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“The 9/11 Conspiracists: Vindicated at Last?”

Nation of Change September 2, 2011

[Most of this article dismisses the conspiracy theories regarding the collapse of the Towers. Here is the conclusion.] Alexander Cockburn, Op-Ed: “What Barrett and Collins brilliantly show are the actual corrupt conspiracies on Giuliani’s watch: the favoritism to Motorola, which saddled the firemen with radios that didn’t work; the ability of the Port Authority to skimp on fire protection; the mayor’s catastrophic failure in the years before Sept. 11, 2001, to organize an effective unified emergency command that would have meant that cops and firemen could have communicated; that many firemen wouldn’t have unnecessarily entered the towers; that people in the towers wouldn’t have been told by 9/11 emergency operators to stay in place; that firemen could have heard the helicopter warnings and the final mayday messages that prompted most of the New York policemen to flee the towers.” READ | DISCUSS | SHARE
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CONSEQUENCES

FEAR-BORN DISTORTIONS
country—gripped by terror fantasies—was locked down, and how a brain-dead Washington elite profited while America quietly burned.”

ATTACK ON CIVIL LIBERTIES
FILM: *UNCONSTITUTIONAL*

*Unconstitutional* is an hour-long documentary produced by Robert Greenwald in conjunction with the American Civil Liberties Union. According to Greenwald, the film explores how the "civil liberties of American citizens and immigrants alike have been infringed upon, curtailed, and rolled back since 9/11 and the passage of the USA Patriot Act." Directed by journalist/filmmaker Nonny de la Peña, *Unconstitutional* won the Grand Festival Award for documentary at the 2004 Berkeley Video and Film Festival. It is the third in a series of Public Interest Pictures films that follows *Unprecedented: The 2000 Presidential Election* and *Uncovered: The War on Iraq.*

MORE BOOKS
-- E.A. Blayre III, *America Deceived II.* [I could not find a review of this book.]
-- Farmer, John.
-- Shenon, Philip.

9-11 COMMISSION REPORT ADEQUATE?  NO!


April 14, 2009

The book unveils how “the public had been seriously misled about what occurred during the morning of the attacks,” and Farmer himself states that “at some level of the government, at some point in time…there was an agreement not to tell the truth about what happened.”

Only the very naive would dispute that an agreement not to tell the truth is an agreement to lie. Farmer’s contention is that the government agreed to create a phony official version of events to cover-up the real story behind 9/11.

The publisher of the book, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, states that, “Farmer builds the inescapably convincing case that the official version not only is almost entirely untrue but serves to create a false impression of order and security.”

In August 2006, the Washington Post reported, “Some staff members and commissioners of the Sept. 11 panel concluded that the Pentagon’s initial story of how it reacted to the 2001 terrorist attacks may have been part of a deliberate effort to mislead the commission and the public rather than a reflection of the fog of events on that day, according to sources involved in the debate.”

The report revealed how the 10-member commission deeply suspected deception to the point where they considered referring the matter to the Justice Department for criminal investigation.

“We to this day don’t know why NORAD [the North American Aerospace Command] told us what they told us,” said Thomas H. Kean, the former New Jersey Republican governor who led the commission. “It was just so far from the truth. . . . It’s one of those loose ends that never got tied.

As we also reported in August 2006, released portions of NORAD tapes from 9/11, which were featured in a Vanity Fair article, do little to answer skeptic’s questions about the impotence of U.S. air defenses on 9/11 and if anything only increase focus on the incompatibility of the official version of events with what is actually known to have taken place on that day.

Make no mistake, Farmer is not saying that 9/11 was an inside job, however, Farmer’s testimony, along with that of his fellow 9/11 Commission members, conclusively demonstrates that, whatever really happened on 9/11, the official story as told to the public on the day and that which remains the authorities’ version of events today, is a lie – according to the very people who were tasked by the government to investigate it. This is a fact that no debunker or government apologist can ever legitimately deny.

read the rest here …9/11 Commission Counsel: Government Agreed to Lie About 9/11.

Books of The Times
“Tragicomic Tale of the 9/11 Report”  By EVAN THOMAS Published: February 4, 2008

Journalists like to talk about the back story, the story behind the story. The back story can be nothing more than vaguely sourced gossip traded among pundits and politicos before they go on talk shows. But sometimes the back story is the
real, whole truth, a tale of conniving or official blundering that the headlines can only hint at. Journalists often conceal the whole truth because they need to protect their sources.

Philip Shenon, **THE COMMISSION**

**The Uncensored History of the 9/11 Commission**

Philip Shenon, a reporter in the Washington bureau of *The New York Times*, set out to get behind the scenes of the 9/11 Commission. The inside story of a government commission doesn’t sound very promising; most commission reports wind up unread on dusty shelves.

When the 9/11 Commission announced its findings in the summer of 2004, the response was by and large respectful. Reprinted as a book, “The 9/11 Commission Report” was an instant best seller, unusual for a document written by committee. But its popularity was owed mostly to a spare, riveting narrative of the shocking events on Sept. 11, 2001, not to its policy recommendations or revelations about official malfeasance. So why go over it all again?

Mr. Shenon is a skillful writer and storyteller as well as a dogged reporter. In “The Commission” he makes bureaucratic warfare exciting, largely because he has a keen grasp of human frailty and folly. He opens with a desperate, almost pathetic scene of Samuel R. Berger, President Bill Clinton’s national security adviser, sneaking documents out of the National Archives.

Mr. Berger had actually been more attentive to the threat of Al Qaeda than most government officials, including his successors in the Bush administration, but he apparently feared that he and his boss would become scapegoats. “Beneath his gruff amiability,” Mr. Shenon writes of Mr. Berger, “there was deep insecurity that, even he admitted, bordered on paranoia.”

In a memorable scene Mr. Shenon depicts the widows of 9/11 victims, a group that called itself the Jersey Girls, meeting Henry A. Kissinger, President Bush’s choice to be chairman of the 9/11 Commission, in the posh offices of Mr. Kissinger’s international consulting firm in New York. When one of the Jersey Girls asks Mr. Kissinger if he has any clients named bin Laden, Mr. Kissinger spills his coffee and nearly falls off his sofa. “It’s my bad eye,” Mr. Kissinger explains, as the women rush to clean up the mess — “like good suburban moms,” Mr. Shenon says one widow recalls. The next morning Mr. Kissinger telephoned the White House to resign from the commission.

The black hat of Mr. Shenon’s story is the commission’s executive director, Philip Zelikow. Brilliant but abrasive and secretive, he is regarded by some commission staff members as a White House mole, compromised by his close ties to Condoleezza Rice, then President Bush’s national security adviser. The book’s portrait of Mr. Zelikow is harsh, but Mr. Shenon seems to have reached out to Mr. Zelikow to get both sides of the story. (Mr. Zelikow scoffs at
charges of conflict and conspiracy made by Mr. Shenon’s sources.)

The official ineptitude uncovered by the commission is shocking. Dubbed “Kinda-Lies-a-Lot” by the Jersey Girls, Ms. Rice comes across as almost clueless about the terrorist threat. “Whatever her job title, Rice seemed uninterested in actually advising the president,” Mr. Shenon writes. “Instead, she wanted to be his closest confidante — specifically on foreign policy — and to simply translate his words into action.”

The C.I.A. has some inkling that Osama bin Laden is stirring to strike the United States, but for many crucial months fails to tell the F.B.I. that two terrorists (who later turned out to be 9/11 hijackers) are actually in the United States. The popular image of the C.I.A. as dashing and all-knowing is for the movies only. After much dickering with the White House, former New Jersey Gov. Thomas H. Kean, the mild-mannered patrician who succeeded Mr. Kissinger as commission chairman, is allowed to read pre-9/11 copies of the President’s Daily Brief, the C.I.A.’s digest of its most important secrets. “He found himself terrified by what he was reading, really terrified,” Mr. Shenon writes. “There was almost nothing in them.”

Of the briefings, Mr. Kean said, “They were garbage,” adding, “There really was nothing there — nothing, nothing.”

The C.I.A. director George J. Tenet is depicted as evasive and exhausted, both from chasing Al Qaeda and trying too hard to please everyone he worked with. The F.B.I. bumbling verges on the tragicomic. Haunted by missed chances to stop the 9/11 hijackers, the F.B.I.’s acting director, Thomas J. Pickard, keeps a list of the bureau’s numerous mistakes. At least Mr. Pickard was bothered by his agency’s ineptitude.

Attorney General John Ashcroft appears more interested in protecting gun owners from government intrusion than in stopping terrorism, and dismissively tells Mr. Pickard that he doesn’t want to hear any more about threats of attacks.

Not wanting to point fingers and name names — and set off partisan wrangling among the commissioners — the 9/11 Commission shied away from holding anyone personally accountable. The commission ended up blaming structural flaws for the government’s failure to protect the nation and recommended appointing a national intelligence director to ride herd.

The nation now has such a director, but with weaker authority than what the commission proposed, and the position may turn out to be no more than another layer of bureaucracy. Ultimately, as Mr. Shenon shows, the failure at the highest levels of the United States government was human. That is the real back story of 9/11.

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INSTEAD OF REVENGE, RETALIATION, AND VIOLATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, PEACEFUL ALTERNATIVES WERE AVAILABLE

SEPTEMBER 12: Interdependence Day

> INTERDEPENDENCE DAY

Despite a world where global interdependence is not simply an aspiration of idealists, but a brute fact of the forces that bind us together—global warming, wars, hunger, financial capital, AIDS, telecommunications, crime, migration, terrorism—many people still think in narrow, insular terms. Reality is global, but consciousness too often remains local — constrained by town and nation.

In response, in the year 2000, a small group of scholars, civic and political leaders, and artists from a dozen nations met to design a program that might help raise consciousness around the realities and possibilities of interdependence. Their efforts were given impetus by the tragic events of September 11, 2001, and the group agreed to create a project that would:

> Make September 12, the day following the memorial of 9/11, an international celebration of interdependence “Interdependence Day”

> Draw up a “Declaration of Interdependence”, making clear that both liberty and security required cooperation among peoples and nations and could no longer be secured by sovereign nations working unilaterally;

> Develop a Civic Interdependence Curriculum that would make interdependence a central concept in Civics and Social Studies programs in middle and high schools in as many schools around the world as possible.

http://www.wetheworld.org/wtw2/interdependence/index.php4


Synopsis:
Recounts the founding of the non-profit organization, Peaceful Tomorrows, created by family members of terrorism victims in order to promote peace and nonviolence, and offers personal stories through essays and photographs.

Review:
Over three thousand families were torn apart on September 11, 2001. But from the devastation of that day, another family was formed—a family bound not by biology, culture or country, but by compassion and the commitment to spare all
The mission of the September 11th Families for Peaceful Tomorrows is idealistic: it opposes war in the name of their lost loved ones and advocates the prevention of terrorism by addressing the difficult problems that lie at its root, namely extremism, militarism, poverty, racism, ignorance, inequality, hatred, hopelessness, and rage. Angry opponents to the group's goals and pursuits, including some in the media, have labeled them unpatriotic, cowards, ignorant, and naïve--particularly in response to their reaching out to the Afghani and Iraqi victims of U.S. military action. But fair-minded readers of this powerful book will certainly be moved by the courage, commitment, compassion, and moral conviction expressed by these extraordinary/ordinary people and their supporters. Joined together by their grief and dedication, the group shows how people-to-people, you can make a difference. --Silvana Tropea

INTERNATIONAL POLICE: CIA, FBI, INTERPOL

CIA TRIES TO CENSOR BOOK: Ali Soufan's book, The Black Banners: The Inside Story of 9/11 and the War Against Al Qaeda,
“CIA Seeks to Censor 9/11 Book “ by Scott Shane, The New York Time, August 27, 2011, RSN Intro: "In what amounts to a fight over who gets to write the history of the Sept. 11 attacks and their aftermath, the Central Intelligence Agency is demanding extensive cuts from the memoir of a former FBI agent who spent years near the center of the battle against Al Qaeda."
[This book shows that the 9-11 bombings were a criminal case susceptible to basic international police work. Instead of an invasion of a sovereign nation and ten-year occupation which failed to capture the master-mind criminal, the criminal was finally captured n his home by the equivalent of a police raid, the only difference being that the police were military personnel who murdered their “most wanted” criminal.]

Peace Rallies and Interfaith Vigils For Sept. 11 Anniversary 2010
SOLIDARITY WITH MUSLIMS 9-11-10
Emergency Mobilization Against Racism and Anti-Islamic Bigotry
Say NO to Racism and anti-Islamic Bigotry
Stand for Unity and Solidarity on Saturday, September 11

Peace rallies and interfaith vigils were held across the country in 2010 to mark the ninth anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks and to condemn Islamaphobia. In New York, a coalition of more than 100 civic, religious, civil liberties and civil rights organizations hosted a vigil supporting religious freedom. On Saturday the Emergency Mobilization Against Racism and Anti-Islamic Bigotry held a
rally near City Hall in New York just blocks from the proposed site of a new Islamic cultural center. In Florida the Gainesville Muslim Initiatives hosted an interfaith candlelight vigil for peace. The Network of Spiritual Progressives, which is chaired by Rabbi Michael Lerner called on members to organize interfaith public readings of the Koran. In New York, Hesham El-Meligy and the Building Bridges Coalition organized a rally on Saturday.

Hesham El-Meligy: "I did not want to do anything on that day except have a respectful solemn observation with the families and other people of conscience in America and around the world. Unfortunately, I can not let people with agendas to attack and marginalize the Muslim community have an open platform without all of us people of conscience standing up together and upholding American values of respect, tolerance, unity, freedom of religion. This is why we are coming on September 11 and doing this. There is no other way except that we had to. Somebody had to stand up for these American values." From Democracy Now (9-10-10)

9-11 in FAYETTEVILLE 2010
Dear all 9-15-20
I would like to thank each and every one who participated in the very touching and spiritually uplifting event that we all organized almost spontaneously on the solemn occasion of the 9th anniversary of 9-11. Some of your email addresses I have whereas the emails of the majority of the participants I do not. Therefore I request you to please send this note of thanks on my behalf and on behalf of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community to all those who participated and embraced each other with an open heart. There were participants from Temple Shalom and the Bahai faith, there were members from various other denominations. The community's response of peace in memory of a day that was marked by an unbelievably cruel act of terrorism highlights the deeply implanted yearning for peace and harmony within human psyche. May God spread this seed in towns and cities, in countries and nations, and on land and in oceans, everywhere. May peace prevail in the world.
Thank you again. Hameed Naseem

9-11 1973, the SECOND MOMENTOUS 9-11: OVERTHROW OF ALLENDE OF CHILE by Dick Bennett
With strong US prodding by Nixon and Kissinger and help from the CIA, General Pinochet led a coup d’etat to overthrow the elected president Allende of Chile at the time the most democratic country in South America. On 9-11 the USA is both victim and victimizer, and both should be remembered.

See Amy Goodman’s Democracy Now (9-15-10), interview of Juan Garces, the last surviving aide to Allende, now a human rights lawyer in Spain who has spent all these years trying to bring Pinochet and his fellow criminals to justice, on the basis of the Nuremberg crimes against humanity and genocide laws. He has worked with the great human rights judge Baltazar Garzon, who attempted to prosecute General Franco’s officials, and who has been stripped of his judgeship by the Spanish legal establishment.
Question: Should we remember massacres and demand justice for the victims of mass murderers? Garces told the story of Hitler dismissing objections to his decision to invade Poland—that it would be condemned by the world—by saying world opinion is short-lived, citing the Turkish genocide against Armenians: Who remembers them?