

# Italian Senators Demand Lift 9/11 Secrecy

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*On May 19, Italian Senator Oskar Peterlini and 16 other Senators signed a Parliamentary Inquiry (Interrogazione Parlamentare) addressed to Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, demanding that he inform the Parliament and the Italian nation on the content of the Bush-Cheney memorandum containing the "evidence" on who committed the 9/11 terrorist operation and why, which was used to convince nations such as Italy to participate in the war in Iraq.*

*The motion's signers represent the opposition parties, Democratici di Sinistra (DS), Margherita, Verdi, Autonomie-SuedTyroler Volkspartei, Communisti Italiani. Also signing were three Senators of the Unione Democratica Cristiana (UDC), which is part of the government coalition. The text of the Parliamentary Inquiry was written in collaboration with Paolo Raimondi, President of Movimento Solidarietà, the organization of LaRouche collaborators in Italy.*

*Here is a translation of the Parliamentary Inquiry, which can be found in the original on the Senate website and can be read in the Parliament's Gazzetta Ufficiale for May 19, Session N. 609.*

*Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi is asked to deliver a written answer.*

## **Whereas:**

The horrible terrorist attack of September 11 against the Twin Towers in New York and the Pentagon headquarters in Washington signified a fundamental political and strategical change in the life of all the nations; some American groups, but also with connections in Europe and internationally, now known as the "neo-cons" with Dick Cheney, Paul Wolfowitz, Richard Perle and others at the top, immediately thereafter called for a mobilize in the context of a "clash of civilizations." The Bush-Cheney Administration at the same time declared a "global war against terrorism" which was to be conducted with preventive wars against Iraq and other "rogue states" that allegedly support terrorism. To get the allies in line, Washington had sent to all their governments documentation on 9/11, evidence immediately classified as secret by all the governments that received it. On the basis of these elements the Italian government also joined the global war against terrorism and supported the American invasion of Iraq.

The year after the military intervention, the failed pacifi-

cation of Iraq and the expansion of international terrorism have created a dramatic worsening of international security. It is now proven that the story of the uranium from Niger with which Saddam Hussein could have built nuclear weapons is false. It suffices to report the testimony of American Ambassador Joe Wilson, who was sent by the U.S. Administration to Niger in February 2002, to verify the case, in which he publicly declared that he did not find any evidence of the supposed uranium transfer and that he had informed the authorities of Washington, Dick Cheney *in primis*, who completely ignored the report. The dossiers on the weapons of mass destruction have not found any confirmation; even after the military intervention, the elimination of Saddam, and the occupation of Iraq, no evidence of such weapons of mass destruction has been discovered. Bush, Cheney and Blair had supported this argument to overcome the resistance of the European and Arab governments to the necessity of preventive war. U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell on May 5, 2004, told the American magazine *Gentlemen's Quarterly*, that if he had known that these facts were baseless, he would not have given the famous speech at the UN on February 5, 2003 (he characterized it as "smear on his career"), which gave the final green light for the war mobilization.

It is coming out now, that for almost one year the American government kept silent on the dimensions of the torture perpetrated in Iraqi jails against prisoners, men, women, religious leaders, many of whom died as a result of the brutal torture. As of April 2004, a Commission [established by] of the American Congress on September 11, chaired by the Republican Tom Kean and the Democrat Lee Hamilton, began operations, trying to establish the truth and the responsibilities behind the brutal terrorist and criminal act, because the families of the victims, human and civil rights organizations, and also political and military layers are not satisfied with the officially given explanations. Serious inactivity and negligence, for the moment, have resulted from the behavior of Cheney and John Ashcroft, American Attorney General. The former White House adviser for antiterrorism in 2001, Richard Clarke, later fired from this post because he had said several times that Iraq had nothing to do with 9/11, testified on how Cheney, before the terrorist attack, did not organize a single meeting of his task force after May 2001, when he was assigned to deal with terrorism and homeland security. Thomas Pickard, Director *ad interim* of the FBI, who in the June-July 2001 period had personally given seven or eight intelligence reports to Ashcroft, has also testified that the Attorney General, after the first two meetings, told him that he no longer wanted to hear reports concentrating on the terrorist danger.

## **We inquire:**

Whether the time has not come to inform the Parliament and the nation on the 9/11 documentation given by the American Administration and therefore lift the secrecy on the received information.