

# Chapter 5: Did U.S. officials have advance warning about 9-11?

“It is of the highest importance in the art of detection to be able to recognise out of a number of facts which are incidental and which are vital.... I would call your attention to the curious incident of the dog in the night-time.”

“The dog did nothing in the night-time.”

“That was the curious incident.”

*The Adventure of the Silver Blaze, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, 1859-1930*

# ★ The first Official Story: possibility of such attacks not envisioned

- Condoleeza Rice, May 16th, 2002: "I don't think that anybody could have predicted that these people would take an airplane and slam it into the World Trade Center, take another one and slam it into the Pentagon, that they would try to use... a hijacked airplane as a missile."
- Defense official: "I don't think any of us envisioned a threat by big aircraft. I don't know of anybody that ever thought through that."
- Ari Fleischer: "Until the attack took place, I think it is fair to say that no one envisioned that as a possibility."

# Contradicting evidence for the first Official Story

- 1993 a panel of experts commissioned by the Pentagon suggested that airplanes could be used as missiles
  - Not published in report because Pentagon objected
  - Later published separately in Futurist Magazine
  - Foretold of multiple, simultaneous hijackings
- 1994: attempt by al-Qaeda affiliate organization to crash an airplane into Eiffel Tower (foiled)

# Contradicting evidence for the first Official Story

- 1995: uncovering of al-Qaeda "Bojinka" plot in Philippines
  - Called for flying planes into World Trade Center, CIA, Pentagon
  - Mentioned in open court during trial of Ramsi Yousef in 1996
- 1999: National Intelligence Council forecast possibility of attacks via airplanes

# Contradicting evidence for the first Official Story

- 1999: MI6 gives report to U.S. embassy stating that al-Qaeda plans to use aircraft in unconventional ways, possibly as flying bombs
- October 2000: Pentagon conducts emergency drill of airliner hitting Pentagon
- Sept. 11, 2001: National Reconnaissance Office conducts plane-into-building drill on morning of the attacks

# The second Official Story: no specific warnings

- FBI director Robert Mueller: "There were no warning signs that I'm aware of that would indicate this type of operation in the country."
- A year later Mueller said, "To this day we have found no one in the U.S. except the actual hijackers who knew of the plot."
- Final report of the Joint Inquiry conducted by House and Senate Intelligence committee: "None of [the Bin Laden intelligence] identified the time, place, and specific nature of the attacks"

# Contradicting evidence for the second Official Story

- Variety of warnings from overseas sources
- Stock market put options wildly out of balance
- Electronic intercepts
- Sibel Edmonds' story

# Overseas warnings - Taliban



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Revealed: The Taliban minister, the US envoy and the warning of September 11 that was ignored

By Kate Clark in Kabul

07 September 2002

**Weeks before the terrorist attacks on 11 September, the United States and the United Nations ignored warnings from a Secret Taliban emissary that Osama bin Laden was planning a huge attack on American soil.**

# Overseas warnings - Germany

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#### Echelon Gave Authorities Warning Of Attacks

by Ned Stafford

U.S. and Israeli intelligence agencies received warning signals at least three months ago that Middle Eastern terrorists were planning to hijack commercial aircraft to use as weapons to attack important symbols of American and Israeli culture, according to a story in Germany's daily Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung (FAZ).

The FAZ, quoting unnamed German intelligence sources, said that the Echelon spy network was being used to collect information about the terrorist threats, and that U.K. intelligence services apparently also had advance warning. The FAZ, one of Germany's most respected dailies, said that even as far back as six months ago western and near-east press services were receiving information that such attacks were being planned.

Within the American intelligence community, the FAZ said. However, there was no confirmation from the newspaper said.

Echelon is said to be a vast information-gathering system thought to be operated by the U.S. National Security Agency. Its existence, however, has been denied by the U.S. government. However, an EU committee said a similar system does exist.

The EU committee said that Echelon was used to intercept data through enormous amounts of satellite data.

The FAZ, in its news story, described how the U.S. intelligence had collected information about attack targets in Tel Aviv and other locations.

Because of increasing concerns about the security of the machine capable of detecting and intercepting signals.

The FAZ said that German intelligence fears that in coming days planes will be hijacked in Europe and the near East, and that there is no sure way to protect against it.

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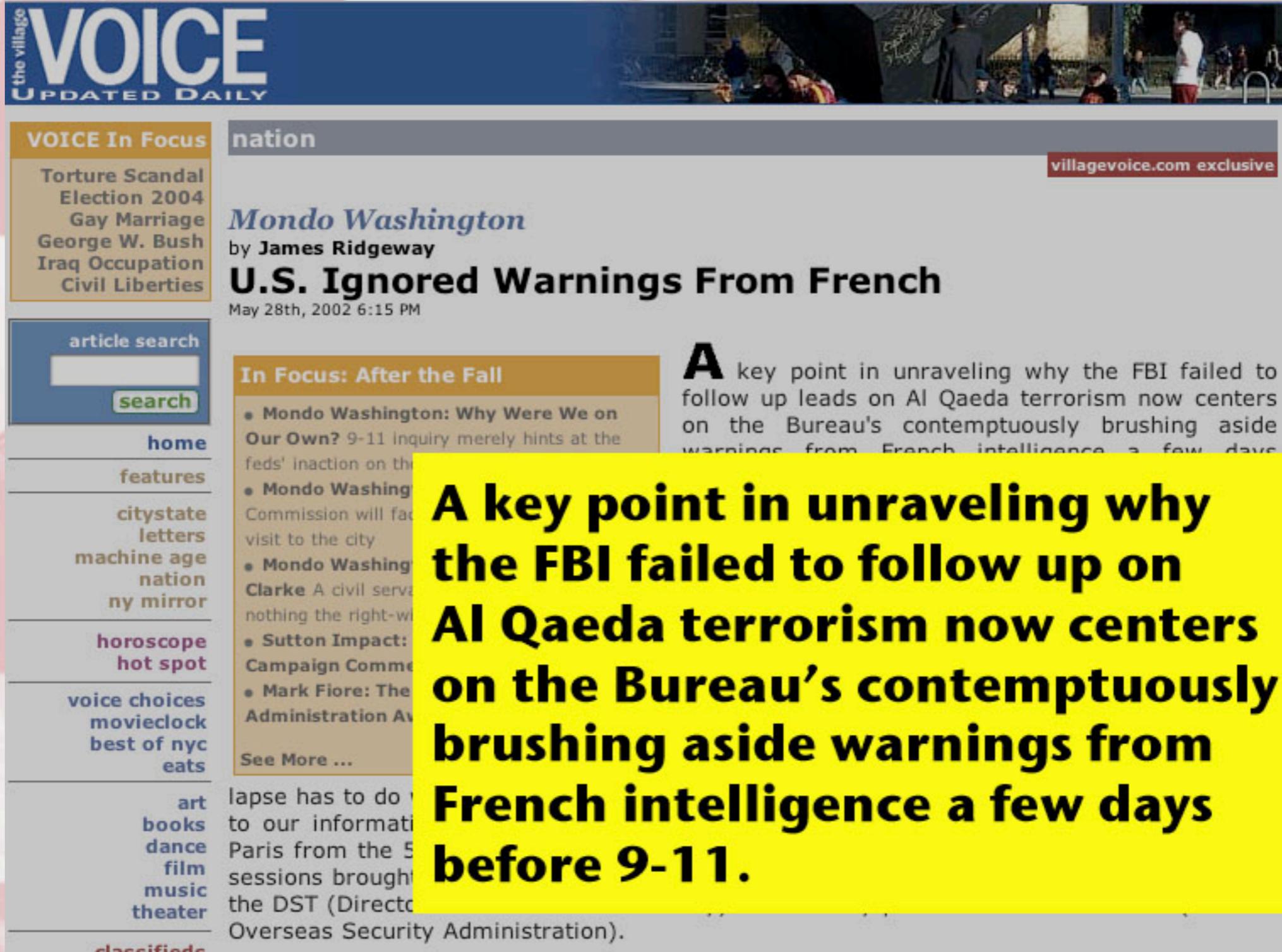
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**Egyptian intelligence warned American officials about a week before Sept. 11 that Osama bin Laden's network was in the advance stages of executing a significant operation against an American target, President Hosni Mubarak said in an interview.**

# Overseas warnings - Russia

- Izvestia reported on Sept. 12, 2001 that
  - warnings were given to CIA by KGB in August 2001
  - Russian intelligence claimed to know organizers
  - tapes of audio conversations were given to CIA after the attacks
- Russian president Vladimir Putin publicly stated that warnings were given to U.S.

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Britain warned US to expect September 11 al-Qaeda hijackings

**Britain gave President Bush a categorical warning to expect multiple airline hijackings by the al-Qaeda network a month before the September 11th attacks...**

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## Israeli security issued urgent warning to CIA of large-scale terror attacks

By David Wastell in Washington and Philip Jacobson in Jerusalem  
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ISRAELI counterterrorism experts, including two senior Mossad officials, issued a large-scale terror warning to the American intelligence community in August 2001. The attack and the FBI intelligence to the de world, wh

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"They had no specific information about what was being planned but linked the plot to Osama bin Laden and

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**... two senior experts with Mossad, the Israeli military intelligence service, were sent to Washington in August to alert the CIA and FBI to the existence of a cell of as many as 200 terrorists said to be preparing a big operation.**

# Other warnings given to Bush administration in summer 2001

- Morocco - undercover agent within al-Qaeda
- Jordan - intercepted message saying major attack within U.S. using aircraft
- Italy - gave warnings based on wiretaps

# Ominous signs from the stock market

- U.S. markets are monitored by the CIA in real time using software called Promis
- 'Puts' are essentially bets that a stock will decline, 'calls' are a bet on a rise
- In normal trading, puts and calls roughly balance
- In the week before the attacks, puts were outnumbering calls 10 to 1 on United, American Airlines, Merrill Lynch, and Morgan Stanley
- “I saw put-call numbers higher than I’ve ever seen in 10 years of following the market”

# Electronic intercepts

- FBI intercepted messages prior to attacks that said "There is a big thing coming" and "They're going to pay the price"
- On Sept. 9th, a foreign intelligence agency reportedly passed on a message from Bin Laden to his mother: "In two days you're going to hear big news"
- On Sept. 10th, NSA intercepted a message that said "Tomorrow will be a great day for us"

# Electronic intercepts

- Sen. Orrin Hatch reported that U.S. officials overheard Bin Laden aides celebrating the attack - which would only be possible if they were already monitoring the aides
- NSA monitored a call from Atta to Khalid Shaikh Mohammed in summer of 2001 - but Mohammed should have been a red flag already from the U.S.S. Cole bombing

# Electronic intercept spin

- Supposedly the intercepts were made, but not translated until after Sept. 11th.
- Given all the warnings, why weren't they translating?!?

# Surveillance of Hamburg cell

- November 1998: lead hijacker Mohammed Atta, Said Bahaji, and Ramzi bin al-Shibh move into apartment in Hamburg
- Atta lives there for next two years, along with a parade of other Middle-eastern and North-african men
- Apartment was under off-and-on surveillance by German authorities for months because of connections to other suspicious Middle-eastern men
- Atta was under CIA surveillance from January to May 2000, though Germans weren't told about it

# FBI translator Sibel Edmonds

- Hired by the FBI as a translator September 20th, 2001
- Was to review previously translated electronic intercepts
- "We should have had an orange or red-type alert in June or July of 2001"
- Tapes she translated showed evidence of terrorism and money-laundering
- She saw no specific information, but a wealth of information from established FBI sources, including informants
- Gagged by John Ashcroft using state secrets privilege



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**Among the Farsi translators working for the FBI, she said, it was common knowledge that a longtime, highly regarded FBI "asset" placed in Afghanistan told the agency in April 2001 that... bin Laden was planning a major attack involving the use of planes in big American cities - Chicago, L.A., New York.**

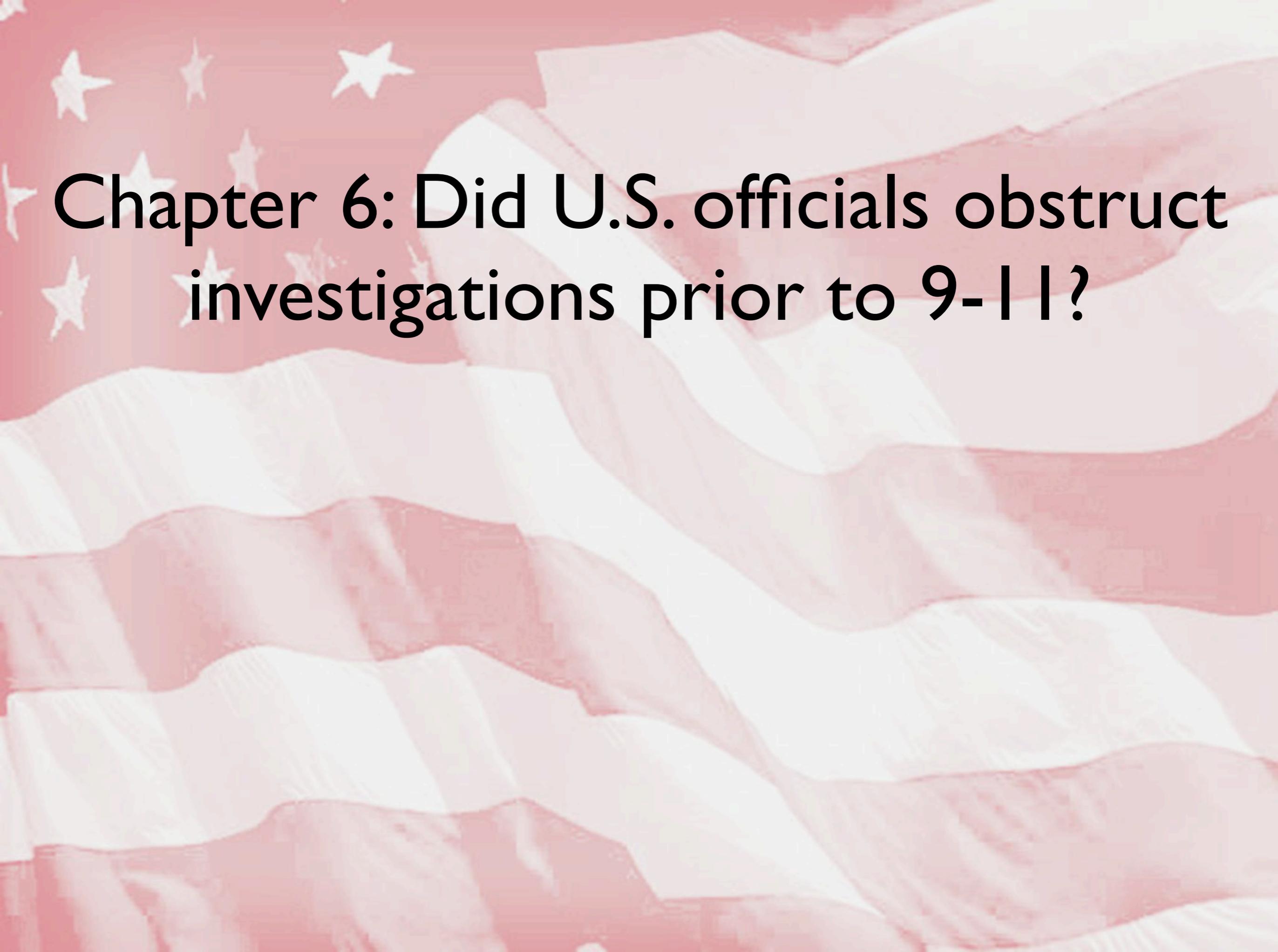
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# Unanswered questions for chapter 5

- Who within the U.S. intelligence community was responsible for receiving and acting on the many foreign warnings received prior to 9-11?
- When did the surveillance of the Hamburg cell of hijackers begin, and when did it end?
- Who placed the put options that indicated insider knowledge of the impending attacks? Has any significant investigation of these trades been undertaken?
- What electronic intercepts were being made of hijackers prior to 9-11?



# Chapter 6: Did U.S. officials obstruct investigations prior to 9-11?

# Outline of chapter 7

- The curious anti-hunt for Bin Laden and al-Qaeda
- Connections between the Bush, bin Ladens, and Saudi families
- The blocked FBI investigations
  - Phoenix
  - Minneapolis
  - Chicago
  - New York
- Visa and watch list violations

# Bin Laden: what they said they wanted

- December, 1998: George Tenet said "we are at war"
- December 2000: Richard Clarke submitted a plan to incoming Bush administration to "roll back" al Qaeda

# Bin Laden: what they did

- Confidential informant
  - offers to attend al-Qaeda training in Afghanistan
  - FBI headquarters turns him down
- Julie Sirrs of DIA
  - Travelled to Afghanistan in 2001
  - Returned with a "treasure trove" of information
  - Materials were confiscated and she was investigated by the FBI and DIA

# Bin Laden: what they did

- Russian Permanent Mission at the U.N.
- Gave "unprecedented" detailed information on Bin Laden and his resources to the Bush administration
- No action was taken
- Bin Laden reportedly met with CIA while in the hospital in Dubai during July of 2001
- Dick Cheney was put in charge of anti-terrorism group, yet they held only one meeting prior to 9-11
- John Ashcroft's budget and priority list did not even mention anti-terrorism as priority prior to 9-11

# Bush, Bin Laden, and Saudi Royals

- G.W. Bush made his first real money with Harken Energy, which became valuable only when it was granted exploration rights by Sheikh of Bahrain
- Harken originally was partially owned by Union Bank of Switzerland (USB) and BCCI
- Khalid bin Mahfouz was a big original investor in BCCI
- Khalid bin Mahfouz was involved with Carlyle Group, which G.H.W. Bush was also a director
- Khalid bin Mahfouz was a big funder of projects of Osama Bin Laden through Islamic charities
- USB and BCCI sold their interest in Harken to Abdullah Bakhsh, linked to bin Mahfouz and Gaith Pharaon, a front man for BCCI.

# The James Bath Quiz

- James Bath was
  - a) a flying partner (some allege non-flying partner) of George W. Bush in the Texas Air Guard
  - b) an original partner in Harken
  - c) a likely CIA liason to Saudi Arabia for George H.W. Bush
  - d) a business representative of bin Laden's father
  - e) an operator of Skyway Aircraft Leasing in Cayman Islands, owned by bin Mahfouz
  - f) all of the above

# More on Bush, bin Laden and Saudis

- There is evidence that bin Laden continued to receive aid from Saudis even after his supposed break with his family as the "black sheep"
- January 2001: FBI ordered to back off investigations of bin Laden's charities
- Prince Bandar is so close to the Bush family that he is jokingly referred to as "Bandar Bush"
- On the morning of 9-11, George H.W. Bush was having breakfast with bin Laden's brother, discussing Carlyle group business

# More on Bush, bin Laden and Saudis

- In the days immediately after 9-11, when commercial aviation was grounded, the bin Laden family and other Saudis were collected via non-commercial jets, and flown out of the country when the ban was lifted
- The final report of the Joint Inquiry has 28 pages blacked out that reportedly detail Saudi Arabian connections to 9-11
- John O'Neill, the FBI's top counter-terrorism expert, resigned in frustration over obstructions of his investigations, saying "All the answers, everything needed to dismantle Osama bin Laden's organization, can be found in Saudi Arabia."

# Gerald Posner, author of "Why America Slept"

- Posner recounts a story about the capture of bin Laden's lieutenant, Abu Zubaydah, in Pakistan, March 2002
- Interrogation was conducted by two Americans posing as Saudis
- Zubaydah, appearing relieved to believe he was in Saudi custody, named three high princes of the Saudi regime who he said would help him
- Interrogators said that it was likely these princes would not help him after 9-11
- Zubaydah said 9-11 changed nothing, they knew about it in advance
- Four months later, all three princes named died within days under mysterious circumstances

# Blocked FBI investigation: Phoenix

- FBI had a Muslim informant, Aukai Collins, in Phoenix
- Collins warns FBI in 1998 about Hani Hanjour
- FBI reportedly already knew Hanjour's address, phone, type of car
- Separately, agent Ken Williams sent "Phoenix memo" on July 10th, 2001
- Memo warned about suspicious activities of a group of Middle-eastern men
- Advised that the FBI institute a national program to look into flight schools

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# Blocked FBI investigations: Minneapolis

- Zacarias Moussaoui aroused suspicion at flight school, and staff reported him to Minneapolis FBI as possible terrorist
- Agents arrested Moussaoui, seized his laptop, and applied for a warrant to search it
- French Intelligence gave all the data they had on Moussaoui to FBI Headquarters
- FBI headquarters denied request for warrant, claiming the French information was "too sketchy"

# Minneapolis: they wouldn't take 'no'

- So, agents applied for a Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) warrant
- FISA warrants are almost never denied
- FBI headquarters removed damaging information supplied by French from file before passing on to FISA judge
- FBI Deputy Counsel judged that there was not enough evidence to even forward to FISA!
- Ultimately, laptop was not searched until after Sept. 11th

# Key excerpt from Coleen Rowley's May, 2002 memo to FBI director Mueller

5) The fact is that **key FBIHQ personnel** whose job it was to assist and coordinate with field division agents on terrorism investigations and the obtaining and use of FISA searches (and who theoretically were privy to many more sources of intelligence information than field division agents), **continued to, almost inexplicably, throw up roadblocks** and undermine Minneapolis' by-now desperate efforts to obtain a FISA search warrant, long after the French intelligence service provided its information and probable cause became clear. HQ personnel brought up almost ridiculous questions in their apparent efforts to undermine the probable cause. In all of their conversations and correspondence, HQ personnel never disclosed to the Minneapolis agents that the Phoenix Division had, only approximately three weeks earlier, warned of Al Qaeda operatives in flight schools seeking flight training for terrorist purposes!

# Why are Moussaoui-related dates important?

- Arrested late on August 15th, 2001
- French information arrives August 22nd
- George Tenet flies to Texas on August 23rd and confers with Bush
- ... yet in sworn testimony to the Kean Commission George Tenet claims he did not see Bush during the entire month of August
- Could it be that Tenet needed to discuss the possible unraveling of the plot?

# What was in Moussaoui's possessions?

- Laptop with links to Hamburg cell of hijackers (Ramzi Binalshibh et al)
- Letter linked to "al Qaeda associates in Malaysia whose activities had been monitored by the CIA"
- These are likely to have been al-Mihdhari and al-Hazmi, who were the subject of a frantic search at that time

# Blocked FBI investigation: Chicago

- In 1998 FBI agent Robert Wright was tracking terrorist cell connected to Saudi millionaire in Chicago
- January 2001: despite belief that case was strong, case was closed by headquarters
- June 2001: Wright wrote to FBI charging that they weren't trying to prevent attacks
- May 2002: Wright announces he will sue FBI for blocking publication of his book
- Descriptions of his superior's actions include the words "prevented," "thwarted," "obstructed," "threatened," "intimidation," and "retaliation"

# Blocked FBI investigation: New York

- New York FBI office requested a criminal investigation of Khalid al-Mihdhar
- June 2001: FBI agents were shown, but not allowed to keep data from CIA collected at terrorist planning meeting in Malaysia
- Turned down on grounds that it would reveal sensitive intelligence information
- New York agent: "Someday someone will die, and the public will not understand why we weren't more effective... bin Laden is getting the most 'protection'"

# David Schippers

- Former chief prosecutor for impeachment of Clinton
- Publicly stated that he personally tried to warn John Ashcroft in July 2001
- Information came from New York FBI agents
- Claims that agents were threatened to silence them
- Has filed suit on behalf of threatened agents, along with Judicial Watch
- Agents claim that information was widely known within Bureau

# ★ Visa and watch list violations

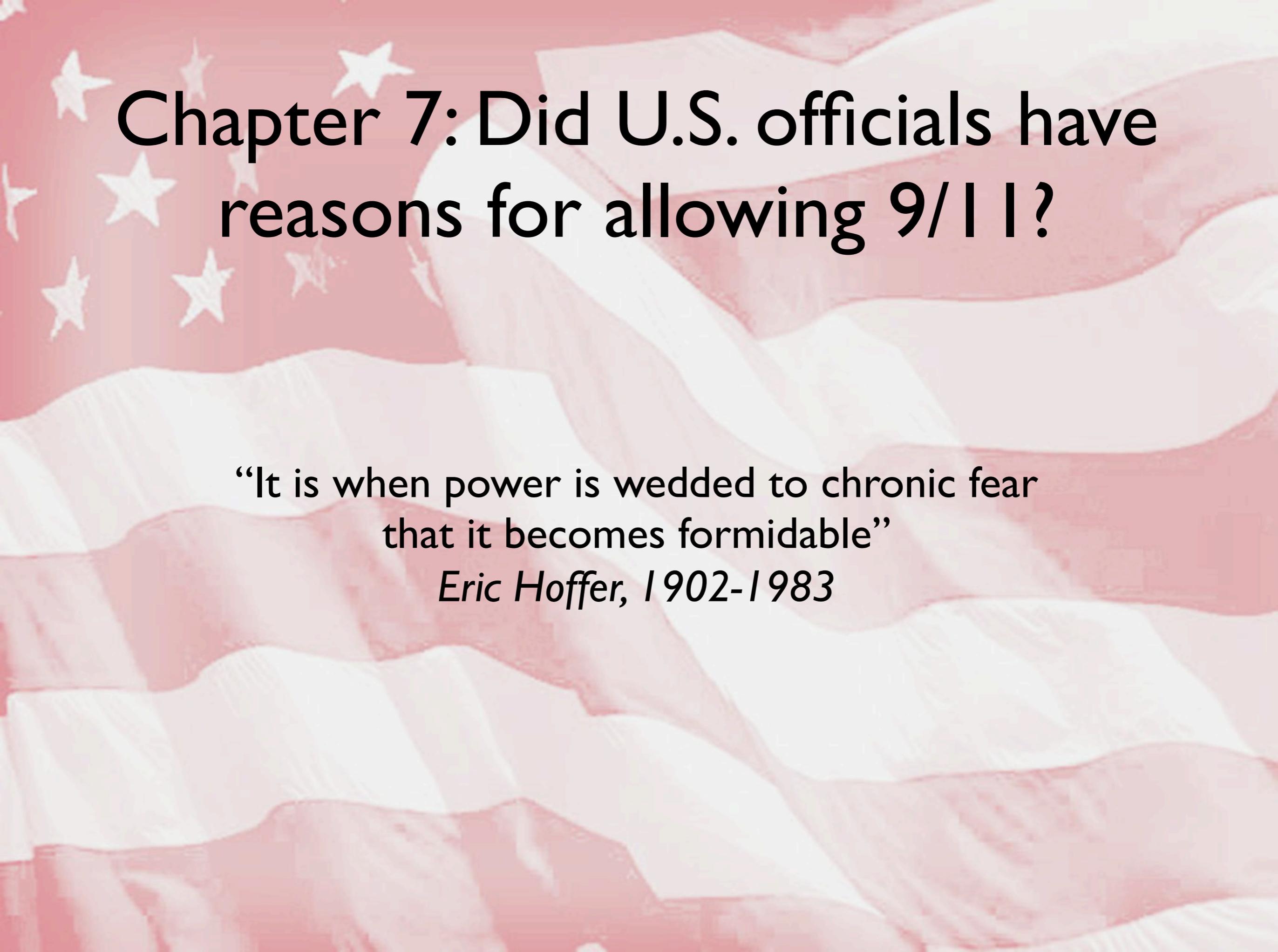
- Mohammed Atta allowed into country three times in 2001 despite the facts that he
  - had an expired visa
  - told immigration officer he was taking flying lessons, in violation of student visa
  - was known to have terrorist connections
  - was previously under CIA surveillance while in Hamburg
- Two of the hijackers were surveilled in Malaysia at a terrorist planning meeting in January 2000
- Under existing rules, 15 of the 19 hijackers should have been stopped from entering the country with invalid visa applications

# Resources for Chapter 6

- Nafeez Mossadeq Ahmed, "The War On Freedom"
- Nafeez Mossadeq Ahmed, "Behind the War on Terror"
- Complete 9-11 Timeline:  
[www.cooperativeresearch.org](http://www.cooperativeresearch.org)
- <http://www.fromthewilderness.org>

# Unanswered Questions

- If the CIA passed information about al-Mihdhar and al-Hazmi (hijackers surveilled in Malaysia) to the FBI prior to June 2001, why was that information not sent to the New York agents investigating the Cole bombing?
- How and when did the FBI or CIA learn that al-Mihdhar and al-Hazmi had entered the country?
- Why were they not watch-listed and denied entry into the country after the terrorist planning meeting in Malaysia?
- Who within the FBI was responsible for blocking Coleen Rowley's search warrant request? Has this person been disciplined or demoted?

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# Chapter 7: Did U.S. officials have reasons for allowing 9/11?

“It is when power is wedded to chronic fear that it becomes formidable”

*Eric Hoffer, 1902-1983*

# Outline of chapter 7

- Pre-9/11 plans to attack Afghanistan
- Pre-9/11 plans to attack Iraq
- Brief overview of Peak Oil
- Published statements on a "New Pearl Harbor"
- Missile Defense and a Space Pearl Harbor
- Operation Northwoods

# Pre-9/11 plans to attack Afghanistan

- Growing shift in U.S. policy toward Afghanistan in 2001
- Centered on desire of Bush administration to create a pipeline from Central Asia to Indian Ocean
- May have been partly to furnish natural gas to an Enron plant in Dabhol, India
- Unocal and Delta Oil of Saudi Arabia were primary partners in pipeline deal

# Pipelineistan



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# Background on Afghanistan

- Taliban was a joint creation of CIA and Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), with funding from Wahabi sect of Saudi Arabia
- U.S. backed the mujahdeen first as instrument against Soviets
- Later, as mujahdeen coalesced into Taliban, seen as means of bringing stability
- Originally, Taliban was willing to deal on pipeline
- Deal fell apart in 1998 after Clinton bombed Afghanistan and the country was seen as too unstable

# Bush administration and Afghanistan

- Series of meetings held with Taliban, Pakistani, and Russian intelligence officers
- Unable to agree on pipeline and bin Laden deals
- Culmination was a July 2001 meeting in Berlin
- Pakistani representative reports that
  - Taliban was offered a "carpet of gold, or a carpet of bombs"
  - Privately, a military operation was planned before snows fall in Afghanistan (October)

# Other evidence of Afghanistan attack plans

- Throughout early 2001 Bush administration appeared to have two-pronged policy: large cash aid, and covert preparation for war
- U.S. began working with Russia and India to supply Northern Alliance in March 2001
- Pentagon plan for attacking Afghanistan was started in April 2001
- Troops were told of a major exercise to take place mid-September
- Reliable western military sources say that a U.S. contingency plan to attack was complete by end of summer 2001

# Who was on the pipeline gravy train?

- Zalmay Khalizad, formerly of Reagan/Bush 41 admins and Unocal
- Hamid Karzai, also of Unocal, now Mayor of Kabul
- Henry Kissinger, advisor to Unocal
- Alexander Haig, lobbyist for Turkmenistan
- Dick Cheney, Halliburton
- Zbigniew Brzezinski, consultant to Amoco

# The Bush administration and Iraq

- Military take-over of Iraq has been a public goal of neoconservative cabal since at least 1998
- Paul O'Neill reports in his book that incoming Bush administration was obsessed with Iraq
- Planning for Saddam's ouster began as early as February of 2001
- Question was not "if" or "when," but "how"

# The Project for a New American Century ("PNAC")

- Members include Cheney, Rumsfeld, Wolfowitz, Libby, Armitage and others
- Nearly all the significant defense and policy figures of the Bush administration
- In 1998 the group called on President Clinton to "...take the necessary steps, including military steps, to protect our vital interests in the Gulf"
- Letter to Clinton also specifically mentioned removing Saddam Hussein from power

# The Project for a New American Century

- In Sept 2000 PNAC issued "Rebuilding America's Defenses: Strategy, Forces, and Resources for a New Century:"
- "The U.S. has sought for decades to play a more permanent role in Gulf regional security. While the unresolved conflict in Iraq provides the immediate justification, the need for a substantial American force in the Gulf transcends the issue of Saddam Hussein."

# What else is in "Rebuilding America's Defenses?"

- Increase spending by \$48 billion
- Be able to fight multiple, simultaneous major theater wars
- Dominate space through National Missile Defense program
- More bases in more far-flung countries as part of world-wide command and control system
- Development of tactical (usable) nuclear weapons, as well as biological warfare weapons that target specific genotypes

# Was Iraq war really about oil?

- Sir Jonathan Porritt, advisor to Tony Blair: "[oil] was a very large factor"
- Paul O'Neill: it was about oil from the beginning
- Execution of the war showed value given to oil fields and oil ministry records
- Bush, Cheney, Rice, and other members of the administration all come from oil company backgrounds
- Iraq's reserves are second only to Saudi Arabia
- Iraq was not producing up to capacity under sanctions in place from first Gulf war
- The world is entering an era of peak oil

# Excerpt from Dick Cheney's National Energy Policy Group

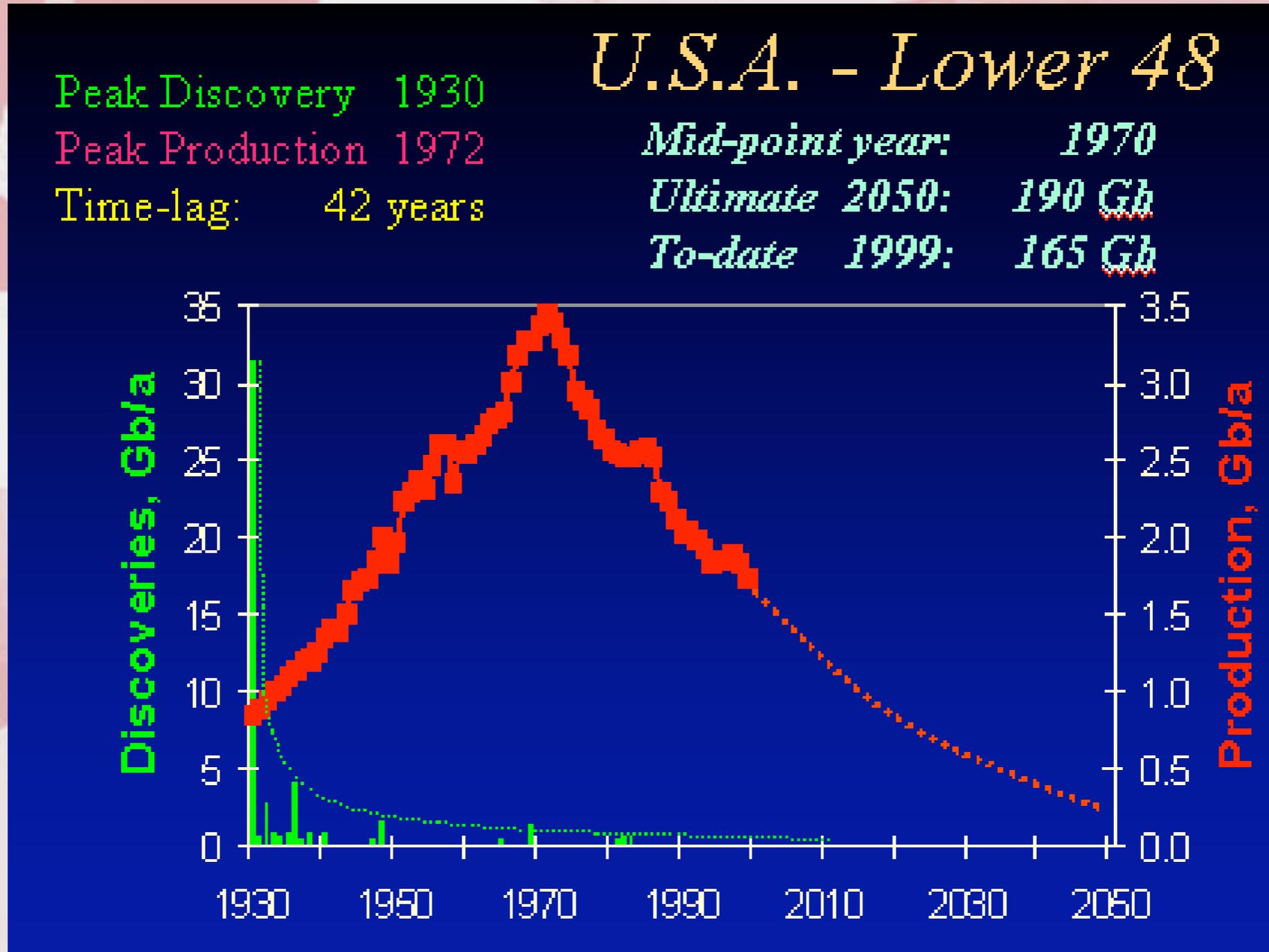


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# What is Peak Oil?

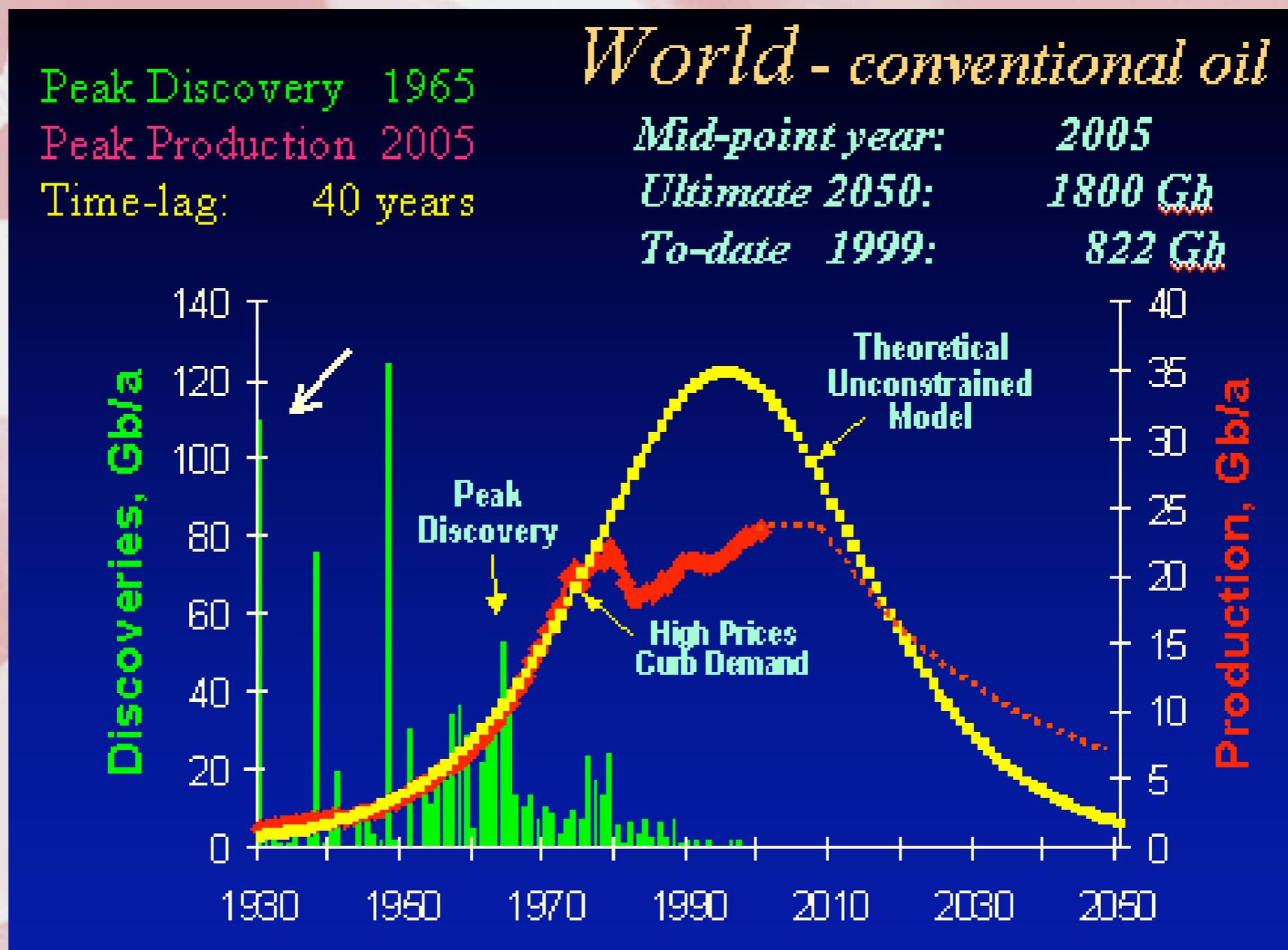
- Geological reserves of petroleum deposits are finite
- Every oil field experiences a peak in discovery, followed by a peak in production
- Likewise, aggregates of oil fields (countries, the world) experience peak discovery and peak production
- U.S. peak in discovery was 1930, peak production 1973
- World peak discovery 1965, forecast peak production in 2005

# U.S. oil discovery and production



<http://www.hubbertpeak.com/de/lecture.html>

# World oil discovery and production



# What happens when we reach peak oil?

- Still lots of oil left - about half of forecast 1800 gigabarrels ultimate reserve
- However, beyond peak date *physics* limits rate of extraction, not politics
- Yet, demand will continue to increase
  - Developing nations like China are modernizing
  - U.S. consumption of gasoline rises about 3% per year
- Therefore, price will go up relentlessly

# Effect of Peak Oil on economy

- Plastic, an essential industrial material, is made from oil
- 99% of our transportation system is based on gasoline, diesel and jet fuel
- Natural gas is used to create fertilizer, and oil is used to cultivate food and bring it to market
- Our entire financial system is predicated on never-ending growth, not sustainability
- Political systems will attempt to delay Peak Oil because of effect on citizens and economies

# Drafting a plan for global dominance

- First appeared in Defense Planning Guidance for 1994-1999 Fiscal Years (draft issued in 1992)
- Went through various phases and authors (Wolfowitz, Rumsfeld, Cheney)
- Calls for dominance over both friends and foes alike
- Pre-emption should prevent rise of another rival like USSR
- Based on unilateral action and military superiority
- Control of energy resources is a strategic objective

# The bottom line: Oil is a major tool of world domination

- The price of oil was used as a tool to bankrupt the Soviet Union in the 1980's
- Oil is likely to be THE limiting resource for economic growth in 21st century
- Oil is essential for modern military operations

# Background in support of oil focus in American foreign policy

- "Plan Columbia" just happens to be in an undeveloped oil-rich area of South America
- Attempted coup of Hugo Chavez in Venezuela, April 2002  
- Venezuela is largest oil producer in South America
- Strengthened ties with Nigeria, west Africa's leading oil producer
- Afghanistan as gateway to Central Asia resources
- Iraq seen as crucial spigot for future world economy

# Zbigniew Brzezinski and "The Grand Chessboard"

- Central Asia has vast reserves of oil and gas
- American primacy will require control of central Asia
- "America is too democratic at home to be autocratic abroad"
- "Pursuit of power is not a goal that commands popular passion, except in conditions of a sudden threat or challenge to the public's sense of domestic well-being"
- "[public] supported America's engagement in WWII largely because of the shock effect of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor"

# PNAC and a New Pearl Harbor

- PNAC called for a "revolution in military affairs"
  - Heart of this revolution is a plan to weaponize and dominate space
  - Missile defense is essential to American pre-eminence
- "Absent some catalyzing event like a New Pearl Harbor, the transition will be difficult"

# U.S. Space Command's "Vision for 2020"

- Calls for dominating space to protect U.S. interests abroad
- Recognizes that the globalization process creates "haves" and "have-nots"
- Missile defense is an essential element of plan
- Also calls for space battlefield weapons like laser cannons
- Price tag upwards of \$1 trillion dollars

# Who is at the heart of space weaponization?

- Donald Rumsfeld, current Secretary of Defense, authored report on National Security and Space Management (2001)
- Ralph Eberhart, current head of Space Command, formerly in charge of NORAD on Sept 11th
- Gen. Richard Myers, former head of Space Command, author of "Vision for 2020," acting Chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff on Sept. 11th
- Curiously, all three of these men were in crucial roles on 9-11, and failed

# Operation Northwoods

- Plan proposed by General Lyman Lemnitzer in March 1962
- Called for the U.S. to stage a series of provocative incidents in order to provide a pretext for declaring war on Cuba
- Among the proposed actions were these:
  - a. Blow up a Navy ship in Guantanamo Bay, and blame it on Cuba
  - b. American pilots would impersonate the Cuban Air Force, and drop incendiary bombs on a third nation such as the Dominican Republic
  - c. Create an incident in which a civil airliner would appear to be shot down and blamed on the Cuban air force

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THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF  
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

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13 March 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Subject: Justification for US Military Intervention  
in Cuba (TS)

1. The Joint Chiefs of Staff have considered the attached Memorandum for the Chief of Operations, Cuba Project, which responds to a request of that office for brief but precise description of pretexts which would provide justification for US military intervention in Cuba.

2. The Joint Chiefs of Staff recommend that the proposed memorandum be forwarded as a preliminary submission suitable for planning purposes. It is assumed that there will be similar submissions from other agencies and that these inputs will be used as a basis for developing a time-phased plan. Individual projects can then be considered on a case-by-case basis.

3. Further, it is assumed that a single agency will be given the primary responsibility for developing military and para-military aspects of the basic plan. It is recommended that this responsibility for both overt and covert military operations be assigned the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

For the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

SYSTEMATICALLY REVIEWED  
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L. L. LEMNITZER  
Chairman  
Joint Chiefs of Staff

1 Enclosure  
Memo for Chief of Operations, Cuba Project

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- c. Commence large scale United States military operations.
3. A "Remember the Maine" incident could be arranged in several forms:
- a. We could blow up a US ship in Guantanamo Bay and blame Cuba.
  - b. We could blow up a drone (unmanned) vessel anywhere

crew. Casualty lists in US newspapers would cause a helpful wave of national indignation.

4. We could develop a Communist Cuban terror campaign in the Miami area, in other Florida cities and even in Washington.

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Annex to Appendix  
to Enclosure A

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6. Use of MIG type aircraft by US pilots could provide additional provocation. Harassment of civil air, attacks on surface shipping and destruction of US military drone aircraft by MIG type planes would be useful as complementary actions. An F-86 properly painted would convince air passengers that they saw a Cuban MIG, especially if the pilot of the transport were to announce such fact. The primary drawback to this suggestion appears to be the security risk inherent in obtaining or modifying an aircraft. However, reasonable copies of the MIG could be produced from US resources in about three months.

# Operation Northwoods (cont'd)

- The plan was approved by the Joint Chiefs of Staff
- Thankfully, John F. Kennedy did not approve Operation Northwoods
- James Bamford's book, "Body of Secrets," details this sorrowful episode in American history.

# Unanswered questions

- Who participated in VP Cheney's Energy Policy group, and what specifically was discussed, especially with regard to pipelines in Afghanistan and oil fields in Iraq?
- Why have none of the key figures involved in the failures of 9-11 (Eberhart, Myers, et al) not lost their jobs?
- Why is no one in the so-called free media questioning the larger picture of U.S. plans for global domination?

# Resources for Chapter 7

- Paul Sperry "Crude Politics" (book)
- <http://www.globalresearch.ca/articles/CHI203A.html>
- <http://www.cooperativeresearch.org> (excellent timeline of Iraq policy and war)
- <http://xymphora.blogspot.com> (deconstructs Iraq policies)
- <http://www.fromthewilderness.com>

# So, what can you do?

An ounce of action is worth a ton of theory.  
- *Friedrich Engels 1820-1895*

- Write to the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks upon the U.S. (aka Kean Commission)
  - <http://www.9-11commission.gov/>
  - 301 7th St. SW, Room 5125, Washington, DC 20407
- Call or write your senator and representative
  - Find your senator or representative by going to <http://www.congress.org/>

# So, what can you do?

- Write a letter to your hometown newspaper raising questions that are not being addressed by the Kean Commission
- Join an action-oriented organization like the one at <http://www.911visibility.org>
- March in the streets with signs questioning the official story
- Host an evening presentation for friends and family featuring Barrie Zwicker's video, "*The Great Deception*"
  - <http://www.viewerplus.com/Splash.asp?Stat=Vision>