

Call For Bush, Rumsfeld & Meyers To Testify Publicly Under Oath About Their Actions On 9/11

ratitor's note - the underlying nature of what we are dealing with here:

Bush et al are fundamentally vulnerable on the total abrogation of their constitutional oaths of office vis-a-vis the 11 Sep 2001 debacle. Yet practically no one occupying a media-visible public servant position is uncompromisingly pursuing the following strategic course to remove this illegitimate junta by way of their Achilles' heel. What does this say about where the true power in this society resides? An excerpt from the following:

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Pretending the upcoming Presidential Sweepstakes Game Show will address or resolve the current crisis of legitimacy ignores the stacked deck being employed by the current band of usurpers as well as prior usurpations of our self-governing authority going back to the founding of this republic. In previous generations, most people understood usurpation to mean the illegitimate seizure of public governing authority by private forces.

The twenty-three questions posed below by the 911 Family Steering Committee are a wedge that, if uncompromisingly pursued, will deactivate the currently most pressing corporate governance timebomb.

And yet what will it take to reclaim and realize the fundamental aspirations that drove the American Revolution? As Richard Grossman and Ward Morehouse wrote in "When Corporations Wield the Constitution,"

The Revolutionary Era's propertied and slave-owning gentlemen who wrote the Constitution used law to keep the histories, experiences, needs, values and aspirations of the denied from being transformed into public policy. Parading their stolen powers as "constitutional rights," they provided future elites with the "legal" means to expand their rule even after whole classes of people had won the right to vote, to run for public office, to own property, to speak, to go to school, to form unions, to serve on juries and testify in court, to enjoy public accommodations, etc....

Why do corporations get away with it? Because with few exceptions, civic activists have not looked closely at this history. They have not contested the nation's corporate class over its grab of governing authority.

and as Richard wrote concerning "the USA Patriot Act and the Rule of Law,"

This nation's constitutional history is overwhelmingly about denial of people's collective rights to self-governance, and denial of people's individual rights to participate in activities enabling collective self-governance. There is documentation galore....

The Constitution was written by propertied men representing a minority of other propertied men fearful of the decentralized power and authority unleashed by the Revolution and written into the Articles of Confederation. So they wrote a plan of governance which made it easy for future generations of the propertied to keep future masses in line using "the rule of law" -- that is, by "legally" employing state violence and other means to shape people's values, thoughts and actions. Over time, they got proficient at camouflaging their rule behind corporate fairy tales and democratic myths. This work has of course been aided by their control over the training of lawyers.

and as I wrote near the conclusion of "We're All In Prison, And Most Of Us Don't Know The Door Is Unlocked,"

Many things are not what they appear to be. We Are Not At War -- The 9/11 bombings Are Crimes Against Humanity. The sole case presented against Osama bin Laden & Al Qaeda for those bombings would not stand up in a court of law. Thus, We Do Not Know The Actual Sponsorship of 9/11. Scrutinizing an extraordinarily detailed timeline of 9/11 leaves any thoughtful person with a bulging list of questions the U.S. government has steadfastly sought to avoid answering. The super-set of this, our world of today gone awry, is the fact that the Constitution of the United States, that we live by and pledge our allegiance to, does not represent the democratic aspirations that drove the American Revolution.

Finding out whose interests were served and how they engineered and directed the 9/11 bombings is critical to the world's well-being. The resultant bid to establish a Pax Americana abroad and further degradation of people's rights inside America must likewise be duly examined. However, unless we understand and acknowledge that the basic founding principles of this country -- especially people's right to and responsibility for self-governance -- were railroaded from the start, then all that is toiled for to address the increasing imbalances generated by 9/11 will be for naught.

The degree to which most everyone is propagandized today here in consumer-central is unequalled. Of course the dynamic of being influenced by mis-direction has always been present in human culture. But the enormous degree to which our society, our civilization, is propagandized at this juncture is unique, given the heretofore unparalleled power of the one speaking to the many through the medium of commercial media. As David Korten observed in Seattle in 1999,

I suggest we be clear that our goal is not to reform global corporate and financial rule -- it is to end it. The publicly traded, limited liability corporation is a pathological institutional form and financial speculation is inherently predatory. As a first step both must be regulated. The appropriate longer term goal is to rid our economic affairs of these institutional pathologies -- much as our ancestors eliminated the institution of monarchy.

Nina and I are privileged to attend an upcoming Democracy School weekend being held in Boston starting a week from today. Both Richard Grossman & Thomas Alan Linzey will be presenting. They are also two of the authors of the significant and unprecedented "Model Legal Brief to Eliminate Corporate Rights". I consider this document one of the most momentous recent developments in the authentic work of overturning corporate constitutional rights and the resulting era of governance that is consuming our earth and our souls. It is unique both as an educational as well as an organizing tool. After the Democracy School, Thomas Linzey will speak on Sunday night in Boston on more of what we all must face up to and change.

Pollution, agribusiness and the loss of family farms, war in Iraq and Afghanistan, destruction of habitat, union-busting, globalization and the race to the bottom, genetic engineering, climate change, media monopolies -- all of these dire developments, and many more, have one powerful force in common: corporate claims to the rights granted to people in our Constitution.

Corporations can collect far more wealth than individuals, they have unlimited lifespan, their liability is limited, they possess no conscience nor morals, they have no need to eat or drink or breathe clean and safe food, water or air. Corporations are property pretending to be a person. They have only one driving force: profit. Terminal consequences to humans and future generations are irrelevant.

Tom Linzey is an attorney at the forefront of legal battles on corporate constitutional rights -- you can read more about his work defending rural communities in Pennsylvania against corporate hog farms & toxic sludge on the CELDF website (<http://www.celdf.org/>). He has helped two threatened rural Pennsylvania townships pass ordinances outlawing corporate constitutional rights in their jurisdiction.

The discussion will include how the thousands of battles that we have been fighting (and all too frequently losing) for peace, justice and sustainability may be focused on this one root cause. Tom will talk about the history, the work, and the organizing that we will be doing in Massachusetts to rescind corporate constitutional rights.

The future is for each one of us to make and claim. We would do well to proceed with a beginner's mind that is open to the unknown possibilities of existence. Martin Luther King's calm came from his awareness that he was a free man, that he was his own sovereign, and that his obligation in life was to follow his own conscience. When we are born we are free human beings. We know the experience of autonomy by our birthright as self-reflecting, sentient beings. It is left to each of us to live by, follow, and answer to our consciences. It alone is the final arbiter of what we make of our time here; of what we value and give significance to, what we cherish, what we honor.

The great events of world history are, at bottom, profoundly unimportant. In the last analysis, the essential thing is the life of the individual. This alone makes history, here alone do the great transformations first take place, and the whole future, the whole history of the world, ultimately spring as a gigantic summation from these hidden sources in individuals. In our most private and more subjective lives we are not only the passive witnesses of our age, and its sufferers, but also its makers. We are our own epoch.

--Carl Jung, *Collected Works, Vol X*, "The Meaning of Psychology for Modern Man," 1934, Bolligen Series XX, 2nd Edition, 1970, para 315

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Worldwide 9-11 Phone, Fax, Email Campaign

initiated by Tom Flocco and Bill Douglas

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Please Post and/or Email Widely:

There are six individuals who have the power to influence whether President George Bush, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, and Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman, General Richard Myers, will publicly testify under oath before the American people to explain why they sat at their desks and in a school classroom, failing to take decisive action on September 11, 2001, until after four planes attacked the United States and killed 3,000 Americans. This, despite knowledge of the hijackings earlier that morning before any of the four planes crashed.

Below are contact numbers and questions to initiate weekly communication with those who have the over-sight responsibility, public microphone, and/or power to influence the strength of the 9-11 Commission investigation. These actions may well determine whether those in charge on 9-11 publicly testify under oath and submit to questioning by Commission-assisted and experienced career prosecutors rather than appointed former government bureaucrats and/or legislators. Lawyers with prosecutorial skills prepare intensely for specific areas of interrogation and will be able to elicit truth and facts via their questioning techniques regarding the 3,000 death mass-murder investigation.

Sporadic public testimony and soft interrogation along with blatant conflicts of interest still exists on the Commission, even as key government officials and other players mostly meet with members in private behind closed doors -- away from the scrutiny of the media and the public. The mere fact that Congress has not employed career prosecutors and a grand jury to be involved indicates that it is not serious about real accountability. Moreover, Congress -- via its appointed Commission surrogates -- may well be providing cover for members of the joint intelligence committee, many of whom also had access to the same pre-attack briefings about "planes used as weapons to be flown into buildings" seen by President Bush, Mr. Rumsfeld and General Myers.

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During your contacts, request that Mr. Bush, Mr. Rumsfeld, General Myers and other high government officials be subpoenaed immediately to testify publicly under oath with the assistance of career prosecutors; and ask that Congress and the Commission not accept invocations of presidential immunity or use immunity, which was not afforded to President Clinton.

Starting immediately, we are asking Americans and others around the world who also seek truth and accountability regarding the mysteries of 9-11 to phone, fax and/or email the following six individuals once or twice per week until Mr. Bush, Mr. Rumsfeld, General Myers, Dr. Condoleezza Rice and other top government officials testify publicly under oath and are questioned by career prosecutors like those who interrogated President Clinton. Fair is fair. Please demand answers to the 23 questions below -- provided by the 9-11 Family Steering Committee. If one phone or fax is busy, try the alternative contact numbers provided until you get through to engage staff members with your concerns:

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[Use these questions (and any others you may have) during your weekly phone-fax-email contacts]:

Family Steering Committee Questions Regarding 9/11 Commission Interview with President Bush 16 February 2004

The Family Steering Committee believes that President Bush should provide sworn public testimony to the full ten-member panel of the *National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States*. Collectively, the Commissioners are responsible for fulfilling the Congressional mandate. Therefore, each Commissioner must have full access to the testimony of all individuals and the critical information that will enable informed decisions and recommendations.

Before an audience of the American people, the Commission must ask President Bush in sworn testimony, the following questions:

1. As Commander-in-Chief on the morning of 9/11, why didn't you return immediately to Washington, D.C. or the National Military Command Center once you became aware that America was under attack? At specifically what time did you become aware that America was under attack? Who informed you of this fact?
2. On the morning of 9/11, who was in charge of our country while you were away from the National Military Command Center? Were you informed or consulted about all decisions made in your absence?
3. What defensive action did you personally order to protect our nation during the crisis on September 11th? What time were these orders given, and to whom? What orders were carried out? What was the result of such orders? Were any such orders not carried out?
4. In your opinion, why was our nation so utterly unprepared for an attack on our own soil?
5. U.S. Navy Captain Deborah Loewer, the Director of the White House Situation Room, informed you of the first airliner hitting Tower One of the World Trade Center before you entered the Emma E. Booker Elementary School in Sarasota, Florida. Please explain the reason why you decided to continue with the scheduled classroom visit, fifteen minutes after learning the first hijacked airliner had hit the World Trade Center.
6. Is it normal procedure for the Director of the White House Situation Room to travel with you? If so, please cite any prior examples of when this occurred. If not normal procedure, please explain the circumstances that led to the Director of the White House Situation Room being asked to accompany you to Florida during the week of September 11th.

7. What plan of action caused you to remain seated after Andrew Card informed you that a second airliner had hit the second tower of the World Trade Center and America was clearly under attack? Approximately how long did you remain in the classroom after Card's message?
8. At what time were you made aware that other planes were hijacked in addition to Flight 11 and Flight 175? Who notified you? What was your course of action as Commander-in-Chief of the United States?
9. Beginning with the transition period between the Clinton administration and your own, and ending on 9/11/01, specifically what information (either verbal or written) about terrorists, possible attacks and targets, did you receive from any source?

This would include briefings or communications from

- Out-going Clinton officials
- CIA, FBI, NSA, DoD and other intelligence agencies
- Foreign intelligence, governments, dignitaries or envoys
- National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice
- Richard Clarke, former counterterrorism czar

10. Specifically, what did you learn from the August 6, 2001, PDB [President's Daily Brief] about the terrorist threat that was facing our nation? Did you request any follow-up action to take place? Did you request any further report be developed and/or prepared?
11. As Commander-in-Chief, from May 1, 2001 until September 11, 2001, did you receive any information from any intelligence agency official or agent that UBL [Usama Bin Laden] was planning to attack this nation on its own soil using airplanes as weapons, targeting New York City landmarks during the week of September 11, 2001 or on the actual day of September 11, 2001?
12. What defensive measures did you take in response to pre-9/11 warnings from eleven nations about a terrorist attack, many of which cited an attack in the continental United States? Did you prepare any directives in response to these actions? If so, with what results?
13. As Commander-in-Chief from May 1, 2001 until September 11, 2001, did you or any agent of the United States government carry out any negotiations or talks with UBL, an agent of UBL, or al-Qaeda? During that same period, did you or any agent of the United States government carry out any negotiations or talks with any foreign government, its agents, or officials regarding UBL? If so, what resulted?
14. Your schedule for September 11, 2001 was in the public domain since September 7, 2001. The Emma E. Booker School is only five miles from the Bradenton Airport, so you, and therefore the children in the classroom, might have been a target for the terrorists on 9/11. What was the intention of the Secret Service in allowing you to remain in the Emma E. Booker Elementary School, even though they were aware America was under attack?

15. Please explain why you remained at the Sarasota, Florida, Elementary School for a press conference after you had finished listening to the children read, when as a terrorist target, your presence potentially jeopardized the lives of the children?
16. What was the purpose of the several stops of Air Force One on September 11th? Was Air Force One at any time during the day of September 11th a target of the terrorists? Was Air Force One's code ever breached on September 11th?
17. Was there a reason for Air Force One lifting off without a military escort, even after ample time had elapsed to allow military jets to arrive?
18. What prompted your refusal to release the information regarding foreign sponsorship of the terrorists, as illustrated in the inaccessible 28 redacted pages in the Joint Intelligence Committee Inquiry Report? What actions have you personally taken since 9/11 to thwart foreign sponsorship of terrorism?
19. Who approved the flight of the bin Laden family out of the United States when all commercial flights were grounded, when there was time for only minimal questioning by the FBI, and especially, when two of those same individuals had links to WAMY, a charity suspected of funding terrorism? Why were bin Laden family members granted that special privilege -- a privilege not available to American families whose loved ones were killed on 9/11?
20. Please explain why no one in any level of our government has yet been held accountable for the countless failures leading up to and on 9/11?
21. Please comment on the fact that UBL's profile on the *FBI's Ten Most Wanted Fugitives* poster does not include the 9/11 attacks. To your knowledge, when was the last time any agent of our government had contact with UBL? If prior to 9/11, specifically what was the date of that contact and what was the context of said meeting.
22. Do you continue to maintain that Saddam Hussein was linked to al Qaeda? What *proof* do you have of any connection between al-Qaeda and the Hussein regime?
23. Which individuals, governments, agencies, institutions, or groups may have benefited from the attacks of 9/11? Please state specifically how you think they have benefited.