



9/11 EVIDENCE DESTRUCTION

WHAT DOES GUILTY DEMEANOR LOOK LIKE?

**It has been said that it's often not the crime,
but the criminal cover-up that earns jail time.**

Here is a *partial* list of 9/11 evidence that has been altered, destroyed, suppressed, and/or classified since the attacks:

- The Washington Post reported that shortly before noon on September 11, 2001, 6 controllers at New York's Air Traffic Control Center who dealt with the hijacked flights made an audio recording of their recollection of what had transpired. Before the end of the day, an FAA "quality assurance manager" crushed the tape in his hands, shredded it into multiple pieces, and distributed the pieces in multiple trashcans before taking the trash out. (Washington Post, 5/6/04)
- The wreckage from the World Trade Center (WTC) was rapidly destroyed. Less than 2 weeks after the attacks NYC accepted a proposal to recycle the steel from the collapsed buildings. Most of it was quickly cut up, shipped off, and melted down without proper documentation or forensic analysis, in violation of federal law. (New York Times, 12/25/01) While the steel was deemed no use to investigators, apparently best used for scrap metal, it was considered important enough to equip all trucks with GPS locaters, at a cost of \$1000 apiece, so none of the steel was lost and its location was always known. (http://www.securitysolutions.com/mag/security_gps_job_massive/index.html)
- Though crime scene protocol was not followed at the WTC (see above), "Crime Scene" was the reason given for banning photos and videos of the site. (AP, 9/27/01) People were threatened with arrest for trying to take pictures.
- New York City officials decided that audio and written records of the Fire Department's actions on 9/11 should never be released to the general public. (New York Times, 7/23/02) The New York Times sued under the Freedom of Information Act, and in 2005 the city was forced to release most of the records. Many oral histories suggest there were explosions in the towers. Here are just a few quotes: "I saw a flash flash flash [at] the lower level of the building. You know like when they demolish a building?" -- Assistant Fire Commissioner Stephen Gregory. "[I]t was [like a] professional demolition where they set the charges on certain floors and then you hear 'Pop, pop, pop, pop, pop'" -- Paramedic Daniel Rivera. "It seemed like it was going all the way around like a belt, all these explosions." -- Firefighter Richard Banaciski. Many accounts of explosions given by witnesses in and around the towers were widely reported in the press during and immediately after the attacks. But the stories were quickly dropped by establishment news media and were not pursued by the 9/11 Commission. (Eye-witness reports of explosions can be found at 911research.wtc7.net/wtc/evidence/videos/index.html To view footage of firemen's eyewitness account go to: <http://911research.wtc7.net/wtc/evidence/videos/index.html> Complete rescue worker oral histories are published by New York Times at: http://graphics8.nytimes.com/packages/html/nyregion/20050812_WTC_GRAPHIC/met_WTC_histories_full_01.html.)
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) investigators of the WTC collapses had no subpoena power and little funding. They were prevented from interviewing some witnesses and severely limited in examining the disaster site, restricted from it except for what was basically a three-day walk through tour. They were not able to obtain detailed blueprints of the buildings that collapsed! (New York Times, 12/25/01) Investigators were told not to talk to the press under threat of dismissal. Bill Manning, editor in chief of Fire Engineering Magazine, declared FEMA's investigation to be "a half-baked farce." (Fire Engineering Magazine, 1/02)
- At WTC building #7, approximately 3-4,000 Securities and Exchange Commission files of ongoing cases (including the WorldCom bankruptcy and Citigroup scandals) were destroyed when this 47 story, steel-framed skyscraper, which was not hit by a plane, mysteriously collapsed symmetrically into its footprint at near free-fall speed at 5:20 pm on September 11th. (National Law Journal, 9/17/01) Neither the FEMA nor the N.I.S.T. Report gives any plausible scientific explanation for how the small fires in the building could have made this happen, and the Commission's 571 page Report does not find room to even mention the unprecedented collapse of WTC 7. (View footage of the collapse at : [ae911truth.org](http://911research.wtc7.net/wtc/evidence/videos/index.html))
- In the week after the attacks, several media reported that some of the alleged hijackers may have received training at secure US military installations. (New York Times, 9/15/01; Newsweek, 9/15/01) The military denies this, claiming it was different men with the same names. (Washington Post, 9/16/01) However, no proof was ever offered that they were not the accused hijackers, and attempts by independent journalists to confirm or refute these reports have been blocked.
- Also shortly after the attacks, there were reports that several of the accused hijackers were still alive! For example, Waleed Al Shehri contacted the U.S. embassy claiming that his name and photo were among those flashed across the world. But obviously he had not been on any of the planes. (BBC News, 9/23/01) The FBI seemed uninterested. They never pursued the story, and, while at first admitting some doubt about the identities, finally simply asserted that they had the names right. Case closed. (Insight Magazine, 6/24-7/7, 03)

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- Security cameras near the Pentagon were quickly confiscated by the FBI after the crash. One was at a gas station across the street from the site of impact, (the owner claims the FBI was there within minutes), (Richmond Times-Dispatch, 12/11/01) another was on top of a nearby hotel. (Gertz File, 9/21/01) In response to a Freedom of Information Act Request, the FBI acknowledged that it possessed 85 videos of the area that morning. To date, only 4 videos have been released, none of which shows any identifiable object. The videos show either a thin white blur, or nothing at all approaching the Pentagon.
- It is claimed by the FBI and the 9/11 Commission that not one of the 4 black boxes from flights 11 and 175, which hit the World Trade Center, was ever found. Airplane black boxes are designed to be “nearly indestructible.” (ABC News, 9/17/01) A National Transportation Safety Board spokesman said, “It’s extremely rare that we don’t get the recorders back. I can’t recall another domestic case in which we did not recover the recorders.” (CBS, 2/23/02) But the official story is that all 4 boxes were destroyed beyond recognition. But in October of 2004, The Philadelphia Daily News printed a startling story that was not picked up nationally. “Two men who worked extensively in the wreckage of the World Trade Center claim they helped federal agents find three of the four ‘black boxes’ from the jetliners that struck the towers on 9/11 – contradicting the official account.” (Philadelphia Daily, 10/28/04, *Behind-the-Scenes Ground Zero* [self-published rescue workers’ book], p.108)
- The 4 black boxes from the other crash sites were recovered, yet no audio recordings have been played publicly to date. In the case of flight 77, which reportedly hit the Pentagon, it is claimed that the cockpit voice recorder was too badly burned to have useful data. (9/11 Commission Report, p.456) In the case of flight 93 (which reportedly crashed in Pennsylvania), the FBI originally refused to play the tape at all. But after intense pressure from victims’ relatives, the FBI finally agreed to one private playing of the cockpit recorder, but relatives were asked not to divulge what they heard. Effort went into ensuring there were no recordings made by the listeners, and wireless headphones were used so the audio signal couldn’t be intercepted. (Pittsburgh Post Gazette, 4/21/02) In 2006 the tape was played at the trial of Zacarias Moussoui, and, though the transcripts are available, the U.S. government succeeded in preventing the audio from becoming part of the public record. (U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Alexandria Division, 7/31/06)
- The flight 93 voice recorder, discussed above, ends at 10:03 a.m., which the government claims was the time of impact. But a seismic study concludes that the plane actually hit the ground at 10:06. The FBI has not given any explanation for the time discrepancy, nor for the missing 3 minutes of tape. (Philadelphia Daily News, 9/16/02) There were debris fields found as far away as 8 miles, suggesting the plane may have broken up in the air, and, the Mirror reports, “Passenger Edward Felt made an emergency call from the plane. He spoke of an explosion and seeing some white smoke. The supervisor who took the call has been gagged by the FBI.” (Mirror, 9/13/02)
- Memos and instructions have been given to airline employees, air traffic controllers, firefighters, FBI, FEMA investigators, and victim’s relatives (in the case of the flight 93 voice recordings) not to discuss publicly the events of that day.
- Immediately after the attacks the FBI confiscated all the police files on the Florida flight schools where 3 of the 4 alleged hijacker pilots had received training. According to a local law enforcement officer, the files were loaded into two Ryder trucks and driven onto a C-130 military cargo plane that took off for Washington with Florida Governor Jeb Bush aboard. (Daniel Hopsicker, *Welcome to TerrorLand*, p.31) The files have not been seen since.
- Members of a military intelligence unit “Able Danger” claim that they had identified 4 of the alleged 9/11 hijackers, including Mohammed Atta, over a year before the attacks. On at least 3 occasions they were blocked by Department of Defense lawyers from sharing their information with the FBI. (New York Times, 8/9/05) The Defense Intelligence Agency destroyed the program’s relevant documentation between 2000 and 2004. (Government Executive, 9/21/05) Though 6 people associated with the Able Danger program all claim Atta was identified, and 4 claim they saw a chart with Atta’s name and photo on it, (Fox News, 9/16/05, U.S. Congress, 9/21/05) the 9/11 Commissioners say that with no documentary evidence, they find the story unreliable. (Kean-Hamilton Statement, 8/12/05) The Commissioners still assert that no one in government knew who Atta was before the attacks. The day before hearings were scheduled in Congress, former members of Able Danger were ordered by the Department of Defense not to testify publicly. (UPI, 9/21/05) After pressure from nearly half of Congress, 3 prominent witnesses were finally allowed to testify publicly in a second set of hearings 5 months later. (Sacramento Bee, 11/24/05, 2/15/06) In his brief open testimony, Able Danger member Lt. Col. Anthony Shaffer affirmed under oath that he had personally informed 9/11 Commission Executive Director Philip Zelinkow of the Able Danger findings before the Commission’s report was issued. (C-SPAN, 2/14/06) But Able Danger is not mentioned anywhere in the Commission’s final report.
- No detailed information regarding the war game exercises in operation on 9/11 during the attacks has been released. While media coverage has been scant, various press reports and military websites suggest that 4 or more war games were in operation, and that they may have included *live-fly hijack scenarios, false radar blips inserted directly onto radar screens, and the diversion of fighter jets to Northern Canada*. (Michael Ruppert, *Crossing The Rubicon*, Chapter 19) Because almost no one in the government will talk about them, it is impossible to know how these various games affected the military response. At one point Jane Garvey, head of the FAA, claimed controllers were responding to 11 possible hijackings. (Richard Clarke, *Against All Enemies*, p.4) Surely, one must understand how these exercises interfaced with the attacks to have a full understanding of the events of that day. Yet The 9/11 Commission Report only mentions one war game in one endnote, (9/11 Commission Report, 7/22/04, p.458) and treats the others like they don’t exist. Attempts by Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney and others to get information about the games remain unsuccessful.

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gunsandbutter.net (Listen to interviews with leading independent 911 researchers) 911sharethetruth.com (for books, video, other material)

Go to Cooperative_research.org to view [The Complete 9/11 Timeline with links to many of the articles cited](#)

Recommended Books: *The Terror Timeline* by Paul Thompson *The War on Truth* by Nafeez Ahmed *The New Pearl Harbor and The 9/11 Commission Report: Omissions and Distortions* by David Ray Griffin *Crossing the Rubicon* by Michael Ruppert

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