Qaeda with arms and cutting of the arms to anyone who opposed Al Qaeda was literally almost slamming his shoe like Nikita Khrushchev did on the table while chewing out a state department official. He was after a guy named Carl Underfirth who was in my book. Saying it's Pakistan, Pakistan, Pakistan. Meaning that the United States government and the CIA with its relationship with the ISI was deliberately acting as a nurse if you will suckling and protecting the Taliban and making sure they grew.

00:40:29:05 COMMISSIONER KHAN: Mike do you have any comments to add about the Osama bin Laden, the militant Islamic networks and their commitment to declare war on the United States.

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MIKE RUPPERT: I think the world is beginning to see a little bit that there are more viewpoints in the world than the American viewpoint. And the Islamic world and the Arab world is pretty much fed up with the blind support of the United States for Israel against their interests....

[APPLAUSE]

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MIKE RUPPERT: And it was pretty clear during my time in Saudi Arabia that there was one way of looking at things and there was the real world's way of looking at things. And since then it's only gotten worse. John Kerry is remarkably anti-Arab and I say anti-Semitic diatribe in the August 26<sup>th</sup> edition of *Forward* in which he castigates all of the Arab world and says Israel is our only true friend, is the only democratic state in the Middle East and we therefore should support Israel. And as you have statements like this Zelikow [Executive Director of 9/11 Commission] whose...everybody was trying to get off the 9/11 Commission saying that the United States is in Iraq and Afghanistan to protect Israel's interest.

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The Arab world and Muslim worlds sees this and says these people are crazy. It's time to hit back. We don't have atomic bombs. We don't have a 600 ship navy and we don't have mach 3 jet fighters. We'll use car bombs. We'll use sticks of dynamite and we'll use airplanes and we'll try and even the score and get these people's attention. You know, it's kind of like the farmer who bought the world's remaining super jackass. And the thing wouldn't sit. It wouldn't walk. It wouldn't pull. It wasn't housebroken and it was a very nasty piece of work. And he hired a trainer. And the trainer comes up and he looks at this thing and looks at it and walks around says 'walk' and the thing sits and he says 'sit' and thing walks. So he walks over to his bag of tools and

pulls out a Louisville slugger and slams the thing in it's head with all his might. And then he goes back to the world's remaining super jackass 'do I have your attention?'.

[LAUGHTER]

00:42:59:14 And I think this is what the Americans have. They have not learned the lesson of the super jackass. They have been slammed repeatedly and still insist on looking at the world through their own particular viewpoint and refusing to believe that there are other interests in the world other than their own.

[APPLAUSE]

00:43:20:00 COMMISSIONER KHAN: One quick question for Mike. The hypothesis that some posit is the blowback hypothesis. That is shame on the U.S. government for arming these guys in the '80s and '90s. But God, we didn't know that they were going to turn on us and fly these planes into the Center. Is that a valid hypothesis in your opinion?

00:43:37:20 MIKE RUPPERT: I'll try to be as brief in my answer as you are in your question. That's B.S.

[LAUGHTER]

MIKE RUPPERT: Utter nonsense.

00:43:46:11 COMMISSIONER KHAN: Okay. Last...last question. If Bush wins the election is there in place a means to proceed immediately with the impeachment of the entire administration?

[CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

00:44:00:27 MIKE RUPPERT: Actually *From the Wilderness* for those of you who are subscribers you'll know that we have been writing about that scenario for probably two years now. The foundation for the impeachment has been impeccably and legally laid by Congressman Henry Waxman of California who with House Government Reform Committee or is it Governmental Affairs? Government Reform Committee. Has been documenting all of the lies regarding the forged documents purportedly showing that Saddam Hussein was trying to purchase uranium from Niger which tied directly into the Valerie Plame case, the former CIA officer was just speculate Dick Cheney had [UNINTEL] both which are all impeachable and criminal offensive...offenses including perjury and that record's already in place.

00:44:45:25 I should add that there's a major historical precedent for this. In 1972 before the '72 election the Republican National Committee or the White House plumbers unit burglarized the Watergate Hotel. Richard Nixon one the 1972 election in a landslide. But the legal work necessary to impeach Richard Nixon was already in place and had been well underway for several years before Nixon eventually resigned in 1974. That is the scenario that may be shaping up here.

00:45:16:08 We may not, there's a lot of problems with the election. Vote counting and everything else. We'll ask Cynthia about that. But the issue is this is a knock down drag out fight and I view the democrats and the republicans virtually as the Genovese of the Gambino crime family with little difference. I think that scenario is in place.

[APPLAUSE]

00:45:34:02 COMMISSIONER KHAN: Just for the audience that's interested in this issue uh...Carolyn Betts is going to be speaking here is going to talk about options for redressing the quote unquote criminal negligence or complicity of the Bush regime and what steps can be taken. Cynthia do you want to add anything to that?

00:45:47:11 CHAIRWOMAN McKINNEY: Well yes I do. There's food after we take our break or during the break. There's food available if you go through the exit sign over on that side of the room. And I would like to have Barrie say a few words about his film and the time that people will have the opportunity to see the premier of his film this evening or tonight.

00:46:20:21 BARRIE ZWICKER: Well, thank you for the opportunity. I, when you're close to a production like this it's hard for you to assess it and I, I was having trouble assessing it. I'm acutely aware of certain lapse in this DVD. Some of them, well they're all my responsibility all the shortcomings are my responsibility but some of them I didn't do directly such as tape that didn't show up and so forth.

00:46:51:09 But what has made me think that it's worth your coming to see it, there are two things. One is that since it was, since the master tape was completed and up to and including this day I keep hearing references and statements that gain applause and questions are raised that people recognize as important and I keep saying yeah, I got that in and I got that in and I got that one in and that one in and, and it's quite a line up of, I don't know, what you want to call it? Not gratitude or pride but fulfillment that I have hit a lot of nails on the head.

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And in but in a popularized way. The second thing is that the reviews are coming in and they're really, really good. [UNINTEL] brilliant. You can't see it once, you've got to see it five times and so forth. So uh...but I, I'm a very, very biased informant of this, of this information. This runs 70 minutes and 18 seconds and and it, it does intertwine media criticism throughout because I feel that is so important and you've seen that here again this afternoon. And I gather that most people in this room share their anger and their frustration with the de facto censorship and the twisting of everything. I believe that if the media were really doing their job, I mean if even one publication would do what the *Washington Post* did with Watergate we would live in a different world. It could be broken open. The dam would break.

[APPLAUSE]

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CHAIRWOMAN McKINNEY: Now we're going to entertain a couple of questions because we're running out of time and I'm going to try and steal an additional five minutes which means we'll have 10 minutes for your questions and I said that I was going to have a bunch of questions and I haven't asked a single one of my questions yet. So anyway but in deference to you because you are making this happen go ahead Commissioner McIlvaine.

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COMMISSIONER MCILVAINE: Micheal [UNINTEL] is it possible [UNINTEL] that visas were given fraudulently, that identities were laundered or falsified using the U.S. Embassy?

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MICHAEL SPRINGMANN: You're saying that were visas issued fraudulently?

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COMMISSIONER MCILVAINE: Yes.

MICHAEL SPRINGMANN: And identities were falsified?

COMMISSIONER MCILVAINE: It says here laundered. Falsified using the U.S. Embassy.

00:49:25:12 MICHAEL SPRINGMANN: Well the, I was in charge of the section. I had controls over the visa machines. I had the keys to the machines. Uh...the local staff were not alone with the machines. So any fraud would have had to have come in from outside the consulate. For example, if somebody presented me with a clean passport and the guy's name was Joe Dotes and the passport was the name of Rathjit Singh or something I would have no way of knowing this. We would check the identities of the visa applicants uh...both approved and refused, with the State Department's computer in Washington. And we would uh...type in the name of the person and the date of birth and the place of birth and so forth, the nationality, uh...if we got a hit back we had further questions. But we had no way of knowing if we had a false identity presented for a visa.

00:50:35:15 My staff is very good at routing this out. One fellow, an Indian, brought me a passport [UNINTEL] Mike look at this. And [COUGHING] what am I looking at? He says 'you see the last page of the passport?' I said 'yeah'. 'Take off your glasses and look real close' and somebody with a marvelous sense of touch had taken a razor blade and cut out the last page where the visa had been stamped 'refused'. But you couldn't see it unless you looked at it almost under a magnifying glass.

00:51:04:20 So you know my staff was good at that. We checked with the State Department. The State Department ran the guy's name in the file. And as far as the visas that were given out, I resisted this. I had plenty of controls. I

looked at the Immigration Act and the State Department regulations and I did not under any circumstances simply say oh yeah, let's give this guy a visa.

Let's keep America beautiful. So, no. The only problems with the visa process in Jetta was the fact that I was being ordered by government officials to issue visas to unqualified applicants that later turned out to be terrorists.

00:51:51:20 COMMISSIONER KHAN: Paul Thompson, what can you tell us about the oil pipeline negotiations? The oil pipeline negotiations a few weeks before 9/11 with the Taliban, Russia.

00:52:04:01 PAUL THOMPSON: Sure, in my book uh...I have a chapter there called "Pipeline Politics" because this oil is a great big issue and as many of you may be aware there was over negotiations going on for several years regarding Unocal pipeline. There was a gas pipeline. There was an oil pipeline also to go through Afghanistan. Interestingly and Michael Ruppert helped me out on this is that we find that the, the, the estimates of how much oil was in the Caspian Basin that would have gone out through this pipeline was extremely high in the early '90s and right around the time of 9/11, by 2002 those numbers had changed dramatically.

00:52:51:19 They found out that so much of that oil actually wasn't there. That the estimates were wildly off. So I think that early on that was important and as they realized that the oil, you know, that the estimates were shrinking every time they would do a new test you can see that there's a shift of focus from intense interest in the Caspian region to intense interest in Iraq where they knew that there was a lot of oil. So this you can see the shift especially in 2002.

00:53:25:15 So certainly you know, before 9/11 I think that, that there was some going easy on the Taliban by people in the State Department and other people because they were looking at the oil angle.

00:53:41:05 COMMISSIONER KHAN: Alright, one more with Michael Ruppert?

MAN: Uh...what is the mechanism by which the military inserted blips onto the civilian radar screens?

00:53:51:18 MICHAEL RUPPERT: Specifically in terms of the technology it's difficult to say. What we do know is that there are several press stories quoting Air Force personnel specifically from the North East Air Defense sector and I believe one was the [UNINTEL]. Most of these came from the *Toronto Star*. Papers that didn't publish in the U.S.

00:54:11:06 But what it said was it was quoting interviews with Lieutenant Colonel Dawn Deskins and Colonel Robert Marr of the North East Air Defense sector about how they were wondering if the hijackings were part of the exercise of the drill. And then it says instantly injects are purged from the radar screen. And then it refers later on so what we have is a confirmation that there were actual injects placed on the FAA radar screens that day. Now it's very interesting parenthetically and I know we're pressed for time but it's very important to note that right after I made some presentations about the war games and broke some information about this it was revealed that a supervisor at the FAA headquarters in Rome, New York a North East Air Defense sector had all six air traffic controllers involved on 9/11 sit down and talk about their recollections into a tape recorder that day while it was still fresh. And right after I broke my stories the *New York Times* reported that that tape was taken by that same

supervisor, broken, crushed, the tape was cut into little pieces and scattered through various trashcans.

00:55:19:09      But what I was able to do I think was make a pretty compelling case that it was an absolute torment for all of the air traffic controllers on 9/11 who were literally looking at their screens going my God, which are the hijackings, which is the drill? Where do we send the fighters?

00:55:37:12      CHAIRWOMAN McKINNEY: Okay, thank you very much. Let's show our appreciation to the panelists for a wonderful...

[APPLAUSE]

00:56:06:19      CHAIRWOMAN McKINNEY: And I'm sure that the 9/11 truth or and or CitizensWatch is going to make resources available on the internet, on the website.

MAN: There's lots of it already there.

00:56:18:20      CHAIRWOMAN McKINNEY: Beautiful.

00:56:19:02      KYLE HENCE: Okay, please don't disperse quite yet. I just have a brief announcement. Please stay with us. We have more presenters. This program was originally scheduled to go to 7:00. We may go to 7:30 because we got a late start if you want to stay on. The film that we'll be showing at 8:00 and at 9:30 is still on. Encourage your friends to come down if you've got access to a cell phone.

But we're going to have refreshments available. The Symphony Space, our host has a stand back there through the doors where you see the exit sign and 911truth.org again is sponsoring the evening showing. So again, after the break which is going to be about 15 minutes we're going to INDRA SINGH who blew the whistle on Ptech and she's going to be exploring terrorist financing and software that was installed in an alphabet soup of government agencies by this company who was financed by a known terrorist financier. So Indira Singh has a PowerPoint presentation that's going to be presented to us when we come back from break. She will also read from Sidel Edmonds open letter to the Chairman of the 9/11 Commission which she's essentially violating a gag order that's been put on her by Attorney General Ashcroft in writing this letter and revealing the details that she does.

00:57:41:09 So please come back for that and then finally we have staff statements from Nick Levis of 911truth.org about the 9/11 Omission Dossier which is available at 911truth.org and finally and this is perhaps the most important folks, what are our options for redress? Where do we go from here? We've touched on some of it.

[AUDIENCE LAUGHTER]

00:58:03:23 What are our options for redress? No seriously. When we really have to focus energy in order to go inside the political system, inside of Congress. Maybe the New York Attorney General. Our options will be put on the...out for you to consider by Carolyn Betts who's an extraordinary lawyer who has experience across a wide spectrum. So Carolyn Betts will be the last presenter before we go back to your questions. Thank you very much.

00:00:20:21 CYNTHIA McKINNEY: We are about to have a presentation from Indira Singh. Is that correct? And TIME, first of the year, years ago, we celebrated [UNINTEL] whistleblowers. And our next presenter falls in that same category. A very courageous woman who saw something wrong, spoke up and tried to right it. So with that we will hear from Indira Singh  
[OVERLAPPING VOICES].

[APPLAUSE]

00:01:12:27 INDIRA SINGH: Thank you.

00:01:12:29 CYNTHIA McKINNEY: Uh, Indira –

00:01:13:17 WOMAN: Swear her in.

00:01:14:08 CYNTHIA McKINNEY: I have to swear you in. [UNINTEL] are so good. Do you swear, Indira, or do you, do you swear – cause I don't swear, I'm a good southern girl –

00:01:26:12 INDIRA SINGH: I don't swear [UNINTEL].

00:01:31:00 CYNTHIA McKINNEY: Uh, to tell the truth.

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INDIRA SINGH: To tell the truth [UNINTEL PHRASE].

[BACKGROUND VOICES]

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INDIRA SINGH: My name is Indira Singh. I worked at ground zero. I am a volunteer EMT or I was prior to 9/11. And I will tell you my story, the story of Ptech, after I fulfill my duties to Sibel Edmonds and read her statement. So first I would like to take this opportunity to read from Sibel Edmond's letter to Thomas Kean. I am going to read excerpts from this letter, which is going around the internet, and Sibel is asking everyone if they receive it to forward it on to him with your name and comments. These, these are excerpts from her wonderful letter.

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Dear Chairman Kean: Unfortunately I find your report seriously flawed in its failure to address serious intelligence issues that I am aware of which have been confirmed and which as a witness to the commission I made you aware of. Thus, I must assume that other serious issues that I am not aware of were in the same manner omitted from your report. It has almost, been almost three years since the terrorist attacks on September 11<sup>th</sup>. These omissions cast doubt on the validity of your report and therefore on its conclusions and recommendations.

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After the terrorist attacks of September 11<sup>th</sup>, we the translators at the FBI'S largest and most important translation unit, were told to slow down, even stop, translation of critical information related to terrorist activities so that the FBI could present the United States Congress with a record of extensive backlog of untranslated documents and justify its request for budget and staff increases. While FBI agents from various field offices were desperately seeking leads and suspects and completely dependent on FBI headquarters and its language units

to provide them with needed translated information, hundreds of translators were being told by their administrative supervisors not to translate and to let the work pile up.

00:03:56:16 This issue has been confirmed by the Senate Judiciary Committee. Your report has omitted any reference to this most serious issue and has foregone any accountability whatsoever and your recommendations have refrained from addressing the rest of this issue which when left un-addressed will have even more serious consequences.. Melek Can Dickerson, a Turkish translator, was hired by the FBI after September 11<sup>th</sup> and was placed in charge of translating the most sensitive information related to terrorists and criminals under the bureau's investigation. Melek Can Dickerson was granted top secret clearance which can be granted only after conducting a thorough background investigation.

00:04:39:08 Melek Can Dickerson used to work for a semi-legit organizations that were the FBI's targets of investigation. Melek Can Dickerson had ongoing relationships with two individuals who were FBI targets of investigation. For months Dickerson blocked all important information related to these semi--legit organizations and individuals she and her husband associated with. She stamped hundreds if not thousands of documents related to these targets as not pertinent. Melek Can Dickerson attempted to prevent others from translating these documents important to the FBI's investigations and our fight against terrorism.

00:05:17:07 With the assistance of her direct supervisor, Mike Feghali, she took hun-, hundreds of pages of top secret sensitive intelligence documents outside the FBI to unknown recipients. Melek Can Dickerson, with the assistance of her direct supervisor forged signatures on top secret documents related to certain

9/11 detainees. All of these incidents were confirmed and reported to FBI management. This case was confirmed by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

00:05:48:00 Melek Can Dickerson and several FBI targets of investigation then hastily left the United States in 2002 and the case still remains uninvestigated criminally. Not only does the supervisor facilitating these criminal conducts remain in a supervisory position, he has been promoted to supervising Arabic language units of FBI counterterrorism and counterintelligence investigations. Your report has omitted these significant incidents, has forgone any accountability whatsoever and your recommendations have refrained from addressing these various information security breach, highly likely espionage issue.

00:06:26:10 Over three years ago, more than four months prior to the September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attack, in April 2001, a long-term FBI informant asset who had been providing the bureau with information since 1990, provided two FBI agents and a translator with specific information regarding the terrorist attack being planned by Osama bin Laden. This FBI informant was previously a high level intelligence officer in Iran in charge of intelligence from Afghanistan. Through his contacts in Afghanistan he received information that, one, Osama bin Laden was planning a major terrorist attack in the United States targeting four or five major cities. Number two, the attack was going to involve airplanes. Three, some of the individuals in charge of carrying out this attack were already in place in the United States. Four, the attack was going to be carried out soon, in a few months.

00:07:22:07 The agent who received this information reported it to their supervisor, a special agent in charge of counterterrorism, Thomas Friedls, at the FBI Washington Field Office. No action was taken by the special agent in charge and after 9/11 the agents and the translators were told to keep quiet regarding

this issue. The translator who was present during the session of the FBI informant, Mr. Behrooz Sarshar, reported this incident to Director Mueller in writing and later to the Department of Justice Inspector General.

00:07:55:09 After almost three years since September 11<sup>th</sup>, many officials still refuse to admit having specific information regarding the terrorist plans to attack the United States. The Phoenix Memo received months prior to the 9/11 attacks specifically warned FBI headquarters of pilot training and a possible link to terror activities against the United States. Four months prior to the terrorist attack the Iranian asset provided the FBI with specific information regarding the use of airplanes, major U.S. cities and Osama bin Laden issuing the order. Coleen Rowley likewise reported that same specific information had been provided to FBI headquarters.

00:08:36:28 Only one month after the catastrophic, catastrophic events of September 11<sup>th</sup>, while many agents were working around the clock to obtain leads and to investigate those responsible for the attack, those with possible connections to the attack and those who might be planning possible future attacks, the bureaucratic administrators in the FBI's largest and most important transmission unit were covering up their past failures, blocking important leads and information and jeopardizing ongoing terrorist investigations.

00:09:05:16 The supervisor involved with this incident, Mike Feghali, was in charge of certain important mid-eastern languages within the FBI Washington Field Office and he had a record of previous misconducts. After the supervisor's several severe misconducts were reported to the FBI's higher level management, after his conduct were reported to the Inspector General's office, to the United States Congress and to the 9/11 Commission, he was promoted to include the FBI's Arabic language unit under his supervision. Today this

supervisor, Mike Feghali, remains in the FBI Washington Field Office and is in charge of the language unit receiving those chitchats that our color coded threat system is based upon.

00:09:47:18 Yet, your report contained zero information regarding these systemic problems that led us to our failure in preventing the 9/11 terrorist attacks. In your report there are no references to individuals responsible for hindering past and current investigations or those who are willing to compromise our security and our lives for their career ad-, advancement and security.

00:10:13:26 During its many hearings your commission chose not to ask the questions necessary to unveil the true symptoms of our failed intelligence system. Your commission intentionally bypassed these severe symptoms and chose not to include them in its 567 page report. Now we have a complete list of our failures pre 9/11 without a comprehensive examination of true symptoms that exist in our intelligence system. Without assigning any accountability whatsoever and therefore without a sound and reliable diagnosis, your commission is attempting to divert attention from the real problems and to describe a cure through hasty and costly measures.

00:10:53:03 It is like attempting to put a gold-lined expensive porcelain cap over a deeply decayed tooth with a rotten root without first treating the root and without first cleaning the infected tooth. Sincerely, Sibel Edmonds

[APPLAUSE]

00:11:18:27 INDIRA SINGH: I have spoke with Sibel because what I have uncovered in Ptech connects with some of the things that she has discovered. Sibel is not allowed to disclose content but she can ask me questions. I know some of the

things that she mentioned there connect directly to what I discovered. And so it was my pleasure to read Sibel's letter. Are there any questions? If not I'll go into my presentation.

00:11:57:09 Now as I said before I'm a New Yorker, I am from ground zero, I lived and worked down there for two years. And around 9/11 I was doing work on Wall Street for a large bank [JP Morgan Chase] and in DC for a DARPA lab which is in a sense advanced research, project agency for project affairs. Therefore, I have connections deep within the government and at high levels in the banking community.

00:12:33:18 I this "The FBI and Ptech: A Case to Answer." I believe Mike Ruppert has mentioned a couple of things regarding technology capabilities that he believes and has had confirmed were going on during 9/11. I believe that if you listened to his presentation carefully you will begin to connect a lot more dots.

00:13:05:16 For me 9/11 will always be about the 3,000 that we lost there and the shocking truths that we have begun to discover in the troubled years since. Picture here, since it is in our back yard, is one of the final pictures of the south tower right before it came down taken by a neighbor of mine, Ted, who promised he was going to be here today. It's – ground zero was my back yard. It hit the residents down there very differently than I think it hit people in other, in other cities. My journey of the FBI and Ptech is one that started after 9/11, way after 9/11 but it took me to the White House, two senators' offices, the Secret Service, the FBI, three connections to organized crime. But first I want to take you to where it did begin for me.

00:14:12:01 On the morning of Sep-, September the 11<sup>th</sup> I was supposed to be on the 106<sup>th</sup> floor of the World Trade Center at a risk [technology] conference that a

company by the name of Risk Waters was putting on. I was late that morning and in many ways I think that my life was spared and I get to do this today on their behalf. It is my privilege to think that.

[APPLAUSE]

00:14:43:04 I, prior to 9/11, was a civilian EMT and when the planes hit I called my job and I said I had just turned into an EMT, changed my clothes and went down to the site. As night fell on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001 I was on triage duty on the edge of the pile. That's a picture of me at – I think I had been injured at that point, I was not a happy camper, none of us were because we, a lot of us were wondering what our own health was, those of us who were right on the pile were in dire straits.

00:15:20:08 In any case rescue workers transported, were transporting body parts as fast as they could, wherever they could, mainly to the triage sites and they were placing what they found anywhere including on the floor next to me. It was clear to me – sorry I have to make this graphic but the truth – 9/11 has been so sanitized. I think it, it needs to be understood that most had died horrific deaths and we had received evidence of what some had been through on the flights. I made a promise to something I saw there that if anything fell into my lap I would not look the other way. I would do whatever I could to prevent such horror from happening again.

00:16:03:14 After a week I returned fairly injured to what was left of my contaminated neighborhood and my life. I had a good life. I did 'risk' at JP Morgan Chase. Just to take a break from all the heavy stuff, what I do is devise a way to monitor everything going on in a very large company to stop big problems from happening. There is that little cloud there and my very bizarre picture of how I

think about this problem, I am a person who was merging two disciplines, risk management and something called enterprise architecture, which is fairly esoteric. But at the end of the day we seek to prevent large problems from happening anywhere in a large global enterprise.

00:16:50:17 At JP Morgan I was working on the next generation risk blueprint which is all about how to prevent these things from happening, bad business practice such a money laundering, rogue trading and massive computer failures, anything you could imagine would go wrong. I had a lot of leeway consulting as a senior risk architect, to think out of the box and actually get my ideas implemented. I was funded out of a strategic fund, I reported to the Directors and I was pretty happy. JP Morgan thought very highly of me and they were thinking of funding, in conjunction with my project in D.C., the next generation of risk software.

00:17:29:09 What I needed to do, what I did . . . was a really smart piece of software, really, really smart. Its job would be to think about all the information. And this is where the, this is where you may connect the dots. The job of this software was to think about all the information that represented what was going in the enterprise at any given time as bank business was being transacted worldwide. For example, it would, it would be a surveillance software that would look at trading patterns that indicated someone was up to no good and then do something about it, send a message somewhere, send a transaction information somewhere, perhaps shut their system down, perhaps shut another system down, perhaps start something up elsewhere.

00:18:22:00 This kind of capability is very, very essential in today's world. However, this kind of software is not found in Microsoft or not even in IBM. A small group of very esoteric software companies make this kind of enterprise software and

it is very pricey. So you can't afford to pick wrong and I asked all my colleagues who were industry gurus what would they recommend for this. My buddies recommended Ptech. And my buddies in JP Morgan were also evaluating Ptech. And why not Ptech? What you see on the screen is a list, is a very prestigious list of Ptech's clients.

00:19:06:10 Ptech is a very small software company located in Quincy, Massachusetts. They put out this kind of software product that I was talking about and it has an artificial intelligence core. Ptech assured me that they had something called clearances so I figured there'd be no problem getting them cleared to come into JP Morgan Chase, to evaluate our very confidential risk plans for the future, how we would stop money laundering, for instance. IBM told me that they were planning on making Ptech a special global partner. With IBM standing next to the small vendor Ptech I was pretty excited that I was on the right track.

00:19:45:06 There was no problem getting Ptech cleared through security to come visit and talk serious business. They were with me for 20 minutes before I suspected something was not right. So I called my colleagues. They told me to talk to ex-Ptech and Ptech employees right away. But they told me something even more ominous. They said, "Do not let them out of your sight and don't let them take anything from the bank." So, with Ptech people standing still feet away from me they told me hair raising story of Ptech's myriad connections to terrorism.

00:20:24:00 First, the person you see in this picture, who was placed on the U.S. terror list in October 2001, his name is Yassin Al-Qadi, a Saudi businessman. That's the one arrow was pointing towards. I thought these people were kidding or they were setting up a play for Ptech's business with JP Morgan. I insisted on

proof and documentation. I went to two states to collect it including this and other pictures. I also spoke with the Boston FBI where they said they had reported this nine months earlier, just weeks after the attack. This was the end of May 2002.

00:21:02:25 At the very same time I am discovering this about Ptech, because their meeting with me and JP Morgan Chase was at the end of May, at the very same time, on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2002, Agent Robert Wright of the Chicago FBI at a congressional hearing appeared on the steps of the Capital and burst into tears apologizing to the 9/11 families stating his investigation into terrorism financing had been repeatedly shut down and he had been censured for pushing it. Actually his investigation was exactly into Yassin Al-Qadi who he called bin Laden's banker. Wright's investigation was shut down in the late 90s. He stated that if he had been able to continue and shut down the funding to al Qaeda, 9/11 may not have happened. His original quote was it **would not** have happened.

00:21:52:04 When you show up to work in line of sight of ground zero and shake hands with some group the FBI agent said had financed it, what exactly is the playbook? For me something big has fallen into my lap. I had to make some decisions. Agent Wright said his investigation into the founders and financiers of Ptech and their financing shell, something called BMI, was also shut down. BMI stands for – sorry, go back here –

00:22:56:14 INDIRA SINGH: Well BMI, which is in the first column, stands for "Bait ul Mal," which later turned out to be a front for Hamas and al Qaeda. Little interesting point here. Governor Kean did a \$24 million land deal with a sub [SIC – Subsidiary] of BMI, three percent of which the commission went back to BMI. And around the same time some of his New Jersey citizens were

being blown up in Israel. I do not say that allegedly because this has been reported in the Department of Treasury report which has fallen into my hands.

00:23:37:26 The people who started BMI are exactly the same who started Ptech and, in fact, the chief scientist is the one I shook hands with when they came down to JP Morgan Chase. In fact he was the one who made me suspicious based on some behavior that he was exhibiting at JP Morgan. In addition there were references to a recent raid in Herndon, Virginia, a key target of which was Yaqub Mirza and his many organizations that were accused of being terror charity fronts to al Qaeda. Jaqub Mirza was on the board of Ptech. I demanded proof of that and got it. So far we are up to three names. But wait, there's more.

00:24:20:27 I went down to meet a group of the Ptech and ex-Ptech employees in Virginia. I wanted to see them face to face and have them tell me this horrific story to my face and have them write down in their own hands what they were telling me and to provide documentation. And they did. I asked the Boston FBI to send me something that was proof this company had the terrorism connections they claimed it did and the person there did. The Ptech employees kept going on. They kept drawing diagrams for three or four days until I was convinced this was something out of a Tom Clancy novel.

00:25:07:22 If what indeed they were saying was true, this company needed to be stopped now before they did damage elsewhere. By the time they were finishing all their diagrams there were 17 names linked to terror. The glaring question was why wasn't Ptech shut down? Was there an ongoing investigation? Did the FBI just not get it? Was someone being protected? What do you do when the Boston FBI tells you, "Indira you are in a better position than I am to get real

documentation on the situation with Ptech, so please keep doing what you're doing." Who do you call?

00:25:47:10 I brought everything back, sat down and thought about what it could mean. And I drew this diagram. I did know that Ptech had been in the FAA and that was the most serious place the most serious accusation of all. I called my friends in intelligence and law enforcement. I spoke to the New York Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) and the New York Police Department Counterterrorism Unit from JP Morgan Chase's buildings. I laid out what I had to them and I asked them if I was going insane or was there any truth to this. I asked them what I should do.

00:26:25:03 The Ptech people said they were being followed and that they thought I was. One of them in particular told me that I was in danger, that they were in danger and they were going to leave the country with their kids. I asked the JTTF if they could arrange protection for us. They said yes but later backed off. I went to the CIA with the chief information officer of JP Morgan Chase to turn my story over to the top three people who run the bank. Then he said the general auditor and his staff wanted to have a word with me. As a consolation prize as I left his office he told me the FBI at the highest level had validated the entire story as I laid it out.

00:27:05:01 So what happened next is I went to the principal's office? The general auditor and his group of security people, the ones with the uniforms, grilled me as though I was the terrorist and did their intimidation routine. It was not as severe as Sibel [Edmonds] went through but it was pretty bad to the point where I left and contacted an investigative reporting team in Boston that the Boston FBI had used when they were looking for some terrorists right after

9/11. Just in case I should go missing I wanted to have someone in the media to have note of that.

00:27:43:10 The name of the person there is Joe Bergantino and he knows that I am speaking to you about this today. He is from the mainstream media and I'm here to tell you that he went through hell and almost lost his career pushing this--there are some very good people in mainstream media.

00:28:02:14 In any case, back up to the general auditor who threatened me in no uncertain terms. I looked out the window to ground zero and back at him and I asked him if this is about Saudi money flowing through the bank. He turned his eyes away and said, "We've made a lot of mistakes." However, he told me that if I mentioned Ptech again there would be no place for me in the bank. I had gone from being a person who could do no wrong, who was politically protected there, to someone who was about to get thrown out. My colleague in the business commiserated but said, "Indira, everybody knew what Ptech was about." Well I didn't, and sure has heck 3,000 didn't.

00:28:47:26 Ptech was eventually raided on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2002. Here's the story of how that happened. When I was thrown out of JP Morgan Chase at the end of June no one would have anything to do with me. But I was sure if we kept the investigation going the good boys in the FBI would finally raid Ptech and all would be well because what had happened is that the I-Team had commissioned an investigation in Washington, D.C. to verify the story I laid out to them. Not only had it been verified, they called me in July and said everything I had put on the table was correct and it was worse than I had laid out.

00:29:27:16 They were going to air the Ptech story nationwide and the lead story in the first year anniversary of 9/11 with me in the story. There were many other networks that had gotten wind of it and all the networks were going to run the Ptech story on the first year anniversary. However, the White House got wind of the investigation – I have proof of that – and shut the story down in late August. Around the anniversary, the first year anniversary, ‘persons of interest’ were seen leaving Ptech and the country. No raids. By November I wrote a report and threatened to send it to 10 defense agencies or wait until something was done.

00:30:05:16 Finally Ptech was raided on a Friday in December. But when Ari Fleischer said there was nothing wrong with Ptech I became persona non grata, blacklisted everywhere. We went to Senator Grassley’s office who created an FBI/Ptech file. I was debriefed at a national threat assessment center at the Secret Service, who by the way was a client of Ptech. And they asked me whether Ptech was the same as PROMIS. I knew better than to answer that and I told them, “You have copy of this software, you tell me.”

00:30:41:26 References to clandestines also in operation at Ptech have been made by a credible intelligence agency. Any time we attempt to write the truth behind this, we get, the people who are writing truth are getting sued. The Kean Commission does not mention Ptech at all.

[BACKGROUND VOICES]

00:31:03:00 INDIRA SINGH: I did a number of things in my research and when I ran into the drugs I was told that if I mentioned the money to the drugs around 9/11 that would be the end of me. That is a current threat that I’m under and therefore I will speak out about the drugs at another forum.

00:31:21:14 I did not expect the Kean Commission to go anywhere near the FBI and Ptech. But I hope all Americans will demand answers regarding the FBI and Ptech. I would like to leave you with this one question. Not only why is Ptech still operating but why did Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael Chertoff state that they cannot differentiate between terrorism, organized crime and drug dealing and is that the reason the Kean Commission will not make terrorism financing a priority in the future? Thank you.

[APPLAUSE]

00:32:17:01 COMMISSIONER KHAN: Thank you, Indira. Kyle can we have you come up here with the updated program because I just want to know if there's Q&A right now or if we can wait for, for the last speaker? Okay.

00:32:36:16 COMMISSIONER BOB McILVAINE: Could you just explain to me before 9/11 – I sort of missed it – the FBI agent, when did he know what Ptech was involved in, you said that he could have stopped 9/11 and I'm [UNINTEL].

00:32:52:11 INDIRA SINGH: Yes. Agent Robert Wright had been following, Yasin Al-Qadi actually since 1992 and '94 and for [UNINTEL] shut down. They knew of his terrorism financing. His investigation in 1998 was shut down in 1999 and he was threatened with the office of professional responsibility or review.

00:33:17:13 BOB McILVAINE: Another thing, the, the PROMIS [software]. Everyone, you were talking about that earlier about the put options. Now CIA has an automatic safeguard for PROMIS where they check any unusual trading so it automatically gets into a CIA file. So that Ptech is, could possibly have been

involved with the PROMIS and that's what made it [UNINTEL] for that or . . .?

00:33:40:03      INDIRA SINGH: Ptech was with Mitre [Corporation] in the basement of the FAA for two years prior to 9/11. Their specific job is to look at interoperability issues the FAA had with NORAD and the Air Force in the case of an emergency. If anyone was in a position to know that the FAA, that there was a window of opportunity or to insert software or to change anything it would have been Ptech along with Mitre. And that ties right back to Michael Ruppert's information.

00:34:12:09      CHAIRWOMAN CYNTHIA McKINNEY: That's where I'd like to perhaps take you. Now first of all, in the beginning of your presentation you mentioned DARPA. Could you, uh, just go back and refresh for me what your relationship is or was with DARPA.

00:34:26:11      INDIRA SINGH: I'm a senior consultant. There was a small company called the Interoperability Clearing House, the abbreviation is ICH. They are a DARPA funded company. DARPA is a Defense Advanced Research Project Agency think tank and they fund interesting technologies out there. The particular project that I was working on had to do with interoperability of software and information. It was artificial intelligence based. Incutel, the CIA's IT seeking arm was holding funding hearings, actually the funding hearing was being held on 9/12. That's what I was doing there. I wanted to use that software for risk. So after 9/12 they decided not to fund it which is why I was back looking for things like Ptech.

00:35:15:09 CYNTHIA McKINNEY: Now tell me what the exact relationship is between your information on Ptech and Ruppert's, Mike Ruppert's ability to trace actions directly to the Secret Service and the Vice-President's office.

00:35:42:09 INDIRA SINGH: The [OVERLAPPING VOICES]. The functionality that Michael is claiming that Dick Cheney utilized is the exact same functionality I was looking to utilize Ptech for in the bank. I was looking to set up a shadow surveillance system on everything going on, every transaction and the ability to backdoor, [to] look at information unobtrusively and to backdoor intelligent agents out there to do things that other people would not be aware of. To stop... in risk the whole shift is from bad things going on and finding it after the fact to preventing it from happening. So we were looking for patterns and have the intervention in there. So we were looking for interventive software, something that would stop. What Mike Ruppert is referring to is exactly the same kind of functionality...surveillance and intervention.

00:36:44:24 CYNTHIA McKINNEY: You gave us photographs of the founders of Ptech and you also showed us their clients, which included if – and my eyes are not the best without my glasses – but it looked like I saw the seal of the House of Representatives, the seal of the United States Senate. Um . . .

[OVERLAPPING VOICES]

00:37:17:07 INDIRA SINGH: The Executive Office of the President.

00:37:19:11 CYNTHIA McKINNEY: Well is it a client, the Secret Service?

00:37:21:09 INDIRA SINGH: The Department of Navy, the Air Force, NATO, ENRON, Mitre the FBI and, and it goes on. That's just partial.

00:37:29:28 CYNTHIA McKINNEY: Right. So now my question is who's founder and who's client?

00:37:34:03 INDIRA SINGH: When I was in Senator Grassley's office, um – you ask a very good question – I said to them, "Am I citizen of the United States or United Saudi States of America?"

[BACKGROUND VOICES] [APPLAUSE]

00:37:54:15 INDIRA SINGH: And if you don't like the way I'm going to speaking then leave. Two people got up and left. I said that my trip, my Ptech journey was a journey from the Whitey Bulger 'tent' in Boston to the White 'tent' in D.C. Somebody else left. But I believe that unless you throw this right in their face and speak very honestly . . . they will not get it that you know what's going on.

00:38:29:10 CYNTHIA McKINNEY: I hear your answer or your response but I don't know if that is question or maybe my question doesn't –

00:38:36:14 INDIRA SINGH: I, I apologize.

00:38:39:09 CYNTHIA McKINNEY: I think I will hand the microphone over to my co-commissioner for a few questions.

00:38:52:03 COMMISSIONER KHAN: Sure. Two things I made a comment in the beginning that when you come to deep political relationships, the idea of nation state sort of gets fuzzy and loses meaning. Would you agree with that?

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INDIRA SINGH: Now I understand Cynthia's questions. Who, who's really behind PTECH is the questions. I asked that of many intelligence people who came to my aid as I was being blacklisted and I was told, "Indira, it is a CIA clandestine op on the level of Iran-Contra." And I have reason to believe this because Care International that was mentioned in one of the slides is a renamed version of Alkhifah which was the funding arm for WTC '93. Prior to Alkhifah it was called Maktab Al-Khidamat, which is the funding arm for the Afghani Mujahideen. It was how the monies got to Osama bin Laden through the Pakistani ISI.

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I asked the FBI in Boston how come Mak [Maktab Al-Khidamat] was being run out of Ptech and 9/11 and that gived with a lot of what intel was telling me that is the CIA front; just shut up and go away. At that level I said, well why doesn't the FBI take advantage of their celebrated differences with the CIA and I was told because at that level they work together.

[APPLAUSE]

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COMMISSIONER KHAN: Indira, you seemed really eager to go into some angle with drugs and I had to cut you off to save time. Can you do so in about 60 seconds. Just your thesis about what drugs have to do with what you are talking about.

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INDIRA SINGH: It's more than a thesis. Joe Bergantino when Ptech fell into his lap, they paid for private investigators to follow a couple of the Ptech people and it did go to a mob run warehouse area. And the reports came back that, that basically it was a drop shipment place for drugs. That was turned over to the Boston FBI. Two weeks ago Joe told, you know, what do you do

in this country when all this information's source data documents going to a big black hole in the FBI.

00:41:20:23 CYNTHIA McKINNEY: I've got a really scary question to ask about when I go back to congress but I [UNINTEL]. [LAUGHTER] It's really scary. I want to bring Mike Ruppert in who wants to add a few points to what you're saying.

[APPLAUSE]

00:41:58:28 MIKE RUPPERT: A great question to ask and it's in crossing the room can I have one whole chapter on PROMIS. PROMIS which stands for Prosecutor's Management Information System, P R O M I S, which was its original name in the early 1980s, appears in about – I have 32 chapters in the book – and PROMIS appears in probably 11 of them. Now what Cynthia was asking and what you were talking about – and to illustrate the case there's another company that you are astutely familiar with called DynCorp.

[BACKGROUND VOICES]

00:42:31:16 Which has been very closely connected – I wrote a major exposé on PROMIS in October 2000 after the National Security staff of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police came to ask me questions about how their PROMIS software got compromised. The story's on the From the Wilderness website. But DynCorp aside from being everywhere doing everything possibly dirty, DynCorp also operates the telephone systems for the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate. The billing records are maintained by an Israeli company called AMDOCS, which monitors every

phone call placed, every bill, every time, the duration of every call, who made the call, etc., etc., etc.

00:43:12:26 We know that DynCorp has profits – and this is where I truly wish our dear friend in common, Catherine Austin Fitts, were here today because I would speak this on her behalf because she was my teacher on this. What we see is that all these government agencies as a result of PROMIS and PROMIS progeny, PROMIS enhanced versions with artificial intelligence being in the hand of private corporations, has turned the entirety of the United States government into a franchised feeding trough for the benefit of private corporations. The government belongs to private corporations when you consider –

[APPLAUSE]

00:43:55:01 ...that another company known to have PROMIS, aside from DynCorp, is Lockheed Martin, on whose board of directors sat Lynne Cheney, the Vice President's wife. She was also in the PEOC, Presidential Emergency Operations Center, with her husband on the morning of 9/11. How did she get in? She didn't hold a government office. But if you consider the two companies, Lockheed Martin and DynCorp control all the financial auditing of the Department of Defense, the Departments of Housing and Urban Development and about 10 other departments in the U.S. government and the fact that the Pentagon has lost, quote, unquote, \$3.3 trillion of your money to the accounting system that they refuse to account for. The money just disappeared. That also is PROMIS software in action.

00:44:42:17 All of these agencies are not only compromised. It was a great terminology, you, you called it surveillance and –

[OVERLAPPING VOICES]

00:44:51:01 MIKE RUPPERT: Intervention. That's a great word for going in the back door, stealing the money, moving the money around. You know, and I do mean everything they can do. This software allows the compromise – no wonder you can't trust the government. I'm sure that I've spoken noth-, I know other members of congress, I actually do. I've spoken to many other members of congress, and this member here who will be back –

[APPLAUSE]

00:45:20:22 Was not the only one to have told me, "We don't know how secure our data is. We don't know who's listening to our phone calls. I can't trust anything, I can't talk in my office." Now that's the government you're dealing with and you, you and I may really cause some serious trouble if we talk for five minutes. But this woman is amazing.

[APPLAUSE]

00:45:51:00 CYNTHIA McKINNEY: . . . this very petite woman who is, has just, I mean, she's just exploded this information onto us and so, there are a couple of questions about security that you guys [the audience] passed on and definitely anything those of us who have been treated in similar vein need to stick together.

00:46:15:15 INDIRA SINGH: That's very important. Silence is betrayal.

[APPLAUSE]

00:46:29:27 CYNTHIA McKINNEY: It's frightening.

00:46:36:28 CYNTHIA McKINNEY: Yes, questions. Questions. People from the audience who have questions.

00:46:46:10 WOMAN: What did Grassley say?

00:46:48:06 INDRA SINGH: Senator Grassley assigned me a Secret Service agent and, um  
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00:46:54:05 CYNTHIA McKINNEY: Assigned you?

00:46:55:02 INDRA SINGH: Yes. Assigned me a Secret Service agent to investigate the FBI's bungling into Ptech and what was really going on. Charlie [Bopp] hung out with me for, until the anniversary last year when I told him I had stumbled onto the drugs and that they were giving a free pass to all those affiliated with terror financing for 9/11. And, that my promise to him to go away until they could clean up the mess was no longer on the table. We had a very, very in depth exchange where he basically broke down and admitted a lot of things to me which I probably need to tell Cynthia in private.

00:47:42:28 But it, he corroborated, he said it's all corrupt, it's all corrupt, yes. When I challenged on the 20 redacted pages and [OVERLAPPING VOICES] he said, "You're right, you've got it right." So . . .

00:47:57:20 CYNTHIA McKINNEY: Is there someone who has collected the questions. Oh, you've got a microphone now.

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MAN: I'm Nico Haupt aka Ewing2001, I'm with INN World Report. We're also doing a great event on September 11th. Please check out the *Village Voice* to find information. I would like to go back to your conclusion on Ptech. I also investigated them from 2002 but only from 50% of what you found out I think that is clearly an indication it's a CIA front, especially if you look into the board of directors of Booz & Hamiltoon where you see James Woolsey, ex-CIA but also Mitre which operates basicly as an unofficial front for years. So I would like to hear a kind of final statement if you see it either as a cover front for terror organizations – cause I think it's a cover to just come to the conclusion they could provide information for terrorists than you provide somehow the official [UNINTEL] that were leaking out to terror organizations when in reality the U.S. government founding or implementing them.

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INDIRA SINGH: I think it's evidence, I think you're right. I think that the terror economy is being used by the political economy in place and the [UNINTEL]. And yours and my, our currency is the U.S. dollar, their currency is drugs. I stumbled into the drugs for weapons deals. This is no different than Iran-Contra. In fact the same names that were around there are affiliated with Ptech. The same illegal clandestines are affiliated behind the scenes with Ptech.

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HAUPT (follow-up): Now you also investigated Yassin Al-Qadi cause he's also more a government [UNINTEL] than just for the Golden Chain; he's both Bin Laden and government there is a big cover-up of his business.

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INDIRA SINGH: Yes.

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MAN: He has a big cover for this business. So . . .

00:49:58:05 INDIRA SINGH: Yasin Al-Qadi's on the same level as Raaji and Khalid Bin Mahfouz. He is on the same level of importance in Saudi Arabia.

00:50:06:28 MAN: [UNINTEL] we've got two minutes. So, next question.

00:50:09:24 MAN: Is there a connection between this software and the old INSLAW software?

00:50:15:10 INDIRA SINGH: The old INSLAW is PROMIS. Ptech is actually a more sophisticated version. It's a place in – Ptech at its heart is, is software that builds other software with such capability so it's a more agile, adaptable version of it.

00:50:31:06 MAN: Thank you. Next question.

00:50:32:07 MAN: To shift a little, I'd like to ask Representative McKinney what teeth will this particular commission have in the end on righting things with corruption in the government as it is today. [UNINTEL PHRASE].

00:50:48:29 MAN: Can we save that for – there'll be a next one to manage of [UNINTEL]

[OVERLAPPING VOICES]

00:50:53:02 MAN: And then, then I promised Ron [NAME (?)] will address that.

00:50:55:22 CYNTHIA McKINNEY: I'll just say –

[OVERLAPPING VOICES]

00:50:58:04 CYNTHIA McKINNEY: Carol, Carolyn Betts is going to give a presentation after we finish with Ms. Singh. And that will exactly be her subject matter.

00:51:07:06 MAN: Indira, Michael Kane I had the pleasure of coincidentally running into you down at ground zero on one of our truth vigils. Um, so having, I've been looking at your work and mainstream coverage of it. My question is that to my understanding I believe some of your information, well documented litigation quality information, made its way into some law suits. Uh, I'm not sure if that's true or not. I just wanted to know if that's true. And I also was under the impression that some of that was tied up so there's things you can't talk about. Plus the law suits actually tie that information up and you're not allowed to go forward.

00:51:41:26 And I just want to follow up to that. Are you going to be releasing a book or can you release a book? Or is this information tied up [UNINTEL]?

00:51:48:23 INDIRA SINGH: Um, I am going to do my best to make sure that the information on Ptech doesn't get tied up in litigation. The litigation referred to the fact that my apartment at ground zero is contaminated and my lungs are damaged and all of that stuff. But I have been looking for a whistleblower attorney to sue JP Morgan for what they've done.

[APPLAUSE]

00:52:19:22 MAN: We've got to pause for a break.

00:52:21:24 WOMAN: I find this presentation very explosive and I would like, like I cannot contain much of what I'm hearing now. This hearing [OVERLAPPING

VOICES] I can, I can read something, you know. And look, tell me all you know I won't tell. [LAUGHTER]

00:52:38:16 INDIRA SINGH: You can go to the 911CitizenWatch.org website and it will have my presentation, a separate press release that goes into far more detail than this. And, in terms of a book, Penguin said they could not publish my book because they could not guarantee the safety. So I'm going to keep on knocking on doors.

00:53:02:16 WOMAN: Okay, so go to CitizensWatch for the time being. [UNINTEL].

00:53:04:26 INDIRA SINGH: Yes.

00:53:08:18 WOMAN: First of all I'd like to thank everybody for this commission today. Second of all I would like to ask is there any links in your investigation of Ptech, the investigations of Ellen Mariani, Bank of Credit and Commerce, which has also been under investigation for 10 years I believe for drug operations?

00:53:28:21 INDIRA SINGH: Oh the good 'ole BCCI, Bank of Crooks and Criminals Incorporated, absolutely. Thank you for bringing that up. That was something I omitted. Yes, it was a CIA clandestine operation and, yes, it's . . .

00:53:43:02 WOMAN: Is there a linkage with Carlyle?

00:53:45:24 INDIRA SINGH: Oh.

00:53:47:07 [BACKGROUND VOICES]

00:53:48:20 INDIRA SINGH: Yes, absolutely. And to think the saddest thing about Carlyle is watch their, their offshore Cayman Island shells that they're setting up now with other middle eastern countries. In other words, folks, the same thing is still going on. The terror economy is alive and well, being exploited against us.

00:54:08:06 WOMAN: And tax free.

00:54:13:14 MAN: Tom?

00:54:14:29 KYLE HENCE: How's everybody feeling on – we were going to take a break but we're –

[OVERLAPPING VOICES]

00:54:20:02 KYLE HENCE: We're going to keep going –

[APPLAUSE]

00:54:28:00 MAN: Okay, we're going to [UNINTEL] right now. Thanks very, very much. Indira Singh –

[APPLAUSE]

00:55:00:25 MAN: . . . to tell this story for, for months and she's been dealing with health issues because she worked for weeks at ground zero as a volunteer for the emergency medical technicians and she's just – this heroic effort that she's undertaken there. And that every clap, every – this amount of applause was very, very deserved. Okay, we'd like to bring out our next witness. Actually

in this case a staff statement from Nick Levis. Nick is a co-founder of New York 9/11 Truth and he's on the staff of 9/11 Truth.org [UNINTEL] he's run a national campaign organization, uh, that he launched, uh, a few months ago.

00:55:36:28 So Nick's going to give us his overview of, the omissions, the discrepancies. Uh, he's been working and compiling the 9/11 Commission dot dossier and which is going to be posted, part of it's already posted on 9/11 Truth.org. So I'll let Nick tell you the rest. So give a round of applause for Nick Levis.

[APPLAUSE]

00:56:19:12 NICK LEVIS: Like a lot of things that's not quite finished. Thank you very much. Actually I am going to talk about this omissions dossier and, a little bit about the [UNINTEL].

00:56:33:14 [BACKGROUND VOICES]

00:56:35:24 NICK LEVIS: I'm sorry.

00:56:36:05 MAN: . . . sworn in.

00:56:37:18 NICK LEVIS: Oh.

00:56:38:09 CYNTHIA McKINNEY: I've been totally be doing these, um, getting relaxed my duty, I [UNINTEL] my job. Um, but he's a part of the staff of the commission.

[OVERLAPPING VOICES]

00:56:52:27 CYNTHIA McKINNEY: Oh, so he's the Phil Zelikow of [LAUGHTER OBSCURES]. Okay. Do you swear to tell us the whole truth.

00:57:03:10 NICK LEVIS: As I know it.

[OVERLAPPING VOICES]

[LAUGHTER]

00:57:10:04 CYNTHIA McKINNEY: We'll take that as a yes.

00:57:16:25 NICK LEVIS: I'm going to begin with a bit of full disclosure because I don't want to be like Phil Zelikow. I don't know – does anyone know who Phil Zelikow is [UNINTEL].

[BACKGROUND VOICES]

00:57:26:27 NICK LEVIS: Okay. And I guess you know Condoleezza Rice and they co-authored a book together. So the man who was running the investigation and deciding what evidence was going to be seen, was also best buddies with the woman who played the star witness. And so, just imagine that situation in a trial. Judge and the star witness are best friends. That's, that's not even news, it's not even covered. Tonight I'm going to speak on behalf of 9/11 Truth.org which is the co-sponsor of these 9/11 Omissions Hearings along with 9/11 CitizensWatch.

00:00:04:05 NICK LEVIS: ...We are not giving up on the truth. We've been at Ground Zero since the beginning of the year holding a vigil every week on Saturdays to show all the countless thousands who pass by this hallowed ground that we are

not giving up and you know what we've found in front of the PATH Station. We are not alone. NY wants the truth. We all know it's a question of justice for the fallen. And I have to say more than this it's a question whether Democracy can prevail and whether there will be justice or war on this planet. Our feeling is, was, all along, that more and more people in this city, some of us thought most in this city and many people in the country are not accepting the official story of 9/11, that was always strong and we got a big confirmation of that two weeks ago with the publication of the representative poll of New York State residents and City residents by Zogby. Half of the people in New York City itself believe that high officials knew that the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks were coming and consciously failed to take action. Consciously failed. One half of New York City. But this was also 41 percent of the people upstate which may tell us something about what people think in, in this country as a whole. And 66 percent of the city are calling for a new criminal investigation by the New York State Attorney's Office. What is making...

[APPLAUSE]

00:00:30:06      What was making you all think that? And why haven't you heard about what you think and apparently what half of the people in this city think on the news? You're left to talk with your neighbors aren't you? I hope you will and I hope you will be joining this effort. ny9/11truth is holding meetings every week. Every Thursday and on this next Thursday we're going to hold a roundtable on what we can do to get out the information that you've been hearing here today and to break the 9/11 cover-up.

00:00:57:25      Again, you can find out the details of this at the program site which is [summeroftruth.org](http://summeroftruth.org). That's where the New York events go up. And it's still

summer folks. And I think we should just keep it summer for the rest of this year until November 2<sup>nd</sup> and beyond.

00:01:13:08 I hope you excuse me for having begun with all this information about groups and coming events because as I said I'm going to give you full disclosure. I am involved in this issue and I hope you will get involved, actively. 9/11 Truth is not only about 9/11. It is about truth. It is about who gets to define reality. It is about whether we will be the perpetual victims in a world governed by lies.

00:01:39:24 911truth.org, as the name says, is a website. It's just one effort among many by literally hundreds of researchers, writers, activists, truth seekers to unite and to make a coherent and strong case for reopening a criminal investigation into the events of September 11<sup>th</sup>. This is task that has unfortunately fallen on the citizens of this nation because our government has, not for the first time, failed us entirely. I believe in conscientious research. But I don't believe in mincing words.

00:02:11:02 The 9/11 Commission was a farce. The investigation...

[APPLAUSE]

00:02:17:26 Now you all know that the investigation that, that the Executive Director was you know a high official in both Bush administrations. But beyond that you know, I assume you all have heard about Max Cleland as well who was Commissioner until last December. Who here knows, who here remembers how he resigned and what he said before he resigned? He said 'Bush is scamming America'. He said 'every day we find out this government knew more about these terrorists in advance than it has ever admitted'. He said these

things to the *New York Times*, to the *Washington Post* and to Salon.com and there they stayed. They were not picked up by the other mass media.

00:03:06:16 He said all this in October or November of 2003 and then he didn't show up for the next hearings. Soon after this Bush, who is scamming America according to Max Cleland, appointed him to head the export/import bank. And he took that appointment and since then he hasn't been talking about this anymore. So I think that is a big red flag. How is it possible that this isn't a news story?

00:03:41:19 For three years hundreds of researchers have been gathering evidence that contradicts the official story. They have been networking. They have created great resources like the complete 9/11 timeline and cooperative research network. I think Paul Thompson who spoke here before has done a great job of bringing that together. But he'll be the first to tell you it's thanks to volunteer energy and information sharing. And that goes for the movement. It runs on volunteer energy and information sharing.

00:04:05:20 Right now all the people around 911truth.org are in the process of sorting enormous amounts of information into a form that can serve as the basis for complaints to reopen the case of September 11<sup>th</sup>. For something that we can take to people like the State Attorney's office. We are creating an online resource called the 9/11 Omissions Dossier and we want to organize the best bodies of evidence pointing to the complicity in the attacks by our own government.

00:04:30:13 So the time here today I was trying to go in to even summarize this encyclopedic subject. The best I can give you is a set of starter questions and I

can encourage you to go study and judge for yourself and to get out there, speak with your neighbors about these points.

00:04:45:23 Even this list might be overwhelming that I'm going to give you in the next two minutes. My advice is don't let that stop you. It's up to you to make it clear to the people around you what's really going on. What motive can people in a government possibly have to allow or even be involved in an attack like September 11<sup>th</sup> on their own people? If I had to summarize it in one word that word would be 'trillions'. Trillions of dollars have changed their course because of September 11<sup>th</sup>. Who benefited? Who had the invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq both in full preparation before September 11<sup>th</sup>? Would the American people have supported either? Isn't that evidence of advance preparation for a turnaround in the national mood that had not yet arrived?

00:05:28:23 Bush had complete war plans for Afghanistan on his desk on September 9<sup>th</sup> and the source for that is Condoleezza Rice in May 2002. Where was the [UNINTEL] where was the cause for war? That's just a bit of the big picture. If you start looking at the details you see that the top four men in the U.S. Military chain of command; Bush, Rumsfeld, General Myers and General Winfield, all went missing during the actual period of the attacks. You all know by now about Bush staying in the Florida school for no reason. He thought it was more important to hear the story of a pet goat than to act in any way on his authority as the Commander in Chief. But what people don't realize often was that Rumsfeld had a disappearing attack until after the attacks were over as did Myers, as did General Winfield of the National Military Command Center.

00:06:16:29 If it happens with one of them it might be a failure of nerve. When does it become a pattern? The nation's air defense system failed to follow standard operating procedure for intercepting planes. Since then conflicting timelines

and accounts have been presented by NORAD which is the North American Airspace Defense Command and the FAA and finally by the Kean Commission.

00:06:39:20 The official story keeps changing and we can document that in excruciating detail. These are points that you can take home with you and use with you know, people around you who are doubting. Because you can show them exactly the document, the documentation of this. Isn't anyone going to be held accountable for issuing false accounts? Is it possible that the government and officials can just change the story every year and never need to be worried? They never need to worry that it will be noticed. How long are we going to take this. I think I have very little else to say at this point.

00:07:16:16 You know I can go on with a long list of unanswered questions about September 11<sup>th</sup> and you've heard plenty of it. I think at this point it's up to you. I keep saying this. It's up to you to go out there and learn everything you can about this issue and find ways to speak to the people around you about it because that's the medium that we have that's in our own hands. Thank you.

[APPLAUSE]

00:07:45:24 Sorry. I hope we're all staying tonight for the film. Although that won't be a pay event but this is going to be a fantastic film by Barrie Zwicker, "The Great Conspiracy" 8:00 o'clock. And you know if you've got one of these you can still bring friends over. So take it out and use it. Thank you very much.

[APPLAUSE]

00:08:14:05 KYLE HENCE: Okay, the chair has informed me that she would like to have...

00:08:19:08 CHAIRWOMAN McKINNEY: Oh, so now it's the chair doing the informing. [UNINTEL].

[LAUGHTER]

[OVERLAPPING VOICES].

00:08:31:15 KYLE HENCE: There's always extenuating circumstances. So we're going to invite John Judge who presented earlier on the 9/11 Omission Report that he's working on that we're going to release as a book. We even have our ISDN line...I'm sorry ISBN ready. So John Judge please come back out. Then we're going to invite Carolyn Betts for a staff statement.

[APPLAUSE]

00:08:53:04 Carolyn's going to address our, our options for redress and how would we...where do we go from here and what options do we have in the courts, Congress and so on? So, let's see....Would you begin just by giving a little bit of background about yourself and [UNINTEL].

00:09:19:02 CAROLYN BETTS: Instead of starting the shark story .... [I'm an attorney.] I just want to say something about the unsung heroes in this story. And my son is one of the heroes. He was three years old when I started getting involved in a whistleblower action and he's 10 years old now. And coming after Indira is really quite moving. I wonder if some of you think, "what can ordinary citizens like us do?" And here's what I want to tell you.

00:09:56:15 The most isolating thing you can imagine is being out front and having your friends and your family be afraid to be near you. And [they] say “don’t call me because men in black cars come near me [when you do].” And to see what you say on the telephone appear in court documents two days later. I have to tell you, DynCorp is a subcontractor to the Alexandria, Virginia Department of Children and Families. I got a Child Protective Services complaint anonymously filed involving my son who was pulled out of school and he’s told not to talk to strangers. He was pulled out of school without anyone telling him who the strange woman was who took him into a room and started asking him about his mother, who is his only parent.

00:10:47:24 And soon thereafter I left Washington and I just want to say what you can do is support the people who are willing to stand up and risk everything that they have.

[APPLAUSE]

00:11:08:07 Understand that when you ask for an attorney to help you, that the attorney might never work again. Just understand that this is a dangerous business and that people who stand up have consequences in their lives. And some of these people decide not to have children for that reason. For some reason I guess I wasn’t bright enough to do that. I didn’t get into the business until after I already had one. But anyway...

00:11:39:04 MAN: Carolyn? Can I read the bio that Catherine helped you prepare? Just to establish your bona fides. Carolyn Betts is an attorney who over the past eight years has developed a specialty in the legal aspects of economic and spiritual warfare involving the U.S. government and major government contractors in the U.S. Black Budget. Her practice initially concentrated on

securities and real estate law and she became a partner in the corporate finance department in a Washington D.C. based law firm in 1993.

00:12:11:06 When an age discrimination case brought by a family member against the Ohio PERS resulted in an adverse U.S. Supreme Court ruling, she lobbied and testified before both Houses of Congress in connection with the ultimate adoption of the Older Workers' Benefit Protection Act, which codified regulations struck down by the Supreme Court. In 1995 she became a senior banker at the Hamilton Securities Group, Incorporated when that firm served as a lead financial advisor to the Department of Housing and Urban Development. That's the connection with Catherine Austin Fitts.

00:12:42:29 She continued on as general counsel of Hamilton after its government contract was terminated. Its offices were seized by the FBI, and the company became the target of a subpoena enforcement action and a secret sealed "reverse whistleblower" lawsuit brought by a government-backed informant as an apparent attempt to cover up improper and illegal activities in the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

00:13:06:07 Currently she provides legal and consulting services to a start-up investment advisory company founded by Catherine Austin Fitts. Catherine is CEO of Hamilton and continues to be involved in Hamilton's ongoing litigation. Carolyn Betts, back to you.

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00:13:25:25 CAROLYN BETTS: I want you to know I am not a criminal attorney and I cannot site chapter and verse what the criminal laws are.

00:13:27:23 COMMISSIONER McKINNEY: But you can say, “I will, I do swear to tell the truth to this commission.”

00:13:34:27 CAROLYN BETTS: I swear to tell the whole truth to this commission.

00:13:37:16 COMMISSIONER McKINNEY: Beautiful, thank you.

00:13:39:22 CAROLYN BETTS: My background is as you heard is as a corporate finance attorney and I did very large transactions many involving government as my client. And Carlyle was involved in some of the transactions and some of the likes of J.P. Morgan Chase and Goldman Sachs and GE Capital. Lots of companies like that. I also represented Resolution Trust Corporation in connection with the cleanup of the savings and loan crisis. So I came across lots of documents involving fraudulent transactions that had taken place during the 1980s.

00:14:14:20 And so when I had become involved in the 9/11 Truth ... in [reviewing] the 9/11 Truth evidence, the question arose in my mind, “what do we do with this?” The way I see it, it harks back to my experience in Washington as someone who worked for a government contractor who represented the government and has been involved in doing the paperwork and follow up work involved in getting things done in government and also my experience lobbying for the passage of a bill.

00:14:49:05 So my reaction when I saw this information is “oh, what we need is a taxonomy.” And I went to the, for your benefit, I went to Merriam-Webster online and looked up the word “taxonomy.” It says “orderly classification of plants and animals according to their presumed natural relationships.” That’s the fill-in stuff that you learned in science. The application of the concept for

this purpose is it created a methodology of organization of information about 9/11 according to distinct categories and within those categories within one or more lists of criteria that have relevance from some, from some systems or social group's standpoint.

00:15:36:23      What I'm saying is you need to put this in context. And within categories that are understandable and relevant to the people that you want to appeal to to pay attention to you and to do something. So I created, and it will be on the website, a number of what I call "[taxonomies](#)."

[[http://911citizenwatch.org/modules.php?op=modload&name=Downloads&file=index&req=viewdownloaddetails&lid=18&ttitle=PRELIMINARY\\_GUIDELINES\\_FOR\\_DEVELOPING\\_A\\_TAXONOMIC\\_ANALYSIS\\_OF\\_9-11](http://911citizenwatch.org/modules.php?op=modload&name=Downloads&file=index&req=viewdownloaddetails&lid=18&ttitle=PRELIMINARY_GUIDELINES_FOR_DEVELOPING_A_TAXONOMIC_ANALYSIS_OF_9-11)] And [each taxonomy] is basically a list of things to ask about this evidence.

00:16:05:20      The first [taxonomy] was "New York damages to residents and property owners." What I ask myself is what defines all of these things. What is the direct property damage involved?

- The loss of property value to New Yorkers.
- The loss of life directly in the tragedy.
- Loss of future earnings.
- Mental distress.
- Loss of use of limbs and mental capacity.
- Loss of health and decreased life expectancy.
- Environmental damage.
- Pollution.
- Liability for increased health care expenses. Now this is a governmental cost. Medicaid, New York City and state pension plans, Medicare, Social Security Disability -- these are all things that have to be paid for

at some point and somebody cares about having to come up with the money to pay it. Think tobacco settlement.

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- Direct monetary damages.
- The cost to repair, rescue, etcetera. That again is a New York City expense.
- Loss of profits and business to owners as a result of the tragedy.
- Loss of tax revenue to New York.
- Increased mandatory expenses for security and homeland defense.
- Loss of privacy and individual rights as the result of the USA Patriot Act, which was enacted as an excuse. It was an excuse to enact it.
- Loss of life of military people in Iraq and Afghanistan.

[APPLAUSE]

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These are the types of things we need to ask and quantify and be very clear on, because these are legal concepts that are measured. They are things that you have to prove in court and this [quantification of damages] will always be what affects somebody who is looking at this from a governmental or judicial standpoint. The next taxonomy category I have is “Possible Crimes and Other Bases for Liability.” On the site I will have certain selected -- about half of -- the statutory provisions in the penal law of the State of New York

[[http://911citizenwatch.org/modules.php?op=modload&name=Downloads&file=index&req=viewdownloaddetails&lid=19&ttitle=SELECTED\\_NEW\\_YORK\\_PENAL\\_CODE\\_PROVISIONS](http://911citizenwatch.org/modules.php?op=modload&name=Downloads&file=index&req=viewdownloaddetails&lid=19&ttitle=SELECTED_NEW_YORK_PENAL_CODE_PROVISIONS)] [for your consideration].

I'm just going to read a few of them.

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[Reading from the list]...

- Criminal solicitation
- Conspiracy
- Attempt
- Criminal facilitation
- Assault
- Homicide
- Kidnapping
- Burglary
- Criminal mischief
- Arson
- Larceny
- Offenses involving computers
- Accessorial conduct -- That's aiding and abetting.
- Forgery
- Offenses involving false written statements
- Insurance fraud
- Bribery
- Official misconduct
- Bribery involving public servants
- Perjury and related offenses
- Enterprise corruption
- Money laundering
- Terrorism

Those all are provisions in the New York [criminal] statutes. Each one of those provisions also has a level of culpability that has to be proven in order to hold

someone liable. So when you're looking at what people did in this, in this whole morass of huge amounts of information, you've got to find out for a particular crime do you have to show:

That they intentionally did something?

They knew what was going to happen?

That they were grossly negligent?

That their behavior was beyond the pale and they should have known?

That they were merely negligent?

Or was it something that they are liable for no matter whether they knew?

[The answer to these questions] makes a difference when you're presenting evidence to someone in an official capacity who wants to know whether they've got something to prosecute. It will be helpful for that person to know what [evidence] you have gathered in these particular terms.

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[I also have included] a more generic list of possible crimes to consider: murder, manslaughter, assault, conspiracy, criminal facilitation, bank, insurance, securities and other fraud, trespass and damage to property both personal and real, obstruction of justice, lying under oath, breach of contract. Remember that there are a lot of government contractors here. Breach of contract is how you're going to get to a government contractor probably. Military crimes. There are also military people involved here. Acts or omissions based on duties that arise under government job description. Liability of a principal for an agent's conduct. Failure to supervise. Contract, I already did contract liability. Faulty building materials or methods, that sort of thing. Building code violations. Immigration law violations. Clean Air Act and other pollution violations. Those are just examples of what we're dealing with.

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Now, another thing to look at is the strength of the hard evidence. We've been hearing a lot of theories and a lot of facts and we tend to mix them all up and build a story, which is really good for figuring out between you and me what we think happened. But in a court of law and in order to justify investigatory action you need to know, you need to have proof, at various levels. And just consider how strong the proof is of each particular thing that you're bringing to the table. So, a taxonomy in this respect would perhaps bring in key evidence [classified] according to which is your strongest case. Where could you show something [in court]?

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[Reading from the taxonomic list of possible levels of reliability of evidence...]

- Now this is my opinion, but I think filmed and recorded accounts are probably about as strong as you're going to get and it all goes down from there.
- Physical evidence like air tests results.
- Official records like flight plans, FAA flight plans. New York Stock Exchange trading records. NORAD records. FBI directives. Things like that.

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- Unofficial records. Flight school records for example.
- Legal realities in terms of what the statutory duty is for someone who's in a particular job. That's evidence [for a court], you know. This person holds this job. The statute says the person who holds this job is responsible for X, Y and Z. If you're going to go after Donald Rumsfeld, you need to know what the Secretary of Defense has a statutory obligation to do.

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- Congressional Kean Committee testimony is the next level down in my list.
- Private testimony.
- Eyewitness accounts, formal.
- Eyewitness account informal.
- Accounts from...that are in books. The reason I put that this low down on the list is because it's what is called "secondary" or "tertiary" evidence. [That is] one step removed from the original source.
- And press accounts and other secondary sources.

Then the other, another taxonomical list that I made was "Identity of Potential Complainants and Damaged Parties." Here I have [reading from the list]:

- Residents and workers in the area of the World Trade Center
- Rescue workers
- Property owners. Now remember property owners include the Port Authority, the Transit Authority, Battery Park City, New York City school system, New York City Fire Department and Police Department and other government agencies and private parties.

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These people are all involved in coming up with the money that's involved here [to address the damage from 9/11] and losing money. That's what turns people on in government. If you want somebody in government to do something for you've got to show them how they will bring in money or how they'll lose

money if they don't do [what you are asking them to do]. Because money is power.

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[Resuming the list of damaged parties]

- Insurance carriers and other indemnifying parties
- Airlines
- Stock and bond holders. Ask yourself if there are New York City bonds that were affected by [9/11]. Certainly there was insider trading.
- Taxpayers.
- Whoever's paying for the Victim's Compensation Fund.
- The victims who are still alive.
- The survivors of the victims who are not.
- Whistleblowers who had access to incriminating information, particularly those who've been harassed, because they've suffered more damages than the rest of us.

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Then another thing to ask yourself is "Where is the Public Sentiment and Support?" for an investigation. No one in government is going to do anything if they don't think their backside is covered. If they take a risk on your behalf, [they need to know] that there will be people standing behind them, supporting them in doing that. So ask yourself which things the public thinks are the most egregious in this list. I have included a list of possible answers to this question.

[Reading from the list]:

- Putting military and rescue workers in harm's way.
- Disregard of airline safety.

- Disregard of safety procedures in evacuating buildings.
- Failure to warn.
- Failure to heed warnings.
- Failure to investigate.
- Benefiting from tragedy.
- Using tragedy as an excuse to deny civil rights.
- Allowing potential conspirators to leave the country. I imagine you know whom I'm talking about there.

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- Allowing illegally obtained or tainted funds to leave the country or become available to fund preparation, execution and cover-up of the 9/11 tragedy.
- Using the tragedy to get government contracts. I also figure you know a few of those.
- Using tragedy to hide failings and legal infractions that have committed.
- Using the tragedy to get appropriations.
- Using the tragedy for political purposes.
- Using the tragedy as an excuse for war.
- Misuse of taxpayer funds.
- Instilling of terror in the hearts of New Yorkers and Washingtonians.

Here I just want to make a plug for Washingtonians. I was in Alexandria, Virginia when the uh...when the, well, when whatever happened at the Pentagon happened.

[LAUGHTER AND APPLAUSE]

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We were afraid they were coming after our friends [who worked] at the White House.

And then my final category was “Identification of Potentially Culpable or Liable Parties.” We’ve heard some names here. I made my own list but I’m sure you have a longer one. ‘his is in no particular order. It’s just as an example of something you might come up with.

[Reading from list]

- Bush
- Cheney, [APPLAUSE]
- Rumsfeld
- Wolfowitz
- Rice from the National Security Council
- CIA/ George Tenet
- FBI/ Robert Mueller, Louis Freeh
- NORAD
- FAA
- Myers
- Winfield
- I also want to put in a plug for what happened in Washington, the anthrax poisoning...the people in charge at Fort Dietrich

[APPLAUSE]

So, these are just examples of ways to look at what [evidence] you have in front of you to determine what you’re going to do with it and what your strategy is going to be [in drumming up interest and support for an

investigation]. Because if you don't have a strategy and you don't have a clear goal, you will have a wonderful time exchanging anecdotes about who thinks what really happened but ...will you get anything done about it?

[APPLAUSE]

00:27:06:00 I also wanted to just mention about what are the possible forums. Where could you go? Consider the location of the damages, public support and political considerations to decide on a choice of forum. There are different levels of government. We've got federal, state, and local. New York is the obvious [choice of jurisdiction] and then of course [this group is] in New York. So it's the state of jurisdiction where both the location of the majority of the damages and the residence of many of the victims. [It's] the connection with many of the potential law violations. It's also the site of the New York Stock Exchange. This is where many of the money center banks are located. They presumably were involved in transfer of money that you might be interested in. And there also are usually foreign branches or global branches in New York City of foreign banks that might have been involved in uh...spiriting money that could have been used to pay for the 9/11 activities.

00:28:20:06 So New York is the obvious [choice] and at the New York [state level] you have Attorney General's Office. Elliot Spitzer is the Attorney General of New York as I'm sure you knew. [NOTE ADDED LATER: This office has expertise and a past record of dealing with sophisticated financial and organized crime-related investigations] You [New Yorkers] also have Robert Morgenthau, who is the District Attorney for the Borough of Manhattan. He's the one who went after BCCI. So don't forget, local people sometimes have the wherewithal [to conduct a successful investigation]. But understand that when there's an investigation that's going to be as expensive as this,

somebody has to pay for it. And somebody [else] can either have funds denied or have an influence in denying funds. So you have to look at what or who the supporters are for whatever it is you want to do. We can also look at possible legislative action but I tell you that it takes a long time and the horse is probably out of the barn door.

00:29:15:05 Court action. [This is another possible forum for redress.] I've been involved in a court case that has gone on since 1996 and we're now going into our first set of appeals. So that's sort of what you can expect.

My prepared statement and the exhibits have a lot more detail if you want to go on the website and look at it for some more specific content. But I hope this has inspired you to think a little bit more deeply about putting everything into context and thinking like a lawyer in deciding what you want to put forward in order to put your best foot forward and thank you very much.

[APPLAUSE]

00:30:00:18 JOHN JUDGE: John Judge of the 9/11 Citizens Watch and....

00:30:05:01 CHAIRWOMAN McKINNEY: He was sworn in before.

00:30:07:03 COMMISSIONER KHAN: Mr. Judge I want to remind you you're still under oath.

00:30:09:09 JOHN JUDGE: I think I've already said that I'll tell the truth and nothing but the truth. If I tell you the whole truth we won't need anymore witnesses.

[LAUGHTER]

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JOHN JUDGE: We don't know the whole truth yet. Um...but I do try to be honest and I also try to get out the truth which is a fairly slippery animal. I come some of the role is as someone on the staff of a commission and I tried to outlay earlier, I didn't go into great detail about some of the omissions in the report and areas that the report either doesn't clarify or misleads. And, and some of those that I think bear less fruit for a commission to look into in regard to 9/11 I mentioned before is whether or not this was an intelligence failure. And I think it's been framed as an intelligence failure from the time of the joint committee forward.

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The joint inquiry by the Senate and the House. But I think framing it that way has put us in the position of then killing that failure by further funding, giving more powers to fortifying and failing to criticize in any fundamental way that same intelligence establishment that we're saying failed us on 9/11. I think the real analysis should be that there was a breakdown in every standard procedure of the intelligence agencies that had functioned prior to 9/11 and it should be looked at that way rather than the system was dysfunctional. Because had it been dysfunctional all those years up to 9/11 someone would have done something to fix it.

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And there wasn't any move or criticism of it until you get to 9/11 then everything that you see happen in the past suddenly doesn't happen in terms of the 9/11 events. So, taking that intelligence failure route also means that we don't criticize the historical framework of deep politics in covert operations. Criminal cartels and paramilitary operations, illegal drug distribution networks and undemocratic forces from vying from their inception with the U.S. intelligence agencies to create both domestic and foreign covert operations first to serve the interests of the cold war and in a continuing way now to serve the

interests of an emerging global corporate expansion. And the history of that is for the most part hidden from us. Because history in 1948 under the National Security Act became not something that belonged to the people of the United States but rather a commodity that was put under control of a national security state.

00:32:42:22 This is the military industrial intelligence, and those are the original words in the draft of the speech, the military industrial intelligence complex that Eisenhower warned about in the outer office in 1960. That he saw it emerging and said it shouldn't have undo influence but the only person that seemed to stand up to it effectively, John F. Kennedy, was removed from office in a rather abrupt way. And not much of anybody has challenged it since.

00:33:10:11 This commission will leave it in place and strengthen it and consolidate it. For a quicker view for those of you who don't know that history from 1954 of all the things that were done in our name and that I would contend have got us into the situation we are now as well as all the rest of the people of the world who we don't know why they're angry at us. I would suggest William Blum's two books *Killing Hope* and *Rogue State*. I would suggest Peter Dale Scott's *Drugs, Oil, and War* and also his earlier book *Deep Politics and The Murder of John F. Kennedy* [SIC - actual title: *Deep Politics and the Death of JFK*] to have a deep political understanding which goes even beyond parapolitical in terms of how these things happened. And it's not so much a conspiracy in a board room as it is historical forces that combine.

00:33:57:27 And also you can find hundreds of books about the CIA. I challenge you to find more than five on the real intelligence establishment, the DIA, the Defense Intelligence Agency. And it's branches the Office of Naval Intelligence, Army Intelligence, Marine Corps. ONI is the oldest and largest intelligence agency in

the United States. And the CIA is a think tank when it comes to covert operations they go with a liaison at the Pentagon and the DIA takes over in terms of carrying out the operation.

00:34:29:13 We're seeing a clash right now between some of these old hands and how they want to restructure these intelligence agencies and whether someone besides the DIA [UNINTEL]. There are also over the national reconnaissance organization whose initials used to be classified. That's in spy satellites. National security agency, all the electronic listening. The black budget of the DIA is 10 times what the CIA. They have 100 times more employees and 10 times more budget than CIA and FBI combined. And the only person that writes a little bit about them in the popular press is James Bamford - *Puzzle Palace* and his more recent books...*Body of Evidence* [SIC – actual title *Body of Secrets*] and *A Pretext for War*.

00:35:11:12 So for the novice I think those are starting points. I have hundreds of other books, but I think that's a way to get into the topic and to understand how we got to where we are. Now the two major covert operations that I think would bear fruit looking at that lead us into the period of 9/11 were run initially out of Carter's administration suggested by Zbigniew Brzezinski his security advisor to go into Afghanistan and back a reactionary Muslim fundamentalist response to a socialist government that was in power there. There was an attempted coup and there was a counter coup and then the U.S. came in to back the people that wanted to take them out of power and they also did it in a way that they felt would force the hand of the Soviet Union into a military intervention. And Zbigniew Brzezinski said it would give them their Vietnam and in a recent interview he said he had no regrets about doing that even though it potentially led into a situation like 9/11 because his words "what are a few stirred up Muslims compared to the fall of the Soviet Union?".

00:36:13:18      But we under that operation...we along with the Saudis and it was the largest financial – it was three billion dollars, the U.S. part and matched by the Saudis through drug profits, the Bank for Credit and Commerce International and the U.S. funding it through Pakistani intelligence service. And it was huge covert operation that armed and built the capability that we now like to call al Qaeda, which is a very loose term. The media make you think that it's some sort of a corporation with a CEO. It would be equivalent to saying the movement in the United States did something. I mean that's how basic that term is. It means the base or an operation, but it doesn't, it doesn't have the sense of a cohesive organization. There's many factions and a wide range of differences and it's certainly not run out of any one place or through one particular operation. It was, it was the bin Laden family in Saudi Arabia who, who financed by the CIA built the operation, caves we're led to believe are the source of our current problems.

00:37:25:09      So it's, it's a direct route to understanding. And then when did that actually cut off? Because there was funding even after the uh...the fall of the Soviets. I mean their withdrawal and the rise of the Taliban there was U.S. intelligence funding of the Taliban. There was a \$43 million dollar transfer even in 2001 to the Taliban to stop growing opium. And they stopped growing opium there in [UNINTEL] in the northern [UNINTEL] right now with the new government that the U.S. has helped to bring in they're back up to 85 percent of the world opium production there in Afghanistan.

00:37:58:25      And there appears to be also ongoing U.S. covert funding of other fundamentalist Muslim movements in other countries besides Afghanistan in the period post-9/11 and certainly up to that period. So I think that would bear fruit. And I think the people who have studied the history also know that

the Taliban warned the United States about the 9/11 attack. The Taliban offered three times to turn bin Laden over to an international court that was called we don't, we don't negotiate with terrorists. And uh...when the Taliban was taken out of power in a plan that [MIC INTERFERENCE – SOUNDS AS THOUGH THE MIC WAS KNOCKED OVER] 9/11. It goes all the way back at least to the summer. Colin Powell telling the surrounding countries that we were going in mid-October to take them out and staging the British and U.S. troops in the area to be ready for it before 9/11. And the Iraq invasion was similarly planned well before that.

00:38:50:09            We were told in the press that 11 days of the invasion Bush got word of it. That told me that he was among the last to know.

00:38:56:23            MAN: John, can you just remember the actual quote that the Taliban were given? I think it was in Turkey or Germany.

00:39:04:06            JOHN JUDGE: Yes, they, they said uh...they would either uh... [UNINTEL] or bombs I think was the...[UNINTEL] and these were U.S. intelligence people. But, the BBC also reported that Colin Powell had forewarned the surrounding countries of the invasion. That operation fed into the same funding circles, same drug money into the next major operation that became known as contra-gate. Sending missiles to Iran we were arming both Iran and Iraq during that war period. And went through the Bush, Sr. and Reagan years into the Clinton years these covert operations and funding went on. But contra-gate existed then and many of the people who ran it including some that were brought up on legal charges and convicted were brought in then as the new advisors to the Bush administration and the Bush administration team. Among them Colin Powell who actually signed off with Poindexter on the shipment of missiles unbeknownst I believe to Reagan and on Bush's authority because

Bush was president the day that they signed it because Reagan was in prostate surgery.

00:40:15:23           MAN: John? Two minutes.

00:40:17:02           JOHN JUDGE: Okay. Poindexter, Wright, Abrams. Right being promoted now to head ambassadorship to Iraq. Richard Armitage in the state department also met with Mahmoud Ahmad in Pakistani ISI intelligence in the period right after 9/11. This black budget that we're talking about put Saddam Hussein into power and then took him out. It armed the Kosovo liberation army through drugs and it was responsible over those years for assassinations, coup d'états, changes in regime in many societies. And the most glaring failure of the intelligence system in my view is this history of it's covert operations and it's support of and backing up of repressive regimes and getting in the way of democracy around the world.

[APPLAUSE]

00:41:09:17           When those forces no longer serve the [UNINTEL] interest they're taken out and [UNINTEL] democracy but women used to go to school in Afghanistan before we backed the rise of the reactionary Mullahs there. The commission says the problem is lack of oversight by the Congress and it's recommendation is to consolidate control over the budget into the hands of the director of national intelligence under the executive. The only leverage Congress had over the intelligence agencies at all was control of that budget and so they recommend that they be taken out at the same time they chide Congress who was responsible in Congress is lack of oversight – Porter Goss and Bob Graham, the heads of the two respective intelligence committees. Two people who were meeting with General Ahmad the morning of the, of the attack, the

head of Pakistani intelligence and uh...two people who wrote the joint inquiry report setting the stage to call it an intelligence failure.

00:42:07:04      And Porter Goss whose history goes back to the Bay of Pigs, the [UNINTEL] invasion on Cuba and other covert operations in Europe and around uh...around the world and is now being promoted in the position of a new DCI, Director of Central Intelligence, who powers will be strengthened by a recent executive order by Bush. So it's as if this commission created conditions for it's own jobs after it got done.

00:42:34:18      I wanted to talk also a little bit just uh...about there were not only indivi...individuals named uh...in relation to this plot but the 28 pages missing from the joint inquiry talked about foreign countries and this commission absolves any countries. Saudi Arabia was specifically mentioned, others weren't. But, but this says this was the 19 people with a little bit of outside money and help and that was it. But those 19 people uh...if we look into their backgrounds don't, don't seem to have either the motivation or the capability to have carried out the plot by themselves.

00:43:10:04      MAN: John, I'm going to ask you to conclude.

00:43:12:14      JOHN JUDGE: I think another major area that I didn't mention is the anthrax attacks and they are [UNINTEL] commission. They were never touched. The anthrax chemically and biologically analyzed goes back to something called Project Jefferson run by the DIA [Defense Intelligence Agency] to create the next generation of anthrax with orders from Rumsfeld. They said on September the 9<sup>th</sup> 2001 that they had succeeded and then in October of 2001 the most weaponized and lethal anthrax ever seen shows up in the offices of the two major opponents of the Patriot Act, Senator Daschle and [UNINTEL] office.

00:43:53:01        And then also it shows up in Florida at the office of the tabloid, it kills the tabloid photographic editor in the headquarters down there who post...push...published the first picture of Bush's daughters being arrested on DWI. He's the only one in the place that dies. And the other go to Dan Rather and Tom Brokaw, no friends of mine, but since we're so far to the right those are the liberals [UNINTEL].

00:44:17:20        MAN: Thank you John. Thank you very much.

[APPLAUSE]

JOHN JUDGE: Weren't we going to audience questions now?

00:44:30:05        CHAIRWOMAN McKINNEY: Now, were the...okay. Yes, we'll read from the [UNINTEL] questions from before. If you have a question you might want to get up to line up at the microphones. So we'll start with the microphone.

00:44:50:09        MAN: I have to just warn everybody of a terrible thing that we're going to have to do in exactly 30 minutes at 7:45. Just so you know in advance we are going to have to clear the hall because the film at 8:00 is a pay event. So I hope you'll come right back in, I certainly do and I hope many other people show up. But just be warned now.

00:45:14:09        MAN 2: That gives us 25 minutes for the QA. Kyle did you want to have closing...closing remarks? Okay.

00:45:25:03        CYNTHIA: Yes sir.

[FROM THIS POINT FORWARD IN THE TAPE THERE ARE  
INCREASED CROWD NOISES AND OVERLAPPING VOICES]

00:45:28:20      MAN 3: We've all become quite aware of the consequences of 9/11 for the Arab and Islamic world. Iraq's been reduced to smithereens. Afghanistan has been reduced to smithereens. Like a bee hive that's been swatted with a bat the Islamic world is now very, very agitated at what the U.S. and Israel is up to. It's a terrible situation. The clash of civilizations that was predicted by Samuel P. Huntington back in 1993 has become a reality. I, I'm wondering what was in the mind of Osama bin Laden assuming that he did play some role in orchestrating and facilitating via the ISI Pakistan these hijackings. If he in any way had any loyalty to the Islamic religion to back these various Fattwahs and various decrees against the United States what...I've never been able to understand what was going through....

00:46:32:29      MAN: [INTERRUPTING] What's the question?

00:46:34:09      MAN 3: This is the question. What must have been going through Osama bin Laden's head to conduct these attacks knowing that the Islamic world for the next generation or two, maybe longer would endure the most incredible assault by the United States? I can't understand what his thinking must have been.

00:46:55:04      MAN: Okay, uh...Nick?

00:46:56:24      NICK LEVIS: I have to ask the question back at you which is which Osama are we talking about? Are you talking about the one at the interviews with the Pakistani press? Are you talking about the [UNINTEL] video. He always looks different. You know, there's a big fat one who confessed directly to 9/11 although the translation turned out to be false. Um...then you have all these

audio statements that were supposedly released by him since September 11<sup>th</sup>. Which one is real and which one is not? If you take a look at the actual record of what's there it's all in conflict especially since September 11<sup>th</sup>.

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MAN: Just to add [UNINTEL] the whole militant Islamic network and their ideology has been disavowed by almost every single Islamic [UNINTEL]. That's the first thing. That never makes it to the *New York Times* not to the *Post*. The closest it got was I think page six on September 13<sup>th</sup> when the world's Islamic legal scholars condemned including the Taliban as [UNINTEL] condemned the attack on the World Trade Center. So he is seen as a rogue figure in the Islamic world and I as a Muslim don't even know who he is and I don't know who he's working for. I don't know there's one [UNINTEL]. And there's precedent for me to think that way based on the covert operations and falsified...excuse me, false flag operations.

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So the question is unanswerable because you're assuming that Osama bin Laden is a Muslim and I have no valid lengths to suggest that he is. You know beard and robe and chanting [UNINTEL] does not make you a Muslim.

[APPLAUSE]

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MAN 4: I have, my name's Christopher Bollyn and I'm with the American Free Press. I have two questions about legality. I think that the criminal destruction of evidence when a company named AMEC, a British company Assets Management and Engineering Consultancy, was responsible for the renovation of the Pentagon and the clean up of the Pentagon. The same company was responsible for the cleanup of the World Trade Center sites and with three other companies, two of them both [UNINTEL] (oren?). AMEC

was responsible for the largest criminal destruction evidence of, of...destruction of evidence from a crime site in history.

00:49:21:29 Now the World Trade Centers were a site of, of a horrendous mass murder and the steel from the building should have been preserved and, and tested. For example, for explosions. Now wouldn't, destruction of evidence and AMEC's role in the destruction of that evidence wouldn't that be a venue for litigation? And another question....

00:49:44:28 CAROLYN BETTS: Let me answer. That's part of the conspiracy...of a conspiracy. Conspiracy is a very, very broad concept and anybody who you know, is involved in, in knowingly promoting the larger conspiracy which means that what happened in Washington, Pennsylvania also and into the jurisdiction of New Yorkers.

00:50:06:16 MAN 4: And the other thing is about the way that 800 people or so were trapped in the upper parts of the Tower and the um...the doors to the attic were locked. Back in the days of for example the Iroquois theater fire when escape doors are locked um...I think there could easily have been...

00:50:22:08 CAROLYN BETTS: There was no negligence.

00:50:23:12 MAN 4: ...helicopters could have assisted. A helicopter could have landed and taken, ferried hundreds of people away from there before they died or had to jump.

00:50:30:07 MAN: Thank you very much. Thank you. Okay, everyone try to articulate a question and to the speakers on the panel.

00:50:37:27 CYNTHIA McKINNEY: As quickly as possible so....

00:50:42:21 MAN 5: Wouldn't the release of the Reagan transcripts shed a lot of light on these issues and for that matter also the release of the Giuliani's transcripts that he stole out of office and put in storage?

00:50:57:18 MAN: I guess the answer is yes.

00:51:00:10 MAN 5: It just seems to me that that's been a lost issue and it might be another avenue of attack in terms of what you're...

00:51:08:20 MAN: When you're saying Reagan...

00:51:11:10 MAN 5: The Reagan administration transcripts that were supposed to be released in 2000 after um...the 12 year period.

00:51:19:06 MAN: Yes, that was referring to the White House records which Bush has been in violation of. The Bush administration, excuse me, has been in violation of the law since coming to office because these transcripts – not the transcripts but the White House documents under the Presidential Records Act have to be released after 12 years. Okay, and that was the year 2000 already so I guess that [COUGHING] Clinton administration was [UNINTEL] and then the Bush administration took over and three years later, four years almost they still have not released the White House records from, from the Reagan era and that's a violation of the law.

00:51:55:01 JOHN JUDGE: Well there's a tremendous push by the Bush administration to go backwards in terms of openness. They have teams in the national archives reclassifying formerly declassified documents. The Justice

Department has said that if anyone brings a suit for a Freedom of Information Act file that the full weight of the Justice Department will be brought to bear on behalf of the agency being sued. An executive order that Bush put into power gave him control over the previous two administration's records and in general they have been reluctant to release anything legal or not from the past or Carter administrations. But certainly any of these documents are created by people that we're electing and paying to be in power and are supposed to be representing us and the democratic government belong to us not to them.

00:52:45:18 MAN: Thank you.

00:52:47:11 FEMALE: Yes, I'm concerned with the Dick Cheney and Lynn Cheney and the secret bunker on 9/11 perhaps running things. And how 9/11 was most definitely a pretext for Iraq in gaining public support. I think we all agree with that. I'm concerned now with the Lynn Cheney connection with AIPAC, Israel, Lara Franklin, the Iran situation right now and us potentially going into Iran and what might be the possible pretext for our invading Iran and is that right on the horizon and should we be talking a little bit about that too since it might be happening imminently.

00:53:23:17 MAN: Your question is about the political relationship between the Cheneys and...

00:53:27:03 FEMALE: AIPAC and...

[OVERLAPPING VOICES]

[APPLAUSE]

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MAN: Uh... John?

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JOHN JUDGE: Well I think in one respect the geopolitics hasn't been looked at. A lot of people say this comes from oil. But I think even deeper than the oil is how the oil is financed and based. And I think it's important to know that first Iran and then Iraq and then Venezuela where we've been trying to effect a coup recently switched over on their oil production from and sales from the American dollar to the Euro. And I think that's part of what's precipitated them as targets because it does threaten the entire economic system here with oil and they were urging OPEC countries in general to go the Euro.

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There's a lot of agendas driving things. I mean you know and many times U.S. hegemony and global relations are in relation to some of the more corrupt or more backward regimes abroad and there are certainly times when the U.S. and Israel...Israeli government agendas uh...push together for uh...you know saying I'm not of the opinion that Israel is the tail wagging the American dog. But I do believe that a lot of people in the current Bush administration have close ties to and loyalties to the Israeli agenda and part of the U.S. global agenda that has to do with that region. Most of the command structure was AWOL on 9/11 which by de facto left Cheney calling the shots. Rumsfeld sat in his office he says until the Pentagon was hit. Dick Myers is not interrupted in a meeting with [UNINTEL] until after the planes there the head of the, normal head of the White House rep...office of Preparedness in it's emergency bunker is down in Florida with Bush. Bush appears to me to be essentially out of the loop. Even to the point that he reported that his secure line communication line which also means his command line to, to the defense of the country went dead for a period of two hours on Air Force One and he was forced to [UNINTEL]

payphones. That hasn't been investigated yet. I don't think that goes down without somebody knowing why it's happening.

[OVERLAPPING VOICES].

CYNTHIA McKINNEY: I believe commissioner McIlvaine would also like to make a comment.

00:55:42:06 COMMISSIONER McILVAINE: In connecting the dots and the AIPAC, Pearl, Wolfowitz and one thing that hasn't been mentioned today is the defense paper uh...Rebuilding the American Defenses in 2000. All the same people are connected with these and of course when the paper came out in 2000 by [UNINTEL] they mentioned the acts [UNINTEL] so Iran was in that bit so it's been...Iran's been part of the big picture probably for the last since the early '90s but specifically with Rebuilding the American Defenses and the same people are involved with APEC also. So it's just all these dots are connected to that one direction.

00:56:21:01 WOMAN 2: Hello, um...I'd like to thank the 9/11 Citizens Commission for standing with us by us and for us.

[APPLAUSE]

00:56:29:24 WOMAN 2: ...truth and the CitizensWatch. Thank you all for your um...your strength that you give us.

MAN: The answer to your question that you asked me is two months by the way.

00:56:39:13 WOMAN 2: Oh thank you. Two months was when the fire went out. I was wondering what the date was the fire went out at Ground Zero.

[OVERLAPPING VOICES]

00:56:51:22 MAN: I asked Elizabeth [UNINTEL] and she said two months.

[OVERLAPPING VOICES].

00:56:55:24 MAN: Okay, okay months.

00:56:58:02 WOMAN 2: I wanted the date. But I want to thank also um...uh...Truth for a Change which is a show that Joe Friendly produces because it was through him that I even discovered 9/11 Truth. Believe it or not I never heard anything about it on Democracy Now which I am devoted to. But um...I just want to say...

[OVERLAPPING VOICES].

00:57:17:24 WOMAN 2: Joe Friendly is over there. Thank you so much for you, for your for your [APPLAUSE] in the phase two. The 9/11 Truth. I am...my question is I am very concerned looking forward and Carolyn being here I got thinking in the future. I'm concerned does it matter who wins the election? And I have to say that if Kerry wins it might only just diffuse the frustration and anxiety that we're feeling. But on the other hand it could, it could help him and aid and abet him to continue the agenda for the next four years unattended.

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So it's all very curious and, and dubious. And thank you very much for being there Cynthia. [APPLAUSE] My question is can we, can we as an action, a national action not pay more taxes.

MAN: Yes.

CROWD: Yeah!

[APPLAUSE AND CHEERS]

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WOMAN 2: Take our money back and [APPLAUSE] be a way of expressing and standing and say we are not going to pay taxes this year.

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CAROLYN BETTS: Well, can I answer that? I will tell you Catherine Austin Fitts has been looking into that for quite a while trying to figure a way...what the model is there. But I can tell you that my opinion is that you can do more by taking your money out of big money center banks. Put your money in local credit unions, community banks where you know what they're doing with your money and it's going into your neighborhoods. Stop subscribing and paying money to the media who do not give you the truth. Support media by donations, buying books, getting subscriptions to the people who tell you the truth. Vote with your time and your intentions, your prayers and your money.

[APPLAUSE]

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CAROLYN BETTS: And I think personally that would make a bigger difference than who you vote for as President of the United States.

[APPLAUSE]

00:59:11:15 CYNTHIA McKINNEY: Let me just add that there is one congressional rights in Georgia where the votes and the financial support do matter.

[LAUGHTER AND APPLAUSE]

00:59:24:20 MAN: The quick response is that I think we've been told since 2000 that they don't allow elections here in the United States to come down to a vote for humanity.

[LAUGHTER]

00:59:33:22 MAN: I think the other thing that might be more effective than trying to get a segment [UNINTEL] stop paying taxes and take the risk of that that we instead demand that we finally have taxation and representation by having the last page of our tax form be a direct application of the tax we spend.

00:59:53:12 WOMAN 3: Thank you. I'd like to know if the panel has any thoughts about Al-Jazeera. I recently saw the movie *Control Room* and how Al-Jazeera is in the same bank of the main presses, NBC and CNN and all this and these Osama bin Laden mysterious warnings and tapes against the United States all appear on Al-Jazeera and we're all sort of oooh cause it's been revealed to us. Do you have any thoughts on that?

01:00:23:06 MICHAEL RUPPERT: My personal belief is that Al-Jazeera has been compromised since September 12, 2001.

01:00:29:15 WOMAN 3: Do you think Al-Jazeera is financed by the United States?

01:00:33:24 MICHAEL RUPPERT: My educated opinion, yes. Can I offer you concrete proof? No. But do they have to appear like they are pro, you know, anti-U.S. and they give the ear to the Islamic fundamentalist cause and they shed light on all the U.S. foreign policy [UNINTEL] they have to do that to maintain their legitimacy somehow. But I think in the end they won't ask tough questions.

01:00:54:00 CYNTHIA McKINNEY: Okay, um...I'm going to go ahead and be a tough taskmaster because we only have five minutes.

01:01:04:14 MAN: I think it's more like 13. But that's really the end so with [UNINTEL].

01:01:08:09 CYNTHIA McKINNEY: Right, so we've got...right, right so we have five minutes and so we encourage people to ask one question and if there's a response....

00:00:02:28 MAN: In a fairly small transaction that the Kean Commission was able to dismiss in a fairly quick way in a footnote even though uh...the story stinks. But what people seem to have simply forgotten is that in the days right after September 11<sup>th</sup> you had the investigators financial centers all around the world come out and say very clearly we've seen extremely suspicious trading and this happened in Frankfurt, in Japan, in London where it was traced to a small airline that has nary yet been identified. The United States was the San Francisco as well as the Chicago exchanges. It happened at the Tokyo exchange, there are stories from Singapore.

00:00:41:24 This seems to have happened all around the world. All the investigators said at once there's something extremely suspicious here that we're going to pursue all the way back to its source and we're probably going to find somebody connected to the attacks. Whoever came out with that tip. And then suddenly

about a week later they all decided to shut up. And so, and the most interesting fact I think in the United States is that put options were placed through the Brown Bank which in turn was previously run by the

[OVERLAPPING VOICES].

00:01:15:03           MAN: ...military man and the CIA and the CEO of Brown Bank resigned on September 12<sup>th</sup> very suddenly.

00:01:24:18           Thank you Mr. McKinley.

00:01:27:13           WOMAN 4: Is there any solid evidence, I guess this is [UNINTEL]. Is there any solid evidence that the supposed hijackers were trained at U.S. run or related schools? The two references which I struggle with were a [UNINTEL] probably two year [UNINTEL] about 10 days after 9/11 WBAI [UNINTEL].

00:01:53:02           MAN: Thank you. Short answer and the reference to the...the [UNINTEL] reference.

00:01:57:03           JOHN JUDGE: Just I can say that my solid proof that press reports suggest some were trained here at U.S. military facilities and other ties that they have to U.S. military [UNINTEL] suspects certainly [UNINTEL].

[OVERLAPPING VOICES].

00:02:21:04           JOHN JUDGE: No. You mean...Tom [UNINTEL] (Sicker?) mentions it in his book and you can find it in places. I don't have the sites.

MAN: Thank you.

00:02:31:13       MAN 5: In April of this year the U.S. attorney, the head of the FBI, the Drug Enforcement Administration and the head of the CIA all said that a [UNINTEL] of staff [UNINTEL]. Um...a year ago my family filed a federal lawsuit and we charged the FBI, New York City and New York State with conducting a politically motivated and [UNINTEL] motivated investigations and I believe that dovetails into what is effecting what took place on September 11<sup>th</sup>. When they were using their staff conducting illegal investigations they should have been investigating [UNINTEL] terrorists.

00:03:17:09       I have a copy of my complaint. I was hoping it was possible for you to review that and to look at what parts of that complaint dovetails with the 9/11 attacks. My name is Hanson James.

00:03:31:13       CYNTHIA McKINNEY: And you will deliver that to...

00:03:33:05       MAN 5: A copy of my complaint and a few other documents. Needless to say there are a tremendous number of documents that are involved.

00:03:39:08       CYNTHIA McKINNEY: Well, you can see me afterwards. Okay?

00:03:44:23       WOMAN 4: I also have documents I'd like to place in the hands of representative McKinley [McKinney]]. Specifically related to one of the key figures that's been identified in the Hope Charities Network issue, Mr. [UNINTEL]. I've followed the arrest, it goes way back and the Justice Department in handing down it's indictment has chosen to totally ignore the evidence that I will deliver to you from a Custom's Service and evidence delivered to them in testimony to the Judiciary Committee and it proves that he's an Al Qaeda and Hamas leader. He's been in this country for 20 years

and high up in government and directly related to [UNINTEL] and I think that this is an issue that if the press got it, even if we can't get you know, the Justice Department to move on this, will have to be deported before they act, before he can speak or anyone can speak and then we'll never hear anything.

00:04:42:18        But I think that this issues if it could be brought out into the press would blow Bush's cover...

00:04:49:12        CYNTHIA McKINNEY: Directly related to Grover Norquest investigation?

00:04:51:01        WOMAN 4: Yes. Yes ma'am. I will give you what I've done. And I would like to have...my idea was to extend this to several congresspeople and also to have perhaps some of the 9/11 families join in on this petition to the government saying what's going on here? Why is he...why does he have micro charges instead of we have a big fish here and he's been officially sponsored by various governments and it's all connected to Muslim brotherhood stuff.

MAN: Thank you.

00:05:24:17        CYNTHIA McKINNEY: Yes. We're trying to accommodate everybody so please don't anybody else get in line.

00:05:29:00        WOMAN 5: [UNINTEL.]

MAN: [UNINTEL] I'm sorry. Can you speak up?

00:05:47:16        WOMAN 5: Kean as well as Bush and Cheney.

00:05:52:06 CAROLYN BETTS: The Kean Commission is, is uh...I believe congressionally appointed but it's not, not the type of body where you impeach. They just uh... [UNINTEL].

00:06:04:23 WOMAN 5: [UNINTEL].

00:06:05:26 CAROLYN BETTS: I'm not aware that there's any way uh...unless there were a conscious accessory after the fact kind of thing. If you could show that somebody was actively trying to uh...hide information. But who were they hiding it from? There's no, there's no uh...government investigation. If they were hiding it from an attorney general or from a district attorney who had then subpoenaed them that would be a crime. But hiding it generally from the American people I'm not sure that that's [UNINTEL].

00:06:35:22 CYNTHIA: I'm sorry, we can't do anymore follow-ups.

00:06:40:13 WOMAN 6: Hi, I'm Rubina [UNINTEL] and I have a concern and a question. Knowing the U.S. government's um...you know history and being notorious with supporting [UNINTEL] around the world and then pulling the rug from under their feet is this Pakistan one [UNINTEL] that's what I'm concerned about as a Pakistani [UNINTEL]. As I listened to everybody speak today and I'm connecting the dots I'm struck me with one thing, if the Saudis are involved in this master plan and Pakistanis and [UNINTEL] how does the dehumanization of Islam and the attack on Muslims um...make sense? And how does it fit into this master plan?

00:07:30:04 MAN: There's two very important things and I'm going to make this short. There's a huge difference between the citizens of Saudi Arabia and the Saudi regime. There's a huge difference between Musharraf's regime and the ISI and

the average Pakistani on the street and there's a huge difference between authentic piety and political aggression in the guise of religiosity.

00:07:53:11 So dehumanizing Islam just sort of uh...victimizes those people that I can't tell the difference between Saudi regime and the average Saudi on the street. So uh...to create mass hysteria it makes all the sense to dehumanize Islam. To create a, a, a culture of fear and insecurity and yes we want you to protect our, our, our borders and our skies. So here's all the money and siphon it off to security.

00:08:17:07 MAN: And yes.

00:08:23:12 CYNTHIA McKINNEY: Thank you. Next.

00:08:25:04 MAN 7: Quick question about expert confirmation on a couple of theories on Flight 77 [MIC VOLUME LOWERS HERE] And secondly is that [UNINTEL].

[OVERLAPPING VOICES].

00:08:50:00 MAN: Yeah, two questions you have. One is the Pentagon...

00:08:53:11 MAN 7: Is there a structural [UNINTEL] structural engineers at the [UNINTEL] seems to make sense [UNINTEL] confirm the theory that [UNINTEL]. [UNINTEL] speculation, in speculating do we know that somebody who was familiar with how to [UNINTEL] on that flight to [UNINTEL]. Where would I find this?

00:09:18:01 MAN: Um...I'm afraid with that we're getting into a topic that would literally take probably another hour.

[OVERLAPPING VOICES].

00:09:25:02 MAN: Physical evidence is being covered at the other event on Saturday so we weren't meant that uh... [UNINTEL]. This is a big conflict point too among the researchers so I would recommend uh...

00:09:39:02 JOHN JUDGE: So you're saying there's no consensus what happened at the Pentagon.

00:09:42:04 MAN: Not absolutely.

00:09:46:27 MAN 7: Is there any consensus about self...the ability to cell...

MAN: Well I wouldn't say among researchers that there's a consensus on the cell phone calls although there are very strong opinions on both sides.

00:09:55:13 CYNTHIA McKINNEY: Next.

00:09:56:27 WOMAN 7: My name is Lori, I'm from Boston and I work for Delta Airlines. A variety of things that I was looking into I just have to add that in 1998 AT&T bought the Delta Network System called the HOT Network. I was looking for someone there named John Smart came up. It's a bogus name. It's a fictitious name but oddly enough there's a paper link to something called SCHEMA D.C. registered to double [UNINTEL] (double incur.org?) dot org dated July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1999. Double [UNINTEL] dot org is owned by a man named George Buzash - BUZASH. Um...in finding all the fiction and fictitious names

and fictitious business entities um... George Connelly on Bush Boulevard or George Bush on [UNINTEL] Road down in Florida or a variety of things. Um...our technology has taken over and there was definitely a scheme [UNINTEL] in the year 2000 and I don't know if it will happen again in 2004.

00:11:08:22 Another thing that I found in terms of uh...

00:11:11:26 CYNTHIA McKINNEY: Sorry. We need a question please.

00:11:14:25 WOMAN 7: Well, I was just offering information to the people to know. In terms of chat rooms there was a geocities.com/pentagon/bunker/9669 with a variety of other information that I have regarding child pornography and operations snowball, landslide and a variety of things. Aside from drug money and international money laundering child pornography is definitely millions of dollars that are funding this administration.

MAN: Thank you.

[APPLAUSE]

00:11:55:20 MAN 8: Yes, I have recently heard on WBAI that there was Russian woman reporter who wanted to report the truth about what happened recently in Chechnya with the hostage crisis. And she went on an airplane. She was given some tea to drink and she dropped dead. She was poisoned. Now um...it seems to be like this is the third time that all these terrorist attacks seem to happen whenever Bush or republicans go somewhere and there's going to be a large protest and they want protestors to shut up. It seems when, when, when Bush went to England and there was going to be a, a, a, a large protest it was the day after in which there were some terrorist attacks in Turkey. It was as

though to say maybe the CIA or somebody sets these terrorist attacks up just to make the protestors shut up.

00:12:52:00      And then on March 11<sup>th</sup> again Bush was gonna go and, and I believe he was going to come here over to New York and um...you know, pay his respects to the 9/11 um...uh...victims and there were various protestors including myself [UNINTEL] the Bush regime and [UNINTEL] 9/11 and the day uh...and on that day you had a terrorist attack in Spain. And then recently the Republican National Congress comes here to New York and then the day after um...you have all these terrorist attacks. Could these terrorist attacks if uh...the timing of all of these terrorist attacks have people think about what's going on or is it possible that the CIA or Mossad and Pakistani intelligence continue to construct and organize these terrorist attacks just to make uh...just to silence any voices of dissent and [UNINTEL] state of fear and [UNINTEL] their empire?

[APPLAUSE]

00:13:53:21      MAN: The question [UNINTEL] is that you think there's a concert...that these guys can be [UNINTEL] their timing and are these really one criminal operation uh...and agenda.

00:14:04:21      JOHN JUDGE: I think it has to be looked at. I don't think that we have more than a you know, general suspicions of it. But I, I was tracking from the 1970s on uh...a shift at the Defense Department in their planning and Rand Corporation studies that related to terrorism and counter-terrorism as sort of the new rubric under which the intelligence agencies operate once the Soviet Union went away. And there is body of evidence in Europe. It's called Strategy of Tension which is, which are plots created by the intelligence

structures to have terrorist actions happen and then to blame them on, falsely on certain elements of society so that they can go against them and also increase the level of aggression. So I think, I think it's a legitimate query. But I think we haven't found a body of evidence quite yet. And I did a talk in 1996 about it called [UNINTEL]

00:15:04:19           LES JAMIESON: I'm really very sorry. But we are not 47 minutes past our originally scheduled time at this free event. We're going to have to close up. This discussion must continue. You've got to get involved. You've got to go out and hold these discussions with people who aren't converted. We see a two-pronged approach here and we've got to gather the best evidence and we've got to raise the political pressure and you need to be a part of that. You need to join up.

[APPLAUSE]

00:15:38:16           KYLE HENCE: I first would like to extend our thanks to everyone who has participated today to all of you for being here. Thank you everyone.

[APPLAUSE]

00:15:48:29           KYLE HENCE: All of our witnesses who have come a long way to be here. No one has been paid. That goes for our commissioners [UNINTEL]

[APPLAUSE AND CHEERS]

[THIS GENTLEMAN CONTINUES TO LIST NAMES OF  
PARTICIPANTS BUT THE NAMES ARE OBSCURED BY THE  
APPLAUSE AND CHEERS]

KYLE HENCE: Kathy Bell, Ted Silverman who did the A/V with us. Mary Titus, Iyesha and Jan Rayman, Eric, Peter Taylor. A lot of you came late and just filled in and I don't have your names here. Forgive me. Thank you. And also thanks to [UNINTEL] who came from San Francisco and Steve Cassilly and Joe Friendly who did a three camera shoot and keep in mind we are going to do a DVD of this, all six hours. More typically it will be compressed and put online. We have a professional transcription service that's going to transcribe every word that's been said and that is also going online by next week.

[APPLAUSE]

Thank you all. We have to move quickly out as soon as we're done. If you want to come back for the movie you've got to buy tickets outside at the box office and please donate on your way out. We've got a basket. This event was expensive to pull off so we appreciate any donations. And Les just wants to say a word about the [UNINTEL] organizing because [UNINTEL].

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LES JAMIESON: What can be done? What can you personally do to contribute to the effort? And it's got to come from us folks. It can't come from the government appointed commission. Truth, change and progress is only going to come from people who have the most important office, political office in the country and that's you and us. Okay? So next Thursday Brecht Forum which is 122 West 27<sup>th</sup> Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor. This is on the Summeroftruth.org so you can get the details there. It's going to be the opportunity to kick off the next phase of uh...activism and pursuing the truth of 9/11. Our website ny911truth.org. Okay we have email, you can have a newsletter. Sign up and please come be part of the action. Thank you.

[APPLAUSE] [CROWD NOISE HERE INCREASES]

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KYLE HENCE: One more last announcement. I would like to ask the commissioners themselves been a lot of information that was taken in today, a lot of evidence [UNINTEL] testimony. I'd like to ask the commissioners if they would as follow on to, to contemplate this, on this material and give us their assessments on [UNINTEL] we can post to the website. And again, if we're going to do this and follow it on which we hope Catherine Austin Fitts will hopefully return to [UNINTEL] today. We need your support. We need benefactors. We need more organizers and we can do this again because there's a lot that we did not touch today. It's a complicated subject. There's many facets to it.

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CYNTHIA: The answer of course is an emphatic yes. We definitely want to do more like this. I didn't, I deferred my passions. I've got those operation more [UNINTEL] documents than I can talk about. Maybe things that the panel needs to discuss all in one place so we do need to ferret out the truth and call names and then [UNINTEL] (concur?) what we as a [UNINTEL] can do to take our government back. And so yes, we want to do this but we've got to have your support. And I, you just call me and I'll be there.

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