Demand Obama Release Docs on Saudi Role

The 9/11 Families United To Bankrupt Terrorism is a group comprised of over 6,000 family members of those killed or injured in the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, which is using the civil legal system to pursue those who financed and provided support for those atrocious terrorist attacks. The group has issued two recent documents, reproduced here, homing in on the need for the Obama Administration to release crucial documents showing the links of the Saudi government to the hijackers. More information on the group is available at www. justiceagainstterrorism.org.

October 2, 2013 Press Release

9/11 Families United To Bankrupt Terrorism Applaud the Miami Herald and the Sarasota Herald-Tribune FOIA Lawsuit of FBI/Department of Justice for Documents Relating to Sarasota Saudis Suspected of 9/11 Ties

The Steering Committee of the 9/11 Families United To Bankrupt Terrorism endorses the recent decision by *The Miami Herald* to file a future amicus brief in an effort to support court proceedings designed to gain access to FBI documents regarding an investigation involving a Saudi family, former residents of Sarasota, Fla., who may have provided aid to the 9/11 hijackers. Broward Bulldog, Inc., a Florida non-profit corporation, and its founder Dan Christensen filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit to obtain documents they were denied and are suing the U.S. Department of Justice and the FBI in U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida.

Former Florida Governor and U.S. Senator Bob Graham, a South Florida resident, has long expressed concern about the pre-9/11 activities occurring in Florida. Senator Graham has alleged that the FBI made false statements to the public about the results of its Sarasota investigation related to those pre-9/11 activities. The results of that investigation were not reported to Congress or mentioned in the 9/11 Commission Report. Documents released in the course of this litigation have revealed information that directly contradicts

the FBI's prior public statements asserting that no connections between the Sarasota property and 9/11 exist.

The Herald has a strong interest in ascertaining which FBI statements to the public are accurate, wrote attorneys for The Herald in a motion requesting leave to file an amicus brief. The Herald wrote that it was the intention of the newspaper to jointly file a brief with The Sarasota Herald-Tribune, which had filed a similar motion earlier in the month.

On June 5, former Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Bob Graham (D-FL), who also co-chaired the 9/11 Congressional Inquiry, filed a declaration in support of the FOIA request, writing, "I am troubled by what appears to me to be a persistent effort by the FBI to conceal from the American people information concerning possible Saudi support of the September 11 attacks."

The 9/11 family members also seek information that would shed light on alleged Saudi financing of the terrorist attacks in their lawsuit, *In Re Terrorist Attacks of September 11*.

"Thank you to The Miami Herald and The Sarasota Herald-Tribune. Maybe someday soon we'll finally get to hear the truth," said Bill Doyle, father of Joseph M. Doyle who died in the World Trade Center. "As I said this past summer, the FBI wants its cake and to eat it too. On one hand, they say they have no evidence connecting the Sarasota Saudis to 9/11. On the other hand, they say releasing the information would threaten national security. Both of those things cannot be true. The Federal Court should not let them get away with it."

Letter of June 20, 2013

The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We, the survivors and the families of those killed in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, are in the second decade of our painful pursuit of the unabridged and truthful story behind the financing and support of those murderous attacks. On that terrible day our nation, our lives and those of our children, spouses, siblings, parents and friends were traumatically changed forever.

We have been denied the whole story by past and present administrations. Our efforts to seek the truth, accountability and justice have been thwarted time and time again by our own government for over 10 years. We may be disheartened but we are not defeated.

The crux of the problem is a persistent pattern of obfuscation and deflection into the parts of the investigation that shed light on who provided the financial and material assistance that made the attacks possible. Our plea is for you to bring your laudable pledge of transparency to the 9/11 investigation.

We ask you, Mr. President, to make public the complete unredacted 28 pages of Part Four of the 107th Congresss Joint Inquiry into Intelligence Community Activities before and after the Terrorist Attacks of September 11, 2001. Those withheld pages involve information regarding specific sources of foreign support for some of the September 11 hijackers while they were in the United States, the report says.

Apparently, the decision to withhold these pages was made by President George W. Bush for unspecified reasons of national security. Others who have seen the material have long disagreed with that assessment. They include former Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Bob Graham (D-FL), who also co-chaired the Joint Inquiry. He has stated publicly that he believes that 95 percent of the material is safe for public consumption and that the pages were kept secret for reasons other than national security. He has further stated that the information had been misclassified and that though the information may be embarrassing or politically damaging, its revelation would not damage national security.

It is unconscionable that the incineration and disappearance in one day of nearly 3,000 innocent people, the injuries of thousand more and the long-term sickness and death of those who responded to the tragedy have not been enough to get the full force of the law, transparency and our government fully behind us. This adds insult to injury.

Shortly after you took office in 2009, you promised a group of family members and survivors meeting in your office that you would release the 28 pages from the 9/11 Joint Congressional Inquiry. This has not yet happened.

In 2011, with your leadership, our brave troops tracked down Osama bin Laden and killed him, ending a painful chapter for us, but not ending the grief. We thank you and our troops for that action. However, we must ask, is it fair to keep an entire generation of survivors and victims families from finding out the complete truth about who gave financial support and who among them was living within our borders and supporting the 19 hijackers?

The transparency begins with the 28 pages, but it

extends much further. For example, we are closely monitoring a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit in which plaintiffs are suing the U.S. Department of Justice and the FBI in U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida, regarding an investigation involving a Saudi family, former residents of Sarasota, FL, who may have provided aid or assistance to the 9/11 hijackers. We understand that plaintiffs in that case have also requested Part Four of the report of the Joint Inquiry.

Withholding the truth may keep us from moving on, but worse, we fear it is a threat to our national security. Only by shining light on the terror financing networks, do we dry them up.

As a start, we are asking you to keep the promise you made so many years ago. A promise we believed in. A promise that gave us hope.

We implore you, Mr. President, to do the right thing, keep your promise and release the 28 pages that should never have been classified in the first place, thereby beginning the transition to transparency in this horrid chapter of our history.

Most Respectfully, The Plaintiffs Steering Committee



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