

it, "the U.S. military campaign, apart from not capturing Mr. bin Laden was, up to that point, staggeringly effective."⁶⁴⁷

At the very least, there is some sort of gentleman's agreement here, like the one with Saddam Hussein. The dictator and CIA protégé has proven immensely useful for his wars against Iran, Kuwait, the Kurds, and his own people. The U.S. lets him hang on to power for decades on the theory "*better the devil you know*." The U.S. is currently eagerly exploring other potential alternatives to Saddam in the hope of installing a more subservient regime in the oil-rich region, based on the same brand of strategy used in the Afghan "test-case."

The devil the U.S. doesn't want to know is the djinn of democracy, which, if unleashed from the Middle Eastern bottle, might spell Muslim unity in place of the subservient fiefdoms that are putty in the hands of U.S. and Israeli policymakers.⁶⁴⁸ The CIA and MI6 torpedoed the best chance democracy had in the Middle East when they staged the overthrow of Iran's President Mossadegh – Time Magazine's 1951 Man of the Year⁶⁴⁹ – and

⁶⁴⁷ Philip Smucker, 'How bin Laden got away,' *Christian Science Monitor*, Mar. 4, 2002, at www.csmonitor.com/2002/0304/p01s03-wosc.html, as well as chat forum with reporter Smucker at csmonitor.com/monitortalk/events/pastevents/0304chatLog.html. See also 'U.S. Protection of Osama,' p. 197 ff. Is bin Laden just "wearing the black hat" for the USA?

⁶⁴⁸ Nina Burleigh, 'Missing the Oil Story,' synopsis in *South Asia Voice*, at http://members.tripod.com/~INDIA_RESOURCE/mideastoil.html. Also see Nafeez M. Ahmed, 'The 1991 Gulf Massacre: The Historical and Strategic Context of Western State Terrorism in the Gulf,' Media Monitors Network, www.mediamonitors.net/mosaddeq14.html. Explains how oil policy dictated the carving up of the region into states with artificial boundaries, such as the Emirates, Iraq, Kurdistan, the Zionist project, all under repressive regimes. Quotes a 1953 internal U.S. document: "United States policy is to keep the sources of oil in the Middle East in American hands." Forecasts U.S. dependency on Central Asian oil. Also, in 'Israel: The U.S. Watchdog' (see note 650), " 'The Israeli establishment knows that an Arab democracy will be much stronger than any Arab autocratic regime,' the radical Israeli human rights campaigner Israel Shahak explained. Israel wants an authoritarian Palestinian bantustan in the occupied territories because it knows that 'democracy will strengthen the Palestinians while Israel wants to keep them weak.' "

⁶⁴⁹ The Time magazine Man of the Year article on Mossadegh is at www.time.com/time/special/moy/1951.html. The declassified official CIA history of the 1953 coup is at www.iranian.com/History/2000/April/CIA/

replaced him with the Shah and his infamous secret police, in order to keep the Anglo-American lock on oil supplies.

Queen Victoria's planners had an acute grasp of geopolitics; Israel today is indeed the U.S. watchdog in the Middle East.⁶⁵⁰ But how is this thumbnail history related to 9/11? Intimately, if we accept the conventional view about "Islamic terrorism" and "Palestinian terror groups." Furthermore, evidence of a Middle Eastern and specifically Israeli connection to 9/11, not yet discussed by Ahmed, is significant and intriguing enough to inspect in brief here, without making a hasty judgment.

On September 10, 2001, the Washington Times printed an article about a report from the U.S. Army School of Advanced Military Studies (SAMS), giving this assessment of Mossad, Israel's military intelligence agency: "Wildcard. Ruthless and cunning. Has capability to target U.S. forces and make it look like a Palestinian/Arab act."⁶⁵¹ The date of publication was an odd coincidence. Had someone caught a straw in the wind?

Cutting up

News reports about these leads are sketchy, but the inexplicable facts they contain are suspicious enough to be addressed in any public inquiry into 9/11. The Washington Post reported, "On Sept. 11, five young Israeli army veterans who worked for a moving company were observed at a park on the Hudson River in New Jersey, snapping photographs of the burning World

(first published in The New York Times, April 16, 2000). The role of MI6 and the Anglo-Iranian Oil Co. – today's British Petroleum – can be seen at www.lobster-magazine.co.uk/articles/130iran.htm, in an excerpt from Mark Curtis' book, *The Ambiguities of Power: British Foreign Policy since 1945* (Zed Press, 1995). Curtis is a former Research Fellow at the Royal Institute of International Affairs in London.

⁶⁵⁰ Lance Selfa, 'The U.S. Watchdog,' op. cit., a Marxian analysis characterizing Israel as an artificial state, subsidized by the West to maintain repressive regimes in the region and globally, through armed intervention and assassinations. See also S. Marshall, P. D. Scott and J. Hunter, 'Contracting Out U.S. Foreign Policy,' in *The Iran-Contra Connection*, mentioning Mossad involvement in the Iran arms deals and setting up of Somoza's death squads. Excerpts at www.thirdworldtraveler.com/Ronald_Reagan/ContractingOut_TICC.html.

⁶⁵¹ Rowan Scarborough, 'U.S. troops would enforce peace under Army study,' *The Washington Times*, Sept. 10, 2001, www.iiie.net/Sept11/MossadTargetsUS.html.

Trade Center and seemingly clowning around. To complicate matters, when authorities arrested them they had box-cutters in their moving van, the types of weapons used by the terrorist hijackers.⁶⁵² The Bergen Record provided further insight into the event, reporting that:

"Eight hours after terrorists struck Manhattan's tallest skyscrapers, police in Bergen County detained five men who they said were found carrying maps linking them to the blasts... sources close to the investigation said they found other evidence linking the men to the bombing plot. 'There are maps of the city in the car with certain places highlighted,' the source said. 'It looked like they're hooked in with this. It looked like they knew what was going to happen when they were at Liberty State Park.' Sources also said that bomb-sniffing dogs reacted as if they had detected explosives.⁶⁵³ The FBI seized the van for further testing, authorities said... Sources close to the investigation said the men said they were Israeli tourists... 'We got an alert to be on the lookout for a white Chevrolet van with New Jersey registration and writing on the side,' said Bergen County Police Chief John Schmidig. 'Three individuals were seen celebrating in Liberty State Park after the impact. They said three people were jumping up and down.'⁶⁵⁴

Local police had been prompted to intervene after receiving the following FBI alert: "Vehicle possibly related to New York terrorist attack. White, 2000 Chevrolet van with New Jersey registration with 'Urban Moving Systems' sign on back seen at Liberty State Park, Jersey City, NJ, at the time of first impact of jetliner into World Trade Center. Three individuals with van were seen celebrating after initial impact and subsequent explosion. FBI Newark Field Office requests that, if the van is located, hold for prints and detain individuals."⁶⁵⁵

The *New York Times* and *Jerusalem Post* reported that angry, suspicious neighbors had mistaken the group for Arabs "going to unusual lengths to

⁶⁵² '60 Israelis on Tourist Visas Detained Since Sept. 11,' www.washingtonpost.com/ac2/wp-dyn/A3879-2001Nov22. More details at www.americanfreepress.net/12_08_01/Ashcroft_Talking/ashcroft_talking.html.

⁶⁵³ There are many, widely and wildly conflicting reports on the Internet of bomb explosions in the WTC towers after they were hit, e.g., www.cyberspaceorbit.com. See also note 680.

⁶⁵⁴ Paulo Lima, 'Five Men Detained as Suspected Conspirators,' *Bergen Record*, Sept. 12, 2001.

⁶⁵⁵ *Ibid.*

photograph the World Trade Center ruins," "some with themselves in the foreground smiling" and significantly "making light of the situation," posing and laughing on and in front of their moving van, with the scene of WTC destruction in the background.⁶⁵⁶ The *New York Post* clarified that witnesses had seen them "cheering" and "jumping up and down" in apparent joy.⁶⁵⁷ According to the *Jewish Week*:

"In the moving van they were driving for their employer, Urban Moving Systems in Weehawken, N.J., the men — ages 22 to 27 and all single — carried box cutters. One had \$4,000 in cash, another had a camera, and a third had two passports because he is also a German citizen. They were stopped by police at about 3 p.m. Sept. 11 after two women saw them standing on the roofs of the moving company and their van, smiling as they took pictures of each other with the burning World Trade Center in the background."

The "movers" were all on tourist visas; they were all employed as a team, without work permits, for an Israeli-owned company, and two more employees of the firm were also arrested for questioning by the FBI. Their spokesman was planning to fly to India "to meet friends" on September 14.⁶⁵⁸

The FBI, especially after developing their film, suspected them of being Mossad agents, kept them in solitary confinement and wanted to keep them in custody for at least another 90 days. But the five Israelis refused to give information about their type of military experience, or anything else. The *New York Times* reported coyly that one of them, Paul Kurzberg, the group's effective spokesman, "had trouble" with a seven-hour polygraph test, but "did better on a second try" — in other words, failed them both. Kurzberg had "refused on principle to divulge much about his role in the Israeli army or subsequently working for people who may have had ties to Israeli

⁶⁵⁶ *New York Times*, Nov. 21, 2001, also, Melissa Radler, 'Israelis mistaken for terrorists may be home soon,' *Jerusalem Post*, 26 October 2001. Trophy photos can be a part of military culture, and the IDF (Israeli Defence Forces) is no exception. See the dissident IDF soldiers' website, <http://oznik.com/kolhair13.html>; also Inigo Gilmore, 'Israel Probes Trophy Claims,' *The Telegraph*, Oct. 15, 2001: "I remember one terrible photo of the soldiers smiling like children as they stood on the bodies with their boots, really enjoying the moment." At www.palestinemonitor.org/archives/israelis_pose_with_dead_palestinians.htm.

⁶⁵⁷ Al Guart, 'Trio Who Cheered Attack Face Boot as Illegal Aliens,' *New York Post*, Sept. 13, 2001.

⁶⁵⁸ Stewart Ain, 'Caught in a Dragnet,' *Jewish Week*, Nov. 2, 2001.

intelligence." Yet Kurzberg's release was soon arranged on the personal order of Attorney General John Ashcroft. The respected New York-based Jewish newspaper *Forward* disclosed that "top-ranking Israeli diplomats" had intervened with Ashcroft on the group's behalf, securing their release and deportation on minor immigration charges.⁶⁵⁹

It has now been confirmed, in spite of official denials, that the group of five Israelis rescued by Ashcroft were, indeed, working for the Israeli intelligence agency Mossad. America's most prominent Jewish newspaper *Forward* reported that: "According to one former high-ranking American intelligence official, who asked not to be named, the FBI came to the conclusion at the end of its investigation that the five Israelis... were conducting a Mossad surveillance mission and that their employer, Urban Moving Systems of Weehawken, N.J., served as a front."⁶⁶⁰

This is more than enough to wonder whether we didn't have several key culprits in 9/11 behind bars, and release them because of high-level U.S.-Israeli intervention. It is worth speculating on the possibilities here. A moving company, for instance, would have been a perfect cover; they could transport equipment in their van, and bring it into the WTC in their uniforms. They absolutely did not cooperate with the police, and in the circumstances, all they had to do was deny everything and wait for help. It came soon, partly in the form of a weepy PR offensive, making them out as bewildered mama's boys and victims of stern justice. Several parallels will be noted between their escape and the Mexican Congress case discussed on page 361.

The dubious activities of these young Israeli intelligence operatives, apparently rejoicing at the impact of the WTC attacks, appears to have had a broader context. FOX News recently reported the FBI's uncovering of large-scale Israeli espionage in the U.S., with a ring of 60 Israeli spies arrested. The Washington Post elaborated in the subheading of an article on the subject that: "Government Calls Several Cases 'of Special Interest,' Meaning Related to Post-Attacks Investigation."

INS officials testified in immigration court hearings that the 60 Israeli spies were "of special interest to the government" – the same pretext for detaining Arabs in connection with the 9/11 investigation. An INS official who requested anonymity said the agency will not comment on the Israelis, but clarified that the term "special interest" means the case in question is "related to the investigation of Sept. 11." The Post also noted that "many of

⁶⁵⁹ *New York Times*, Nov. 21, 2001; *Forward*, Nov. 23, 2001; *Jerusalem Post*, Oct. 26, 2001.

⁶⁶⁰ *Forward*, March 15, 2002.

them [were] held on U.S. government officials' invocation of national security," and had served in special anti-terrorist and intelligence units.⁶⁶¹

All wiretapping in the U.S. and virtually all telephone billing has been handled for years by two Israeli companies, Comverse and Amdocs — as approved by a somewhat reluctant Congress! Thus, "FOX News" has learned that some American terrorist investigators fear certain suspects in the Sept. 11 attacks may have managed to stay ahead of them, by knowing who and when investigators are calling on the telephone."⁶⁶³

In the first of a four-part series on an Israeli connection, FOX News correspondent Carl Cameron reported on the detained Israeli spy ring that:

"A handful of active Israeli military were among those detained, according to investigators, who say some of the detainees also failed polygraph questions when asked about alleged surveillance activities *against and in the United States* [emphasis added]... investigators suspect that they [sic] Israelis may have gathered intelligence about the attacks in advance, and not shared it. A highly placed investigator said there are — quote — 'tie-ins'. But when asked for details, he flatly refused to describe them, saying, — quote — 'evidence linking these Israelis to 9-11 is classified. I cannot tell you about evidence that has been gathered. It's classified information.' Fox News has learned that

⁶⁶¹ John Mintz, '60 Israelis on Tourist Visas Detained Since Sept. 11,' *Washington Post*, Nov. 22, 2001, www.washingtonpost.com/ac2/wp-dyn?pagename=article&node=&contentId=A3879-2001Nov22.

⁶⁶² Brit Hume and Carl Cameron, Fox News Correspondent. Fox ran a series on the Israeli spy ring, then erased the stories from its site. They are archived around the web, e.g. www.angelfire.com/oh2/elevatorbrewing/houston51.htm.

⁶⁶³ Justin Raimondo has written most extensively on the Israeli-911 connection, see <http://antiwar.com/israelfiles2.html>. See also Charles Smith, 'Spying on America,' www.newsmax.com/archives/articles/2002/1/16/110443.shtml, "Israeli ingenuity in infiltrating and exploiting the U.S. high-tech industry may be seriously undermining the security and power of the country that is, in fact, the ultimate guarantor of its existence." And, E. Spannaus and J. Steinberg, 'Israeli Spying in U.S. — Exposé Cracks Coverup of Sept. 11,' *Executive Intelligence Review*, www.larouchepub.com/other/2001/2849isr_spies_911.html. "Investigators within the DEA, INS and FBI have all told Fox News that to pursue or even suggest Israeli spying through Comverse is considered career suicide."

one group of Israelis, spotted in North Carolina recently, is suspected of keeping an apartment in California to spy on a group of Arabs who the United States is also investigating for links to terrorism.⁶⁶⁴

The detained Israelis, in other words, had been part of a vast intelligence operation that had very possibly been tracking the hijackers, and had both the means and the opportunity to discover the terrorist plot. Indeed, somewhat ominously, the U.S. government has refused to disclose the already existing "evidence linking these Israelis to 9-11," ensuring instead that it remains "classified."

The FOX News series also detailed extensive Israeli penetration of U.S. defense and government facilities. A larger group of as many as 120 "Israeli art students" were arrested after 9/11 for suspiciously "casing" high-security government facilities, while pretending to sell paintings. "The detained Israelis served in Israeli military intelligence, surveillance, and explosive ordinance units." An even larger ring of Israelis without visas left their sales jobs so quickly after September 11 that the company that hired them was temporarily closed down. These people may have been in surveillance, perhaps in preparation of further "simultaneous attacks,"⁶⁶⁵ which were foiled or called off as it became apparent that September 11 had been quite enough.

French intelligence expert Guillaume Dasquié, who is Editor of the respected newsletter *Intelligence Online* and co-author of *Bin Laden: The Forbidden Truth*, reveals the contents of a classified 61-page report by a U.S. interagency task force led by the Drugs Enforcement Administration (DEA), whose Office of Security Programs was first confronted with "unusual behavior of young Israeli nationals who had gained access to DEA circles." The Israeli "art students" are, in fact, members of an Israeli intelligence network operating in the U.S., consisting of "around 20 units composed of between four and eight members each." Dasquié continues:

"A few of the operatives are well known in the Israeli intelligence community. The report cited the names of Peer Segalovitz (military registration number 5087989) and Aran Ofek, son of a renowned two-star general in the Israeli army. The network targeted some of the most sensitive sites in the U.S., such as Tinker Air Force Base near Oklahoma City. Indeed, the U.S. Air Force's Office of Special Investigation sent a letter to the Justice Department on May 16 of last

year to ask for assistance in a case against four Israelis suspected of spying: Yaron Ohana, Ronen Kalfon, Zeev Cohen and Naor Topaz."

The Israeli intelligence operatives, under their cover of "art students," "cultivated contacts with Israeli information technology companies based in the U.S. and serving as regular suppliers to various U.S. federal agencies, such as Amdocs."⁶⁶⁶ The DEA document, whose authenticity is confirmed by accounts from official U.S. intelligence sources,⁶⁶⁷ continues to record that: "The activities of these Israeli art students raised the suspicion of [the DEA's Office of Security Programs] and other field offices when attempts were made to circumvent the access control systems at DEA offices, and when these individuals began to solicit their paintings at the homes of DEA employees. The nature of the individuals' conduct, combined with intelligence information and historical information regarding past incidents [involving Israelis, leads the DEA] to believe the incidents may well be an organized intelligence gathering activity."

There were scores of encounters between federal agents and Israelis describing themselves as art students, who in fact appeared to be attempting to gain access to sensitive U.S. offices and military installations. Paragraph 82 of the document records, for example, how MacDill Air Force Base intelligence officers were warned in March 2001 of the Israeli students' efforts. A month later, another special alert warned of "possible intelligence collection effort" by the Israelis at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City. U.S. counterintelligence officials issued a bulletin on March 23, 2001, asserting the existence of an "ongoing security threat" in the form of intelligence agents operating as "Israeli National Art Students that are targeting government offices selling 'artwork.'"⁶⁶⁸

⁶⁶⁶ Credit goes to U.S. columnist Justin Raimondo for his lucid summary and compilation of these facts in "9/11: The Truth Comes Out," *Antiwar.Com*, Center for Libertarian Studies, California, March 8, 2002, www.antiwar.com/justin/j030802.html.

⁶⁶⁷ Ted Bidris reports in "U.S. Deports Israeli Spy Suspects," *Associated Press*, March 5, 2002, that: "The DEA report was first obtained by a French Web site that specializes in intelligence news, *Intelligenceonline.com*, and confirmed Tuesday as authentic by DEA spokeswoman Rogene Waite in Washington."

⁶⁶⁸ For in-depth discussion of the DEA report and related facts see John F. Suggs, "The Spies Who Came in from the Art Sale," *Weekly Planet* (Tampa Bay), March 20, 2002, www.weeklyplanet.com/2002-03-20/news_feature.html. In a separate case, the ADL (Anti-Defamation

⁶⁶⁴ FOX News, Dec. 11, 2001.

⁶⁶⁵ See also notes 662 and 711.

The *Weekly Planet* reports that "addresses of many" of the "Arabs under scrutiny by the U.S. government" systematically "correspond to the specific areas where the Israelis set up operations." One extremely pertinent example is "an address for the Sept. 11 hijacking leader, Mohammad Atta," which is "3389 Sheridan St. in Hollywood, Fla., only a few blocks and a few hundred feet from the address of some of the Israelis, at 4220 Sheridan." The strange coordination between Atta and Israeli intelligence operatives is not an isolated case. About a "dozen Israelis, including the alleged surveillance leader, had been based in Hollywood, Fla., between January and June [2001] – quite possibly watching Arabs living nearby who are suspected of providing logistical support to Osama bin Laden's network." Indeed, ten of the 19 Al-Qaeda hijackers lived in Florida, bolstering conclusions reported by a FOX News reporter that "the students-cum-spies might have gained advance knowledge of aspects of the Sept. 11 terrorists" – or even worse, may have been directly involved in some way.⁶⁶⁹

Unfortunately, these facts have been shoved out of the confines of mainstream cogitations, and are now blithely ignored. "The biggest story of our time, of Israel spying on all branches of the government, on all our intelligence agencies – in the CIA, the DEA and the White House itself," observed Carl Cameron on a CSPAN TV show, "is not picked up by the leading newspapers like the New York Times and the Washington Post."⁶⁷⁰ The authoritative military and intelligence analysis service Jane's Information Group similarly criticizes the resounding silence on a subject which of course is of critical importance to U.S. national security, not to mention a proper understanding of 9/11: "It is rather strange that the U.S. media, with one notable exception, seem to be ignoring what may well prove to be the most explosive story since the 11 September attack, the alleged breakup of a major Israeli espionage operation in the United States, which aimed to infiltrate both the Justice and Defense departments, and which may

League), which fights alleged anti-Semitism, has been found guilty of spying on up to 10,000 Americans, including many Jews (and of defamation itself, by false accusations of anti-Semitism). See Barbara Ferguson, Arab News Correspondent, 'ADL found guilty of spying by California court,' April 25, 2002, at www.arabnews.com/Article.asp?ID=14650; or, *The Progressive Review*, on ADL spying for South Africa's apartheid regime, <http://prorev.com/feb26.htm>.

⁶⁶⁹ Ibid.

⁶⁷⁰ Mohamed Hakki, 'What tiger?', *Al-Ahram Weekly*, January 24-30, 2002, Issue No. 570, www.ahram.org.eg/weekly/2002/570/in1.htm.

also have been tracking al-Qaida terrorists before the aircraft hijackings took place."⁶⁷¹

The case of the Odigo Company is perhaps the icing on the cake. Odigo is an Israeli-based instant messaging software company with New York offices in the vicinity of the World Trade Center. The online Washington Post news service Newsbytes reported that officials from the firm "confirmed today that two employees received text messages warning of an attack on the World Trade Center two hours before terrorists crashed planes into the New York landmarks... the company declined to reveal the exact contents of the message or to identify the sender." Alex Diamandis, vice president of sales and marketing, confirmed that the workers in Odigo's research, development and international sales office in Israel "received a warning from another Odigo user approximately two hours prior to the first attack... the employees recorded the Internet protocol [IP] address of the message's sender to facilitate his or her identification."⁶⁷² The Israeli daily *Ha'aretz* has elaborated that: "Micha Macover, CEO of the company, said the two workers received the messages and immediately after the attack informed the company's management, which immediately contacted Israeli security services, which brought in the FBI." The FBI has remained tight-lipped about the results of its investigation ever since, although tracking down the original sender through the IP address is hardly a complicated task.⁶⁷³ The incident suffices to quite strongly suggest that someone in Israel, at least, had advance warnings of the attacks – and in light of the data discussed previously, may have derived warning from Israeli spies carrying out intelligence operations around Al-Qaeda terrorists in the U.S.

Another provocative collection of evidence on Israeli involvement I have had the luck to find, thanks to Media Monitors Network, is a book being published in Germany by journalist Wolfgang Eggert:⁶⁷⁴

1. 1999: Israel's new military strategy, to evolve from a regional to a world power which will carry out attacks farther afield in the Islamic

⁶⁷¹ *Jane's Information Group*, March 13, 2002.

⁶⁷² Brian McWilliams, 'Instant Messages To Israel Warned Of WTC Attack,' *Newsbytes*, September 27, 2001, www.newsbytes.com/news/01/170583.html.

⁶⁷³ Yuval Dror, 'Odigo Says Workers Were Warned of Attack,' *Ha'aretz*, April 24, 2002, www.haaretzdaily.com/hasen/pages/ShArt.jhtml?itemNo=77744&contrassID=/has%5C.

⁶⁷⁴ Wolfgang Eggert, *Angriff der Falken, (Attack of the War Hawks)*, ISBN: 3-935845-05-7.

world,⁶⁷⁵ precisely foreshadows "The War on Terror" in its scope and methods. Eggert argues that Israel could not risk forging Arab unity by carrying out the strategy alone, but must operate behind the shield of U.S. mobilization.

2. 2000: Israel begins to carry out the plan by cooperating with India over Kashmir. Soon after, Pakistan holds the Indian and Israeli secret services responsible for the explosion of fundamentalist violence there.

3. 2000: Months after Pakistan and Afghanistan are named as spheres of activity in Israel's new global military doctrine, both countries accuse Israel of supporting Islamic fundamentalist terrorists in their own countries.

4. 2000/1: In January 2000, eleven "Muslims"—Afghans or Palestinians with Israeli passports—are detained by authorities at Calcutta airport on their way to Bangladesh, but are soon released on pressure from Israel. Indian secret service people thought their mission was to infiltrate "an organization like bin Laden's" from Muslim Bangladesh. They had been on the lookout for eight Afghans whom they believed were planning to hijack the flight.⁶⁷⁶

5. 2001/3: Andrej Kosjakov, former Deputy Chairman of the Soviet Union's Espionage Oversight Committee, testifies that Israel carried out studies on aerial terrorist action in early 2001.

6. 2001/4: Soon after Sharon's election, months before September 11, a firm owned 50% by the Israeli government prematurely cancels its lease on its extensive offices in the WTC and moves out.

7. 2001/9: A veritable host of discrepancies concerning the alleged hijackers.

8. 2002: On March 6, 2002, France's most serious newspaper *Le Monde* reports that one of the tasks of arrested Israeli spies was to "monitor Al-Qaeda terrorists in America, without informing the American authorities."

Which ones? we might ask. The money to be made by shorting airline shares is small crumbs to the windfall that could come from foreknowledge of oil prices. The price of gasoline dropped sharply after 9/11 to 90 cents,

⁶⁷⁵ From a Salzburg daily, Jan. 28, 1999, and *Jane's Foreign Report*.

⁶⁷⁶ Subir Bhaumik, BBC's eastern India correspondent, 'Aborted mission Investigation: Did Mossad attempt to infiltrate Islamic radical outfits in south Asia?' *The Week of India*, Feb. 6, 2000, www.the-week.com/20feb06/events2.htm.

then bounced back to \$1.60, after a deal with Russia and a squeeze on Iraq. Pocket money for top American officials with links to the oil industry and the State Department?

Are we really so different from Russia, where oilogarchs occupy the Kremlin?⁶⁷⁷ Curious how the new bear-hugging friendship comes with an accord to parcel out Muslim oil territories between the great rivals. Chechnya⁶⁷⁸ for Putin, the rest for Bush, and no more side-swiping about human rights. Curious, too, how closely Bush has followed the Putin playbook to popular support.

On September 23, 1999, just one week after the second bomb blast in Moscow, residents in an apartment block in Moscow-Ryazan found bags in their basement containing a substance that looked like hexogen, the explosive used in the first two apartment bombings. The local FSB (secret police) department announced that day that an act of terrorism had been prevented. However, the federal FSB later said it was just a training exercise.⁶⁷⁹

Because agents of the FSB, the secret police, were seen and their car identified leaving the scene of the crime, the FSB had to switch their cover story to the training alibi. Officially and in the mass media, the Chechens were blamed, although *no suspects were found*. Sound familiar? The apartment bombings put Putin the politician on the map, galvanizing popular support for a new war in Chechnya, with him as fearless leader. Oddly enough, Putin had previously been head of the FSB. And Bush Sr. was CIA Director. Why try a new recipe, when old ones work?⁶⁸⁰

⁶⁷⁷ Judicial Watch, April 1, 2002, "the recent spate of terror attacks on Israel has lent new urgency to the need for former President Bush to resign from the Carlyle Group." At www.judicialwatch.org/1685.shtml.

⁶⁷⁸ Nafeez M. Ahmed, The Smashing of Chechnya, <http://mediamonitors.net/mosaddeq5.html>, quotes testimony from numerous reliable sources that "FSB officers were caught red-handed while planting the bomb," and that the war against Chechnya had been planned six months earlier...

⁶⁷⁹ A Chechen website reports that after falling out with Putin, who closed down his TV stations, the powerful tycoon Berezovsky began campaigning from his London exile for an investigation of the Ryazan incident, but without making much of a dent on mass opinion. At www.ichkeria.org/a/2002/1/com2201-en82227.html.

⁶⁸⁰ According to aerospace engineer Joe Vialls, the Cessna that hit the White House in 1994 was probably a test run for a remote autopiloted plane bombing, see www.geocities.com/roboplanes/cessna.html. One theory circulating on the Internet is that the Boeings were steered

Israeli-Russian-Indian "anti-terror" cooperation⁶⁸¹ bore fruit after 9/11, too, as the scenario of multiple "Islamic terror" attacks on a world-wide front was played out. Fundamentalist terrorists bombed the parliament in Kashmir (Reichstag again?), Hindu national passions were invoked, and soon pogroms were unleashed against Muslims in India.⁶⁸² Pakistan was brought to the brink and shown the abyss.

from the ground by remote control. It explains how such inadequate pilots as the hijackers could carry out their approach patterns. This has been partly corroborated officially: "Investigators later determined that [Flight 77] had been flying on autopilot on its path over the Pentagon," (M. Wald and K. Sack, *New York Times*, syndicated in The Atlanta Constitution Journal, Oct. 16, 2001, at www.accessatlanta.com/ajc/terrorism/investigation/1016tapes.html.) The planes that hit the WTC reportedly also displayed the rapid aileron flutter characteristic of an autopilot closing in on its transmitter. Since the minimum electronics would be only a small transmitter for the autopilots to lock onto, this hypothesis doesn't tell us much about who did it, as cheap remote-controlled vehicles can be found in toy shops. Interestingly, Flight 93, which was apparently destined for the White House but crashed in Pennsylvania, struggled and failed to hold course, that is, without the benefit of an autopilot.

A really wild theory is that only one plane really crashed, the one in Pennsylvania. The passengers were supposedly transferred to it from the other flights at a military airfield, and someone stole 3 Boeings. It is averred the Pentagon attack was really a truck bomb, because no airplane wreckage was shown. This theory made a stir in France, where a book on it, "L'imposture effroyable," reportedly sold out in two hours. It purports to explain how 4 flights could be so empty, when full flights were the rule.

⁶⁸¹ Reuven Paz, ICT Academic Director, 'Israeli-Indian Cooperation for Counter-Terrorism,' an Israeli description of a wave of high-level meetings on "anti-terror cooperation" between Israel, India and Russia, mid-2000, is at www.ict.org.il/articles/articleDet.cfm?articleid=114.

⁶⁸² On Bush's coattails, India's Prime Minister Vajpayee has franchised his own War on Freedom, arousing fears among liberal Hindus for "the world's largest democracy." See Siddharth Varadarajan, 'I salute you, Geetaben, from the bottom of my heart,' in *The Indian Times*. Geetaben was a Hindu woman, blown to pieces on March 25 by the ruling Hindu separatists for falling in love with a Muslim man. "For all his fulminations against jihad, Mr Vajpayee's ideology is equally jihadi. His party does not believe in people living in peace, in ensuring that the citizens of India — whether Hindu, Muslim or other — have the wherewithal to live as human

Provocation, invocation, retribution, and redistribution—the legions are drawing lots to carve up a defenseless Islamic world.

The Smoking Gun

A full-blown investigation into the facts surrounding the Israeli connection to 9/11 is of immense importance. For there can be little doubt that this brief documented overview confirms an Israeli connection to 9/11.

One does not need to jump to conclusions about 9/11 from the track record of suspected Israeli undercover operations over the decades in the U.S. and elsewhere. Buried in the far recesses of Google, away from skimming net surfers, for deep-sea trawlers only, as it were, I found astonishing reports of how Israeli agents were caught red-handed in a bombing attempt, in Mexico City, on October 11, 2001.

Why Mexico? A good answer was posted on Pravda's English-language forum, by an American who commutes across the border to work:

"Shortly after the 9/11 incident, Gallup took a poll in a lot of countries, and it turned out that in all of Latin America, support was very low for the planned US war effort. Mexico had the lowest margin of support, with only 2% of the population in favor of a war. This probably dropped to even less than that shortly after the poll was taken when Mexican papers revealed the connections between the Bush and Bin Laden families, and much hay was made of that by editorialists.

beings. The BJP does not respect the rights of citizens or of the nation as a whole. Instead, a bogus, hollow ideology of 'Hindutva' has been erected to cover up their utter contempt for the rights of the people of India." The old party trick of Waving the Flag to hide robbery and murder.

See also *Hindustan Times*, April 26, 2002, 'Gujarat toll is 2,000, and it was genocide: Report': "The brutal violence unleashed in Gujarat following the burning of 58 Hindu train passengers claimed nearly 2,000 lives, a fact-finding report says... the economic loss suffered by Muslims all over the state totals a staggering Rs 35 billion. Also, mobs linked to the Gujarat government and the ruling BJP destroyed or damaged nearly 270 mosques. 'Even during the unspeakable horrors that communities inflicted on each other in 1946 and 1947, all organs of the state had not been directly involved in stoking the fires,' it said. 'Not so in Gujarat, 2002.'" The report was issued by the Hindu editors of an anti-sectarian magazine, *Communalism Combat*. At www.hindustantimes.com/nonfram/270402/dlnat09.asp.

One may well ask if the "War on Terror" is really a War of Terror.

Meanwhile, Mexican president Vicente Fox and foreign minister Jorge Castaneda (whose mother is Jewish, by the way) declared that Mexico was behind Bush and that they would even send troops if Bush wanted them to. [The late Castaneda Sr. also served as foreign minister in his day.] This was met with outrage in Mexico, and since Mexico is actually the most influential country in Latin America... a bad sign for those who had a vested interest in the progress of the war party.

This has been discussed [in the Mexican media] as the only possible reason for the attempted terrorist act on the part of the Israelis... Hispanics are the largest minority in the US, of which Mexicans make up the largest block."

Mexican editors unanimously took this for an attempt to turn the public relations tide for the U.S. war, just as I have been suggesting that one effect of the 9/11 attacks was to turn the PR tide for Israel.

The botched bombing thus points to a convergence of aims, an alliance of Bush's war in Central Asia, and Sharon's war on the Palestinian refugees.

Now to the misdeeds. Two Israeli citizens sneaked past security into the Chamber of Deputies – Mexico's Congress or Parliament – posing as cameramen. When they aroused suspicion, security guards found that they were armed with: 9-mm plastic Glock pistols (undetectable by metal detectors), nine grenades, several sticks of explosives, three detonators and 58 cartridges.

Obviously – and if being caught red-handed is not obvious to you, and you want them caught after they blow the place sky-high, and come running out in the melee, disguised and armed to the teeth; or if you think this kind of thing happens all the time, and that any connection between 9/11 and 10/11 should simply be ignored – then I can't help you, and you might have bought a cookbook instead of wasting your day reading these 400 pages, or maybe you could try getting into the U.S. Congress with all that paraphernalia yourself – obviously, this was supposed to be another Reichstag or Srinagar.

Srinagar is the capital of Kashmir, where India's puppet government sits. On October 1, 2001, its Parliament building was truck-bombed in a bloody attack, threatening the wobbly Pakistani government with a two-front war between India and the U.S. forces in Afghanistan. Passing strange. As the Pakistani journal Dawn put it: "those responsible for that bombing were friends of neither Pakistan nor the Kashmiri people, raising some questions about whose friends the bombers were."⁶⁸³

⁶⁸³ Dawn Internet Edition, www.dawn.com/2001/10/23/op.htm.

So are the two south-of-the-border terrorists, Ben Zvi and Smecke, rotting in a Mexican jail? Editorialists commented that any Mexican caught with explosives in the halls of Congress would be "*hundido*," "a goner." Our daring Lavoners were gone soon enough, alright, from their jail to freedom.

In a flurry of damage control, the Israeli embassy interceded, Sharon sent a special envoy, strings were pulled, the story was spiked, and everyone went home. Yes, just like home – the land of the free, and home of the brave;⁶⁸⁴ where seldom is heard a discouraging word, and Israeli spy networks, on Fox News today, are '404 Not Found' tomorrow.

Pravda does mean Truth, after all.

And funny thing, the story of two Israeli agent provocateurs, caught red-handed with explosives in the Chamber of Deputies, is still up there for all to see, on the website of *La Cronica de Hoy*.⁶⁸⁵

No honest observer can turn a blind eye to this inexplicable sequence of events. The Israeli role must be investigated as part of a broad full-blown public inquiry into 9/11, and we should not fear the consequences – a proper inquiry can only help confirm who is truly innocent and truly guilty. If Israeli intelligence operatives were guilt-free, then an investigation would exonerate them, and end any more speculations on this subject once and for all.

The Pattern of Provocation

Yet, at face value, it is hard to interpret the available data in a less than damaging light. There is in fact a rich history here, showing that the clandestine activities of Israeli agents in the U.S. prior to 9/11 are nothing new, but merely the extension of longstanding military intelligence policies. Indeed, it would not be the first time that Israel has shown the scorpion's habit of biting the hand that feeds it.⁶⁸⁶ Menachim Begin⁶⁸⁷ led the 1946

⁶⁸⁴ Among the elect feeding at the Great Trough of the Potomac, I would apply the term 'brave' to no man but Rep. Cynthia McKinney.

⁶⁸⁵ 'La PGR investigará si los israelíes son terroristas,' *La Cronica de Hoy*, www.cronica.com.mx/2001/oct/12/nacional07. See also Procuradora General de la Republica, 'La PGR Informa Sobre la Situación de los Sujetos Detenidos en la Cámara de Diputados,' www.pgr.gob.mx/cmsocial/bol01/oct/b69701.html.

⁶⁸⁶ One precedent occurred during the 1967 war, when Israeli warplanes and torpedoes nearly sank an American spyship, probably to prevent interference with the planned invasion of Syria's Golan Heights. See the USS Liberty survivors' website, www.ussliberty.org.

Zionist truck bombing of Jerusalem's King David Hotel, timed to spur British troop withdrawals and give Zionist militias a free hand against the poorly armed Palestinians, taking the lives of just under 100 British guests.⁶⁸⁸ Little wonder that the public in the Middle East is convinced that Mossad had a hand in on 9/11. Who else? they may well ask.⁶⁸⁹ As locals, they may be less dependent on commercial media reports. As the world gets smaller and more wired together, we may all become locals...

Advanced electronic surveillance plus old-fashioned infiltration by paid informers should have provided Washington seamless information about the Boeing bombing plot—especially if the adversary was the very high-profile bin Laden.

After September 11, a chant of loud moans was heard on Capitol Hill about America's weakness in "human intelligence." Yet, in fighting the Afghan war, America knew very well how to marry its high technology with local collaborators on the ground. The same principle should apply to espionage. Is the Middle East off limits for American intelligence? Or is it easier for America to use proxies there?

Israel's Mossad,⁶⁹⁰ for one, is not short of field agents, and is no stranger to the old trick of war provocation. Undercover action by Oriental Jews

"Every time anyone says that Israel is our only friend in the Middle East, I can't help but think that before Israel, we had no enemies in the Middle East." - Jesuit Fr. John Sheehan.

⁶⁸⁷ Begin was a leader of the Jewish underground, the Irgun, and of the Likud party. He served as Prime Minister, and shared the 1978 Nobel Peace Prize with Anwar Sadat.

⁶⁸⁸ 'Mid-East: Palestine Time-Line,' Index of articles on 'Recovered History,' from *The Progressive Review*, <http://prorev.com/recovered.htm>. James O. Pittman, 'Negotiation Strategy in Hostage Situations,' *U.S. Army Medical Department Journal*, May-June 1996, <http://das.cs.amedd.army.mil/journal/J9636.HTM>: "Menachim Begin, the former head of the state of Israel, who began his political growth as a member of the Irgun Zvai Leumi (IZL), eventually rising to lead the IZL and participated in the bombing of the King David Hotel in Jerusalem in the name of Zionist liberation from British rule."

⁶⁸⁹ For a summary of Arab reasoning about 9/11, see M. Amir Ali, 'Destruction of the WTC and the Pentagon,' www.mediamonitors.net/mamirali2.html. Also, 'Who Benefits Most?,' mamirali1.html.

⁶⁹⁰ "Mossad" means 'By Way of Deception,' the title of an article by Robert I. Friedman, *The Village Voice*, April 6, 1993. Skeptically he

posing as Arabs was a standby of early Zionist tactics.⁶⁹¹ Spies do more than observe and report; they can also infiltrate an enemy organization as provocateurs, to instigate actions that backfire on it. Any observer of the Mideast crisis will note how regularly and severely the Palestinians hurt their own cause with ill-considered attacks. Surely the 9/11 bombing was catastrophic for the Taliban, whether they were behind it or not!

It may seem far-fetched to entertain the possibility that bin Laden himself could consciously be a double agent. It is also virtually irrelevant. The method is more sophisticated than that. Conscious or not, double or dupe, the effect is the same; either way, he has been fostered for a purpose. In a terror organization, the ready-to-die cannon fodder are only the bottom level. They have handlers, or operators; these have managers, who select the targets. Once the organization is infiltrated, it is easy enough to taint their ideas and influence them in the wrong, outrageous direction. One has only to help them carry out their fantasies of wronged revenge—at required targets and times.⁶⁹²

recounts an interview with Victor Ostrovsky, who believes Mossad was behind the 1993 WTC attack. See www.textfiles.com/conspiracy/wtcbomb3.txt. After talks with further Israeli intelligence sources, Friedman concluded in a later article, see note 698, that Ostrovsky's hunch was right.

⁶⁹¹ The Department for Jewish Zionist Education, 'Early Operations of Israeli Intelligence,' www.jajz-ed.org.il/juice/service/week1.html, recounts operations of the "Arab Platoon of the Palmach... the elite strike force of the Haganah." See also Nafeez M. Ahmed, 'Occupied Palestine and the Politics of Terrorism: Post-Modern Colonialism, Suicidal Rage and the Propaganda System,' www.mediamonitors.net/mosaddeq34.html, quoting official Israeli sources openly welcoming Hamas terror attacks. "This ruthless line of thought seems to explain why Israel has targeted Arafat while leaving Hamas untouched."

⁶⁹² Of interest in this respect is a series of interviews by Christopher Bollyn, 'Intel Expert Says 9-11 Looks Like A Hollywood Show,' at www.conspiracyplanet.com, 'WTC: Enemy Within.' Three top German intelligence officials are interviewed, who insist the attacks were impossible without the support of a state spy agency. The most outspoken of the three experts, "Andreas von Buelow, served on the parliamentary commission which oversees the German secret services, while a member of the Bundestag (German parliament), from 1969 to 1994, and wrote a book, *Im Namen des Staates (In the Name of the State)* on the criminal activities of secret services, including the CIA.

The book for devious minds on the subject of infiltration is written in the blood of Israeli-Palestinian terrorist attacks. Israeli undercover work has evolved into a sophisticated pillar of state strategy, from amateur beginnings in the 1950's, when the exploits of some provocateurs became public. In the Lavon affair, Israeli "private citizens" blew up American and British property in Egypt, blaming it on the Muslim Brotherhood, but were caught by the police.⁶⁹³ The bombing of synagogues in Iraq by Zionists inciting their brethren to flee to Palestine also became public knowledge.⁶⁹⁴ Today, the

"Von Buelow told AFP that he believes that the Israeli intelligence service, Mossad, is behind the September 11 terror attacks. These attacks, he said, were carried out to turn public opinion against the Arabs, and boost military and security spending. 'You don't get the higher echelons,' von Buelow said, referring to the masterminds. The organization doing the planning, such as Mossad, is primarily interested in affecting public opinion. The planners use corrupt 'guns for hire' such as Abu Nidal, the Palestinian terrorist who von Buelow called 'an instrument of Mossad.... The BND (German secret service) is steered by the CIA and the CIA is steered by Mossad.' The terrorists who actually commit the crimes are what von Buelow calls 'the working level,' such as the 19 Arabs who allegedly hijacked the planes on September 11. 'The working level is part of the deception,' he said. 'Ninety-five percent of the work of the intelligence agencies around the world is deception and disinformation,' which is widely propagated in the mainstream media creating an accepted version of events. 'Journalists don't even raise the simplest questions... those who differ are labeled as crazy.'"

⁶⁹³ British journalist David Hirst, 'The Lavon Affair,' in *The Gun and the Olive Branch*, 1984; excerpts at www.mideastfacts.com/lavon_hirst.html. The scandal brought down the Israeli government, but the plotters got a hero's welcome home.

⁶⁹⁴ See first-hand testimony on this policy from an Iraqi Jew, Naeim Giladi, 'The Jews of Iraq,' *The Link*, published by Americans for Middle East Understanding (AMEU), Vol. 31, No. 2, April-May 1998. "About 125,000 Jews left Iraq for Israel in the late 1940s and into 1952, most because they had been lied to and put into a panic by what I came to learn were Zionist bombs," recalls Giladi. "The principal interest Israel had in Jews from Islamic countries was as a supply of cheap labor, especially for the farm work that was beneath the urbanized Eastern European Jews. Ben Gurion needed the 'Oriental' Jews to farm the thousands of acres of land left by Palestinians who were driven out by Israeli forces in 1948... Documents, including some that I illegally copied from the archives at Yad Vashem, confirm what I saw myself, what I was told by other witnesses, and what

primary payoff of terror is for Israeli hawks, to neutralize their peace movement and gain command of domestic public opinion; the mainstream view becomes identified with "justified vengeance," even over-kill against "savages" who "target women and children."

The New Zealand Herald learned how Israeli infiltration worked in the Achille Lauro hijacking, from an ex-Mossad agent who exposed the atrocity as an Israeli "black propaganda operation."⁶⁹⁵ A Palestinian double agent working for Israel had instructed his charge, extremist leader Abu'l Abbas, to seize the cruise ship and make a cruel example to "show them." Like the Israelis, Abbas was against the 'compromise' peace agreement then on offer; in addition, disguised Israeli agents paid him hefty bribes to boost his courage. The payoff was the infamous and tragic dumping overboard of the old Jewish-American gentleman in a wheelchair—which turned out to be a stunning propaganda hit for Israel.

Furthermore, a major terrorist group, the Abu Nidal organization, worked regularly for Israeli pay:

"Middle East expert Patrick Seale writes: 'Israeli penetration of Palestinian organizations was common, but it was clearly not the whole story. Most intelligence sources I consulted agreed that it was standard practice to use penetration agents not simply to neutralize or destroy the enemy but to try to manipulate him so that he did one's bidding without always being aware of doing so... Abu Nidal's murdering Palestinian moderates was connected with [former Israeli Prime Minister] Begin's determination never to negotiate with Palestinians for fear of losing the West Bank. For Begin, the moderates, who wanted to negotiate, were the real danger and had to be eliminated... What is curious is that Israel has never punished Abu Nidal's

reputable historians and others have written concerning the Zionist bombings in Iraq, Arab peace overtures that were rebuffed, and incidents of violence and death inflicted by Jews on Jews in the cause of creating Israel." See Giladi's book, *Ben Gurion's Scandals: How the Haganah and Mossad Eliminated Jews*, AMEU, 1992. Also *Christian Science Monitor*, May 22, 2002, 'How Israel builds its fifth column - Israel's Palestinian puppets: "the recruitment of collaborators has become a crucial plank of Israel's security," www.csmonitor.com/2002/0522/p01s04-wome.html.

⁶⁹⁵ According to testimony of ex-Mossad agent Ari Ben-Menashe, at www.howlingatthemoon.com/pacific_jihad_OCT2000.htm. More on Mossad is found in books like *Gideon's Spies* by Gordon Thomas, and *By Way of Deception* by ex-Mossad agent Victor Ostrovsky.

organization... His genius has been to understand that states will commit any crime in the name of national interest.'⁶⁹⁶

The Abu Nidal terror was particularly wanton and suited to exploitation by Israeli propaganda: Italian and Austrian airports, a Greek cruise ship, all targets in countries sympathetic to the Palestinians, and the bombing pinned on the PLO by Israel to justify the 1982 invasion of Lebanon.

Evidence also links Israel's intelligence agency Mossad to the 1988 Pan Am / Lockerbie bombing,⁶⁹⁷ in an incident that also shows up the opportunistic aspect of U.S. "retribution for terror acts." Mossad sources were seen to manipulate the trail of evidence, making it clear that the bombing might be a Mossad "false flag operation." Yet blame was cavalierly shifted between Libya and Palestine, until the flavor of the week in the White House fell on Qaddafi.

⁶⁹⁶ American journalist David Hoffman, *The Oklahoma City Bombing and the Politics of Terror*, Constitution Society, 1998, 'Ch. 14 - A Strategy of Tension,' at www.constitution.org/ocbpt/ocbpt_14.htm. Also gives inside details of the Rabin assassination; saying that Rabin arranged the attack on himself for political gains, intending it to be foiled, but the secret service Shin Bet let it go through. Allegedly the same kind of thing happened in Oklahoma City and the first WTC bombing in 1993. Bush had reason to be nervous on September 11... Hoffman reviews the evidence of government prior knowledge of the Oklahoma City bombing in this highly acclaimed and meticulously researched tome, introduced by U.S. Rep. Charles Key. See also Congressman McCloskey, writing in *The Washington Report* in 1986, on Israel blaming Abu Nidal attacks on Arafat's PLO, at www.washington-report.org/backissues/022486/860224001.html; and John Cooley of the *Christian Science Monitor*, on Begin's use of this tactic to invade Lebanon, www.washington-report.org/backissues/080684/840806007.html.

⁶⁹⁷ Russell Warren Howe, who has followed the Lockerbie case for ten years, reviews compelling evidence that the Pan Am bombing may have been a Mossad black propaganda stunt in 'What if the 'Lockerbie bombers' are innocent?', *The Mail & Guardian* (Johannesburg), April 26, 1999, www.mg.co.za/mg/news/99apr2/26apr-lockerbie.html. Similarly, Bill Clinton used the bin Laden embassy bombings against the Sudan, without a shred of justification: Nafeez Mosaddeq Ahmed, 'United States Terrorism in the Sudan,' www.mediamonitors.net/mosaddeq16.html.

There have been even more persistent and detailed reports, for instance by Village Voice correspondent Robert Friedman, that Mossad was involved in the first World Trade Center bombing in 1993.⁶⁹⁸

Allowing ourselves to indulge in speculation by theoretically extending this historical pattern to the events of September 11, we see that only a select few liaison personnel and top officials would need to know of such a double play. Clearly, this would be a far superior plan to riskily trying to winnow American undercover agents willing to sacrifice thousands of their fellow citizens, for whatever geopolitical gains.

The quid pro quo? Provocation is a perennial cover for Israel's ongoing strategy of "creating facts on the ground," by steadily occupying more land, "an acre and a goat at a time," and building up its military potential.

"Barak and Sharon both belong to a line of political generals that started with Moshe Dayan" (*Ha'aretz*). This breed of generals was raised on the myth of... the sanctity of the land. In a 1976 interview, Moshe Dayan, who was the defense minister in 1967,⁶⁹⁹ explained what led, then, to the decision to attack Syria. Syria was conceived as a serious threat to the security of Israel, and a constant initiator of aggression towards the residents of northern Israel. But according to Dayan, this is 'b-----t'—Syria was not a threat to Israel before 67: 'Just drop it... I know how at least 80% of all the incidents with Syria started. We were sending a tractor to the demilitarized zone and we knew that the Syrians would shoot. According to Dayan (who at the time of the interview confessed some regrets), what led Israel to

⁶⁹⁸ Robert I. Friedman, 'Mossad link to first WTC bombing' at www.americanfreepress.net/09_16_01/, recapping a 1993 Village Voice article. The author learned from Israeli intelligence sources that the supposed PLO terrorist Ajaj was a paid scapegoat, a petty Palestinian criminal, whom the Israelis recruited out of jail to be their stooge. 'Deported' by Israel to Pakistan, he went on to Afghanistan before coming to New York and infiltrating Sheikh Abdel-Rahman's clique. Victor Ostrovsky is cited as saying that CIA support for the Afghan mujahideen was directly supervised by Mossad.

⁶⁹⁹ Israel's stunning victory in the Six-Day War renewed the dream of a Greater Israel. See John Mitchell Henshaw, 'Israel's Grand Design: Leaders Crave Area from Egypt to Iraq,' in *The American Mercury*, Spring 1968, at www.mediamonitors.net/johnhenshaw1.html. War-weary as most of the Israeli public is today, the dream dies hard; it has resurged as the New Global Military Doctrine.

provoke Syria this way was the greediness for the land—the idea that it is possible ‘to grab a piece of land and keep it, until the enemy will get tired and give it to us.’”⁷⁰⁰

Crises are created to torpedo peace talks, then packaged as Israel’s “restraint” and “retaliation” by our media.⁷⁰¹ The essential strategy has been candidly articulated – in private of course – by Israeli Defence Minister Moshe Dayan:

“[Israel] must see the sword as the main, if not the only, instrument with which to keep its morale high and to retain its moral tension. Toward this end it may, no it must, invent dangers, and to do this it must adopt the method of provocation – and revenge...and above all, let us hope for a new war with the Arab countries, so that we may finally get rid of our troubles and acquire our space.”⁷⁰²

Provocation, invocation, retribution, redistribution.

⁷⁰⁰ Tanya Reinhardt, Israeli journalist, in ‘Evil Unleashed’ at www.mediamonitors.net/tanya11.html. Water supply is Israel’s real goal in the Golan Heights.

⁷⁰¹ Cal. State Univ. Prof. Kevin MacDonald has established that at least 59% of U.S. newsprint and screen media are in the hands of our Jewish minority, just 2.5% of the population. At http://indymedia.org/front.php3?article_id=176000&group=webcast. A psychologist and eminent sociologist, MacDonald has contributed illuminating insights on Judaism as a highly successful competitive group strategy, and on pervasively recurring anti-Semitism as rooted in resentment of Jewish separatism and competitive success. A sympathetic, balanced, and courageous critic, he writes, “The IQ of Ashkenazi Jews is at least one standard deviation above the Caucasian mean,” while also mentioning negative aspects, such as clannishness and an attraction to collectivist ideologies. See www.csulb.edu/~kmacd/vitae.htm for a list of his published works. For ongoing critiques of U.S. media bias, see Palestine Media Watch, www.pmwwatch.org.

⁷⁰² Quoted from a May 1995 entry in the personal diaries of former Israeli Prime Minister Moshe Sharatt; cited in Livia Rockack, *Israel’s Sacred Terrorism*, Arab-American University Graduate Press, Belmont, Massachusetts, 1986. See Nafeez M. Ahmed, ‘The Blood on Israel’s Hands,’ www.bargione.co.uk/Blood_on_Israel.htm.

Even a brief timeline of the Bush and Sharon presidencies raises an eyebrow. The Al-Aqsa Intifada started with a wilful provocation—the degradation of the second most holy site in Islam, barred to non-Muslims, by the murderous intrusion of the sadist Ariel Sharon, butcher of the refugee camps,⁷⁰³ with his bodyguard of hundreds of soldiers, on September 28, 2000. His aim was to shatter the Oslo “Peace Process,” with its looming risk that Nobel Prize aspirant Clinton just might get the Palestinians to accept the demeaning offer of quasi-statehood in a smattering of bantustans.⁷⁰⁴

The derailment policy had its cost: the uprising became a serious setback in world opinion, and a source of deep anxiety about Israel’s future. But Sharon’s Intifada got him elected. Soon after he – and Bush – took office, the ECHELON Bojinka warnings started. Then he started to lose battles in his Brussels war crimes trial, but not his taste for more massacres, as became horrifyingly clear a year later.

Sharon came twice to Washington, for personal talks. Arafat was never invited, as if to seal his fate. It was a done deal from day one. Bush washed his hands of Jerusalem, letting the devil take the hindmost.⁷⁰⁵ As world

⁷⁰³ For updates on the War Crimes trial of A. Sharon, see www.indictsharon.net. The Sri Lanka Daily Mirror likens Sharon to King Herod, who sent soldiers to kill the young. Ameen Izzadeen, ‘Herod and the Holocaust,’ www.dailymirror.lk/inside/worldw/020405.html.

⁷⁰⁴ Former Israeli minister Abba Eban’s sly phrase, “The Palestinians never miss an opportunity to miss an opportunity,” can be read more than one way... With America’s total supremacy and backing, and Israel’s own armed might, diplomacy and compromise lost their attraction. Israel had used the Oslo process, 1993* – 2000†, to gain time, expand its settlements in the occupied territories, cut the costs of occupation by outsourcing discipline to the Palestinian Authority, the PA, and paper over differences between Israeli hawks and doves. PA decision-makers were co-opted with economic incentives, which evaporated, along with private Palestinian investments, after the new uprising (Intifada).

⁷⁰⁵ Washington’s extreme one-sidedness or “tilt” has become painfully apparent to the whole world, after the demise of Clinton’s brand of double-talk. Bush subscribes slavishly to the Israeli line, even at its most incoherent, as in “The strange affair of Karine A: Israel’s official account of the Palestinian Authority’s connections with a ship found loaded with weapons makes little sense, writes Brian Whitaker,” at www.guardian.co.uk/Archive/Article/0,4273,4339656,00.html. In other words, it bore some marks of a false flag operation aimed at Arafat – and Iran, which had started to get chummy with Washington.

opinion turned sharply against Israel and even the U.S., Palestinians could hardly believe their luck. What had happened to the expected Israeli public relations counter-offensive? Might we dare guess that 9/11 was it?

Two weeks before September 11, a high-level Mossad delegation came to Washington, carrying Bojinka warnings; then another top-level Israeli visit for the week of September 11 was cancelled. Since that awful day, Bush and Sharon read from the same page in taking their wars to the "enemy," folks who happen to be hereditary owners of the real estate they want.

Immediately after the 9/11 attacks, Israeli spokesman Bibi Netanyahu crowed publicly, "It is very good," because it would strengthen American support for Israel.⁷⁰⁶ As if to confirm his sentiments, using the 9/11 "War on Terror" as justification, Sharon soon began escalating the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, pummeling civilian infrastructure in the West Bank and Gaza on the pretext of fighting terrorism.⁷⁰⁷

See also links at http://dmoz.org/Society/Issues/Warfare_and_Conflict/Specific_Wars/Middle_East/International_Policy.

⁷⁰⁶ Gleeful Israeli reactions quoted in Israel Shamir, 'Orient Express,' Sept. 14, 2001, <http://shamir.mediamonitors.net/september142001.html>.

⁷⁰⁷ In an e-mail to Al-Awda@yahoo.com, April 6, 2002, reporting on a phone call to his family in Ramallah during the Israeli invasion, Rima Al-Alamy wrote: "houses were run down by tanks on the heads of the families. Houses been set on fire with children still inside them. Children and ladies were taken as human shields by the Israelis. Many dead and wounded left in the streets due to the intense bombardment throughout the night and till now. One of the witnesses said that she counted 30 dead bodies were lying in front of her house in the street."

See the report by Phil Reeves, of *The Independent*, "Amid the ruins of Jenin, the grisly evidence of a war crime," 16 April 2002, at http://news.independent.co.uk/world/middle_east/story.jsp?story=285413:

"A monstrous war crime that Israel has tried to cover up for a fortnight has finally been exposed.

A residential area roughly 160,000 square yards about a third of a mile wide has been reduced to dust. Rubble has been shovelled by bulldozers into 30ft piles. The sweet and ghastly reek of rotting human bodies is everywhere, evidence that it is a human tomb. The people, who spent days hiding in basements crowded into single rooms as the rockets pounded in, say there are hundreds of corpses, entombed beneath the dust, under a field of debris, criss-crossed with tank and bulldozer treadmarks.... He was

The plans for this massive military escalation had been long in the making. In the first weeks of the Al-Aqsa Intifada, before any Israeli civilian casualties had occurred, Barak's government had already dusted off its strategy of invading and destroying the Palestinian Authority. The respected Israeli commentator Prof. Tanya Reinhart of Tel-Aviv University observed:

"The assault would be launched, at the government's discretion, after a big suicide bomb attack in Israel, causing widespread deaths and injuries, citing the bloodshed as justification... Many in Israel suspect that the assassination of the Hamas terrorist Mahmoud Abu Hanoud, just when the Hamas was respecting for two months its agreement with Arafat not to attack inside Israel, was designed to create the appropriate 'bloodshed justification.'"⁷⁰⁸

As the American Jewish political scientist Prof. Stephen R. Shalom of William Paterson University, New Jersey, records: "In November 2001, there was a week-long lull in the fighting. Sharon then ordered the assassination of Hamas leader Mahmoud Abu Hanoud, which, as everyone predicted, led to a rash of terror bombings, which in turn Sharon used as justification for further assaults on the Palestinian Authority." Hamas, a major detonator of violence, was reportedly financed by Israel to undermine the PLO, during the Israeli occupation of Lebanon in the 1980's.⁷⁰⁹ Thus, having provoked the spate of unconscionable suicide bombings in the first place, Sharon exploited the predictable Israeli civilian casualties as justification for a new series of massive military offensives in the Occupied Territories.⁷¹⁰

Writing in July 2001, Jeffrey Steinberg⁷¹¹ finds new Prime Minister Sharon confident of a free rein from President Bush for his war drive: "Indeed, on July 6, testifying before Congress, Defense Secretary Donald

trembling with fury and shock. 'This is mass murder. I have come here to help but I have found nothing but devastation. Just look for yourself.'

All had the same message: tell the world."

⁷⁰⁸ Tanya Reinhardt, in 'Evil Unleashed,' op. cit.

⁷⁰⁹ *Ha'aretz*, December 21, 2001.

⁷¹⁰ See Shalom, Stephen R., 'The Crisis in Palestine,' ZNet, April 2, 2002, www.zmag.org/content/Mideast/shalomcrisis.cfm.

⁷¹¹ Who needs Nostradamus? Jeffrey Steinberg, in 'Sharon War Plan Exposed: Hamas Gang Is His Tool,' *Executive Intelligence Review*, July 20, 2001, predicted that "simultaneous terrorist actions against American targets" will pave the way for Sharon's expulsion of the Arab population. At www.larouchepub.com/other/2001/2827sharon_hamas.html.

Rumsfeld acknowledged that a war crisis would give the Administration leeway to crank up defense spending, from the current 3% of GDP, to 8-10%." (I thank you, Carlyle thanks you.) Steinberg continues prophetically,

" Hamas teams are also reportedly activated—with clandestine Israeli backing—to target American assets in Europe and the Middle East. An 'Islamist' terrorist attack against an American target, Sharon believes, would assure U.S. blessings for whatever 'retaliation' Israel might take against Iraq, Iran, or Syria."

Indeed, the respected journal *The Israeli Insider* reported in mid-July that according to the authoritative intelligence newsletter *Jane's Foreign Report*, a "high casualty suicide bombing" against Israeli civilians would provide the pretext needed to implement existing war plans:

"Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Shaul Mofaz presented the government...with an updated plan for an all-out attack on the Palestinian Authority. The London-based *Foreign Report* reported that the plan calls for an invasion of Palestinian-controlled territory by some 30,000 Israeli soldiers...As reported in the *Foreign Report* this week and disclosed locally by *Ma'ariv*, Israel's invasion plan – reportedly dubbed Justified Vengeance – would be launched immediately following the next high-casualty suicide bombing, would last about a month and is expected to result in the death of hundreds of Israelis and thousands of Palestinians."⁷¹²

The Hebrew Israeli daily *Yediot Aharanot* reported in grim detail the escalation of Sharon's war plans in mid-June 2001: "...the Israeli military and political leadership are aiming, eventually, at a total destruction of the Palestinian authority, and, with it, the process of Oslo...What can they be after?..."

"...a simple solution of annexation of the occupied territories would have turned the occupied Palestinians into Israeli citizens, and this would have caused what has been labeled the 'demographic problem' – the fear that the Jewish majority could not be preserved. Therefore, two

⁷¹² Ellis Shuman, 'Is Israel preparing to dismantle the Palestinian Authority?', *Israeli Insider*, July 12, 2001, "MK Michael Kleiner [chairman of the Herut Party] called on Israel to either assassinate or topple Arafat... even if it meant the Hamas would take his place. According to Kleiner, the entire world recognizes the Hamas as a terrorist organization, so Israel's continued efforts against a radical Palestinian leadership would not be condemned." At www.israelinsider.com/channels/security/articles/sec_0057.htm.

basic conceptions were developed. The Alon plan consisted of annexation of 35-40% of the territories to Israel, and self-rule or partnership in a confederation of the rest, the land on which the Palestinians actually live.

...The second conception, whose primary spokesman was Sharon, assumed that it is possible to find more acceptable and sophisticated ways to achieve a 1948 style 'solution' – it is only necessary to find another state for the Palestinians. 'Jordan is Palestine' – was the phrase that Sharon coined. So future arrangements should guarantee that as many as possible of the Palestinians in the occupied territories will move there. For Sharon, this was part of a more global world view, by which Israel can establish 'new orders' in the region.

...The first step on this route is to convince the public that Arafat is still a terrorist and is personally responsible for the acts of all groups from the Islamic Jihad to Hizbollah...It is hard to avoid the conclusion that after 30 years of occupation, the two options competing in the Israeli power system are precisely the same as those set by the generation of 1948: Apartheid (the Alon-Oslo plan), or transfer – mass evacuation of the Palestinian residents, as happened in 1948 (the Sharon plan). Those pushing for the destruction of the Oslo infrastructure may still believe that under the appropriate conditions of regional escalation, the transfer plan would become feasible.

In modern times, wars aren't openly started over land and water. In order to attack, you first need to prove that the enemy isn't willing to live in peace and is threatening our mere existence. Barak managed to do that. Now conditions are ripe for executing Sharon's plan, or as Ya'alon put it in November 2000, for 'the second half of 1948.' Before we reach that dark line, there is one option which was never tried before: Get out of the occupied territories immediately."⁷¹³

That option was never taken. Instead, the 9/11 bombing has given Sharon the cover he needed: the Sharon and Bush policies are the shared beneficiaries of 9/11.

Sharon's life-long goal is to expand the borders of the State of Israel to engulf the entirety of Palestine, and if possible, beyond. As Israeli Foreign Minister, Sharon addressed a meeting of militants from the extreme right-wing Tsomet Party: "Everybody has to move, run and grab as many hilltops as they can to enlarge the settlements because everything we take now will

⁷¹³ 'The Second Half of 48: The Sharon Ya'Alon Plan,' *Yediot Aharanot*, June 10, 2001.

stay ours... Everything we don't grab will go to them [i.e. Palestinians]."⁷¹⁴ Not a surprise, given that in May 1993 Sharon had proposed at the Likud Convention that: "Israel should adopt the 'Biblical borders' concept as its official policy. There were rather few objections to this proposal, either in the Likud or outside it, and all were based on pragmatic grounds."⁷¹⁵ The most far-reaching interpretation of these borders include the following areas: "in the south, all of Sinai and a part of northern Egypt up to the environs of Cairo; in the east, all of Jordan and a large chunk of Saudi Arabia, all of Kuwait and a part of Iraq south of the Euphrates; in the north, all of Lebanon and all of Syria together with a huge part of Turkey (up to lake Van); and in the west, Cyprus."⁷¹⁶

As if to corroborate, the Washington Times reported in April 2002, during the Israeli invasion of the Occupied Territories, that Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres confirmed Sharon's "plan calling for Israel to annex 50 percent of land in the West Bank." The existence of the plan was originally "disclosed by Ephraim Sneh, the Israeli transport minister," who observed that the annexation plan is "incompatible with a two-state solution," and thus designed to block the emergence of a viable independent Palestinian state.⁷¹⁷

As we go to press, Sharon is indulging in open warfare in the West Bank with plans to annex half of it, evidently intending to eventually "transfer" – ethnically cleanse – a large fraction of the population. Yet Israeli media present this as a "humane" action, because their foot soldiers risked their lives in action, rather than dropping daisy-cutters. Thus, America's wanton use of overwhelming firepower is an encouragement and an alibi to the world's war criminals, of every stripe.

Conclusions

The executive branch of the federal government has apparently enabled a lethal surprise attack with mass murder against two of the founding thirteen colonies, New York and Virginia. By such an act, the federal government would grossly violate and void its contract with the states, and abrogate its

own constitutional rights and privileges. Even if you do not accept the complicity argument, it has failed to protect its largest city from the consequences of its overweening foreign policies.

Like a loose handgun, our Federal government has backfired on its owners, the States. The executive has gone to war in defiance of the Constitution, and Congress has abdicated its war-making authority on at least 200 occasions since 1945, according to The Federation of American Scientists.⁷¹⁸ The federal government has proven utterly incapable and unwilling to remedy its chronic and world-threatening sickness.

The war powers have been usurped and abused by the White House at least since the 1840's. A new book sharply assails the totalitarian basis of our modern Union, as laid by Abraham Lincoln, over the rubble of the U.S. Constitution. "Lincoln lusted after Empire. The juggernaut he put in place exterminated the Plains Indians with the same ferocity with which Southern towns and cities were sacked and pillaged."⁷¹⁹ The Indians are in Palestine now – evicted into camps, demonized, and massacred in illegal wars.

The Constitution grants all powers not delegated elsewhere to the States; and delegation of powers is not their abandonment or abuse. Thus, the war powers rightfully revert back to the individual states, and need to be devolved to them, to make such mutual defense agreements as they deem fit.

This works perfectly in the European Union, for example, where people live much more safely than we do, even in small countries, even without ocean barriers, with collective security arrangements—because they don't threaten their neighbors with trillion-dollar "handguns." Because they practice pluralism, not absolutism, in relations between the nations.⁷²⁰ The last thing anyone needs is a military superpower, a loose cannon on the deck of the world, that can be hijacked by an irresponsible clique. On the contrary, the world will be a safer and healthier place if Europe will reclaim its strategic and military independence in foreign policy. Europeans remember what living under aerial bombing means, and they do not yet have America's

⁷¹⁸ Gore Vidal, in *Perpetual War for Perpetual Peace — How We Got To Be So Hated*, a new book on 9/11, Waco, McVeigh, and interventionism.

⁷¹⁹ Prof. Thomas J. DiLorenzo, *The Real Lincoln: A New Look at Abraham Lincoln, His Agenda, and an Unnecessary War*, reviewed by Paul C. Roberts in 'War on terrorism a threat to liberty?', at www.washtimes.com/commentary/20020321-90276020.htm, 3/21/2002.

⁷²⁰ If the nations of Asia – the Islamic world, China, India, Russia, Japan, and others – unite as the EU has done, they can not be challenged in their own sphere, and will retain their fair share of world resources.

⁷¹⁴ Agence France Presse, November 15, 1998.

⁷¹⁵ Shahak, Israel, *Jewish History, Jewish Religion: The Weight of Three Thousand Years*, Pluto Press, London, 1997, p. 9.

⁷¹⁶ Ibid. p. 10.

⁷¹⁷ Joyce Howard Price, 'Sharon plan for West Bank confirmed,' *Washington Times*, April 22, 2002, www.washtimes.com/national/20020422-8855812.htm.

sheer one-track mind about the profit motive. What the world needs is to see more of Europe's wisdom and sense of balance.

How did Switzerland, a cold and rocky spot with few resources, become the world's richest country? By its habits of neutrality and local autonomy, where the cantons collect a lion's share of revenue. Is it coincidence that the arguably unconstitutional Internal Revenue Act of 1913 passed just in time to give the Feds the wherewithal to wage an insane Great War in Europe? Yet, our states still have the right to secede...

DiLorenzo writes that Lincoln and his generals should "have been hanged as war criminals under the Geneva Convention of 1863." In our time, complicity – whether indirect or direct – in the Pearl Harbor and WTC attacks is also a treasonable crime against humanity, which should be prosecuted.

But we have gone too far along the Roman road to a military society of pawns in bondage to bread and circuses. Appealing to the political system, writing letters to Congress, may not do much.⁷²¹ A more promising avenue would be to work from the grass roots. Individual states could pass Belgian-style, universal, no-immunity war crimes laws, or legislation applying the principles of equal access,⁷²² affirmative action and anti-monopoly to the problem of media influence, as proposed by the Russian Jewish democrat,

⁷²¹ Those who wish to participate in letter-writing campaigns may see www.radicalpress.com/news/activistskit.htm. The site contains some good evidence on government complicity, and on the Enron affair.

⁷²² Liberal Jewish journalist Robert Scheer, 'The Palestinian Side Must Be Told,' *Los Angeles Times*, April 23, 2002: "The traditional absence of acknowledgement in U.S. news reporting of the ongoing victimization of the Palestinians, powerless from the beginning of their displacement half a century ago, is callously immoral. Moreover, no group is so safely denigrated in the mass media of this country, particularly in film, as "the Arabs," who became the enemy of choice in post-Cold War movie-making in such films as "True Lies." And no group is as underrepresented in the media work force; there are more than 3 million Arab Americans, yet it is exceedingly rare to find one working as a newspaper reporter or TV news personality. The American Society of Newspaper Editors doesn't even include Arabs or Muslims in its annual monitoring of groups underrepresented in the nation's newsrooms. Surely, if there were even a sprinkling of people in the news biz who were hearing from relatives in Ramallah or Jenin, it would influence the way events are interpreted." At www.robertscheer.com/1_natcolumn.

Israel Shamir.⁷²³ Relatives of WTC victims should sue the federal government for manslaughter damages in their county courts, and get their local newspapers to write about it.

Even if complicity – or systematic negligence – were at a level below the president, he ratified the attacks, like Hitler did the Reichstag burning, by seizing on their political benefits, and suppressing investigations of intelligence failures. Bush's bombast about evildoers sounds almost Hitlerian, too – he "protests too much." Gore Vidal and Noam Chomsky are perfectly right to say we got a taste of our own medicine on 9/11, that it is no wonder the U.S. is detested by citizens of lands we destroy. But that is only the lesser half of it. To my mind, at least, we have abundantly shown that in all likelihood, the suffering Manhattan tasted must have been co-produced in Washington – and very possibly in Tel Aviv.⁷²⁴

It is impossible to know at this stage how much "Islamic terrorism" is a volcanic reaction to half a century of festering injustice in Palestine⁷²⁵ – apartheid, squalid refugee camps fenced off from luxurious new Jewish settlements, the chicanery of military occupation – and injustice under repressive Arab regimes, too; how much is intentionally provoked, and how much is false flag operations – but for certain, the world-wide cost of added security measures must be enormous.

⁷²³ In fact, existing FCC rules forbid media monopolies, but are observed chiefly in the breach. Furthermore, in February 2002, Fox TV won a suit in federal court requiring the FCC to justify any such restrictions. See 'FCC Ownership Rules Under Siege,' at www.mediamergers.com/fcc1.html.

⁷²⁴ Websites on Mossad as a suspect in a "false flag" operation on 9/11: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/anti-crusade>, best links on the 9-11 plot. www.nocturne.org/~terry/wtc_4000_Israeli.html#4000, researches press reports to debunk the story of 4000 missing Israelis or Jews in the WTC. <http://external.nj.nec.com/homepages/wds/wtcbomb>, by W. D. Smith, 9/15/01, adds two and two together. Ditto from ex-ISI director Hameed Gul, interviewed by UPI roving reporter de Borchegreve, www.unitedstates.com/news/content/733287/mossad.

⁷²⁵ What is most unbearable to the stateless Palestinians is the frustration at the world's double standard; as human rights makes gradual advances elsewhere, they alone are demonized and excluded from this process. Sociologists have a word for it: immiseration – more than the specific difficulties of one's condition, it is the perception of unfairly being kept worse off than others that hurts the most, psychologically.

America's complicity in the rape of Palestine⁷²⁶ seems to have opened a Pandora's box that only a shocked and awakened America might close again. Instead, mentally lazy attitudes prevail with us: "why don't the Arabs just pull up stakes and move?" or "they're all crazy there anyway," which amount to justifications of ethnic cleansing. If you manage to explain provocation intrigue, you get: "it's their own tough luck if the Arabs let the Israelis trick them." Such "losers-weepers" rationalizations ignore all our own canons of justice.

1. We recognize differing degrees of murder; passion or desperation at injustice is an extenuating circumstance; cold-blooded calculation an aggravating one. The proverb says, "Whom the gods wish to destroy, they first drive mad."

2. Concealing guilt and shifting the blame on an adversary multiply the severity of a crime.

3. Those who arrange a crime and give the orders do bear a greater burden of guilt than those who carry it out. Without reducing the guilt of those who follow their orders, they bear responsibility both for their own acts and those of their underlings.

4. There are always criminals and desperadoes, and it is the government's job to stop them. If it collaborates with them instead, then that is the most heinous crime.

5. Because a small minority from any oppressed group can be drawn into a black propaganda plot, or become extremists or guerrillas in response to repression, millions of its law-abiding members suffer ten-fold retaliation. Such is the atrocity of collective guilt, as we know from Lidice and Guernica.

And Jenin. Our civilization has made strides in recognizing and applying these principles – but only in certain spheres. 9/11 notwithstanding, it is still a white man's world.

Militarily, of course, Israel is unconquerable. With hundreds of nuclear warheads, 4000 main battle tanks, and its own digitally enhanced fleet of

⁷²⁶ Gore Vidal in his foreword to Israel Shahak's *Jewish History, Jewish Religion*: "John F. Kennedy told me how, in 1948, Harry S. Truman had been pretty much abandoned by everyone when he came to run for president. Then an American Zionist brought him two million dollars in cash, in a suitcase, aboard his whistle-stop campaign train. 'That's why our recognition of Israel was rushed through so fast.' [It] unfortunately resulted in forty-five years of murderous confusion, and the destruction of what Zionist fellow travellers thought would be a pluralistic state." True, Truman was already a Christian Zionist.

American fighter-bombers, it has double the firepower even of the U.S. in the region. "Israel can field 19 divisions of ground troops, by some counts; the United States boasts 13 divisions worldwide."⁷²⁷

Yet it is a fractured and war-weary society. Suffering the cycle of violence and cruelty that sprang from the Nazi death camps, that rebounds throughout the region and reaches even our shore; in spite of the determination to be free of persecution, and an enormous competitive spirit, at heart its people just want to be accepted by their neighbors and live a normal life:

"We rejoice in the avowed proposal of the Peace Congress to put into practical application the fundamental principles of democracy. That principle which asserts equal rights for all citizens of a state, irrespective of creed or ethnic descent.... We protest against the political segregation of the Jews, and the re-establishment in Palestine of a distinctly Jewish state as utterly opposed to the principles of democracy..."⁷²⁸

That was the American Jewish petition to Woodrow Wilson, at the 1919 Paris Peace Conference (who ignored it, for his own reasons).

Be your bogeyman bin Laden or Sharon, the whole boiling cauldron of the Middle-East crisis would subside of its own accord, if only the U.S. could switch from military aid for apartheid and bantustans⁷²⁹ in Palestine to moral support for pluralistic democracy in Israel. Could it be that without Israel, we

⁷²⁷ David Wood, 'Israel no longer dependent on U.S. military assistance,' *The Seattle Times*, April 9, 2002. " 'We have created an 800-pound gorilla,' said Kenneth Brower, an independent military consultant in Washington, assessing decades of U.S. military aid to Israel." At http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/nationworld/134433612_israelmilitary09.html.

⁷²⁸ Source: www.nmhschool.org/tthornton/.

⁷²⁹ Nafeez M. Ahmed, 'Apartheid in the Holy Land: Racism in the Zionist State of Israel,' a paper presented at the NGO Forum of the UN World Conference Against Racism, 20 August 2001 for Islamic Human Rights Commission, draws on specialist work on this subject; see www.mediamonitors.net/mosaddeq11.html. Also, Lance Selfa, op. cit. note 650, "Norman Finkelstein argues that the language in the accords outlining the PA's powers matches nearly word-for-word the legislation setting up the Transkei bantustan in South Africa." With a mild difference: the Boers didn't expel the black population bodily, nor did America deport the Indians to Canada or Mexico.

could not find the enemies a growing body needs, or field-test lethal new means of destruction from our labs?

Yet how dangerous the game is for Israel. As we know, the history of the Jewish people is a tragic one. Time and again, resentment at their separate sense of identity and their competitive success has erupted into a terrible backlash of violence. Jewish fear of anti-Semitism is real,⁷³⁰ even when the object of fear is sometimes imaginary. Yet there is no question that real hostility to Jewry is on the rise since Sharon's Intifada. What seems surprising, given this people's gifts of intelligence and psychological astuteness, is the cyclical failure to anticipate which actions incur hatred. The reason may be that anti-Semitism, as the external threat that cements Jewish group cohesion, became a totem exempted from analysis.⁷³¹

On my brief visit to Jaffa, the iconoclastic Israeli dissident Israel Shamir underscored a point, and the *ikon* he broke for me was a taboo of the first water. To hear Shamir, Israel is only the tail of the dog; seekers of a solution to the Mideast crisis should direct their attentions first to the American Zionist lobby, and its media czars.⁷³² After all, we are able to blame "yellow journalism" for the Spanish American War. Shamir points at American media that display only a fraction of the courage to dissent that you will find in Israel's *Ha'aretz*; and the extremism of our "more Israeli than Israel" revanchists who keep them that way, who keep Israel that way, a safe six thousand miles away from the front lines.

Now these are hypotheses we need to be able to inspect, if we are serious about ending the cycle of violence. Our social scientists have developed powerful analytical tools. What good can it do to use them on quaint tribes, and hide the mirror from our own society or nationality?

⁷³⁰ Quoted from Hertzberg by Prof. MacDonald in 'Indoctrination and group evolutionary strategies,' 1998: "Survey results from 1990 indicated eight out of 10 American Jews had serious concerns about anti-Semitism, and significant percentages believed anti-Semitism was growing although there was no evidence for this, while at the same time 90% of Gentiles viewed anti-Semitism as residual and vanishing."

⁷³¹ So strong is the taboo against analyzing anti-Semitism that it escapes notice that the very word is a misnomer. The main Semitic race are the Arabs; Judaism is a religion, so a more exact term would be Judeophobia. Meanwhile, we have no word for enmity to Arabs or Muslims.

⁷³² Israel Shamir's 'Fiesta of St. Fermin,' at www.israelshamir.net/fiesta.htm, may be the last word on the subject.

Isn't that what "Know Thyself" is all about?

All we know is the enormity of our unprecedented loss on 9/11, and even greater losses in past foreign wars. We don't know who is running foreign policy in our country – our elected representatives, or a clique with its own agenda? How can we know for sure our President would be safe taking his orders from us, when a popular President could be assassinated, without the culprits ever being caught? We don't know why we, the American public, have to pay for the losses from the plundering of Enron, like we took the hit for the BCCI bankruptcy.⁷³³ Will we ever know what really happened to that huge budget surplus we no longer hear about, that was going to finance so many fine things?

We have no way of knowing what will hit us next, nor where our country is being taken. If we do not resolve 9/11, the next calamity will be worse still, because We the People are not masters in our own house. A criminal clique is running it their way. Be they CIA or KGB or Mossad or military industrial complex, it is up to the American people to find them out.⁷³⁴

⁷³³ Brian D. Quig, B.C.C.I.: 'Bank of Crooks and Criminals International – U.S. Government One of its Biggest Customers,' www.dcia.com/bcci.html, quoting *Time Magazine*, July 29, 1991: "B.C.C.I. is the largest corporate criminal enterprise ever, the biggest Ponzi scheme, the most pervasive money-laundering operation and financial supermarket ever created for the likes of Manuel Noriega, Ferdinand Marcos, Saddam Hussein and the Colombian drug lords." A significant part of this story involves B.C.C.I.'s 'stealth-like invasion of the U.S. banking industry by secretly buying First American Bankshares -- whose chairman is Clark Clifford' [end of *Time* quote]... the attorney who drafted the original charter for the CIA at the direction of John Foster and Allen Dulles... B.C.C.I. maintained what its insiders called a 'black network' which was engaged in international bribery, blackmail, and assassination of government officials at the highest levels. The CIA used B.C.C.I. to facilitate funding of the Contras, illegal arms sales to Iran and Iraq as well as the arms supply to the Afghan resistance." Among many other writers, the author also points to CIA involvement in large-scale drug imports, in "The Phony Drug War."

⁷³⁴ The way they are going, the authorities will never find them, in spite of massive jailing and racial profiling – another fine reason to suspect an inside job. "The world's biggest criminal investigation has yielded meager results... Police across the United States and Europe have arrested nearly 1,400 people in connection with the attacks on New York and Washington.

To deserve the names democracy and freedom, we should have gotten to the bottom of this decades ago, find whoever they are, and clean our government of this infection.

Our motto is still "land of the free, and home of the brave." Can we live up to it – or is it for criminals only?

Dr. Johnson quipped: "Patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel." He meant that true patriots uphold our ideals. They do not trample on them while invoking and abusing our national symbols.

"Beware the leader who bangs the drums of war in order to whip the citizenry into a patriotic fervor, for patriotism is indeed a double-edged sword. It emboldens the blood, just as it narrows the mind. And when the drums of war have reached a fever pitch, and the blood boils with hate and the mind has closed, the leader will have no need to seize the rights of the citizenry. Rather, the citizenry, infused with fear and blinded by patriotism, will offer up all their rights unto the leader, and gladly so. How do I know? For this is what I have done. And I am Caesar."⁷³⁵

The end can never justify the means. We will be safe in our homes when we and our representatives remember that, and live by it. Those who tell us it can, are following the "consequentialist" doctrine of desperadoes and dictators. They are no leaders, but liars, who bring us to evil ends.

California,
Easter 2002.

But they have charged only one of them in connection with the worst terrorist outrage in history." Peter Ford, 'Legal War on Terror Lacks Weapons,' *The Christian Science Monitor*, March 27, 2002, www.csmonitor.com/2002/0327/p01s04-woeu.html. See also Charley Reese on "the War on Terrorism," in 'Going Nowhere Fast,' May 13, 2002, http://reese.king-online.com/Reese_20020513/index.php. Yet note who was arrested with bombing materials in the U.S.A., and then released: six Israelis with plans to bomb a nuclear plant (www.whatreallyhappened.com/israelswithnukes.html); two Israelis speeding away after midnight near a naval base, with traces of TNT, RDX, false papers and a fake alibi (www.indybay.org/news/2002/05/128816.php); and two JDL leaders with materials for a pipe bomb (www.cnn.com/2001/LAW/12/12/jdl.arrests/).

⁷³⁵ Julius Caesar, quoted by Mike Ruppert, www.copvicia.com.

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