

the middle of the Anacostia River.

This nest of Democrats, linked to Gore and bankrolled by Lazard/Katharine Graham, have aligned themselves with the Bush/Lott Republicans, to wreck the health care delivery system in the nation's capital, a crime for which, LaRouche vowed, they will be held accountable.

D.C. General Hospital

A Matter of Life and Death for All Americans

The following is a "Fraternal Letter to the City Council of Washington, D.C.," from the Mayor and City Council of Camden, New Jersey, released on June 8.

Greetings to the City Council of Washington, D.C.

We, the Mayor and City Council of Camden, New Jersey, have watched carefully the fight you are involved in in Washington, D.C. to keep open the only public hospital in our nation's capital—D.C. General Hospital. The question of access to health care by the poor is a matter of life and death in cities around America. Your fight for conscience and responsibility in defending the health of your citizens in our national capital is a lesson to us all. Attached is a copy of the resolution we passed here in Camden, supporting the fight for D.C. General Hospital.

There is another essential issue that connects our concern with yours.

We note that your unanimous decision to keep D.C. General open as a full-service, fully funded hospital was overruled by an unelected Financial Control Board. Our City Council in Camden is currently in an unprecedented fight to defend the constitutional right to self-government—and the right of elected governments to retain their power against the "stealth dictatorship" of private, financially motivated groups. In this question, as well, we are very concerned with your fight in Washington, D.C. If the elected government in our nation's capital cannot act for the General Welfare of its citizens—because they have been stripped of their power to do so—then the Constitution has been destroyed for us all.

Camden has also been under the control of a financial control board for several years. However, this month, a bill was revived in the New Jersey State Legislature to put our city under the total control of an unelected body. This bill, S2499, would offer our city some money—to be distributed to various groups, to secure their allegiance and to gentrify our city—in exchange for our ceding all powers of elected government to a "chief operating officer" appointed by the

state. The administration of our city, according to this bill, would be turned over to the Delaware River Port Authority—a business group that operated between New Jersey and Pennsylvania, with the oversight of a state-appointed judge as "special master." Whoever heard of a city being administered by an appointed officer, a River Port Authority, and a judge?

There are many entities involved in concocting such scenarios. Reference has been made here to the "Urban Institute." We understand that the Urban Institute has connections to your D.C. Agenda, which we understand has played a major role in the move to shut down D.C. General Hospital. We also understand that Katharine Graham of the *Washington Post* is the vice president of the Urban Institute. Thus, we see that both your city and ours are being threatened from the same quarters. There are many other similarities in these attempts.

Today, our City Council and Mayor held a rally soundly rejecting this neo-colonial move to disenfranchise our citizens. We will never surrender on this point—history will not allow us to do so. . . . We are counting on you to take this fight to the U.S. Congress, in hopes of securing a Congressional Briefing on these threats to elected government. We firmly support the Congressional resolution to keep D.C. General Hospital open and healthy.

We are, again, in full solidarity with your City Council in this fight—realizing that what you do affects us all.

Best wishes to our brothers and sisters in Washington, D.C.

Towards a more perfect union,
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The U.S. Embassy Bombings

What the FBI Knew or Should Have Known

On May 29, four so-called Islamist terrorists, Wadih El-Hage, Mohammed Sadeek Odeh, Mohamed Rashed Al-Owahli, and Khalfan Khamis Mohamed, were convicted in a Manhattan Federal court of conspiring with Osama bin Laden, the leader of the Al-Qaeda terrorist organization, and 17 co-defendants, to kill American nationals outside of the United States. That case is related to the bombing of the U.S. Embassies in Kenya and Tanzania on Aug. 8, 1998. Three others, Khalid Al-Fawwaz, Ibrahim Eidarous, and Adel Abdel Bari, are waiting to be extradited from Britain, but the British Supreme Court has refused to allow it, pending their appeals.

The defendants, as the trial has shown, were obviously

involved, directly or indirectly, in the act.

But, as the trial has also shown, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the U.S. State Department, and other American and British intelligence organs have supported, abetted, monitored, or simply turned a blind eye on the acts committed by these so-called Islamist terrorists for many years. The standard that should be applied by the U.S. Congress and people to get at the truth about this whole episode, is that the FBI and the other government authorities “knew or should have known” that this was going to happen. Accusing Sudan of masterminding the terrorist act, and the U.S. retaliatory bombing of the Al-Shifa pharmaceutical factory Khar-toum, on Aug. 20, 1998, was an even bigger cover-up.

The conclusion that could be drawn is one of two: Either the FBI is completely incompetent, in which case it should never be given the task of protecting the safety of American citizens; or, it is performing a certain criminal role for the benefit of the geopolitical objectives of the ruling Anglo-American oligarchy, and therefore should be cleaned up.

As *EIR* reported in “Tapes Show FBI Failed to Stop World Trade Center Bombing,” (Nov. 12, 1993), FBI agents were informed of the terrorist plan for the Feb. 26, 1993 World Trade Center bombing in New York, but did nothing to stop it. Even if it is not yet proven that the FBI had actual knowledge of the plans to bomb the U.S. Embassies in East Africa, nevertheless, the Bureau had a thorough knowledge of the groups’ members and their activities.

The trial proceedings show that the FBI had been following and monitoring the activities of the East Africa cell of bin Laden’s Al-Qaeda organization, at least since late Summer 1996, two full years before the bombings. For example, FBI agents raided El-Hage’s apartment in Nairobi on Aug. 21, 1997 (one full year before the bombings), and confiscated valuable information stored in a computer, address books, and other documents. He testified a few days later, before a grand jury in New York, in a case related to the World Trade Center bombing. Prosecutors claim that because El-Hage “lied” about his relationship to members of Al-Qaeda, he “misled” the FBI and the U.S. government on the nature of Al-Qaeda’s activities in East Africa, causing the fatal terrorist acts a year later.

The government’s main witness in the trial, Jamal Ahmed Al-Fadhil, defected from Al-Qaeda in 1996 and started providing information to the U.S. State Department, and later to the FBI, no later than September 1996. He allegedly provided the U.S. government with the names of hundreds of members of the organization. The FBI had information about the location, business activities, political organizing and recruitment, and other private information about many of the people who were later accused of the “conspiracy.”

An Anglo-American Frankenstein’s Monster

Furthermore, this network of terrorists is the very same network, well known to U.S. authorities, of Islamists who were allegedly behind the World Trade Center bombing, and

the murders of Jewish Defense League terrorist Meir Kahane, and Muslim American nationals. The network emerged from the “Afghan jihad” fundraising and recruitment based in Brooklyn’s Al-Farouq Mosque. These activities were completely sanctioned by the U.S. authorities. This one fascinating fact among many was stated clearly and fairly in the “stipulation” made by the court on the trial’s fifth day, Feb. 14, 2001. Points of the stipulation read as follows: “6. From shortly after the start of the Soviet invasion in Afghanistan in 1979, through September 1991, the United States, through one of its intelligence agencies, provided economic and military support to the Afghan mujahideen through a third country intermediary. 7. Beginning in 1987 the American military support to the Afghan mujahideen included Stinger anti-aircraft missiles. The parties have so stipulated, and, as I [District Judge Leonard B. Sand] said, those are facts which are not disputed and are in evidence before you.”

Many of the leading members of Al-Qaeda were in the United States, either for training, or to recruit and raise funds for the mujahideen. Many of the the defendants and some of the witnesses worked, at one time or another, in the Brooklyn mosque between 1979 and 1993. The Al-Farouq Mosque was officially part of the Maktab Al-Khidmat (Services Office) in Peshawar, Pakistan, on the Afghan border. This office was run by Abdallah Azzam, who visited the United States often in the 1980s, and by Osama bin Laden. It was the center for the so-called Arab “Afghansis,” volunteers from Arab countries, the United States, and Europe, to fight against the Soviets. After the Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan in 1989, these groups were re-deployed to Arab countries, where they wreaked havoc. Some of them returned to the United States or regrouped in London and other European countries. The Anglo-American scenario for the “clash of civilizations,” had just become post-Cold War policy, providing prospective new employment for these assets.

In a sense, it was convenient for the FBI to use some of its agents in New York, who were involved in the investigation of the Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman network before and after the World Trade Center bombing, to investigate the bombing of the U.S. embassies. More importantly, the breathtaking speed with which this network was busted—in a matter of days after the embassy bombings—can only indicate that their whereabouts and movements were already well known to U.S. law enforcement authorities. Actually, some of the defendants were already sitting ducks in Britain and the United States.

Although, more could be said about this fascinating case, the point to be emphasized here, is that a thorough investigation of this decades-long dirty side of Anglo-American geopolitics and its catastrophic implications for the United States and other nations, is necessary and timely now. This trial of these used-up assets should merely be the beginning of it. If the peace and safety of the citizens of these nations are to be preserved, a real cleanup must be conducted at the highest levels of the Anglo-American security and intelligence organs, starting with the FBI.