

Ken Cummings: Profile of a Self-Admitted Saudi Asset

Sept. 19—Congressional staffer Kenneth Cummings, an aide to Congressman Chris Van Hollen of Maryland, was presented Sept. 13 with the evidence that Saudi Arabia was behind both 9/11 attacks on the United States—on U.S. soil in 2001 and in Benghazi, Libya in 2012—and that the Saudis were also funding and arming al-Qaeda in Syria. Cummings’s response to LaRouchePAC representatives was to repeatedly insist, “We need the Saudis.” Cummings further asserted that the Congressional leadership would never allow the declassification of the 28 pages of the 9/11 Commission report which detail the Saudi financing and operational role in that horrific terrorist assault.

On Aug. 25, the *Wall Street Journal* published an article entitled, “A Veteran Saudi Power Player Works To Build Support To Topple Assad,” which documented the role of Saudi Arabia’s Prince Bandar bin Sultan in lavishly lobbying members of Congress to support the Saudis’ genocidal wars in the Middle East. Multiple intelligence sources have reported that Saudi largesse, in the form of substantial political contributions, is flowing to members of Congress. Bandar was the Saudi Ambassador to the United States at the time of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks; his wife, Princess Haifa al-Faisal, wrote checks to the networks of Omar al-Bayoumi, the handler of the 9/11 terrorists.

Was Cummings speaking for himself, or, was he speaking for Van Hollen, who is part of the Democratic Party leadership? If Cummings was speaking

out of turn, then Van Hollen should fire him. If this is Van Hollen’s position, then the Congressman should explain his support for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, which is an enemy of the United States, as has been documented in the suppressed pages of the 9/11 Commission Report.

Treason

The Constitution defines treason as “adherence to the enemies of the United States,” and as “giving them aid and comfort.” Lyndon LaRouche has characterized the continuing support for Saudi Arabia by members of Congress or their staffs as treasonous, given what is known or is readily available to be known about the Saudi role in direct attacks on this country.

In a recent press release, Rep. Walter Jones (R-N.C.) issued a call for the declassification of the 28 pages of the 9/11 Report. “As we commemorate the 12th anniversary of 9/11, it saddens me that vital evidence of this heinous attack is still being withheld from the American people. As a member of Congress, I had the opportunity to read the 28 pages of the Joint Congressional Inquiry into the attacks that have not been made public, and I believe that keeping this information classified is more about protecting powerful interests than our national security.”

Jones, former Sen. Bob Graham, and the families of the 9/11 victims have repeatedly called for the release of this information to obtain justice and closure. Congress remains largely silent based on Saudi money, influence, and cowardice in the face of a secret government apparatus which dates from the days of J. Edgar Hoover and Allen Dulles. It is time to end all of this—release the 28 pages now.

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