

PRESS CONFERENCE DEMANDS

## End Obama Coverup of 9/11 Anglo-Saudi Terror

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March 17—On March 12, Representatives Walter Jones (R-N.C.), Stephen Lynch (D-Mass.), and Thomas Massie (R-Ky.) held an extraordinary press conference, along with representatives of the 9/11 families, to declare their firm commitment to forcing President Obama to declassify a 28-page chapter from the Joint Congressional Inquiry Report which deals with who financed 9/11, and thus end the coverup of the pivotal role of Saudi Arabia in the events of Sept. 11, 2001. Former Sen. Bob Graham (D-Fla.), who chaired the Joint Congressional Inquiry, and has championed the call for the declassification of the 28 pages, delivered a powerful endorsement of the press conference call in a video that was circulated among reporters attending the event at the Cannon House Office Building (see below).

Jones and Lynch are co-sponsors of House Resolution 428, introduced Dec. 2, 2013, which demands that President Obama declassify the relevant section, and that every Member of Congress read the pages that the Bush-Cheney Administration banned from the final Joint Inquiry document. The Resolution currently has five additional bi-partisan co-sponsors: Reps. Paul Broun (R-Ga.), Michael Grimm (R-N.Y.), Alcee Hastings (D-Fla.), Thomas Massie (R-Ky.), Dana Rohrabacher (R-Calif.), and Steve Stockman (R-Tex.).

President Obama had campaigned in 2008 in support of the public release of the classified chapter, and even met with representatives of the 9/11 Families in the White House in February 2009, right after his first

inauguration. Terry Strada, one of the 9/11 family members who spoke at the Capitol Hill press conference, confirmed, in response to a question from this reporter, that in the February 2009 meeting, Obama had pledged to declassify the 28 pages. He subsequently reneged on the promise and even ordered his Solicitor General to go to Federal court to defend Saudi Arabia's sovereign immunity against lawsuits and disclosures.

The simple truth is that President Obama lied to the 9/11 Families and has covered up the crimes of the Saudi government, Prince Bandar bin-Sultan, and Vice President Dick Cheney. The truth about the most heinous terrorist attack to ever take place on U.S. soil has been buried by President Obama, and the coverup has led to countless subsequent deaths, including the murder of U.S. Amb. Christopher Stevens and three other Americans in Benghazi, Libya on Sept. 11, 2012.

### A Larger Context

President Obama's personal role in covering up the crimes of Dick Cheney and his Anglo-Saudi allies has taken on a further dimension in the past week, with the Senate speech by Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), who chairs the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, in which she revealed that the Obama White House has been suppressing 9,000 documents detailing the Bush-Cheney Administration's torture and rendition program, and has backed CIA Director John Brennan, President Obama's former White House counterterror-

ism chief, in efforts to suppress the Senate torture probe through spying and intimidation of Senate committee staff (see article under *National*).

The rift between leading Senate Democrats and President Obama blew up in public this week, in part because the President's provocative dealings with Russia over the Ukraine crisis have brought the world to the brink of world war, possibly even thermonuclear war.

President Obama's track record of high crimes and misdemeanors should have been taken on by Congress years ago—including his coverup of the 9/11 evidence and his illegal Libya war and domestic spying programs. But now, there is clearly building support for action in the U.S. Senate. Today, both Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and former Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Jay Rockefeller threw their support behind Feinstein in her showdown with the President and CIA Director Brennan.

## 9/11 Justice

During the press conference last week, all three Congressmen pledged that they would not rest until the secret 28 pages are made public. While they were careful not to reveal any of the content of the "disappeared" pages, they richly described the Kafka-esque experience of reading the 28 pages under guard in a soundproof room, where they could not bring in paper or pencil to take notes. Family members, in contrast, held nothing back from the assembled reporters from CNN, Fox, WTOP, the *Boston Globe*, the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *EIR*, and other news organizations. They lambasted the Saudi regime for providing financial and material support to the hijackers.

In 2004, two years after the Bush-Cheney coverup of the vital 28 pages, Senator Graham published a book-length account of the Joint Inquiry, *Intelligence Matters*. There Graham provided crucial details about the role of Prince Bandar—then the Saudi Ambassador to the U.S., and a de facto member of the Bush-Cheney team. Bandar and his wife provided financing to two of the lead 9/11 terrorists via two Saudi intelligence officers—Osama Basnan and Omar al-Bayoumi—stationed on the West Coast. A Saudi company, Dallah Aviation, contracted with the Saudi Ministry of De-



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*Bob Graham, the former chairman of the Congressional Joint Inquiry on 9/11, has led a 12-year fight to force release of the suppressed 28 pages. He delivered a videotaped message to the press conference.*

fense and Aviation, provided funding to the two West Coast hijackers through al-Bayoumi, who was maintained on the payroll with a generous expense account, although he did no work for the firm.

Bandar was, and still is, a key figure in the British-Saudi collusion, centered in the Al-Yamamah barter scheme, under which an estimated hundreds of billions of dollars in funds have been sequestered into offshore bank accounts to finance terrorism, coups d'état, and other crimes against nations around the world. At the time of the 9/11 plot, Bandar was receiving regular payments from the Bank of England for his role in brokering the original Al-Yamamah oil-for-weapons deal in 1985.

This British-Saudi partnership has been the foundation of all global jihadist terrorism for more than a quarter of a century. It continues to rip Syria apart, is causing daily mayhem in Iraq, and represents a declared threat against Russia, especially in the Caucasus region. For this reason, as Congressman Lynch and former Senator Graham have stressed, the declassification of the 28 pages has implications for national and global security today.

It is this network that Bush, Cheney and Obama have desperately sought to cover for. The declassification and public release of the 28 pages, demanded by Reps. Jones, Lynch, and Massie and Senator Graham, holds the key to a much bigger story. More than a dozen years after the murderous attacks on the Pentagon and the World Trade Center, the need to get to the truth is more urgent than ever.