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Complicit to Cover-Up

By Geoff Metcalf (08/14/05)

Who Knew What and When?

Once again, 'the official government story' is leaking like a colander. I just read the August 12th 'Kean-Hamilton statement on ABLE DANGER' from the 9/11 Commission...henceforth to be referred to as 'Commission CYA Addendum (Revised)'.

Recently two separate groups of 9/11 widows articulated their shock and horror that the 9/11 Commission ignored significant and critical evidence. Duh! Hell-o?

The 9/11 Commission's decision to flat out ignore testimony that military intelligence had identified Mohamed Atta and Marwan al-Shehhi in 1999 as terrorist threats already in the U.S. but was specifically ordered not to tell the FBI suffers an adequate adjectives to replace contemptible, reprehensible, monumentally malfeasant, or freaking crazy...

The Commission says, 'nuh-uh'...but a reasonable person would conclude they are being less than forthcoming (translation: they are lying).

Last year, Regan Books published 'Cover Up/What the Government is Still Hiding About the War on Terror' http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/tg/detail/-/0060543558/qid=1123967089/sr=8-1/ref=pd_bbs_1/102-4255247-9095330?v=glance&s=books&n=507846. Author Peter Lance <http://www.peterlance.com> has shown how the government repeatedly, chronically, and outrageously sacrificed national security for petty personal and political preferences.

As one of the widows said, "Now the truth is our intelligence agencies did not fail...They were tracking them. Now the question is why did we perpetrate that myth and why were we not able to unravel the plot, especially in light of the fact that we had Mohamed Atta in our sights."

Good question. Perhaps Jaimie Gorelick and Dieter Snell should be asked, under oath?

Rep. Curt Weldon, blames the so-called "firewall" erected by the Clinton Justice Department that myopically prohibited sharing intelligence with law enforcement. He is not the Lone Ranger. Such a territorial imperative exceeds even the most egregious bureaucratic brain flatulence.

According to Weldon, a year before 9/11, Clinton lawyers told a group of military intelligence officers that information they had developed on 9/11 ringleader Mohamed Atta could not be shared with the FBI. Reportedly, they said of Atta: "You can't even touch him - it doesn't matter what information you have." Huh?!?!

Before we rip Weldon for the long stall, give him points for 'trying'. He told Sean Hannity, "In September of 2000 we tried on three occasions to take the information we had developed and pass it along to the FBI so they could follow up and take action against this [al-Qaida] cell and perhaps bring in Atta and question him and do whatever else was necessary."

Three times they tried and three times they were blown off by administration lawyers.

According to Weldon the lawyers said, "He's here legally. He's either got a green card or he's got a visa. So you can't even touch him - it doesn't matter what information you have."



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BULLfeathers! I am not a lawyer and never played on TV or radio, however, this doesn't pass the smell test.

Hell, the government arrested, tried, and ACQUITTED former IRS Special Agent Joseph Banister <http://www.freedomabovefortune.com/> just because he asked questions they didn't like and is a credible albeit embarrassing pain in the government's butt.

For a known bad guy with known links to known bad guys (see pages 362-362 in Lance's '1000 Years For Revenge ' http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/tg/detail/-/006054354X/qid=1123980919/sr=8-2/ref=pd_bbs_2/102-4255247-9095330?v=glance&s=books&n=507846) to get a pass from government lawyers is nuts...even by Clinton administration standards.

I have done considerable research, talked to hundreds of people, and interviewed dozens of experts, and I still can't fathom how Jamie Gorelick and Dieter Snell were not called as witnesses, let alone the galactically epic 'whoops' of their working for the very commission allegedly investigating their work product?

In 1995 U.S. Attorney Mary Jo White warned in a memo that the directive by Deputy Attorney General Jamie Gorelick "could cost lives"...and it did! The 9/11 Commission is still concealing that memo. Why?

Gorelick refused to reclude herself from parts of the 9/11 investigation that covered the now infamous "wall" she erected that prevented intelligence and law enforcement agencies from cooperating in the war on terror. And none of her 'esteemed colleagues' did 'Jack-spit' to complain? How come?

"It is hard to be totally comfortable with instructions to the FBI prohibiting contact with the United States Attorney's Offices when such prohibitions are not legally required," White wrote on June 13, 1995, in a memo reported recently by the New York Post's Deborah Orin.

Orin reports that White was big time ticked off, "White was so upset that she bitterly protested with another memo - a scathing one" - blasting Gorelick's wall of separation. So how come the commissioners have failed to make the second memo public?

Jaimie Gorelick and Dieter Snell (among other Clinton aides) should be investigated...not tasked with guarding the chicken coop.

Meanwhile, once again, 'the official government story' (like a long list of 'official' stories) does not and will not bear scrutiny.

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