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#### **Racist FBI Provocateur Radio Host Hal Turner Gets Ten Years**



'Hate Blogger' Hal Turner Burned By the Government He Served

By Kurt Nimmo

On Friday (Aug13), a jury found National Security Intelligence asset Hal Turner guilty of threatening to kill a judge. Prosecutors argued the former radio host threatened federal judges Richard Posner, William Bauer and Frank Easterbrook after they upheld a law banning handguns in Chicago. "Let me be the first to say this plainly: these judges deserve to be killed," Turner posted on his website in June 2009. He also posted the judges' phone numbers and office addresses. Two previous attempts by the government to convict Turner resulted in mistrials with deadlocked juries.

Hal Turner's conviction and possible tenyear prison term is yet another example of

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## **Declassified Files Document Israeli** Propaganda

Senate Investigation Files from the 1960s Expose Propaganda Methods

Global Research

Washington, DC: Declassified files from a Senate investigation into Israeli-funded covert public relations and lobbying activity in the United States were released by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) on July 23, 2010. The subpoenaed documents reveal Israel's clandestine programs for "cultivation of editors," the "stimulation and placement of suitable articles in the major consumer magazines" as well as US reporting about sensitive subjects such as the Dimona nuclear weapons facility in Iran.

Documents are now available for download from http://IRmep.org/ila/azc including:

Dimona (excerpt): "The nuclear reactor story inspired comment from many sources; editorial writers, columnists, science writers and cartoonists. Most of the press seemed finally to accept the thesis that the reactor was being built for peaceful purposes and not for bombs." (http://www.irmep.org/11-121960AZC.pdf)

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# **Obama Family Ties to the CIA Revealed**

WAYNE MADSEN REPORT

WMR has discovered CIA files that document the agency's connections to institutions and individuals figuring prominently in the lives of Barack Obama and his mother, father, grandmother, and

President Obama's own work in 1983 for Business International Corporation, a CIA front that conducted seminars with the world's most powerful leaders and used journalists as agents abroad, dovetails with CIA espionage activities conducted by his mother, Stanley Ann Dunham. In 1960s post-coup Indonesia, she worked on behalf of a number of CIA front operations, including the East-West Center at the University of Hawaii, the US Agency for International Development (USAID), and the Ford Foundation.

Barack Obama, Sr., met Dunham in 1959 in a Russian language class at the University of Hawaii. He had been part

By Elaine Sullivan / RCFP

The Deepwater Horizon oil rig exploded

on April 21, 2010, killing 11 people and

spewing millions of barrels of oil into

the Gulf of Mexico. BP finally partially

capped the well on July 15. But the

disaster is not over; in fact, the real

oil spill disaster may just be starting.

Because not only are the waters of the

Gulf still tainted with oil, but, to add to

the toxic mix ,they are still being sprayed

As part of the oil clean-up, BP has

been spraying an oil dispersant, Corexit

9500 onto the oil slick. The dispersant

breaks the oil into droplets, which sink

to the bottom of the Gulf or are carried

out with the tides. The spraying of the

dispersant was supposed to have been

stopped after the well was partially

with Corexit 9500 oil dispersant.



Barry Soetoro in Indonesia with mother Ann Dunham, step-father Lolo Soetoro, baby-sister Maya Soetoro-Ng.

of what was described as an airlift of 280 East African students to the United States to attend various colleges — "aided" by a grant from the Joseph P. Kennedy Foundation, according to a September 12,

**BP Using Dispersants to Hide the Oil:** 

1960. Reuters report from London. The airlift was a CIA operation to train and indoctrinate future agents of influence in Africa, which was becoming a battleground between the United States and the Soviet Union and China for influence among newly-independent and soon-to-be independent countries on the continent.

The airlift was condemned by the deputy leader of the opposition Kenyan African Democratic Union (KADU) as favoring certain tribes — the majority Kikuyus and minority Luos - over other tribes to favor the Kenyan African National Union (KANU). KANU's leader was Tom Mboya, the Kenvan nationalist and labor leader who selected Obama, Sr. for a scholarship at the University of Hawaii. Obama, Sr., who was already married with an infant son and pregnant wife in Kenya, married Dunham on Maui on February 2, 1961, and was also the University's first African

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#### 1,200+ **Architects & Engineers** call for new 9/11 investigation. Full color, starts page 3.

## **Study Finds At Least One Million Children** in US Misdiagnosed With ADHD

By RCFP STAFF

In a new study to be published in the Journal of Health Economics, Michigan State University economist, Todd Elder presents evidence that nearly 1 million children in the US are misdiagnosed with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). Elder reports that the diagnosis of ADHD is mostly subjective and is linked to the age of the child compared to his classmates. According to Elder "Roughly 8.4 percent of children born in the month prior to their state's cutoff date for kindergarten eligibility - who typically become the youngest and most developmentally immature children within a grade - are diagnosed with ADHD, compared to 5.1 percent of children born in the month immediately afterward."

Elder used a sample of nearly 12,000 children, to examine the difference in ADHD diagnosis and medication rates between the youngest and oldest children in a grade. The data is from the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study Kindergarten Cohort, which is funded by the National Center for Education Statistics.

Elder's study shows that the youngest kindergartners were 60 percent more likely to be diagnosed with ADHD than

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NaturalNews.com

By S. L. Baker / NaturalNews

Big Pharma's New

**Drugs Are Lemons** 

*New study: 85% of New Drugs* 

Pose Health Risks to Users

For years, natural health proponents have

been sounding the alarm about the dangers

of new drugs being pushed on consumers.

But is that a one-sided, inaccurate view? Not

at all. In fact, new research now shows the



Fish kills are widespread over region of Gulf oil spill.

#### of the oil is still out in the Gulf, beaches, and marshes. Charles Hopkinson, a The government announced on See DISASTER p. 2

University of Georgia, 70 - 79 percent

## Swine Flu Pandemic Was a Fraud If you've been reading The Creek, you already knew that

By Sophie Borland / Daily Mail (UK)

A third of the experts advising the World Health Organisation (WHO) about the swine flu pandemic had ties to drugs firms, it has emerged.

Five of the 15 specialists who sat on the emergency committee had received funding from pharmaceutical giants, or were linked to them through their research.

This revelation will prompt speculation the "pandemic" was wildly overestimated and largely fuelled by the drugs industry who stood to benefit from the panic.

Last month it emerged that the Government had squandered more than £1.2 billion tackling swine flu — most of it going toward vaccines following experts' dire predictions that as many as 65,000

Britons would die.

In fact, the virus claimed just 457 lives — a third of those killed every year by ordinary seasonal flu.

But today it emerged that many of the scientists on the WHO's emergency panel had links with firms including GlaxoSmithKline, who made millions manufacturing swine flu vaccines.

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# Carbon Taxes High on Globalist Agenda

#### Leaked G20 Documents Show Carbon Taxes Still on Globalist Wish List

By James Corbett/The Corbett Report

This week The Corbett Report received documents purported to be the notes of an attendee of the recent Toronto G20 meeting. The documents, if genuine, show that the recent meeting once again gave the G20 a chance to discuss global government as an answer to the ongoing economic meltdown and to reaffirm that carbon taxes are high on the globalists' priority list.

The notes were obtained from a source inside a South African bank whose CEO was a confirmed attendee of the Toronto meeting. According to the source, they are most likely notes from a feedback session between the CEO and bank officials upon the CEO's return from the conference.

According to the documents, the delegates concluded that a process of fiscal consolidation would be the key solution to the crisis, involving country-specific ideas with central coordination...presumably by the G20 itself. Although the delegates evidently discussed the need to address the sovereign debt crisis "through cutting expenses and not through increased taxes," that statement is immediately followed in this attendee's notes by the idea of introducing carbon taxes.

The idea of funding a nascent global governmental structure through the introduction of carbon taxes is by no means a new one, having been proposed as a funding mechanism for a North American Union at a secret Security and Prosperity Partnership meeting in Banff, Canada in 2006.

Perhaps not coincidentally, the idea was last floated in the G20 Finance Ministers's meeting in Scotland last year. In leaked documents from that meeting it was revealed that attendees had seriously discussed the possibility of using a carbon tax to fund an international financial body which would supposedly be entrusted to look after climate adaptation and mitigation programs.

That the carbon tax was discussed during G20 deliberations comes as no surprise. Nor does the fact that the delegates deliberated on the need "to develop Global governance structures" and the desire for "coordination across countries." The urge to use a manufactured economic crisis to institute a new international system of governance administered by the very bankers who created the problem in the first place has likewise been noted for years.

But there are hopeful signs that the globalists' agenda is being derailed by a mass political awakening among the public, exactly as key globalist Zbigniew Brzezinski discussed in a recent speech. Perhaps the foremost hurdle to the implementation of the G20's plans comes from fierce opposition to the carbon tax agenda in the United States exemplified by the fact that the current Senate climate bill is likely dead in the water. Another hopeful sign are those passages of the leaked documents that seem to suggest that national governments may be diverting from the globalist agenda in order to protect their national interests, including repeated references to the specter of increased protectionism as a result of the global downturn.

On a more ominous note, however, are references to the need to create a "B20" or "Business 20" to give unaccountable multi-nationals an even bigger stake in the nascent global governmental structure inherent in the G20 structure.

This year's G20 drew the ire of Canadians and concerned citizens around the world for its \$1.3 billion security budget and brutal treatment of protestors. The next G20 summit will take place in November in Seoul, Korea.

problems with Big Pharma's hugely hyped medications are far worse than most people have feared. Independent reviewers found that about 85 percent of new drugs offer few if any new benefits — but they carry the risk of causing serious harm to users. According to Donald Light, Ph.D., a professor of comparative health policy at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey who authored the study, the pharmaceutical industry is a "market for lemons" and Big Pharma spends a fortune to sell those lemons to the public. downplay information about serious side effects of new drugs and overstate the drugs' benefits," Dr. Light, who presented his findings on August 17 in Atlanta at the 105th Annual Meeting of the American

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Millions of small dead fish cover the surface of the water

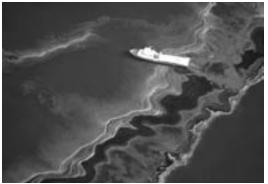
## The Real Disaster in the **Gulf is Just Beginning**

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marine scientist at the University of Georgia, stated: "One major misconception is that oil that has dissolved into water is gone and, therefore, harmless. The oil is still out there. It will likely take years to completely degrade. We are still far from a complete understanding of what its impacts are." The Georgia Sea Grant Report went on to say that dispersed and dissolved oil is not gone and that dissolved forms can be highly

The government, BP, and the US Coast Guard have claimed that no dispersants have been sprayed in the Gulf since the well was partially capped on July 15th. However, the residents and workers along the coast have seen it, smelled it, and taken pictures of the dispersant being sprayed onto the water. The aerial spray is meant to neutralize the oil spill with oil dispersing agents, but this does not make the oil go away. It breaks it down into smaller particles. There are photos and videos of C-130s dropping dispersant into the Gulf.

According to an August 9th article by journalist Dahr Jamail, residents and fishermen are seeing and feeling the effects of the spraying of the dispersant. At a town hall meeting, Dean Blanchard, one of the most important seafood purchasers in Louisiana, accused BP of not wanting to clean up the spill. When



Ship cuts through bands of oil.

BP's representatives asked to have someone explain to him why BP would not want to clean up the oil Blanchard responded:

"Because it's more cost effective for ya'll to come at night and sink the son-of-a-bitch! When the oil's coming around, they call ya'll, they tell ya'll where the oil's at, and the first thing ya'll do is tell them to go the other way. Ya'll send the planes, and ya'll fucking sink it! [spray dispersants from the air] That's what ya'll are doing. Come on man!" He sits down angrily. "Let's quit playing over here and tell the truth. Ya'll are sinking the oil, Jason! You know ya'll are sinking it. You know what ya'll are doing. Ya'll are sending

all the boats. You're putting them all in a group at night. We all hear the planes, and the next morning there's nothing but white bubbles! What do you think? We're stupid? We're not stupid! Ya'll are putting the oil on the bottom of my fishing grounds! Ya'll not only messing me up now; ya'll are messing me up for the rest of my life! I ain't gonna live long enough to buy any more shrimp!

Blanchard isn't the only one to see that the spraying is continuing. According to the Jamail report several people working with BP's Vesselsof-Opportunity (VOO) program have confirmed this allegation, as have, residents living in the



Basler BT-67 Sprays dispersant in the Gulf

Residents have reported smelling the chemicals, experiencing hoarseness, and feeling as though they had been in a smoky bar the night before.

Several workers from the VOO program have reported not only that they directly observed the skiffs spraying the dispersant, but that, when they attempted to clean up the oil, they were told to abort the clean-up job. Some VOO workers have tried reporting these incidents to the US Coast Guard, only to be lied to. One worker reported: "We were later told by the Coast Guard they'd investigated the incident and told us what we saw were vacuum boats sucking oil, and they were rinsing their tanks. But we know this is a lie and that BP is using these out-of-state contractors to come in and spray the dispersant at night, and they are using planes to drop it as well."

Researchers from the University of South Florida have confirmed that giant plumes of BP's sub-surface dispersed oil are floating around the Gulf of Mexico. According to researchers, environmentalists, and fishermen, the Gulf is experiencing the worst dead zone in 25 years, reaching from the source of the leak to the shore. In a Truthout interview, environmental activist Jerry Cope said, "The coastal communities of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida have been



Dead fish wash up on beaches around the Gulf.

inundated by the oil and toxic dispersant Corexit 9500, and the entire region is contaminated. The once pristine white beaches that have been subject to intense cleaning operations now contain the oil/ dispersant contamination to an unknown depth. The economic impacts potentially exceed even the devastation of a major hurricane like Katrina. The adverse impacts on health and welfare of human populations are increasing every minute of every day, and the long-term effects are potentially life threatening.'

Fisherman and other residents are seeing tar balls and oil continually washing ashore and the dispersant, bubbling white and foamy, on the surface after a spraying. Fish, dolphins, rays, squid, whales, and thousands of birds, dead and dying, litter the Gulf near the location of the sunken Deepwater Horizon. This scenario has been confirmed by other reports from individuals working in the Gulf. Reportedly, whale carcasses are being shipped to a highly guarded location where they are processed for disposal.

The toll that the oil and dispersants are taking on the wildlife of the Gulf is immense and grossly under reported or hidden. Meanwhile, the lives and livelihoods of Gulf coast fishermen and residents are being destroyed. Scientists, environmentalists, and toxicologists are describing the Gulf of Mexico as a growing dead zone. No one knows how long it will take to really clean up the mess. Oil and dispersant is everywhere around southeastern Louisiana and continually washing ashore in Alabama and Mississippi. The oil, and now the dispersant, are in the animals, water, beaches, marshes, and people of the Gulf coast. The tragedy is just getting started.

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## **Most New Drugs are Lemons**

85% of New Drugs Pose Health Risks to Users

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Sociological Association, said in a press statement. "Then, they spend two to three times more on marketing than on research to persuade doctors to prescribe these new drugs. Doctors may get misleading information and then misinform patients about the risks of a new drug. It's really a two-tier market for lemons.'

Light's "Pharmaceuticals: A Two-Tier Market for Producing Lemons and Serious Harm," is an institutional analysis of the pharmaceutical industry and how it works. He based his conclusions on a wide range of data from independent sources and studies, including the Canadian Patented Medicine Prices Review Board, the Food Drug Administration and Prescrire International (a French language journal which publishes extensive research pharmacology, toxicology and pharmaceutics). Much of the research for the study was conducted for a forthcoming book Dr. Light edited, The Risk of Prescription Drugs, which is slated for publication this fall by Columbia University Press.

In both his paper and his book, Dr. Light emphasizes what he dubs the "Risk Proliferation Syndrome," which refers to the way Big Pharma has grossly maximized the number of people exposed to new drugs with relatively low effectiveness but a heightened risk of adverse and often severe side effects. The pharmaceutical giants have accomplished this by failing to put each new medication on the market using a controlled, limited launch which would allow evidence to be gathered about the drug's effects, positive and negative. Instead, Big Pharma builds hugely hyped drug launches based on clinical trials that were designed in the first place to minimize evidence of harm and are published in the medical literature to emphasize only a drug's advantages.

Pharmaceutical companies spend millions of dollars on massive campaigns to sell a new prescription med, recruiting leading doctors to use the drug for conditions other than those for which it is approved, Dr. Light revealed. By promoting such off-label or unapproved uses, Big Pharma goes after even more sales, and physicians inadvertently become what Dr. Light calls "double agents" — they work to push sales of the new

drug while they are supposed to be stewards of their patients' wellbeing.

And what happens when patients complain that the drug is making them sicker and/or producing side effects? Studies show their doctors usually just discount or dismiss these complaints, Dr. Light said.

According to the new study, the big drug companies are successful in getting away with selling their "lemon" drugs because of three main reasons: Big Pharma is in charge of testing their own new drugs; the pharmaceutical companies have invested millions in building "firewalls" of legal protection to hide information about a drug's dangers or lack of effectiveness; and the bar for drug efficacy is set fairly low to make it easier for Big Pharma to get a new drug approved.

pointed out Dr. Light that despite the extensive requirements for testing the efficacy and safety of each new medication, drug companies use a strategy of "swamping the regulator" with large numbers of incomplete, partial, and substandard clinical trials. For instance, in one study of 111 final applications for approval, 42% lacked adequately randomized trials, 40% had flawed testing of dosages, 39% lacked evidence of clinical efficacy, and 49% raised concerns about serious adverse side effects.

"The result is that drugs get approved without anyone being able to know how effective they really are or how much serious harm they will cause," he said. "The companies control the making of scientific knowledge and then control which findings will go to the FDA or be published."

As Mike Adams recently reported in NaturalNews, statin drugs are a prime example of the Big Pharma push to market drugs as safe and effective while glossing over the fact they often harm far more people than they help — in the case of statins, causing everything from liver damage, acute kidney failure, and extreme muscle weakness to cataracts.

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## **ADHD Overdiagnosed**

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the oldest children in the same grade. By the time that group of classmates reached the fifth and eighth grades, the youngest were more than twice as likely to be prescribed stimulants.

Elder explained that "Many ADHD diagnoses may be driven by teachers' perceptions of poor behavior among the youngest children in a kindergarten classroom. But these 'symptoms' may merely reflect emotional or

intellectual immaturity among the youngest students." Teachers cannot diagnose ADHD, but the decision whether or not to have a child evaluated by a mental health professional is strongly influenced

by the opinions of the teacher. Elder's paper will be published in the *Journal of Health Economics* in conjunction with a related paper by researchers at North Carolina State University, Notre Dame, and the University of Minnesota that arrives at similar conclusions as the result of a separate study.

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#### Swine Flu Pandemic Was a WHO Fraud

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It follows revelations by the Daily Mail earlier this year that more than half of the scientists advising the British Government's own taskforce on the pandemic had links to drug giants.

One of the 15 scientists advising the WHO was British professor Neil Ferguson — who last year warned the pandemic would be so bad all schools would need to close.

It has since emerged that Professor Ferguson had acted as a consultant for Roche, who makes Tamiflu, as well as GSK Biologicals until 2007.

Professor Maria Zambon, another panelist, from UK Health Protection Agency's Centre for Infection, said she received funding from several vaccine makers, including Sanofi, Novartis, CSL, Baxter and GSK.

During the outbreak last year, Professor Zambon warned that up to a third of school children in Britain had the virus without knowing it, as they did not have symptoms.

Meanwhile, US professor Arnold Monto (who had also done work for two other large firms: Novartis and Sanofi Pasteur) admitted he had done research for GlaxoSmithKline and Baxter, the two firms contracted to make the jabs, as well as Roche, which makes Tamiflu.

Critics warned that there were serious conflict of interest among these experts, whose advice had led to the waste of vast sums of taxpayers' money.

Labour MP Paul Flynn said "A year ago, these experts told us the world was facing a grave health emergency.

"On this occasion, regrettably, they got it wrong: their advice led WHO, the EU and national governments to vastly overrate the seriousness of the H1N1 epidemic, wasting large sums of public money and scaring the world unnecessarily.

"With such conflicting pressures, we need to be absolutely certain that the advice of such experts is based on solid scientific evidence and is driven solely by the need to protect public health. The only

way to do that is through total transparency.

"When a future pandemic is declared, the public has a right to know, from the outset, who is recommending such a drastic step - as well as any links they may have to the pharmaceutical industry, which stands to profit from such a recommendation."

Another expert, Nancy Cox from the US Centers for Disease Control, admitted she had received funding from the drug industry group the International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations (IFPMA).

British scientist John Wood admitted that his research unit at Britain's National Institute for Biological Standards and Control (NIBSC), had undertaken work for Sanofi Pasteur, CSL, IFPMA, Novartis and Powdermed on influenza vaccine.

The panel was instrumental in advising the WHO to officially declare swine flu as the first pandemic in 40 years last June.

Earlier this year it emerged that 11 of the 20 members of the Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies, which advised the British Government on swine flu, had done work for the pharmaceutical industry or were linked to it through their A spokesman for the WHO

denied that the experts' work gave rise to a conflict of interest.

Sophie Borland writes for the Daily Mail

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1000 Architects & Engineers Investigate the Destruction of 3 WTC Skyscrapers

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Should there be a third beam of light? A third building fell on 9/11. WTC 7 may be the key to justice for the victims of the Twin Towers' destruction.

## **Building 7 Implosion:** The Smoking Gun of 9/11

By Richard Gage, AIA, Gregg Roberts, and David Chandler

Seven hours after the explosive destruction of the World Trade Center Twin Towers, a third high-rise building was demolished. It was not hit by an airplane. The characteristic signs of controlled demolition were everywhere.



The 47-story WTC 7 was 350 feet from the North Tower and sustained only 'insignificant' damage from falling debris.

Although it received little media attention at the time, the third-worst structural building failure in modern history occurred on September 11, 2001. World Trade Center (WTC) Building 7 was a 47-story, steel-framed, fire-protected, high-rise office building located about a football field's length from the WTC North Tower. Unlike its two taller cousins. WTC 7 was never hit by an aircraft, yet it fell to the ground suddenly, displaying the classic signatures of explosive controlled demolition.

The evidence discussed in this article was ignored, mishandled, and/or covered up by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), the federal agency last tasked with explaining the unprecedented destruction of the World Trade Center high-

#### A Mysterious Catastrophe

Although Building 7 was never hit by an airplane and had only isolated pockets of fires on about 10 floors, it suddenly imploded - coming down neatly, symmetrically, and completely at 5:20 p.m. The official story, according to NIST, is that WTC 7 collapsed due to "normal office fires" which created a "new phenomenon" in high-rise fires: was followed within seconds by all the rest.

Some observers had speculated that stores of diesel fuel inside the building might have produced exceptionally intense fires leading to the unusual collapse. However, NIST has officially acknowledged that diesel fuel was not involved. NIST also ultimately concluded that the impact of debris from the North Tower was not a significant contributor to the collapse, although it was blamed for starting the fires. What NIST's top engineers failed to explain - and often even to acknowledge -in their Final Report were the many features of the building's destruction that are normally seen only in explosive controlled demolitions.

#### **Evidence for Controlled Demolition**

After an embarrassing series of questions from AE911Truth petition signers, NIST's top engineers ultimately acknowledged some of the key facts surrounding the building's destruction. However, NIST still refuses to seriously examine the hypothesis of explosive demolition, even though demolition is the only thing that has ever caused structural failure and exhibited the characteristics of Building 7's destruction. WTC 7's failure was indistinguishable from



WTC Building 7 implodes at the free-fall acceleration for 8 stories of its 6.5 second fall, baffling architects and engineers around the world.

destruction due to thermal expansion of a classic controlled implosion. steel beams, leading to the progressive collapse of nine floors. This ultimately caused the failure of column #79 - which

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# 1,000 Architects & Engineers Challenge Official Report of WTC Destruction

BY RICH CARAGOL, ARCHITECT

Welcome to Architects & Engineers for 9/11 Truth. We are a non-partisan association of more than 1,000 A/Es, with about 10,000 affiliates from all over the world. We are technical professionals representing more than 25,000 years of collective experience. We do not offer conspiracy theories. We do have serious questions about the official reports of the destruction of the three World Trade Center skyscrapers on 9/11. We are calling for a new independent investigation that includes all of the evidence that is missing from these building reports. We, along with other researchers and groups in the growing international 9/11 truth movement, have compiled critically important eye-witness testimony, photo, video, and scientific forensic evidence that has been ignored, falsified, or destroyed by individuals and agencies that were responsible to the public for a thorough transparent investigation.

Our website, AE911Truth.org, documents much of this important work. Our online store hosts several books, DVDs, technical papers, and other effective tools such as brochures, cards and vinyl banners, for use in educating the public.

AE911Truth was founded in March of 2006 when 20-year San Francisco Bay Area architect, Richard Gage, AIA, member of the American Institute of Architects, first heard the startling Bonnie Faulkner interview of a reluctant 9/11 researcher, David Ray Griffin, on KPFA radio, which launched Gage's own unyielding quest for the truth about the destruction of the WTC skyscrapers.

We have delivered this explosive story in more than 150 live presentations to audiences of 100 to 700 and 170 radio interviews in 30 US cities and throughout 17 foreign countries. By a show of hands, 85% of those unsure or accepting of prevailing opinion are convinced by our AE911Truth presentations. And now we have the 911 Investigator - the first edition of our broadsheet newspaper. We have placed the AE911Truth petition in the hands of every

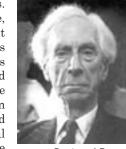
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## Justice on the Horizon?

By Donald E. Stahl

The 9/11 Truth movement has been wrestling for years over the challenge of how to obtain a real investigation that would analyze the evidence described by Architects & Engineers for 9/11 Truth and countless

others, and follow it wherever it leads. Many, for instance, don't trust that the US Congress (which brought us the omissions and distortions of the Commission 9/11 Report) would have the political will or the simple veracity to expose these incalculable misdeeds and trace



**Bertrand Russell** 

them to their roots. Many seeking justice believe that it will only be found in a venue outside of the United States.

Perhaps, an exception might be a prominent initiative - Sen. Patrick Leahy's "Truth Commission" - which is currently stalled. A special prosecutor could be appointed as was done to investigate Nixon, but we know that that is not going to happen unless 9/11 Truth becomes much more familiar to the US public.

The idea of universal jurisdiction is controversial but is gaining increasing acceptance. It dates back at least to the 1945 Nuremberg Trials. Citing the concept of universal jurisdiction, two Spanish judges indicted Augusto Pinochet and six Bush administration figures. One of those judges is currently at the International Criminal Court, and there are plans underway to

Many initiatives have been undertaken by the Accountability Movement concerning alleged crimes in the Bush Administration but none involving the UN or International Criminal Court (ICC) so far.

The International Criminal Court can only prosecute crimes committed on or after its founding date, July 1, 2002.

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Richard Gage, AIA and founder of Architects & Engineers for 9/11 Truth throws down the gauntlet at the February 2010 Press Conference in San Francisco, CA

## **Twin Towers' Evidence Blows Away Fire Theory**

By James Smith

The catastrophic destruction of the World Trade Center complex is said by government reports to have resulted from structural failure due mainly to fires initiated by the impacts of the airplanes. A closer look at the evidence reveals a much more disturbing crime.

Aside from the fact that no steel-frame high-rise building has ever collapsed due to fire prior to or since Sept. 11, the manner in which the buildings came down is itself a substantial cause for reinvestigation. A collapse due to fire would likely proceed gradually with large deformations visible in the building's perimeter, with the building tipping over slowly in the direction of the steadily weakening structural members - to the path of least resistance. Yet the Twin Towers both came down quite suddenly, without warning, and without any "jolt" that would indicate the upper mass impacting the lower. The smooth rate of descent was measured at 2/3 of free-fall. In other words, the building is accelerating (traveling faster and faster) straight down through what should have been the path of greatest resistance - the 80,000 tons of structural steel designed to resist this load. Physicists and other experts agree that this could have happened only if the underlying supporting structures were removed ahead of the falling upper building mass. The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) acknowledges that each building was destroyed in fewer than a dozen seconds, and that they "came down

essentially in free-fall". For many New York City firefighters on the scene, this rapid destruction was simply beyond their prior experience. Sgt. James Canham, in the oral histories of 118 first responders, put it this way: "This changed all the rules. This went from a structure to a wafer in seconds, in seconds. I couldn't believe the speed of that tower coming down. I heard the rumble. I looked up. Debris was already 50 feet from the ground...'

Other first responders reported



WTC 2: South tower appears more like an explosion than a gravitational collapse.

experiencing explosions and flashes of light as the destruction commenced. Much of this evidence was also captured on video by multiple cameras. EMT Captain Karin Deshore, in a Nov. 7, 2001, New York Times interview, described the astonishing events like this: "Somewhere around the middle of the World Trade Center, there was this

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An excavating machine lifts debris dripping with liquid molten metal.

### High Temperatures, **Persistent Heat &** 'Molten Steel' at **WTC Site Challenge Official Story**

By Richard Gage, AIA & Andrea Dreger

Extremely high temperatures were evident before and during the destruction of the World Trade Center Twin Towers and at Ground Zero. Seven minutes before the destruction of the South Tower, a flow of molten metal appeared accompanied by several smaller flows, as documented by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). The glowing color of the material showed that its temperature was close to "white hot" at the very beginning of the flow and "yellow-orange" further down. Iron-rich spheres in the WTC dust are additional proof of temperatures above the melting point of iron. Pyroclastic-like, rapidly expanding dust clouds after the destruction of the Towers are also only explainable with the expansions of hot gases.

The high temperature phenomena at Ground Zero are documented by various

Bechtel engineers, responsible for safety at Ground Zero wrote in the Journal of the American Society of Safety Engineers: "The debris pile at Ground Zero was always tremendously hot. Thermal measurements taken by helicopter each day showed underground temperatures ranging from 400°F to more than 2,800°F."

A publication of the Department of Labor states: "HOT STEEL - Even as the steel cooled, there was concern that the girders had become so hot that they could crumble when lifted by overhead cranes."

How serious the heat phenomena was is also shown by the large number of thermal images that were acquired from Ground Zero (images by SPOT, MTI, AVIRIS/NASA, "Twin Otter"/U.S. Army, and at least 25 images by EarthData taken between Sept. 16 and Oct. 25).

In addition, temperature measurements by helicopter were taken each day, and the fire fighters used onsite sensors too. Many witnesses, including rescue personnel and firefighters working on the piles, described the phenomenon of "molten steel." Terms used in witness statements are, for example, "molten steel," beams "dripping from molten

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## **Building 7 Implosion**

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#### **Speed of Collapse**

As documented by video footage, Building 7 collapsed at free-fall acceleration for a distance of more than 100 feet – equal to at least eight stories.

NIST initially denied Building 7's freefall in its Draft Report released in August 2008. In the technical briefing that followed, NIST's lead investigator, Dr. Shyam Sunder explained, "A free-fall time would be an object that has no structural components below it." He claimed that WTC 7 took 40 percent longer than "free-fall time" to collapse, "and that is not at all unusual because there was structural resistance that was provided in this particular case. And you had a sequence of structural failures that had to take place, and everything was not instantaneous."

However, physics instructor David Chandler had used the existing network television videos to carefully measure and document the acceleration of the building during its fall. His published analysis had shown conclusively that a significant period of free-fall was an indisputable fact. He publicly challenged NIST's claims at the technical briefing. Along with several others, he filed formal requests for corrections during the public-response period.

Having been cornered, NIST reversed its initial denial of free-fall in its Final Report. However, it couched its revised position in deceptive language, and failed to explain how freefall could be compatible with its fire-induced-progressive-collapse theory. For the

structural steel might have acted in ways that it had never acted before, and (3) that this all just happened to occur on a day when terrorists did something they had never done before. Yet, officials have not taken all the relevant evidence into account, and they have not provided even a superficially coherent explanation. What is the missing evidence?

#### **Evidence of Thermitic Incendiaries**

Prior to the NIST investigation, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), had conducted a preliminary, cursory, underfunded investigation and produced a Building Performance Assessment Report. In Appendix C of that report, FEMA described its analysis of two steel samples, one thought to be from Building 7 and the other from Tower 1 or 2. The analysis of the WTC 7 sample showed "evidence of a severe high temperature corrosion attack on the steel, including rapid oxidation and sulfidation with subsequent intergranular melting...."

"A liquid eutectic mixture containing primarily iron, oxygen, and sulfur formed during this hot corrosion attack on the steel."... "No clear explanation for the source of the sulfur has been identified." The New York Times called this "perhaps the deepest mystery uncovered in the investigation." What did NIST say about this mystery described by FEMA? Nothing – there was no mention of this crucial report at all.

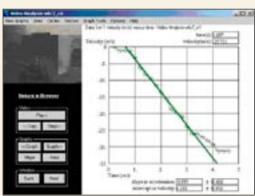
Neither jet fuel nor office fires can reach



WTC 7: free-falls through 40,000 tons of structural steel designed to resist 5x its load in 6.5 seconds.

observed straight-down collapse to happen, an immense network of heavy steel columns and beams would have had to be forcibly removed and more than 400 structural-steel connections would have had to fail every second, evenly, all across each of the eight floors involved. These failures had to occur ahead of the collapsing section – and could not be caused by it – because a freefalling object cannot exert force on anything in its path without slowing its own fall.

Yet NIST's admission of the fact of



WTC 7: In freefall for eight stories.

freefall, together with Sunder's previous acknowledgment of the simple meaning of that fact, led to no reconsideration of its fire-induced, single-column-initiated, progressive-collapse hypothesis. Moreover, in what looks like an attempt to bury the discussion, its change of stance on the question of freefall was omitted from the list of changes accompanying its Final Report.

#### Symmetry of Collapse

The overall building mass fell suddenly, uniformly and with almost perfect symmetry through what should have been the path of greatest resistance – some 40,000 tons of structural steel. According to structural engineer Kamal Obeid, this requires a precisely-timed, patterned removal of critical steel columns – which office fires, a gradual organic process, simply cannot achieve.

Only a carefully engineered series of explosions (or incendiaries) could cause a steel-framed skyscraper to collapse in on itself – and land mostly within its own footprint. After all, demolition companies are paid large sums to accomplish this extremely difficult feat, and only a few can do it with tall buildings. Also, the destruction was complete. This building had been built especially strong so that alternate floors could have been removed in case a tenant needed an extra-tall space. Yet, its fortyseven stories were reduced, in fewer than seven seconds, to about four stories of debris having fallen like a house of cards – with the almost complete dismemberment of the braced and welded moment-resisting (bendresistant) frames. Again, this is something fire could not have, and has never, achieved.

#### NIST Withheld Evidence

Had officials taken all the relevant evidence into account and provided a superficially coherent explanation, it would, at least, make sense to entertain the ideas that: (1) fire might have acted in ways that it had never acted before, (2) modern anywhere close to steel's melting point, much less its evaporation point, even if those critical temperatures had been lowered by the presence of free sulfur. So what

could have caused this "high temperature

corrosion attack?"

Thermite is a mixture of powdered iron oxide and elemental aluminum which, when ignited, reacts violently at 4,000-4,500° Fahrenheit (F) – well above iron's melting point of 2,800° F, producing aluminum oxide and molten iron. When free sulfur is added

to the mixture, the iron melts at a lower temperature. Thermite with sulfur added is called thermate. Structural steel in contact with ignited thermate also melts at a lower temperature. Contrary to what NIST and others have claimed, the sulfur could not have come from gypsum wallboard, where it is an inert, chemically "locked" ingredient.

#### Extreme Hot Spots

The United States Geological Survey (USGS) used NASA thermal imaging of the WTC rubble pile surface to document hot spots with extreme temperatures of almost 1,400° F. These temperatures are hotter than most office fires produce, and there were no fires on the surface of the WTC 7 pile following the collapses.

The detected surface temperatures indicate much higher temperatures deeper within the pile. These extreme temperatures persisted for several weeks, despite the continuous spraying of millions of gallons of water onto Ground Zero – so much water that one worker described the result as "a giant lake." Thermite contains its own source of oxygen and burns just as well under water.

#### Summary

The collapse of WTC Building 7 represents one of the worst structural failures in modern history. The official story contends that fires weakened the structures, resulting in a gravitational collapse. The evidence, obvious to so many researchers but omitted from NIST's Final Report, supports a very different conclusion – one that points squarely to explosive controlled demolition.

If WTC 7 was intentionally brought down, then clearly it becomes a 'smoking gun" that must be investigated. Who were the terrorists that had access to this highly secure building, occupied in part by the CIA, FBI, Dept of Defense, IRS, SEC, and others, and the technology required to prepare it for demolition? The 1,200 Architects & Engineers for 9/11 Truth present the scientific forensic data, evidence, and eyewitness and video testimony. We do not speculate as to who might have been responsible or how they have, so far, gotten away with the crime of the century. The destruction of the Twin Towers must be re-evaluated as well in light of the WTC 7 revelation. We therefore call for an unimpeachable investigation with subpoena power into the destruction of all three WTC skyscrapers. We ask you to do your part as a citizen to join us in making it happen.



## Twin Towers' Evidence Blows Away Fire Theory

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orange and red flash coming out. Initially it was just one flash. Then this flash just kept popping all the way around the building and that building had started to explode. The popping sound, and with each popping sound it was initially an orange and then a red flash came out of the building and then it would just go all around the building on both sides as far as I could see. These popping sounds and the explosions were getting bigger, going both up and down and then all around the building." There are many similar accounts in this astonishing series of oral recordings effected by NYC Fire Commissioner,

"Initially it was just one flash. Then this flash just kept popping all the way around the building and that building had started to explode."

Karin Deshore, in a Nov. 7, 2001, New York Times interview

Thomas Von Essen, but kept hidden by the city of New York until it was ordered by a federal appeals court to release them to the *New York Times*.

Also captured on video and still photos were isolated explosive jets of material expelled from the sides of the structure, sometimes 20-40 stories below the "crush zone". These precisely mimic what are known as "squibs" in the controlled demolition industry. Normally such charges are used to cut



Multiple isolated ejections up to 60 stories below the "crush zone" can be seen exploding horizontally.

structural steel members so that the structure is able to fall with little to no resistance. The 110 floors, each an acre in size, are missing. Rubble pile photos reveal only a 2-story pile of metal debris.

As the WTC skyscrapers disintegrated before the eyes of stunned observers, steel framing sections weighing four to nine tons were hurled up to 600 feet away. This required an explosive force capable of ejecting the perimeter wall units at up to 70 mph as if out of a cannon. Some 90,000 tons of concrete and metal decking were pulverized, creating pyroclastic-like flows (hot gases with suspended solids) similar to those observed and filmed during the explosion of the Mt. St. Helens volcano.

When the clouds of dust settled, what was left were remarkably symmetrical debris fields consisting mainly of completely dismembered structural steel framing. Although the media often repeats that the Twin Towers' concrete floors came down like a series of stacked pancakes, there were in fact no pancaked floors to be found in the photos or videos of the debris piles. "There's no concrete... it was pulverized," gasped Gov. Pataki at his first visit to the site.

The mass media and government officials continue to exclude this topic from public conversation. We encourage you to join us in speaking out.

For further documentation and analysis of the evidence at the destruction of the World Trade Center see the DVD "9/11: Blueprint for Truth – The Architecture of Destruction" available at AE911Truth.org.

### **The World Trade Center Dust**



The World Trade Center dust is remarkable due not only to its having blanketed Lower Manhattan 4" to 12" thick in many places, but also for the secrets that it would reveal.

# Billions of Previously Molten Iron Spheres Were in WTC Dust Reveal Use of Thermitic Materials

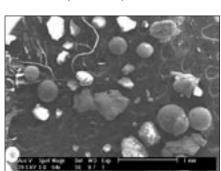
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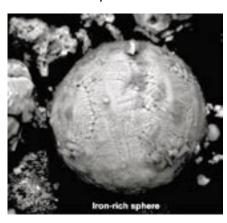
Iron-rich microspheres were so common in WTC dust that EPA's WTC panel discussed their use as one of the signature components to distinguish WTC dust from so-called "background" dust (i.e. common office-building dust).

RJ LeeGroup, evaluating the contamination of the Deutsche Bank building at 130 Liberty Street, also described these iron-rich spheres, and actually used them as one of their signature markers. In other words, it wasn't regarded as WTC dust unless it contained these spheres. The chemical composition and micro-images of two WTC iron-rich spheres were documented by the US Geological Survey.

The fraction of microspheres in the dust varied (between 0.2 and 1.3 % for USGS samples and a mean of 5.87% for all RJ Lee samples) depending on the area where the samples were taken. Due to their shape and density, the spheres were not likely to have traveled as far as other components of the dust. The spheres' diameters ranged from about one micron (0.001 mm) to 1.5 mm.



SEM (Scanning Electron Microoscope) image of WTC dust shows large quantities of iron rich microspheres.



The microspheres must have been formed at extremely high temperatures during the World Trade Center's destruction – temperatures exceeding the melting point of iron (~2,700° F). The

spheres must have been molten when they were created in order to take their spherical shape. Such high temperatures could not have been produced by jet fuel or office building fires, which reach only up to 1,800 °F under the most severe fire conditions. However, the thermite reaction produces molten iron and aluminum oxide as the reaction



Molten metal started to pour from the side of the WTC South Tower - 7 minutes prior to its destruction.

products. After being ejected into the atmosphere, molten iron droplets would be pulled into roughly spherical shapes by surface tension. They would then cool, solidify, and fall out – preserving in their spherical shape the information that they were once molten, and preserving in their chemical signature information about their origin.

makeup of the spheres, was first discussed by physicist Steven Jones and other scientists in two articles published in 2007 and 2008. The chemical signature of several of the spheres shows significant amounts of aluminum, thus matching the signature of thermite residue but not that of steel. Some of these spheres also contain sulfur but no calcium. So the origin of the sulfur cannot be gypsum (from the buildings' wallboard). Thermate, a special thermite mixture developed by the military, contains sulfur. The chemical signature of many of the WTC dust spheres also matches "strikingly" that of the spheres and spheroids found in the residue of ignited red/gray nanothermite composite chips.

Surely a new investigation is called for that takes into account the minimum 2800° F heat source necessary to create billions of molten iron droplets. Join AE911Truth and the burgeoning 9/11 truth movement in our pursuit of real answers and accountability from our governmental agencies who were tasked with explaining the destruction of the WTC towers.

# **Nullifying Newton:**Official Story Violates Laws of Physics

High School Physics Teacher Corrects NIST

By Dick Scar

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) maintained in its August 2008 Final Draft Report, and associated technical briefing conference, that WTC Building 7 took 40% longer to collapse than if it had been in freefall. NIST Project Leader Shyam Sunder explained that WTC 7 could not have come down in freefall, because there was resistance to the fall provided by the steel structure underneath. But high school physics teacher David Chandler demonstrated that NIST was using fraudulently manipulated data to try to show a slower rate of collapse.

#### WTC Building 7 in Free-fall

NIST, when confronted publicly with evidence produced by Chandler, finally admitted in its November 2008 Final Report that WTC 7 fell for 2.25 sec. in freefall, but they brushed off this newly acknowledged fact as being "consistent with the results of the global collapse analysis," despite Sunder's earlier statement. Thus, the NIST simulation and analysis represented a multi-million dollar effort to avoid explaining what really happened.

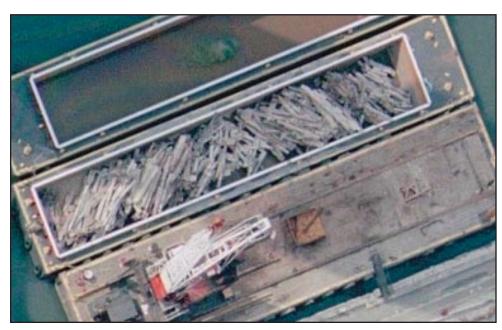
Many other physics analyses are presented by Chandler on his website 911SpeakOut.org, applying the laws of



Physics teacher David Chandler forced NIST to admit WTC building 7 experienced over two seconds of free-fall.

physics to WTC 7 and the Twin Towers. For a more detailed account of the unexplained features of the destruction

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Instead of being analyzed to determine the cause of failure, the WTC steel was rapidly shipped off to China for recycling.

## **Evidence Destroyed** is Justice Denied

By Dick Scar, BSAE

The destruction of the three World Trade Center skyscrapers on 9/11 caused the greatest loss of life and property damage in U.S. fire history and constituted the largest structural failures in world history. This event should have received the most thorough investigation of any event in history.

Evidence is collected and investigation is performed even on ordinary house fires in order to determine the cause, especially if foul play is suspected. But the WTC investigations performed by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) were at best incomplete and at worst criminally fraudulent. FEMA cleanup workers and NIST engineers alike completely ignored the most obviously relevant and applicable recommendations of the National Fire Protection Association, NFPA 921, the nationally accepted guideline for fire and explosion investigation.

#### Wholesale Destruction of Forensic Evidence

The 9/11 disaster scene in Manhattan, dubbed "Ground Zero," should have been treated as a crime scene in accordance with its immediate appellation "the Crime of the Century," rather than simply as



the scene of a terrorist attack. Material and debris where injured people might be trapped had to be removed as quickly as practical. But, as important evidence, it should have been taken to a secure site for further investigation. NFPA 921 states: "Once evidence has been removed from the scene, it should be maintained and not be destroyed or altered until others who have a reasonable interest in the matter have been notified." Moreover, after there was no reasonable hope of finding any more victims alive, there was no longer any need for the headlong rush to dispose of

As the NIST report admitted, the three WTC skyscrapers whose destruction was blamed on fire were the only cases of modern steel-framed high-rise buildings in world history to have ever completely collapsed because of fire. The structural steel was therefore extremely important evidence. Yet this evidence was quickly hauled away by up to 400 trucks per day and taken ... where? Not to a secure place to await inspection, but to barges 400 truck loads of steel per day were removed

Instead of being analyzed to determine the cause of failure, the WTC steel was rapidly shipped off to China for recycling headed for India and China – for recycling. New York Mayor Rudi Giuliani, a former prosecutor, surely knew the importance of securing evidence - and that the law in fact requires it. Yet, of the 200,000 tons of structural steel contained in the Twin Towers, only a few hundred pieces were saved. And, according to NIST, no physical evidence with clear traceability to WTC Building 7 remains.

According to Erik Lawyer, founder of Firefighters for 9/11 Truth, officials in charge of the scene admitted that "the majority of the evidence was destroyed." Building fire expert and editor-in-chief of Fire Engineering Magazine Bill Manning wrote, "Such destruction of evidence shows the astounding ignorance of government officials to the value of a thorough, scientific investigation...I have combed through our national standard for fire investigation, NFPA 921, but nowhere in it does one find an exemption allowing the destruction of evidence for buildings... To treat the September 11 incident any differently would be the

height of stupidity and ignorance... The destruction and removal of evidence must stop immediately."

#### Explosive Evidence Ignored

NIST ignored clear evidence of explosives and incendiaries in the destruction of all three high-rises. NIST excluded anything that happened after the so-called point of collapse initiation from the Twin Towers investigation despite that one of their stated "objectives" was to determine "how WTC 1 and WTC 2 collapsed. They postulated an outlandish "blast" scenario in order to summarily dismiss the hypothesis of explosives at Building 7.

Hundreds of first responders and others on the scene reported hearing explosions - yet NIST ignored them. More than 100 of these reports were recorded by orders of Fire Commissioner Thomas Von Essen in October of 2001, but the City of New York withheld this key evidence until forced by the New York State Court of Appeals to release it in August 2005.

NFPA 921 calls for the consideration of the possibility of exotic accelerants or explosives when "pulverized concrete", "high order damage", and "lateral ejection of building elements" are found. Pulverized concrete covered all of lower Manhattan. The Twin Towers were completely destroyed down to their individual structural elements, and ejected as far as

NFPA 921 states that accelerants should be investigated in any fire crime scene and that molten steel may indicate the use of thermite, an incendiary and accelerant. Yet NIST did not look for thermite. Since then, however, independent scientists have found a high-tech version of thermite, known as nanothermite, in dust samples collected from the WTC site. Previously molten iron micro- spheres had already been found in the WTC dust by USGS researchers and environmental engineers, further indicating high temperatures associated with the use of thermite.

#### Molten Metal and High Temperature Phenomenon Ignored

More than two dozen eyewitnesses have reported seeing molten metal in the basements of all three WTC high-rises. This is confirmed by photos and verified



Molten metal vitnessed by dozens completely omitted from NIST report.

by infrared satellite images indicating extremely high temperatures. Yet John Gross, Lead Engineer for NIST, denies even having heard any reports of molten metal at Ground Zero.

NIST stated in 2007 on its website to have the "vision to lead the world in methods of measurement and prediction of the behavior of fire and its effects." Conspicuously, NIST never has openly shown any interest in investigating the unusual, allegedly fire related, hightemperature phenomenon in the WTC collapse piles.

#### Conclusion

It is clear that the actions by NYC/Port Authority officials, FEMA managers, and NIST engineers relative to the collection and preservation of the evidence of this monumental crime looks more like a cover-up than an investigation. AE911Truth is dedicated to obtaining a real investigation that properly accounts for the evidence that remains and uses the scientific method to analyze it. Join us in this historic pursuit of justice.

## **Advanced Pyrotechnic or Explosive Material Discovered in WTC Dust**

By Gregg Roberts and Andrea Dreger

Starting in 2007, a group of independent researchers began examining the dust from the World Trade Center disaster to see if identifiable residues might help explain the highly energetic destruction that was observed in the videos. Naked-eye and microscopic examination revealed numerous tiny metallic spheres and distinctive red/gray chips in a magnetically attracted portion of the dust.

The existence of iron-rich microspheres in the WTC dust was do cumented in 2004 and 2005. But nothing yet had been published about the red/gray chips in the dust until Steven Jones first described them in 2007. What might have been misinterpreted as the residue of common paint when seen with the naked eye proved to be a highly energetic advanced nano-composite material.

In April 2009, a team of scientists that included physicist Steven Jones (formerly BYU), chemist Niels Harrit (University of Copenhagen, Denmark), physicist Jeffrey Farrer (BYU), and six other authors published their findings regarding the red/gray chips in the peer-reviewed paper "Active Thermitic Material Discovered in Dust from the 9/11 World Trade Center Catastrophe," The Open Chemical Physics Journal, 2009, 2, 7-31, available online.

Red/gray chips from four different WTC dust samples were examined using scanning electron microscopy, X-ray energy dispersive spectroscopy (XEDS), and differential scanning calorimetry. The main findings of the study are as follows:

The material in the red layer consists of intimately mixed particles of iron oxide and aluminum embedded in a carbon-rich matrix. The particles range in size from tens to hundreds of nanometers. Elemental aluminum was present in thin plate-like structures, while iron oxide was present as faceted grains, roughly 100 nm across – about a thousand times smaller than a human hair.

Iron oxide and aluminum are the ingredients of classic thermite, an incendiary that burns unusually hot at approximately 4500°F, producing aluminum oxide and molten iron. The carbon content of the matrix indicates the presence of an organic substance.

When the red/gray chips were heated to about 430° C. (806° F.), they ignited, releasing relatively large amounts of energy very fast. This behavior matches "fairly closely an independent observation on a known super-thermite sample" (as reported in a paper an article published by researchers associated with Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories). The residue of the ignited red/gray chips included iron-rich spheres, "indicating that a very high temperature reaction had occurred, since the iron-rich product clearly must have been molten to form these shapes." The chemical signature of the spheres and spheroids "strikingly matches the chemical signature of the spheroids produced by igniting commercial thermite, and also matches the signatures of many of the microspheres found in the WTC dust."

The scientists concluded based on all their findings that the red layer of the red/ gray chips "is active, unreacted thermitic material, incorporating nanotechnology," and that it "is a highly energetic pyrotechnic or explosive material." (See the published study for all the findings.)

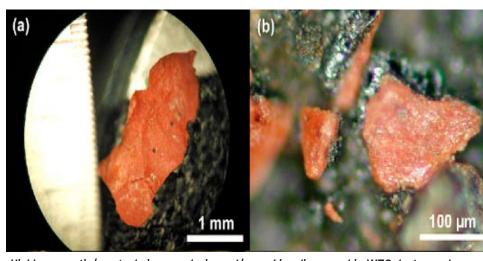
Energetic nanothermitic compounds have been researched since the 1990s. One advantage of nanothermites as stated in the literature is their ability to enhance the destructive effect of high explosives; the high rate of reaction in nanothermites allows the main charge to release its energy even faster if nanothermite is used as an igniter. Such igniters also do not leave behind leadcontaining residues. as lead azide igniters do.

Nanothermitic composite materials have been extensively researched by US national labs. The energy released by these special materials can be tailored for various applications, they can be designed to be explosive by adding gas-releasing compounds, and they have potential for easy storage and safe handling.

As of 2002, the production process at the Naval Surface Warfare Center for ultra fine grain (UFG) aluminum, alone, required 14 pieces of high-tech equipment. The article states: "The current state of UFG aluminum production is that this is an area that still requires considerable effort" (AMPTIAC Quarterly, Special Issue, "DOD Researchers Provide A Look Inside Nanotechnology," 2002).

Red/gray chips, with a red layer that comprises ultra fine grain aluminum platelets intimately mixed with faceted grains of nanosized iron oxide, embedded in a carbon-rich matrix, cannot have been widely available in 2001. Niels Harrit, lead author of the study, stated "These new findings confirm and extend the earlier finding of previously molten, iron-rich microspheres in the World Trade Center dust. They provide strong forensic evidence that the official explanation of the WTC's destruction is wrong."

Given the explosive nature of the destruction of the WTC Twin Towers along with the finding of this high-tech nanocomposite pyrotechnic or explosive material in the WTC dust samples there exists strong evidence which should compel all who are aware to be active in supporting AE911Truth in our effort to obtain a real investigation.



Highly energetic/pyrotechnic or explosive red/gray chips discovered in WTC dust samples.

#### What is Thermite?

Thermites are a class of compounds used for various purposes like welding, extraction of metals from ores, or, by the military, as an incendiary capable of damaging tanks and other equipment. The most common form of thermite is based on aluminum powder and iron oxide; the term "thermite" is therefore often used as a synonym for the aluminum/iron oxide thermite mixture.

Thermite reactions are highly exothermic – i.e. they release relatively large amounts of energy. The common aluminum/iron oxide thermite mixture reacts into aluminum oxide, which is present in a whitish aerosol/"smoke", and iron, present as molten iron at temperatures of up to 4,500° F.

#### **High Temperatures, Persistent Heat and** 'Molten Steel' at WTC Site

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steel," "molten steel ... like you're in a foundry. Like lava, from a volcano".

A photograph by a Ground Zero worker shows an excavating machine lifting debris from the WTC wreckage dripping yellow/orange molten metal.

WTC clean-up workers and 9/11 artifacts architect Bart Voorsanger, of the video "Relics in the Rubble," found several pieces: "fused element of steel ... molten



Sept 16, 2001 thermal images reveal 1,400°F temperatures at the surface of the WTC 1, 2 & 7 debris piles - yet there were no fires at the surface after the collapses. These are the radiant temps from the molten metal deep beneath the surface.

...all fused by the heat," weighing several tons each. These foreign objects came to be known as "meteorites.

The heat at Ground Zero was not only extreme, it was also persistent, as proven not only by witness statements, and photographs of orange-red glowing steel as late as October, but also by thermal images taken by NASA and EarthData satellites. The EarthData thermal images also show that the "hot spots" remained at the same locations, the phenomenon did not "move" across the site, like one would expect from fire.

University of California professor Abolhassan Astaneh-Asl, the first structural engineer given access to the WTC steel at Fresh Kills Landfill notes, "I saw melting of girders at the World Trade Center". Astaneh also "describes the connections [between supporting columns] as being smoothly warped: 'If you remember the Salvador Dalí paintings with the clocks that are kind of melted - it's kind of like that. That could only happen if you get steel yellow hot or white hot – perhaps around 2,000 degrees.".

Others pointed out that huge columns that were bent without that the flanges of the columns showed any cracks or buckling must have been at very high temperatures. FEMA documents, in Appendix C of its May 2002 BPAT report, "evidence of a severe high temperature corrosion attack on the steel, including oxidation and sulfidation with subsequent intergranular melting." A "sulfur-rich liquid [containing 'primarily iron, oxygen, and sulfur'] penetrated" into the steel.

The extremely high temperatures evident contradict the official story. Office and hydrocarbon content fires cannot reach temperatures in the range that iron or structural steel melts. This was acknowledged by NIST's John Gross in the same talk where he said regarding molten steel, "I know of absolutely nobody,

no eyewitnesses that said so, nobody that's produced it." NIST itself performed extensive fire tests to establish the temperatures reached by WTC office and jet fuel fires. The temperatures established are far below the temperatures required to produce all of the above phenomena - which occurred both before and during the destruction and at Ground Zero.

The steel problem was "solved" by NIST by excluding most of the steel from being systematically examined for failure modes and experienced heat excursions. The steel collected by the Port Authority, which has been stored in hangar 17 at JFK airport, was not included in the investigation except for 12 pieces. From the 236 pieces cataloged by NIST many were excluded based on the circular argument that only columns from impact and fire floors were of interest in the investigation (thus, NIST avoided having to discuss 51 of their 55 core columns). The piece from FEMA Appendix C was also excluded. In addition, NIST developed a new method of "visual examination" that substituted the common method as the systematically used tool. NIST's "paint cracking" method came with the "advantages" that it is false positive, that many steel columns had no paint left for examination, and that NIST was not forced to notice pieces in their collection that were obviously heataffected, but came from non-fire floors. NIST's steel "examination" shows that their "working hypothesis" was in fact their premise.

Some want to blame "natural thermite reactions" for the high temperature phenomena: airplane aluminum had reacted with rust. This possibility can be ruled out based on the findings of a study that was conducted in 2002 at the Colorado School of Mines for the Minerals Management Service. Officially, the study, whose lead author is a close research associate of T. W. Siewert from NIST, is about thermite-sparking in off-shore environments. But due to a very odd study design the question about the feasibility of



FEMA's May 2002 report documents evidence of a severe high temperature corrosion attack on the steel.

natural thermite reactions in the WTC is answered too. The authors established the ignition temperatures for rust, dehydrated rust and iron oxide based thermite reactions. The necessary temperatures are so high that one can conclude that thermite reactions between airplane aluminum and rust (some rust was on beams according to documents), dehydrated rust (rust dehydrates in fire) or iron oxide (iron oxide was part of the primary paint) were not feasible in the WTC. Also tested was what happens when aluminum impacts rust at very high velocity, so the possibility that the impacting airplanes caused natural thermite reactions can be ruled out too.

The overwhelming evidence of these extremely high temperatures, which normal office fires and jet fuel cannot produce, cries out for a new investigation. The hypothesis of explosive controlled demolition must be examined and ruled out, if possible, so that Americans can know for sure what was the real cause of the catastrophic loss of life at the WTC on 9/11.

## Justice on the Horizon?



The victims of the WTC disasters still cry out for justice.

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As of March 2010, 111 states are members of the Court, and a further 37 countries, including Russia and the United States have signed but not ratified the Court's founding treaty--the Rome Statute. A number of states, including China and India are critical of the court and have not signed the Rome Statute.

The ICC can generally exercise jurisdiction only in cases where the accused is a national or a state party, the alleged crime took place on the territory of a state party, or when a situation is referred to the court by the United Nations Security Council.

The ICC is designed to complement existing national judicial systems: it can exercise its jurisdiction only when national courts are unwilling or unable to investigate or prosecute such crimes. Primary responsibility to investigate and punish crimes is therefore left to individual states.

The Final Report of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States was issued on July 22, 2004. NIST's final report on the WTC Towers was issued in October 2005. Fraudulent statements in these documents therefore could be subject to ICC investigation.

The AE911Truth Justice Team has also explored the concept of an International Tribunal, modeled after the Russell War Crimes Tribunal of the Sixties (organized

through the efforts of Bertrand Russell).

We found that Russell's Tribunal left a legacy in the form of the Permanent Peoples' Tribunal (Tribunale Permanente Dei Popoli), an organization which facilitates but does not fund similar tribunals. Currently, the BRussells Tribunal [sic] has been active in Brussels, Belgium, and a Permanent Peoples' Tribunal is being held in Madrid on the subject of multinational corporations.

There are at least three types of tribunals:

'International Citizens' Commissions, (described by Arthur Jay and Judith A. Klinghoffer in Mobilizing Public Opinion to Advance Human Rights and Russell, Schoenman, and Chomsky in Against the Crime of Silence) which have only moral efficacy and rely on the statutes of their participants.

•Grand Juries (described by Richard D. Younder in *The People's Panel*) whose powers in the UK and USA are continually under pressure from, and subject to change by, the authoritarians of the time.

•Truth Commissions, (described by Priscilla Hayner in *Unspeakable Truths* and proposed by Senator Leahy) which are created, sometimes with foreign financial help, by governments to expiate their own crimes.

AE911Truth will help create and provide evidence to any grand juries or international tribunals that are dedicated to exposing the truth about the destruction of the three World Trade Center towers on 9/11

We hope that there will be national subcommittees devoted to creating grand juries in several countries, and another committee devoted to the creation of an international tribunal. International teams would consist of members interested in working either on a 9/11 grand jury in their country or on an international tribunal.

In Canada, international legal experts are moving forward with the "11/11 Project" for an international inquest on the mass crimes of September 11, 2011. (See Barry Zwicker's discussion of the 11/11 project in his poignant address to the Understanding Deep Politics Conference in Santa Cruz, CA in May 2010.)

An immediate priority for AE911Truth, no matter what the venue of justice, is the cataloging, safeguarding, and certifying of the physical evidence, including the taking of notarized sworn statements from 9/11.

AE911Truth is committed to supporting the pursuit of justice. We encourage those who are interested, no matter where you are located, to join us in this cause. There is no greater calling in these times than that of the patriot who steps forward and risks everything to save his country.

# Nullifying Newton: Official Story Violates Laws of Physics

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of WTC Building 7, see the article on page 1.

The North Tower's Destruction: Race with Gravity

Using measurements from existing videos, Chandler was able to show that a series of what he describes as "demolition waves" travels down the side of the North Tower (WTC 1) even faster, at times, than the debris falling through air outside the Tower. This officially unexplained phenomenon can be seen in the video clips, Race with Gravity, and more recently Acceleration + Serendipity, at Chandler's website. Either something is moving through the building as fast as the debris is falling through air, or what we are seeing is a wave of timed explosions. This wave of ejections that can clearly be seen by anyone. Chandler shows in the video North Tower Exploding a series of widespread, continuous, explosive ejections of material occurring on multiple floors at once. Individual steel frame members weighing many tons are ejected horizontally, some at speeds exceeding 70 mph. Some steel members traveled horizontal distances of 600 feet. Others embedded themselves in the walls of neighboring buildings.

The top section of the building, above the airplane impact point, is what NIST claimed crushed the rest of the building to the ground. But the top section is notably absent in this video. There is no visual evidence of anything crushing the building.

Downward Acceleration of the North Tower

Chandler clearly demonstrates in "Downward Acceleration of the North Tower" on his website that the top section of the North Tower (WTC 1) accelerated down at a constant rate which equaled about 2/3 of freefall.

Using basic physics, he notes that the fact that the top section continued to accelerate downward, it proves that the top section was not

exerting enough force to destroy the lower section of the building. Rather, it was the destruction of the lower section by other means that allowed the top section to continue to accelerate. This is

again strong evidence for the use of explosives.

Be sure to see the rest of these excellent videos, including, Cutter Charges in the North Tower of the World Trade Center, which shows how he was able to link two "puffs" to an actual column being cut. These are striking examples which use high school physics to provide a devastating challenge to the official theory. conspiracy Additional critical

analysis can be found in Jim Hoffman's essay NIST's 3-Year \$20,000,000 Cover-up of the Crime of the Century



Video evidence shows constant acceleration down of WTC 1 roof.

is the fastest-moving feature of the collapse, racing far ahead of the overall building collapse.

"North Tower Exploding"
Incredibly, NIST took its analysis of the destruction of



the North Tower (WTC 1) only to the point when the building started to collapse. The omitted visual evidence in the video reveals features of the collapse



AE911Truth Action Groups are springing up all over the country. Join or start one!

# Volunteers and Financial Supporters The Foundation for Mission Success

By Marian Galbraith

It will be clear to our readers that government grants and prestigious family endowments are highly improbable funding sources for an organization such as ours. The valuable work of AE911Truth is supported only by the grassroots community of 9/11 Truth-aware individuals. Thanks to a growing number of volunteers and financial supporters, we have made great strides in public awareness, especially in the last year.

For starters, the number of our Architect/Engineer petition signers calling for a new WTC investigation has accelerated from 400 last summer to well over 1,200 so far this year -- more than in

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growth makes our next major milestone of 5,000 A/E's well within reach.

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On top of successful television appearances on Fox KMPH in Fresno, New Zealand's Close Up show on NZTV, and CBC's "Fifth Estate" AE911Truth has now been asked to appear on China's CCTV program, "Dialogue," with an English-speaking audience of over 60 million people. Inch by inch we are working our way into the mainstream media and into the public's consciousness.

Also, AE911Truth has been approved as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit organization. Donations from U.S. taxpayers can be tax-deductible for our supporters.

While it's obvious our efforts are working, our reach always exceeds our grasp. We need additional staffing, publicity, information technology and legal support to meet our objectives in support of our mission.

If you are already a financial supporter, we thank you! If not, please join the family of sustaining supporters now at AE911Truth.org and set up a monthly donation that works comfortably — or perhaps even a bit uncomfortably — with in your budget.

You will be supporting the organization in two important ways. First, you will be providing immediate, steady, and predictable funding that we can use for planning and budgeting toward our ultimate goal of obtaining a truly independent WTC investigation, second you will help us reduce the hidden costs of repeated, ongoing fundraising efforts.

With your support, we can continue our translations of the 9/11: Blueprint for Truth DVD, and our other awareness/action products into seven languages, attending A/E conferences and other speaking engagements, keeping up with increasing web traffic and online demands, obtaining much-needed legal counsel and public relations support, and much more.

If a monthly commitment is not feasible for you at this time, your one-time donations are still appreciated and will be put to excellent use. Remember – we can only do the work only if we are supported by you. Will you help us today?

#### Get the DVD:

9/11: Blueprint for Truth The Architecture of Destruction
At the AE911Truth.org store



### Summary of Evidence A Call to Action

By Pete Denney

The destruction of the Twin Towers and WTC Building 7 were the largest structural failures in modern history. The official story, as told by the 9/11 Commission and NIST, claims that fires weakened the structures, causing all three buildings to collapse. However, the evidence, most of which was omitted from official reports, supports a very different conclusion: explosive controlled demolition.

#### Let's re-cap the evidence:

- 1. Rapid onset of destruction with unnatural symmetry of debris
- 2. Constant acceleration at or near free-fall through the path of what should have been greatest resistance
- 118 witnesses to explosions and flashes of light, and foreknowledge of WTC 7's collapse
- 4. Lateral ejection of multi-ton steel sections 600 feet at more than 60 mph
- 5. Mid-air pulverization of 90,000 tons of concrete, and massive volumes of expanding pyroclastic-like dust clouds
- 6. Isolated explosive ejections 20 to 60 stories below "crush zone"  $\,$
- 7. Total destruction of all three buildings, with 220 missing floors from the Twin Towers each an acre in size
- 8. Several tons of molten steel/iron
- 9. Evidence of thermite incendiaries on steel beams
- 10. Nanothermite composites found in WTC dust
- 11. Destruction of Evidence by those in charge of the investigation

With such overwhelming evidence supporting the hypothesis of intentional destruction, demolition experts agreeing that the preparation to execute the controlled demolition of a high-rise building takes months to plan and carry out, and several credible reports of foreknowledge, it is only reasonable to suspect that powerful insiders, not just the 19 alleged hijackers, were behind the destruction.

We at AE911Truth believe that it is time for every American to face the facts and then your own conscience. Almost 3000 people were murdered at the WTC on the morning of September 11, 2001. The United States has invaded two countries under cover of the rhetoric of the War on Terror, resulting in massive casualties and unprecedented deficit spending. We have lost many of our civil liberties as a result of the PATRIOT Act, the Military Commissions Act, and other laws enacted in reaction to 9/11.

Once you, too, investigate the evidence we believe that you will want to take action.

Here are a few suggestions:

1. Continue to educate yourself and others. Send the AE911Truth.org link to every architect and engineer that you can find and everyone else that you know. Show them the DVD, "9/11: Blueprint for Truth - The Architecture of Destruction."

2. Support AE911Truth.org. Sign our petition, volunteer, or join our family of sustaining supporters.

3. Write your congress person, other officials, and the media. Demand a new, independent investigation with subpoena power.

Let your conscience be your guide to action. This is a time for true patriots to step forward and take lead.



### 1,000 Architects & Engineers



AE911Truth founder Richard Gage has given dozens of radio and TV interviews in the last three years.

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Congress member on Capitol Hill and have presented to many of them or their staffers personally. Yet the mainstream media and Congress remain largely silent in the face of what are surely terrifying implications of this information.

Our mission is to research, compile, and disseminate scientific evidence relative to the destruction of the three World Trade Center skyscrapers, calling for a truly open and independent investigation and supporting others in the pursuit of justice.

Our work at Architects & Engineers for 911 Truth (AE911Truth) is dedicated to the victims, families and all others throughout the world affected by the tragic events of September 11, 2001, and its aftermath.

We believe that there is sufficient evidence to conclude that the World Trade Center buildings 1 (North Tower), 2 (South Tower), and 7 (the 47 story high-rise across Vesey St.) were destroyed NOT by jet impact and fires but by controlled demolition with explosives. We therefore call upon Congress for a truly independent investigation with subpoena power.

In particular, our DVD, 9/11: Blueprint for Truth - The Architecture of Destruction, is packaged in 10, 30, 60, and 120 minute versions, presents the key points necessary to convince anyone with an open mind that this is the case, and that an investigation based on the Scientific Method is 9 years overdue.

We encourage architects, engineers, and others with writing or speaking skills to take an active role by means of writing letters and articles, giving presentations, and other means of responsible and effective public education.

We also support 9/11 truth groups across the planet in creating street visibility – handing out our literature and DVDs on the 11th of each month.

How will *you* help the work of Architects & Engineers for 9/11 Truth?

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#### A FIERCELY INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER

## **Deceptive Economic Statistics**

By Paul Craig Roberts

On August 17, Bloomberg reported a US government release that industrial production rose twice as much as forecast, climbing 1 percent. Bloomberg interpreted this to mean that "increased business investment is propelling the gains in manufacturing, which accounts for 11 percent of the world's largest economy."

The stock market rose.

Let's look at this through the lens of statistician John Williams of shadowstats.com.

Williams reports that "the primary driver of a 1.0% monthly gain in seasonally-adjusted July industrial production" was "warped seasonal factors" caused by "the irregular patterns in US auto production in the last two years." Industrial production "shrank by 1.0% before seasonal adjustments."

If the government and Bloomberg had announced that industrial production fell by 1.0% in July, would the stock market have risen 104 points on August 17?

Notice that Bloomberg reports that manufacturing accounts for 11 percent of the US economy. I remember when manufacturing accounted for 18% of the US economy. The decline of 39% is due to jobs offshoring.

Think about that. Wall Street and shareholders and executives of transnational corporations have made billions by moving 39% of US manufacturing offshore to boost the GDP and employment of foreign countries, such as China, while impoverishing their former American work force. Congress and the economics profession have cheered this on as "the New Economy."

Bought-and-paid-for-economists told us that "the new economy" would make us all rich, and so did the financial press. We were well rid, they claimed, of the "old" industries and manufacturers, the departure of which destroyed the tax base of so many American cities and states and the livelihood of millions of Americans.

The bought-and-paid-for-economists got all the media forums for a decade. While they lied, the US economy died.

Now, back to statistical deception. On August 17, the Census Bureau reported a small gain in July 2010 residential construction housing starts. More hope orchestrated. In fact, the "gain," as John Williams reports, was due to a large downward revision" in June's reporting. The reported July "gain" would "have been a contraction" without the downward revision in June's "gain."

So, the overestimate of June housing not only made June look good, but also the downward correction of the June number makes July look good, because starts rose above the corrected June number. The same manipulation is likely to happen again next month.

If the government will lie to you about Iraqi

weapons of mass destruction, Iranian nukes, and 9/11, why won't they lie to you about the economy?

We now have an all-time high of Americans on food stamps, 40.8 million people, about 14% of the population. By next year, the government estimates that food stamp dependency will rise to 43 million Americans. So last week, Congress cut food stamp benefits. Let them eat cake.

Wherever one looks — food stamps, home foreclosures, bankrupted states, mounting joblessness, the message to long-suffering Americans from "their government" is the same: go eat cake, while we fight wars for Israel that enrich the military/security complex and while we bail out banksters whose annual incomes are in the tens of millions of dollars and up.

It is impossible to get any truth out of the US government about anything. If private companies used US government accounting, the executives would be prosecuted, convicted, and incarcerated.

"Our government" is committed to fighting wars to enrich the military/security complex and Israel's territorial expansion at the expense of cuts in Social Security and Medicare.

Most members of Congress, especially Republicans, want to do is to pay for the pointless wars by cutting Social Security and Medicare.

When they worry about the deficit, it is usually Social Security and Medicare — so-called "entitlements" that are in the crosshairs.

You don't have to be smart to see that Wall Street's and the government's response to the amazing US budget deficit is not to stop the senseless wars and bailouts of mega-millionaires, but to cut "entitlements."

I will end this column on unemployment. "Our government" tells us that the unemployment rate is just under 10 percent, a figure that would have wrecked any post-Great Depression administration. But, again, "our government" is lying. The reported unemployment rate is just below 10% because the US government no longer, since the corrupt Clinton administration, counts Americans who have been unemployed for longer than one year. Once the unemployed hit one year and one day, they are dropped from the unemployment roles and no longer counted as unemployed.

Compare this fact with the number you read from the financial press. Right now, if measured according to the methodology of 1980, the US unemployment rate is about 22%. Thus, the reported rate of unemployment hides more than half of the unemployed.

And Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner welcomed us, in the August 2 New York Times, to "the recovery."

Utterly amazing.

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## Tell Me Again ... What's the War About?

By William Blum

When facts are inconvenient, when international law, human rights and history get in the way, when war crimes can't easily be justified or explained away, when logic doesn't help much, the current crop of American political leaders turns to what is now the old reliable: 9/11. We have to fight in Afghanistan because ... somehow ... it's tied into what happened on September 11, 2001. Here's Vice-President Joe Biden: "We know that it was from the space that joins Afghanistan and Pakistan that the attacks of 9/11 occurred." 1

Here's Sen. Lindsay Graham (R-SC): "This is the place [Afghanistan] we were attacked from on 9/11." <sup>2</sup>

Rep. Mike Pence, the third-ranking House Republican, asserted that the revelations in the Wikileaks documents do not change his view of the Afghan conflict, nor does he expect a shift in public opinion. "Back home in Indiana, people still remember where the attacks on 9/11 came from."  $^3$ 

Here's President Obama a year ago: "But we must never forget this is not a war of choice. This is a war of necessity. Those who attacked America on 9/11 are plotting to do so again. If left unchecked, the Taliban insurgency will mean an even larger safe haven from which al Qaeda would plot to kill more Americans." <sup>4</sup>

Also from the president, two days after the release of the Wikileaks documents, referring to Afghanistan and Pakistan as "the region from which the 9/11 attacks were waged and other attacks against the United States and our friends and allies have been planned". 5

Never mind that out of the tens of thousands of people the United States and its NATO front have killed in Afghanistan, not one has been identified as having had anything to do with the events of September 11, 2001.

Never mind that the "plot to kill Americans" in 2001 was devised in Germany, Spain, and the United States more than in Afghanistan. Why hasn't Washington bombed those countries?

Indeed, what actually is needed to plot to buy airline tickets and take flying lessons in the United States? A room with some chairs? What does "an even larger safe haven" mean? A larger room with more chairs? Perhaps a blackboard? Terrorists intent upon attacking the United States can meet almost anywhere, with Afghanistan probably being one of the worst places for them, given the American occupation.

There are many people in Afghanistan and Pakistan — the ones still living — who deeply resent the US presence there and the drones that fly overhead and drop bombs on their houses, their wedding parties, their funerals, their lives. As in Iraq, the American "war on terrorism" in Afghanistan regularly, routinely, and conspicuously creates numerous new anti-American terrorists.

The only "war of necessity" that draws the United States to Afghanistan is the need for protected oil and gas

pipelines from the Caspian Sea area, the establishment of military bases in this country that is surrounded by the oil-rich Caspian Sea and Persian Gulf regions, and making it easier to watch and pressure next-door Iran. What more could any "respectable" imperialist nation desire? Oh, did I mention that the military-industrial-security-intelligence complex and its shareholders will be further enriched?

But the war against the Taliban can't be won. Except perhaps by killing everyone in Afghanistan. The United States should negotiate the pipelines with the Taliban, as the Clinton administration tried to do without success, then get out and declare "victory". Barack Obama can surely deliver an eloquent victory speech.

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## Letting the Banksters 'Settle'

By Danny Schechter

Another day, another bank in the news — with the settlement blues.

Now, Barclays is coughing up \$298 million for violating a US trade law. A judge is still deliberating on a settlement that may cost Citi \$70 million to \$100 million for misleading investors about \$40 billion in sleazy subprime holdings.

Last week, it was Wells Fargo settling for \$200 million after being caught gouging their own customers. This follows a \$550 million settlement on the part of Goldman Sachs and then a \$600 million deal involving Countrywide and Bank of America.

If this keeps going, we will soon be talking about real money — but for what? What have these settlements settled other than payoffs substituting for criminal prosecutions?

Bear in mind that very little, if any, of this money wrested from the banksters by the Securities and Exchange Commission and other agencies goes back to the people who were ripped off in the first place.

Some of the bankers consider this extortion, but it certainly isn't justice.

The avaricious banks remain too big to fail and, unfortunately, too big to jail.

While I don't think filling our prisons with white-collar criminals will fix the economy, it might lead to overdue improvements in shameful prison practices. It also might send an overdue signal.

This issue is still off the media agenda. If the bankers were Moslems who wanted a mosque in the lobby of JP Morgan Chase, this might change.

change.

For now, the problem of accountability and transparency in the world of big money doesn't interest the networks who are

making money hand-over-fist by pandering and inciting racial and religious prejudice. They are also tied into too many of these institutions.

Their "logic": Better to keep the anger focused on distractions rather than the financial practices that really hurt average Americans.

Meanwhile, banking costs go

up. They are charging for checking accounts they didn't before. Mortgage closing costs are up as high as 40 percent. And finally, after the horses are gone, the Federal Reserve is closing the barn doors on the yield-spread premiums that ripped off consumers.

How very vigilant of the Fed watchdogs.

The Truth About Mortgages.com reports, "The Federal Reserve issued a final rule that effectively bans yield-spread premiums paid to mortgage brokers, along with loan officers employed by depository institutions.

"These loan originators will no longer be able to bump interest rates higher or steer consumers toward certain loan products in exchange for a higher commission."

But fraud is still pervasive, says Go.com, "It may not make the blood boil like murder or rape, but mortgage fraud is a crime that cost an estimated \$14 billion in 2009 and could be hampering an already fragile recovery in the housing market."

At the same time, the media outlets running all those ads for General Motors, (the car company saved by the taxpayers and in which "we" have a 61 percent stake) have played down GM's recent \$3.5 billion investment in subprime lender AmeriCredit made the day after financial reforms passed.

Economist Max Wolf tells us

about this scheme:
"AmeriCredit works through auto

dealers to make loans to car buyers. AmeriCredit has concentrated on used car loans and loans to low and moderate income subprime borrowers, FICO scores less than 620.

"Consumer complaint websites are packed with stories of angry consumers and allegations of unfair fees and repossessions. This is true of most subprime lenders. At \$3.5B, or about \$24.50 per share, GM is paying a high premium for the shares.

"This is an attempt to generate more business with and profit from the millions of Americans who can't qualify for prime borrowing terms. As you read this, more than 1 in 3 Americans has a subprime credit score."

No wonder, Reuters reported recently: "The American public wants to see bankers' heads on spikes for triggering a global financial crisis, but so far prosecutors and regulators have come up empty."

The Rasmussen poll reports a growing disconnect between the political and economic elite, and the public. The former say things are getting better while the public says their lives are getting worse.

In addition to growing disappointment with the way the government is "handling" the economy, there is a sense that economic justice is disappearing, with the people who caused the crisis still being rewarded and the rest of America losing jobs, homes and hope

Curiously, this is NOT a story that most media outlets explore or follow up on. I made the film "PLUNDER: The Crime Of Our Time" to investigate the crisis as a crime story, not just a business problem.

This is an argument made by many including Delaware Sen. Ted Kauffman, former bank regulator Bill Black, and billionaire investor Jim Chanos and others.

We all wonder why there have

been so few prosecutions and convictions of Wall Street higherups.

The world blames the United States for plunging the world economy into crisis, but executives here are able to maneuver around findings of pervasive fraud in real estate, sleazy practices of securitization, and devious insurance policies by "settling" complaints written off as a cost of doing business and passed on to shareholders.

Meanwhile the US Congress passes financial "reforms" that will take years to implement and are much softer than the rules in most other countries. Britain, for one, has made fighting financial fraud a priority.

Corruption in our country is still seen more as personal transgressions, not institutional practices. Charlie Rangel's apartments get more people upset than the trillions that have vanished in the crisis.

Remember Bernie Madoff only went down after confessing to his crime. He was not jailed as a result of any enforcement investigation.

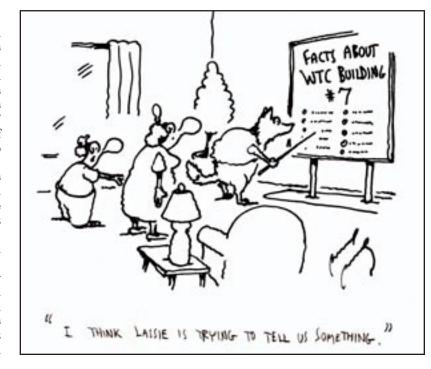
The watchdogs have been asleep at the switch and so has most of the media which still treats this crisis as the result of faulty business decisions (by some of the "smartest people in the room.")

This is an important subject filled with emotion and acrimony. My own investigation found that the notion that everything was legal misses some key facts and too narrowly looks at the problem.

We had three industries collaborating in crimes of industrial proportions — real estate, finance (with the collusion of ratings agencies) and insurance giants like AIG.

They worked together in pedaling mortgages designed to fail, securitizing them for resale as "structured financial products" with misrepresented values, and then insured themselves against defaults that they knew would occur.

They then leveraged all of this from billions into trillions that they reinvested and pocketed fueling the growing transfer of wealth from the middle class to the richest.



Many of these mortgages were even designed to fail. Now the arrears on them threaten the economy itself.

Unraveling this can't be handled as individual cases under laws set up to protect investors (not homeowners or workers). The securities laws require showing "intent" which is hard to prove and easy to deny.

The well-organized and collusive practices between these businesses that have harmed so many can only be prosecuted under RICO laws that are traditionally used against the Mafia and organized crime.

Maha and organized crime.

To use them in the bank scandal, we first need a full-fledged investigation that shows the criminal enterprise. It must subpoena documents and compel testimony. That's how real cases are built.

Instead of working to cultivate insider informants and whistleblowers the US government has imprisoned one, as the National Whistleblowers Center reminds us.

They report, "As 60 Minutes reairs its piece on UBS whistleblower Bradley Birkenfeld, who unmasked the role of a powerful Swiss bank in attracting US tax evaders. Birkenfeld is the most important international whistleblower in history and has

now served 7 months (and counting) in federal prison."

My own research and warnings on the issue have been ignored. I have made two films and written three books and countless blogs and commentaries on this subject.

I am articulate and can present the case for a crime narrative with clips from my film and arguments from my book. Yet, I am not getting on TV outlets to discuss it much less debate it.

Is it my credentials? I am a graduate of the London School of Economics and Cornell's Industrial and Labor Relations (ILR) program. I was a Nieman Fellow at Harvard, and produced the first network prime-time investigation on the S&L crisis for ABC's "20/20."

Now, I seem to be getting on the air only overseas, not on the networks I once worked for in the United States. It's not that the subject is irrelevant or not newsy. Perhaps, it is just verboten.

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#### Racist FBI Provocateur Radio Host Hal Turner Gets Ten Years

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the government habitually burning trusted assets.

Turner was not a garden variety operative working for the FBI. He was a National Security Intelligence asset and worked for the FBI on Security, counterintelligence. foreign There are people that are giving

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Who in America...Our Committee is now planning articles for the women's magazines for the trade and business publications."

Pressure campaigns (excerpt): "It can be said that the press of the nation...has by and large shown sympathy and understanding of Israel's position. There are, of course, exceptions, notably the Scripps-Howard chain where we still need to achieve a 'breakthrough,' the Pulliam chain (where some progress has been made) and some locally-owned papers.'

Magazine Committee achievements (excerpt): "We cannot pinpoint all that has already been accomplished by this Committee except to say that it has been responsible for the writing and placement of articles on Israel in some of America's leading magazines...."

According to Grant F. Smith, director of IRmep, "It is frightening how easily some in the American news media surrendered to a foreign public relations campaign that spent the 2010 equivalent of \$36 million over two years. Time has proven most of the planted content to be misleading, if not These historical dangerous. documents hold many important lessons for Americans who have long needed, but rarely received, straight reporting on key Middle East issues

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is the nation's record keeper. It retains 1%-3% of the most important documents of business conducted by the United States Federal government.

The Israel Lobby Archive, is a unit of the Institute for Research: Middle Eastern Policy in Washington.

information that affects the national security of the United States, terrorism, matters that are going to affect the population or people overall, something that's really going to hinder and hurt a large group of people or the national security of the United States," Assistant Special Agent in Charge Amy Pickett, the third highest ranking FBI Official in New York City, said in December, 2009. His code name was Valhalla and "he received thousands of dollars from the FBI to report on such groups as the Aryan Nations and the white supremacist National Alliance, and even a member of the Blue Eyed Devils skinhead punk band," according to The Record. Turner's service was apparently so valuable to the government he was sent to Brazil where he reported a scheme to send non-military supplies to Iraqi

resistance fighters. Government burning formerly prized minions and those who follow illegal directives is nothing new. After Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld issued orders to torture Iraq detainees in violation of the Geneva Conventions, a number of military personnel were prosecuted. Eleven soldiers were convicted of various charges relating to torture at Abu Ghraib. Two soldiers, Specialist Charles Graner, and his former fiancée, Specialist Lynndie England, were sentenced to ten years and three years in prison.

In 1934, Hitler betrayed and had the Gestapo murder trusted members of of the Sturmabteilung, also known as the Brownshirts, a paramilitary group responsible for engaging in terrorism and mass murder as Hitler ascended to power. "The measures taken on June 30, July 1 and 2 to suppress treasonous assaults are legal as acts of self-defense by the State," Hitler declared after the Gestapo killed hundreds of people.

In much the same way, the formerly trusted operative Hal Turner was declared a threat to the state, although he has yet to suffer the fate of Ernst Röhm, the leader of the SA, who was assassinated.

If anything, the case of Hal Turner should serve as a warning to those considering cooperating with the government in its ongoing effort to infiltrate and "neutralize" as the late FBI boss J. Edgar Hoover characterized the actions of his COINTELPRO — any organized opposition to the establishment.

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student. Dunham was three month's pregnant with Barack Obama, Jr. at the time of her marriage to Obama,

Obama, Sr. was a friend of Mboya and a fellow Luo. After Mboya was assassinated in 1969, Obama, Sr. testified at the trial of his alleged assassin. Obama, Sr. claimed he was the target of a hitand-run assassination attempt after his testimony.

CIA files indicate that Mboya was an important agent-of-influence for the CIA, not only in Kenya but in all of Africa. Mboya selected the father of the president of the United States to receive a "scholarship" and be airlifted to the University of Hawaii, where he met and married President Obama's mother, Ann Dunham, who dropped out of the University of Hawaii in 1960 while pregnant with Barack Obama.

In the fall of 1961, Dunham enrolled at the University of Washington while caring for her infant son.

In 1962, Barack Obama, Sr. left Hawaii to study at Harvard, divorcing Dunham in 1964. He worked for the Kenyan Finance and Transport ministries and an oil firm until he died in a car crash in 1982. His funeral was attended by leading Kenyan politicians, including future foreign minister Robert Ouko, who was murdered in 1990

From 1963 to1966, Dunham was re-enrolled at the University

of Hawaii. Ann Dunham met Lolo Soetoro, President Obama's step-father, at the East-West Center at the University of Hawaii. The center had long been affiliated with CIA activities in the Asia-Pacific region. Lolo Soetoro, who Dunham married in March 1965, departed Hawaii for Indonesia on July 20, 1965, some three months prior to the CIA's coup against Sukarno. Soetoro, who served Suharto as an Army colonel, was clearly called back from the CIA-connected East-West Center to assist in the coup against Sukarno, one that would eventually cost the lives of some one million Indonesian citizens.

It is a history that President Obama would like the press to ignore, which it certainly did during the 2008 primary and general

Suharto consolidated his power in 1966, the same year that Barack Obama, Sr.'s friend, Mboya, had helped to rally pro-US pan-African support for the CIA's overthrow of Nkrumah in Ghana.

In 1967, after arriving in Indonesia with Obama, Jr., to join her husband in Jakarta, Dunham began teaching English at the American embassy in Jakarta, which also housed one of the largest CIA stations in Asia and had significant satellite stations in Surabaya in eastern Java and Medan on Sumatra. In fact, Obama's mother was teaching English for the US Agency for International Development (USAID), which was a major cover for CIA activities in Indonesia and throughout Southeast Asia, especially in Laos, South Vietnam, and Thailand.

Dunham Soetoro's Russian language training at the University of Hawaii may have been useful to the CIA in Indonesia. Dunham Soetoro worked for the elitist Ford Foundation, World Bank, Asian Development Bank, Bank Rakvat (the majority-government-owned People's Bank of Indonesia), and the CIA-linked USAID while she lived in Indonesia and later in Pakistan. In 1971, the USAID-funded

Center for Vietnamese Studies at



Did Obama's mother [left] go to a private school in Lebanon in the early 1950s while her father [middle] region. worked for the CIA in Beirut?

Southern Illinois University in Carbondale was accused of being a CIA front. USAID-funded projects through the Midwest Universities Consortium for

International Activities (MUCIA) - comprised of the Universities of Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Indiana, and Michigan State — were accused of being CIA front including projects, those for "agricultural education" in Indonesia, as well as other "projects" in Afghanistan, Nepal, Nigeria, Thailand, and South

Vietnam. The charge was made in 1971, the same year that Ann Dunham was working for USAID in Indonesia.

In 1972, USAID administrator Dr. John Hannah admitted to Metromedia News that USAID was being used as a cover for CIA covert operations in Laos. USAID was reportedly also used by the CIA in Indonesia, the Philippines, South Vietnam, Thailand, and South Korea. USAID projects in Southeast Asia had to be approved by the Southeast Asian Development Advisory Group (SEADAG), an Asia Society group that was, in fact, answerable to the CIA.

One of the entities affiliated with the USAID work in Indonesia was the Asia Foundation, a 1950s creation formed with the help of the CIA to oppose the expansion of communism in Asia. The East-West Center guest house in Hawaii was funded by the Asia Foundation. The guest house is also where Barack Obama, Sr. first stayed after his airlift from Kenya to Hawaii, under the auspices of one of the CIA's major agents of influence in Africa, Mboya.

Dunham would also travel to Ghana, Nepal, Bangladesh, India, and Thailand working on microfinancing projects. In 1965, Barack Obama, Sr. returned to Kenya from Harvard, with another American wife. The senior Obama linked up with his old friend and the CIA's

"golden boy" Mboya and other fellow Luo politicians

Meanwhile, Dunham Soetoro's mother, Madelyn Dunham, who raised young Obama when he returned to Hawaii in 1971 while his mother stayed in Indonesia, was the first female vice president at the Bank of Hawaii in Honolulu. Various CIA front entities used the bank.

Madelyn Dunham escrow accounts used to make CIA payments to US-

supported Asian dictators like Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos, South Vietnamese President Nguyen van Thieu, and Suharto President Indonesia. In effect, bank was engaged in money laundering for the CIA to prop up covertly its favored leaders in the Asia-Pacific

One of the CIA's major money laundering fronts in Honolulu was the

firm of Bishop, Baldwin, Rewald, Dillingham & Wong (BBRDW). The CIA allowed the firm to collapse in



Stanley Armour Dunham with Barack Obama, Sr. at welcoming ceremony to Hawaii as part of the Airlift Africa

1983 amid charges that BBRDW was merely a Ponzi scheme. BBRDW was heavily involved in funding covert CIA programs throughout Asia, including economic espionage against Japan, providing arms for Afghan mujaheddin guerrillas in their war against the Soviets, and covertly supplying weapons to Taiwan. One of BBRDW's principals was John C. "Jack" Kindschi, who, before he retired in 1981, was the CIA station chief in Honolulu. BBRDW's chairman Ron Rewald had a counterfeit college degree certificate provided for the wall of his office by the CIA's forgery experts, and his name was inserted in

university records as an alumnus. A false history for BBRDW was concocted by the CIA, claiming the firm had operated in Hawaii since it was a territory. President Obama is currently plagued by allegations that he has fake college and university transcripts, a phony social security number issued in Connecticut, and other padded resume items. Did Hawaii's fake BBRDW documents portend today's questions about Obama's past?

BBRDW conducted its business in the heart of Honolulu's business district, where the Bank of Hawaii was located and where Obama's grandmother Madelyn Dunham ran the escrow accounts. The bank would

have handled much of BBRDW's covert financial transactions.

It is clear that Dunham Soetoro and her Indonesian husband, President Obama's step-father, were closely involved in the CIA's operations to steer Indonesia away from the Sino-Soviet orbit after the overthrow of Sukarno. WMR has discovered that some of the CIA's top case officers were assigned to various official and non-official cover assignments in Indonesia during this time frame, under the cover of USAID, the Peace Corps, and the US Information Agency (USIA).

President Obama has twice postponed official state visits to Indonesia, perhaps fearful of the attention such a trip would bring to the CIA connections of his mother and Indonesian step-father.

In the 1970s and 80s, Dunham was active in micro-loan projects for the Ford Foundation, the CIA-linked East-West Center, and USAID in Indonesia. One of the individuals assigned to the US embassy and helped barricade the compound during a violent anti-US student demonstration during the 1965 Suharto coup against Sukarno. was Dr. Gordon Donald, Jr.. Assigned to the embassy's Economic Section, Donald was responsible for USAID micro-financing for Indonesian farmers, the same project that Dunham Soetoro would work on for USAID in the 1970s, after her USAID job teaching English in Indonesia. In a 1968 book, Who's Who in the CIA, published in West Berlin, Donald is identified as a CIA officer who was also assigned to Lahore, Pakistan, where Dunham would eventually live for five years while working on micro-financing for the Asian Development Bank.

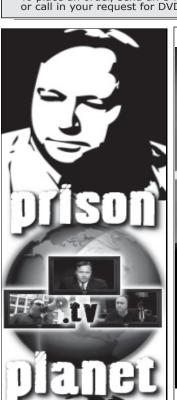
While in Pakistan, Dunham's son Barack visited her in 1980 and 1981. Obama visited Karachi, and Lahore, and Hyderabad, India during his south Asia visits. It was during the time period that the CIA was beefing up its anti-Soviet operations in Afghanistan from Pakistan.

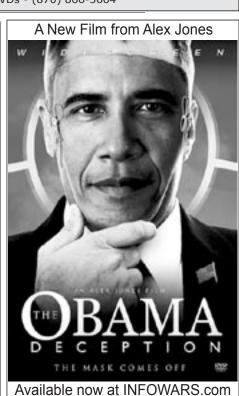
There are volumes of written material on the CIA backgrounds of George H. W. Bush and CIA-related activities by his father and children, including former President George W. Bush. Barack Obama, on the other hand, cleverly masked his own CIA connections as well as those of his mother, father, step-father, and grandmother. Presidents and vice presidents do not require security background checks, unlike other members of the federal government, to hold office. That job is left up to the press. In 2008, the press failed miserably in its duty to vet the man who would win the White House. With the ties of Obama's parents to the University of Hawaii and its links to MKULTRA and ARTICHOKE, a nagging question remains: Is Barack Obama a reallife "Manchurian Candidate?"

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