



# 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, 16 people at New York's Air Traffic Control Center, including 6 controllers who dealt with 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 government released flight control transcripts for the hijacked flights. But they failed to release transcripts for flight 93 altogether. Whole sections were missing from other flights. And parts of the official story fail to show up in the transcripts that were released. (New York Times, 10/16/01)
- Initial reports on September 11<sup>th</sup> said that fighter jets had been scrambled from Andrews Air Force Base, about 10 miles (2 minutes fly time) from the Pentagon. (NBC Nightly News, 9/11/01; San Diego Union Tribune, 9/12/01) Later this claim was denied. The Andrews AFB website described its mission as "to provide combat units in the highest possible state of readiness." Sometime between April and September 13<sup>th</sup> 2001 the website was changed to read that its "vision" is to "provide peacetime command and control and administrative mission oversight to support customers... in achieving the highest levels of readiness." (DCANG Home Page) The original website is archived and a link can be found at cooperativeresearch.org, the Complete 9-11 Timeline. (search "DCANG")
- 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. Problem: In October of 2004, The Philadelphia Daily News printed a shocking 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)
- The 4 black boxes from the other crash sites were recovered, yet none of the contents has been released publicly to date. In the case of the Pentagon, FBI director Mueller asserts that the boxes have no useful information. (CBS, 2/23/02) In the case of flight 93 (which crashed in Pennsylvania), after intense pressure from victims' relatives the FBI finally agreed to one private playing of the tape. However, relatives had to agree not to divulge what they'd heard. (Guardian, 4/19/02) The voice recorder 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)
- 2 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) the other on top of a nearby hotel. (Gertz File, 9/21/01) To date, the only video released from this event are 5 sketchy frames from a Pentagon security camera.
- The official Pentagon study assessing the structural effect of the crash at the Pentagon was completed in July 2002, but has not been released, though it would be of use to architects and engineers. (New York Times, 11/5/02)
- In the week after the attacks several media reported that some of the hijackers may have received flight training at secure US military installations. (New York Times, 9/15/01; Newsweek, 9/15/01) The Air Force denies this, claiming it was different people with the same names. (Washington Post, 9/16/01) However, no proof was ever given that these weren't the hijackers, and attempts by independent journalists to confirm or refute the reports have been blocked.
- Immediately after the attacks the FBI confiscated all the police files on the Florida flight schools where some of the alleged hijackers, including 3 of the 4 pilots, had received training. According to a local law officer, they loaded the files into two Ryder trucks, drove them onto a C-130 military cargo plane, and the plane took off for Washington with Florida Governor Jeb Bush aboard. The files have not been seen since. (Daniel Hopsicker, *Welcome to Terrorland*, p. 31)

- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) investigators of the World Trade Center (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 four-day walk through tour. They were not able to obtain detailed blueprints of the buildings that collapsed! (New York Times, 12/25/01) These blueprints still haven't been made public, though one would think that understanding the nature of 3 of the worst and most mysterious structural failures in history would be essential for architects to keep it from happening again.
- The wreckage from the 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, fit for the scrap heap, 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](http://www.securitysolutions.com/mag/security_gps_job_massive/index.html))
- Though crime scene protocol was not followed at the World Trade Center (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 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. Multiple 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. These witnesses were not interviewed by the 9/11 Commission. (Eye-witness reports of explosions can be found at [911truth.org](http://911truth.org). 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](http://graphics8.nytimes.com/packages/html/nyregion/20050812_WTC_GRAPHIC/met_WTC_histories_full_01.html). To view footage of firemen's eyewitness account go to: <http://911research.wtc7.net/wtc/evidence/videos/index.html>)
- 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 mysteriously collapsed symmetrically into its footprint at near free-fall speed at 5:20 pm on September 11th. (National Law Journal, 9/17/01) The Commission's final Report does not mention WTC 7. (To see footage of the collapse, go to [wtc7.net](http://wtc7.net))
- Memos and instructions have been given to airline employees, air traffic controllers, firefighters, FBI, FEMA investigators, and victims' relatives (in the case of the flight 93 voice recordings) not to discuss publicly the events of that day.
- Members of a military intelligence unit called Able Danger claim that they had identified 4 of the alleged 9/11 hijackers, including Mohammed Atta, over a year before the attacks. They were blocked from sharing their information with the FBI. (New York Times, 8/9/05) And 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 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) the 9/11 Commissioners say that with no documentary evidence, they find their story unreliable. (Kean-Hamilton Statement, 8/12/05) Commissioner Slade Gordon claims, "it just didn't happen," (Fox News, 9/16/05) and the Commissioners still assert that no one in government knew who Atta was before the attacks. Former members of Able Danger have been ordered by the D.O.D. not to testify in open hearings on the program. (UPI, 9/21/05) Able Danger is not mentioned anywhere in the Commission's final report.
- No detailed information regarding the multiple war game exercises in operation on September 11 has been released. While media coverage has been scant, various press reports and military websites suggest that there were as many as six war games in operation, and that they may have included *live-fly hijack scenarios*, *the deployment of fighters to northern Canada and Alaska*, *false radar blips inserted directly onto radar screens*, (Michael Ruppert, *Crossing The Rubicon*, Chapter 19) and, through an annual nuclear "Armageddon" exercise called Global Guardian, *attacks on military computer networks*, and the "war dialing" of the Strategic Command Center to tie up phones and faxes. (Inewsletter, 9/98) 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*, pp. 4-5) 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 footnote, (9/11 Commission Report, 5/19/04, 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. (Interestingly, Global Guardian had traditionally been held in Oct-Nov each year, and was scheduled for Oct. of 2001. But sometime after March it must have been rescheduled for early September. (Space Observer, 3/21/01, pp2)

#### Recommended Websites:

[911citizenswatch.org](http://911citizenswatch.org)   [911truth.org](http://911truth.org)   [wtc7.net](http://wtc7.net)  
[communitycurrency.org](http://communitycurrency.org) (for upcoming SF Bay Area events)

#### 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

**Go to [cooperativeresearch.org](http://cooperativeresearch.org) to view The Complete 9/11 Timeline with links to many of the articles cited.**

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