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... a conspiracy “theory”

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It's now been 16 years since the Twin Towers (and their half-size cousin, Building 7) collapsed into a heap of rubble, and 24 years since the first attempt to bring them down. And despite plenty of interest on the part of the general public to have an *honest* investigation into the whole affair, the government continues its refusal to conduct any such investigation. Instead it considers the 9/11 Commission Report to be the final word on the subject, and characterizes anybody who believes otherwise as crazy conspiracy theorists. Of course, this is a classic case of the pot calling the kettle black, since the government's own explanation of the terror attack of September 11, 2001 involves quite a large conspiracy.

CONSPIRACY. ... Conspiracy is a consultation or agreement between *two or more persons*, either falsely to accuse another of a crime punishable by law; or *wrongfully to injure* or prejudice a third person, or *any body of men, in any manner*; or to *commit any offense punishable by law*; or to do any act with intent to *prevent the course of justice*; or to effect a legal purpose with a corrupt intent, or by improper means.¹

As you can see from this definition, any time at least two people cooperate in any criminal offense, there exists a conspiracy. Therefore, the government's proclamation that 19 men acted in concert to hijack airplanes and fly them into buildings is a grand conspiracy involving a mul-

titude of crimes. So the big question is not whether or not there existed a conspiracy in the 9/11 attacks — obviously one person can't hijack four planes at the same time — but what was the full extent of the conspiracy?

If every aspect of every crime that was committed that day was conceived, planned, prepared, executed and financed by the 19 men alleged by the government to have been a part of the operation, and by them only, then their conspiracy is complete, and the perpetrators will receive no earthly justice for their deeds, and the victims and their families will likewise receive no earthly justice for the grievous harm

done to them and their loved ones. This is basically the position of the government on the whole affair. The killers are dead, and so there's no need to look any further into the situation, except insofar as to determine what further oppressions must be visited on the American people 'to prevent another similar incident.'

However, if *any other person* was involved — by donating even the smallest amount of money to finance the operation, or by helping to plan any aspect of the operation — then justice could still be served, by prosecuting all such co-conspirators for the entirety of the crimes committed. This is why a proper and thorough investigation is still necessary, because the magnitude of this criminal conspiracy makes it extremely likely that many others were involved behind the scenes. And unless those criminal cohorts are brought to account for their involvement in the plot that resulted in the deaths of thousands of people, then true justice will never be done.

Wheel within a wheel

The definition above is from the first edition of *Black's Law Dictionary*, but in the eighth edition, a particular kind of conspiracy has been added.

WHEEL CONSPIRACY. A conspiracy in which a single member or group (the “hub”) separately agrees with two or more other members or groups (the “spokes”). *The person or group at the hub is the only party liable for all the conspiracies.* — Also termed circle conspiracy; hub-and-spoke conspiracy.²

1. *Black's Law Dictionary*, 1st Edition (1891). Emphases added and internal citations omitted throughout unless otherwise noted.

2. *Black's Law Dictionary*, 8th Edition (2004).

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Notice that a *wheel conspiracy* is not just a single conspiracy, but multiple conspiracies, all wrapped up together into one. In this type of conspiracy, the hub orchestrates the actions of the spokes, and those spokes are not necessarily cognizant of the other spokes, and perhaps not even about the hub itself. The spokes of the wheel are manipulated like puppets on a string, by the grand puppeteers — the hub of the conspiracy. But it's possible that one or more of the spoke conspiracies could also be a wheel conspiracy! That is, it might itself be the hub of another orbit of conspiracies, like a dream within a dream. And also consider that the hub doesn't necessarily initiate the conspiracies of the spokes, it merely needs to orchestrate that which is already in the works.

This brings us back to the grand conspiracy of the September 11 attacks. To my mind, it's a perfect illustration of a wheel conspiracy, with the hijacking of the airliners being merely one of the spoke conspiracies. But, at the same time, another important spoke in this grand scheme was the manipulation of public perception, official investigations, etc., to eliminate any recognition that the hijacking was only a spoke, so as to insulate the hub from exposure. Thus, the official story reinforces the simplified conspiracy theory — that the 19 dead terrorists were the only ones involved — so no further examination is warranted or desired. This serves to sever the spoke from the hub, and so the hub remains undiscovered.

Long-range planning

With these preliminaries out of the way, I'm going to offer my own theory on what might have happened leading up to that fateful day in 2001. I'll tell you right up front that I have no proof for any of this, nor any practical way to obtain it. I offer it only as a spur to your own thinking about the attacks and their aftermath. Perhaps my perspective

(even if it turns out to be wrong) will be the spark that leads you to some new understanding. Or if nothing else, it could serve as a good example of red flags to help you avoid tin-foil-hat-wearing conspiracy nuts in the future.

Although technically, a wheel conspiracy consists of spoke and hub conspiracies, one feature of my theory is that some spokes were not

American Airlines Flight 11 suspects (World Trade Center)

Satam M. Al Suqami, Abdulaziz Alomari, Waleed M. Alshehri, Wail M. Alshehri, Mohamed Atta

United Airlines Flight 175 suspects (World Trade Center)

Marwan Al-Shehhi, Ahmed Alghamdi, Mohamed Alshehri, Hamza Alghamdi, Faysz Rashid Ahmed Hassan Al Qadi Banihammad

American Airlines Flight 77 suspects (Pentagon)

Khalid Almudhar, Majed Moqed, Waf Alhazmi, Salem Alhazmi, Hani Hanjour

United Airlines Flight 93 suspects (Pennsylvania)

Saeed Alghamdi, Ahmad Alhazmi A. Alhazmi, Ahmed Alnami, Ziad Samir Jarrah

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Hijack 'suspects' alive and well

A man called Waleed Al Shehri says he left the US a year ago

Another of the men named by the FBI as a hijacker in the suicide attacks on Washington and New York has turned up alive and well.

The identities of four of the 19 suspects accused of having carried out the attacks are now in doubt.

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Even some of the official conspiracy's alleged suspects — the 19 hijackers — are likely false. By September 23, 2001, BBC News stated that the identities of four were already in doubt; Waleed Al Shehri, for example, was reported alive and had allegedly "left the US" a year before.

necessarily criminal conspiracies *per se*. Rather, they were just events that were manipulated by the hub in furtherance of its plans. One example which I will discuss later is the air traffic control response to the hijackings — individual ATC operators were not co-conspirators, but were simply manipulated into taking actions that helped the plot succeed. So, that being said, here goes.

It's a known fact that for decades the government, through its COINTEL program (and probably many more programs just like it), infiltrated groups that it considered subversive. The *agents provocateur* who infiltrate such groups operate on several levels. First, they provide inside information about the group back to their handlers; information such as the identity of members (including who the leaders are, and any exploitable rifts between members), what they are planning, where they meet, and how they communicate among themselves. Second, they exert influence into the operation of the group — perhaps even rising to leadership positions — which ultimately converts the group into an unwitting (shadow) government asset.³ These groups can then be used in any number of ways, without the group members ever realizing that they are actually carrying out the will of the government which they outwardly oppose! And this is not a one-shot deal. These subverted groups are like money in the bank; a rainy day fund of dupes for whenever they are needed.

We have some planes ...

At the center of the whole 9/11 plot was the hijacking of the four airliners by 19 men wielding box-cutters (by which I presume is meant retractable blade utility knives) and perhaps Mace. And yet, in my theory, this isn't the *hub* conspiracy, it is merely one of the spokes! But of course, there's no disputing that it was indeed a conspiracy. And it was also a very extensive one, which undoubtedly required an

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3. With the all-pervasive surveillance now inflicted upon every one of us, tons of information can now be gathered without even having to go to the trouble of sending an actual person to infiltrate a target group. But the second aspect of the infiltration is the more important one in the long run.

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enormous amount of planning and preparation. Now, the first thing to think about is whether or not all of this planning was done by way of face-to-face meetings. Because if not, then the presumption should be that any number of domestic and foreign spy agencies (who also engage in wholesale surveillance) were aware of the plot. In any case, the government has admitted that at least one of the hijackers was roommates with an FBI agent for a period of time. So, the first prong of my theory is that the shadow government knew there was a group planning to hijack one or more planes, and managed to introduce one or more agents provocateur into the situation.

Through the influence of such infiltrators (or one or more of the dupes described above), the original group is manipulated into expanding the plot into a literal grand slam of hijacking — four planes into four buildings. In the course of the planning, the same channels of influence inject details into the mix, ultimately helping guide (or at least always monitoring) the selection of dates, times, flights, destinations, etc. to those which serve the goals of the hub conspirators. In this way the hub controls the spoke without the spoke being aware of it. Once the major decisions are made, and preparations for the mission begin (such as flight lessons and other training), the hub can work on other spokes, some of which are meant to secure the success of the hijacking spoke.

Playing games

One such spoke is the war game exercises. It was admitted that a number of exercises were taking place on September 11, 2001, at least one of which involved the simulated hijacking of airliners. Talk about coincidences! And even though it was claimed by the military that their participation in these war games *improved* their performance on that day, the fact remains that three out of four hijacked planes made it to their destination, which can only mean that without the gaming, all four planes would have found their targets. The truth is that the simultaneous simulation and real-life hijackings introduced confusion into the situation, which negatively impacted the response to the real thing.

One aspect of that confusion concerns the nature of radar simulations. I once tested the radar systems used

by our commercial aviation system, and part of those tests was verifying that the radar receiver could pick up targets, and correctly identify their positions, and other relevant information. But because there was no way for the systems to receive actual target signals at that stage of the test, those targets were simulated — that is, they were generated by computer, and injected into the receiver. Once injected, the simulated targets were — to the radar system — exactly like a real target. They appeared on the air traffic control screen just like any plane would (as a blip with identifying information). It took a few minutes for the injected targets to first appear on the screen, and the same for them to disappear when you shut down the simulation.

Another aspect of the radar systems is called *Identification Friend or Foe* (IFF) which is the formal name for the *transponders* which the hijackers turned off when they took control of the planes. The radar system transmits a signal out, and when it hits a plane, that signal is reflected back to the system. This “primary return” pro-

duces a blip on the ATC screen. At the same time, the transponders send back a separate signal which gives flight number and altitude information. This is the “friend” portion of IFF; if no transponder signal is received, the plane is by default a “foe.” So, turning off the transponders doesn’t make the plane’s blip disappear from the screen, it just makes the flight and altitude info disappear.

Injections of confusion

Now for a simulated hijacking war game, you need to have a hijacked plane. So you can either use a real plane and pretend it’s been snagged, or you can inject a simulated plane. The advantage to the simulated plane is that you can make it do pretty much whatever you want, while the real plane would simply continue on its normal course. So, let us imagine for a moment a hijack simulation that is actively injecting *phantom* hijacked planes (complete with identifying info) onto ATC screens while *at the exact same time*, real planes are being hijacked and their identifying info is being removed from the screens. Is it possible that such a scenario could cause confusion in the minds of radar operators as to which plane is which? Might planes that have already crashed into buildings appear to still be flying at some other location? Is it possible that, unbeknownst to the official in charge of the war games, multiple simulations were running at the same time, such that even when the primary one was shut down by him



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DOUBLE JEOPARDY *Editor's Note: Last month, we anticipated publishing an article on double jeopardy in this edition of the Liberty Tree. Lord willing, that article will run in just a couple months from now. So stay tuned!*

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(thus making its fake targets disappear), other ones were left running, thereby ensuring continued confusion?

With all this in mind then, the next prong of my theory is that the hub conspirators manipulated events so that not only would the actual hijackings and the war game hijackings occur at the same time, but so that the simulations would purposely confuse and hamper any effective response to the real ones. As I mentioned above, this spoke, while not necessarily a criminal conspiracy itself,⁴ is indeed a part of the criminal hub conspiracy, by making the hijacking spoke more likely to succeed.

If you want something done right ...

As mentioned above, in early 1993 a group of criminal conspirators planned on setting off a bomb in the parking garage of one of the World Trade towers, hoping to make it fall onto the other tower, thereby bringing them both down — a terrorist two-for-one deal. One of the conspirators contacted the FBI, which passed on the opportunity to substitute non-explosives for the explosives to be used in the assembly of the bomb. The result of this missed opportunity was an *actual* bomb in a truck parked in the garage beneath the tower. However, the truck was parked too far from where it was meant to be, and while it killed six people and injured about 1,000 more, the bomb did not do enough damage to collapse the building.

Yet, even though this bombing was a failure for the terrorists, it seems to have served as an important learning opportunity. When the shadow government wanted to generate some home-grown terrorism to blame on anti-government types, the Alfred P. Murrah federal building in Oklahoma City was chosen for annihilation. Having apparently learned the unreliability of truck bombs in leveling whole buildings, explosive charges were planted *inside* the Murrah building to supplement Timothy McVeigh's fertilizer bomb in the rental truck parked at the curb.⁵ If not for the failure of some of those bombs to detonate, the building would have been completely demolished, and there would have remained no evidence of the explosives planted inside.

Of course, this raises an important question: If enough explosives to completely level a building could be hidden inside of it, even while it was occupied by federal government agencies (including the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms — and later, *Explosives!*), then why bother exploding a truck bomb outside? Surely, if the conspirators' ultimate goal was to simply demolish the building, the inside bombs would

4. Of course, this would be true only if those in charge of the war games were unaware that the ultimate purpose of the games was to sow confusion.

5. Live coverage by Oklahoma City news crews documented the finding of additional *unexploded* bombs in the building, requiring multiple evacuations during rescue operations in order to remove them.

eliminate any purpose for the outside bomb. And yet there were *both*. This fact is a clue to the existence of the same sort of wheel conspiracy we've been looking at with respect to the 9/11 attacks. The spoke conspiracy doesn't need the hub; the hub conspiracy needs the spoke, so the blame can be directed away from itself. After all, without the truck bomb outside, who would ever believe that it was anti-government crazies that brought the building down? And that's the bottom line. The truck bomb is nothing but a decoy, to hide the real cause of the destruction, so the blame can be laid at the feet of whatever terrorist-of-the-moment the hub chooses. And since it's just a decoy, the success of the operation is removed from the hands of the patsy, and rests instead in the hands of the hub conspirators.

If you're starting to notice a pattern developing here ... well, you just might be a wacky conspiracy theorist. If so, you'll want to keep your tin foil hats close by folks, because I'll be back to continue this tale in the next edition of Liberty Tree.



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