

**BEFORE THE  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
AND THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

**PETITION TO REPORT FEDERAL CRIMES CONCERNING 9/11  
TO SPECIAL GRAND JURY OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE TO GRAND JURY  
PURSUANT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION  
AND 18 U.S.C. § 3332(a)**

**BY  
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## **I. PRELIMINARY STATEMENT.**

The City of New York has issued over 2,700 death certificates related to the attacks on the World Trade Center on 9/11.<sup>1</sup> In addition to the murder of over 2,000 innocent civilians, hundreds of First Responders were also murdered on 9/11 while selflessly attempting to save others.<sup>2</sup> Many more First Responders have died subsequent to 9/11 as a result of their exposure to toxic and corrosive air contaminants at Ground Zero while participating in heroic rescue and recovery work. This Petition presents evidence heretofore ignored by federal authorities that the World Trade Center (WTC) Twin Towers (WTC1 and WTC2) and WTC Building 7 (WTC7) collapsed on 9/11 due to the detonation of pre-planted explosives and/or incendiaries. This Petition is intended to renew the investigation into these murders, raise awareness, bring truth to light and hold everyone responsible to account.

Overwhelming evidence presented here demonstrates that pre-planted explosives and/or incendiaries – not just airplanes or fires – destroyed three steel-framed World Trade Center buildings that day in New York City and killed so many of these people. By law, the Department of Justice through the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York must present this evidence to a grand jury. Justice for these victims requires nothing less and the soul of our nation commands it.

Pursuant to federal law, including the First Amendment to the United States Constitution and 18 U.S.C. § 3332(a), the Lawyers' Committee for 9/11 Inquiry, Inc. (Lawyers' Committee), a non-profit organization, and the additional signatories hereto which include some 9/11 family members and survivors, hereby petition the United States Attorney for the Southern District of

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<sup>1</sup> CDC, Morbidity and Mortality Report, September 11, 2002 at <https://wonder.cdc.gov/wonder/help/cmfd/deaths%20in%20world%20trade%20center%20terrorist%20attacks%20---%20new%20york%20city.%202001.htm>

<sup>2</sup> [Exhibit 07](#) pages 179-92.

New York and the United States Department of Justice (“DOJ”) to present the facts and evidence stated herein and attached hereto to a special federal grand jury or, in the alternative that presentation to a special grand jury is not feasible, to a federal grand jury. The facts and evidence presented here and in the accompanying exhibits concern federal crimes committed within the Southern District of New York on September 11, 2001 (9/11), and in the months leading up to 9/11, related to the attacks on the World Trade Center (WTC).

This Petition is presented to the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) because the victims of 9/11, their families, the people of the City of New York, and our nation deserve that every crime related to the 9/11 attacks be investigated to the fullest, and that every person who was responsible face justice. The DOJ has a duty to present the information contained in this Petition to a special grand jury pursuant to federal statute. A special grand jury or, in the alternative, a grand jury, once convened, have the power and duty to investigate the facts and evidence presented herein, wherever the evidence may lead. This is the least that the people we lost that day deserve. The most worthy memorial we can provide for those who died on 9/11, and for those who died as a result of the events of 9/11, including many First Responders, is discovery and public disclosure of the full truth.

**II. A FEDERAL GRAND JURY HAS BROAD POWERS TO INVESTIGATE THE FEDERAL CRIMES OF 9/11.**

Both a grand jury and a special grand jury, in the Southern District of New York as in other federal jurisdictions, have broad powers to investigate any federal crime committed by anyone, including federal crimes committed on or related to 9/11. According to federal law, it is the “duty” of a special grand jury “to inquire into offenses” that violate “the criminal laws of the

United States.”<sup>3</sup> If any crime ever warranted a full special grand jury inquiry, the mass murder of thousands on our nation’s soil on 9/11 clearly does.

It is well-established by the courts and our federal law that both a grand jury and a special grand jury have the power to investigate crimes and the power to return and present an indictment for signature and prosecution by the United States Attorney.<sup>4</sup> Indeed, the United States Supreme Court has decided that “[t]he investigative power of the grand jury is necessarily broad if its public responsibility is adequately to be discharged.”<sup>5</sup> Historically, the special grand jury, which initially was primarily focused on organized crime issues, has been viewed, by some courts at least, as having a broader power to investigate government misconduct that might not rise to the level of a felony and to issue public reports on its findings, but some courts consider the regular grand jury to have virtually equal investigative powers. It is difficult for the Lawyers’ Committee to imagine a more profound public responsibility for a grand jury to discharge than that of investigating and initiating the prosecution of the crimes of 9/11.

In order to achieve its mandate, a grand jury “necessarily holds broad powers of inquiry into any conduct possibly violating federal criminal laws.”<sup>6</sup> A grand jury also holds “broad power” over the “charges it returns.”<sup>7</sup> The “investigation of crime by the grand jury” is “fundamental” to secure the safety of persons and property of all citizens.<sup>8</sup> In the context of 9/11

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<sup>3</sup> 18 U.S.C. § 3332(a): “(a) It shall be the duty of each such [special] grand jury impaneled within any judicial district to inquire into offenses against the criminal laws of the United States alleged to have been committed within that district.”

<sup>4</sup> See, e.g., *U.S. v. Cecerrelli*, 350 F. Supp. 475, 479 (W.D. Pa. 1975). See also, 1970 U.S. Code Cong. and Adm. News, p. 4007 et seq.; *U.S. v. Forsythe*, 429 F. Supp. 715, 730 (W.D. Pa. 1977) (“any duly constituted federal grand jury can validly return a conventional indictment for violation of any provision of the federal criminal law”), rev’d on other grounds, 560 F.2d 1127 (3d Cir. 1977).

<sup>5</sup> *Branzburg v. Hayes*, 408 U.S. 665, 700 (1972) (citing *Costello v. United States*, 350 U.S. 359, 364 (1956)).

<sup>6</sup> *In the Matter of Special 1975 Grand Jury*, 565 F.2d 407, 411 (7th Cir. 1977) (emphasis added) (citing *United States v. Bukowski*, 435 F.2d 1094, 1103 (7th Cir. 1970), cert. denied, 401 U.S. 911 (1970)).

<sup>7</sup> *In re Report and Recommendation of June 5, 1972 Grand Jury Concerning Transmission of Evidence to the House of Representatives*, 370 F. Supp. 1219, 1222 (D.D.C. 1974).

<sup>8</sup> *Branzburg v. Hayes*, 408 U.S. at 700.

and terrorism, an investigation by a grand jury is not only of fundamental importance, it is paramount.

The role of a grand jury is to determine “whether a crime has been committed and who committed it.”<sup>9</sup> This role is particularly suited to the investigation of the crimes of 9/11 when so many questions remain unanswered almost two decades later. A grand jury serves society’s interests the best when it conducts a “thorough and extensive investigation.”<sup>10</sup> According to the United States Supreme Court: “a grand jury investigation is not fully carried out until every available clue has been run down and all witnesses examined in every proper way to find if a crime has been committed.”<sup>11</sup> Furthermore, a grand jury’s investigation may arise from almost any evidence and “may be triggered by tips, rumors, evidence offered by the prosecutor, or the personal knowledge of the grand jurors.”<sup>12</sup> The evidence in this Petition goes well beyond rumor and innuendo. It includes forensic data, expert analysis, and eyewitness testimony from First Responders, WTC employees and by-standers who were on the scene at the time of the attacks.

Additionally, a grand jury “may act independently of any branch of government.”<sup>13</sup> A special grand jury may pursue an investigation on its own without the consent or participation of a prosecutor.<sup>14</sup> “Furthermore, the grand jury may insist that prosecutors prepare whatever accusations it deems appropriate and may return a draft indictment even though the government

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<sup>9</sup> *Branzburg v. Hayes*, 408 U.S. at 701.

<sup>10</sup> *Branzburg v. Hayes*, 408 U.S. at 701 (citing *Wood v. Georgia*, 370 U.S. 375, 392 (1962)).

<sup>11</sup> *Branzburg v. Hayes*, 408 U.S. at 701 (emphasis added) (citing *United States v. Stone*, 249 F.2d 138, 140 (2d Cir. 1970)).

<sup>12</sup> *Branzburg v. Hayes*, 408 U.S. at 701 (citing *Costello v. United States*, 350 U.S. 359, 362 (1956)).

<sup>13</sup> *In re Report and Recommendation of June 5, 1972 Grand Jury Concerning Transmission of Evidence to the House of Representatives*, 370 F. Supp. 1219, 1222 (D.D.C. 1974). The grand jury is a pre-constitutional institution given constitutional stature by the Fifth Amendment but not relegated by the Constitution to a position within any of the three branches of government, as the federal grand jury is a constitutional fixture in its own right. *U.S. v. Chanen*, 549 F.2d 1306, 1312 (9th Cir. 1977) quoting *Nixon v. Sirica*, 487 F.2d 700, 712 n.54 (D.C. Cir. 1973). Also see, *United States v. Williams*, 504 U.S. 36, 47 (1992).

<sup>14</sup> *In re Report and Recommendation of June 5, 1972 Grand Jury Concerning Transmission of Evidence to the House of Representatives*, 370 F. Supp. 1219, 1222 (D.D.C. 1974).

attorney refuses to sign it.”<sup>15</sup> This kind of investigatory independence is particularly important for crimes such as the crimes of 9/11 which have potentially significant financial, political, and national security implications.

For all these reasons, grand juries play a “fundamental role in our criminal justice system”<sup>16</sup> and have the broadest powers to investigate everything and indict anyone. Therefore, given the broad powers of the special grand jury and the grand jury and the paramount importance of the events of 9/11, any evidence of previously undiscovered and/or unprosecuted crimes related to the tragic events of 9/11 should be presented to a special grand jury, or in the alternative to a grand jury, to review, assess, investigate further and return indictments, if warranted.

### **III. CITIZENS HAVE A RIGHT TO REPORT POTENTIAL FEDERAL CRIMES ABOUT 9/11 TO A GRAND JURY.**

Allegations of crimes or “[a]lleged offenses” are usually brought to the attention of the grand jury by a court or by a federal prosecutor “appearing on behalf of the United States for the presentation of evidence” pursuant to federal statutory procedure.<sup>17</sup> However, citizens also have the right to petition their government for redress of grievances under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. This right encompasses the right to make a request to appear before a special grand jury or a grand jury and to report potential crimes via testimony directly to either, with the qualification that, pursuant to federal statute, a citizen may not attempt to influence the actions or decisions of any grand jury.<sup>18</sup> Citizens have the right as well to report information

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<sup>15</sup> *Id.*

<sup>16</sup> *Id.*

<sup>17</sup> “(a) ... Such alleged offenses may be brought to the attention of the grand jury by the court or by any attorney appearing on behalf of the United States for the presentation of evidence.” 18 U.S.C. § 3332(a).

<sup>18</sup> “Whoever attempts to influence the action or decision of any grand or petit juror of any court of the United States upon any issue or matter pending before such juror, or before the jury of which he is a member, or pertaining to his duties, by writing or sending to him any written communication, in relation to such issue or matter, shall be fined

regarding potential federal crimes to a United States Attorney and have this information relayed to a special grand jury.<sup>19</sup> The federal crimes and murder committed on 9/11 are no exception. Indeed, crimes so heinous as those committed on 9/11 behoove citizens to come forward with any information they possess in defense of their nation and liberty.

#### **IV. THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE MUST RELAY CITIZEN REPORTS OF FEDERAL CRIMES TO A GRAND JURY.**

A federal statute<sup>20</sup> requires any attorney appearing on behalf of the United States – whether a U.S. Attorney, Assistant U.S. Attorney, or a specially appointed federal prosecutor – who receives information concerning an alleged federal crime from any person, if requested by that person, to inform a special grand jury of:

- a. the alleged crime or offense;
- b. the identity of the person reporting the information; and
- c. the prosecutor’s action or recommendation.<sup>21</sup>

According to the federal courts, including the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, this federal law “creates a duty on the part of the United States Attorney,” and “remove[s] the prosecutor’s discretion in deciding whether to present information to the grand jury.”<sup>22</sup> The Department of Justice acting through the U.S. Attorney must, pursuant to federal statute, present the information provided in this Petition to a special grand jury. The DOJ’s duty

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under this title or imprisoned not more than six months, or both. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the communication of a request to appear before the grand jury.” 18 U.S.C. § 1504. Influencing juror by writing.

<sup>19</sup> 18 U.S.C. § 3332(a).

<sup>20</sup> *Id.*

<sup>21</sup> “Any such [United States] attorney receiving information [concerning such an alleged offense from any other person **shall, if requested by such other person, inform the grand jury of such alleged offense, the identity of such other person,** and such attorney's action or recommendation.” 18 U.S.C. § 3332(a) (emphasis added).

<sup>22</sup> *In re Grand Jury Application*, 617 F. Supp. 199, 201, 206 (S.D.N.Y. 1985); *Simpson v. Reno*, 902 F.Supp. 254, 257 (D.D.C. 1995) (“Plaintiffs are correct when they claim that 18 U.S.C. § 3332(a) requires a United States Attorney to present information concerning criminal activity to a special grand jury upon the request of an individual.”); cf. *Sargeant v. Dixon*, 130 F.3d 1067, 1070 (D.C. Cir. 1997).

to do so is a mandatory one by statute. But even if it were not mandatory, the scope, magnitude, and import of the crimes of 9/11 justify this information being presented to a special grand jury forthwith. No U.S. Attorney should ignore any information or evidence shedding light on the murder of thousands of people in New York City on 9/11. If ever there was a case for a U.S. Attorney to present to a grand jury, it is this one, where so much is at stake, and where anyone who had any involvement in these murders should be held fully accountable. The DOJ and the grand jury have a legal and a moral imperative to follow the evidence of 9/11 wherever it may lead.

**V. THE LAWYER'S COMMITTEE REPORTS THAT PRE-PLANTED EXPLOSIVES AND/OR INCENDIARIES WERE USED AT THE WTC ON 9/11 IN VIOLATION OF FEDERAL CRIMINAL LAWS.**

The Lawyers' Committee hereby reports and provides information regarding 9/11 related violations of the federal bombing statute,<sup>23</sup> and the related crimes of aiding and abetting, being an accessory to, and conspiring to commit a violation of that criminal statute. The crimes reported here involve bombings of places of public use and government facilities, in this case WTC1, WTC2, and WTC7, including government offices located in the WTC, by the use of pre-planted explosives and/or incendiaries.

**A. Federal Law Criminalizes Bombings of Places of Public Use and Government Facilities.**

Federal law prohibits bombing of places of public use and government facilities as follows:

(a) Offenses.

(1) In general. -- **Whoever unlawfully delivers, places, discharges, or detonates an explosive or other lethal device in, into, or against a place of public use, a**

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<sup>23</sup> 18 U.S.C. § 2332f.

state **or government facility**, a public transportation system, or an infrastructure facility --

**(A) with the intent to cause death or serious bodily injury, or**

**(B) with the intent to cause extensive destruction of such a place, facility, or system, where such destruction results in or is likely to result in major economic loss**, shall be punished as prescribed in subsection (c).<sup>24</sup>

Thus, anyone who places or detonates or ignites an explosive and/or incendiary device in a place used by the public or a government facility, with the intent to cause death, serious bodily injury or extensive destruction, is guilty of this crime.

The evidence presented in this Petition supports the conclusion that during the months preceding 9/11, in violation of the federal bombing statute,<sup>25</sup> explosive and/or incendiary devices were pre-planted at the WTC, and then on 9/11 these explosives and/or incendiaries were detonated and ignited causing the complete destruction of WTC1 and WTC2 and the Salomon Brothers Building (WTC Building 7). The detonation of these pre-planted explosive and/or incendiary devices on 9/11 at the WTC substantially contributed to the destruction of those three WTC buildings and their contents, and substantially increased the tragic loss of life that occurred on 9/11. The evidence presented below and in the accompanying exhibits permits no other conclusion -- as a matter of science, as a matter of logic, and as a matter of law. This evidence, which includes forensic and physical evidence, eyewitness testimony, and expert scientific analysis, deserves to be presented to and investigated by a special federal grand jury, or in the alternative a federal grand jury as soon as possible.

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<sup>24</sup> 18 U.S.C. § 2332f(a) (emphasis added).

<sup>25</sup> 18 U.S.C. § 2332f.

**B. Federal Law Criminalizes Aiding and Abetting, Accessories, and Conspirators of Federal Crimes.**

No perpetrator of the crimes addressed herein acted alone on 9/11. Upon reviewing the evidence described below, regarding the use of pre-planted high-tech explosives and/or incendiaries to destroy three steel-framed buildings on the same day as aircraft attacks on two of these three buildings, it will quickly become apparent that the federal crimes being reported in this Petition were not committed by a single person acting alone. Several persons must have acted in concert, i.e., there almost certainly must have been those who aided and abetted these crimes and those who planned and carried out these crimes together (i.e., co-conspirators).

Federal law provides for the prosecution of those who aid and abet the commission of federal crimes.

- (a) Whoever commits an offense against the United States or aids, abets, counsels, commands, induces or procures its commission, is punishable as a principal.
- (b) Whoever willfully causes an act to be done which if directly performed by him or another would be an offense against the United States, is punishable as a principal.<sup>26</sup>

Federal law also provides for the prosecution of those who conspire to commit a federal offense.

**Conspiracy to commit offense or to defraud United States**

If two or more persons conspire either to commit any offense against the United States, or to defraud the United States, or any agency thereof in any manner or for any purpose, and one or more of such persons do any act to effect the object of the conspiracy, each shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.<sup>27</sup>

Further, the federal bombing statute<sup>28</sup> also specifically encompasses those who conspire to commit an offense under this section.

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<sup>26</sup> 18 U.S.C. § 2.

<sup>27</sup> 18 U.S.C. § 371.

<sup>28</sup> 18 U.S.C. § 2332f(a).

(a) Offenses.

(1) In general. -- Whoever unlawfully delivers, places, discharges, or detonates an explosive or other lethal device in, into, or against a place of public use, a state or government facility, a public transportation system, or an infrastructure facility --

(A) with the intent to cause death or serious bodily injury, or

(B) with the intent to cause extensive destruction of such a place, facility, or system, where such destruction results in or is likely to result in major economic loss, shall be punished as prescribed in subsection (c).

**(2) Attempts and conspiracies. -- Whoever attempts or conspires to commit an offense under paragraph (1) shall be punished as prescribed in subsection (c).**<sup>29</sup>

Thus, federal law clearly imposes criminal liability on those who aid and abet commission of a federal crime, and on those who conspire to commit a federal offense, including terrorism related bombing crimes. Because the evidence described below shows that the crimes in this case involved a number of planners and perpetrators, when a special grand jury or grand jury initiates inquiries into these crimes, the attention of the jurors should not be limited simply to the bombing crime referenced above but should include a full inquiry into the crimes of aiding and abetting and conspiracy, and into those who may be guilty of these additional crimes, whether or not such parties are principals (direct perpetrators).

**C. Evidence that Pre-planted Explosive and/or Incendiary Devices Were Detonated and Ignited at the World Trade Center on 9/11 is Broad and Conclusive.**

In the body of and in the attachments to this Petition, the Lawyers' Committee provides evidence of multiple bombings of places of public use and government facilities by use of pre-planted explosives and/or incendiaries. These crimes took place on 9/11 and during the months preceding 9/11, in New York City. These crimes involved the placement of explosive and/or

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<sup>29</sup> *Id.* (emphasis added).

incendiary materials in the WTC north tower (WTC1) and in the WTC south tower (WTC2) as well as in WTC7 prior to 9/11, and the detonation of those explosive and/or incendiary materials on 9/11. These crimes resulted in the death and serious injury of thousands in these buildings and near these buildings at the times of detonations and at the times of the destruction of these buildings, including hundreds of First Responders and two federal agents.<sup>30</sup> The actions of the perpetrators who placed and detonated and ignited these explosive and/or incendiary materials in these WTC buildings increased the number of fatalities and injuries and the shock of the crimes of 9/11.

The fact that pre-planted explosives and/or incendiaries were used to destroy these three WTC buildings on 9/11 is supported by extensive evidence including forensic evidence, expert analysis and opinion, and eyewitness testimony. The evidence includes laboratory analyses of the dust found at the World Trade Center, scientific studies by experts in the fields of architecture, engineering, chemistry, and physics and by numerous reports of explosions and other observations by witnesses on the scene including WTC employees, firefighters, policemen, and other First Responders. The Lawyers' Committee considers the totality of this evidence conclusive.

This evidence falls into the following categories:

*Forensic Evidence*

1. Independent scientific laboratory analysis of WTC dust samples that confirms the presence of high-tech explosives and/or incendiaries in the form of thermitic material (i.e., thermite, thermate or nano-thermite).<sup>31</sup>

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<sup>30</sup> [Exhibit 07](#) at pages 179-192.

<sup>31</sup> [Exhibit 01](#) (Harrit, N.H., Farrer, J., Jones, S., "Active Thermitic Material Discovered in Dust from the 9/11 World Trade Center Catastrophe," *The Open Chemical Physics Journal*, Vol. 2, pp. 7-31 (2009)). *Also see*, [Exhibit 33](#), Testimony of Dr. Niels Harrit.

2. The presence in the WTC dust of previously molten iron rich metal microspheres, the presence of which have been established by physical laboratory (electron microscope) analysis of WTC dust samples by both government and independent scientists, a phenomenon that would be physically impossible based on the burning of jet fuel and office contents alone, but would be expected if high-tech thermite, thermate, or nano-thermite explosives and/or incendiaries were used.<sup>32</sup>

*Expert Opinion*

3. Expert analysis and opinion from numerous architects, engineers, and scientists that the collapse of WTC1, WTC2, and WTC7 exhibit the characteristics of demolition by use of explosives and/or incendiaries.<sup>33</sup>
4. Expert analysis of seismic data that supports the conclusion that explosions occurred at WTC1 and WTC2 on 9/11 prior to the airplane impacts on WTC1 and WTC2, and prior to the building collapses.<sup>34</sup>
5. Expert research and opinion indicating that that no steel-framed buildings had ever collapsed completely due to fire prior to (or on) 9/11, but three steel-framed buildings collapsed on September 11, 2001, one of which, WTC7, was not hit by any aircraft.<sup>35</sup>
6. Expert testimony that the symmetrical straight-down collapse of WTC7 into a relatively small footprint and rubble pile,<sup>36</sup> shown in videotape recordings of the

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<sup>32</sup> [Exhibit 01](#) Also see, [Exhibit 12](#); [Exhibit 38](#); and [Exhibit 39](#).

<sup>33</sup> See, e.g., [Exhibit 29](#) and [Exhibit 39](#). Testimony of Architect Richard Gage and Engineer Jon Cole; [Exhibit 30A](#) and [Exhibit 30B](#), Testimony of Engineer Tony Szamboti and Architect Gage.

<sup>34</sup> [Exhibit 02](#) “Were Explosives the Source of the Seismic Signals Emitted from New York on September 11, 2001?”, Dr. André Rousseau, Journal of 9/11 Studies, Vol. 34, Nov. 2012.).

<sup>35</sup> See, e.g., [Exhibit 09](#), page 21 (analysis by Physicist Dr. Steven Jones); [Exhibit 30A](#) and [Exhibit 30B](#), Testimony of Architect Richard Gage and Engineer Tony Szamboti.

<sup>36</sup> [Exhibit 09](#), page 3.

collapse,<sup>37</sup> is characteristic of controlled demolition and that such a collapse would not be expected to result from the asymmetric damage to WTC7 caused by falling debris from the collapse of the WTC1 and WTC2 or the fires caused by such falling debris.<sup>38</sup>

7. Technical analysis of video evidence of the WTC building collapses demonstrating that WTC1 and WTC2 fell at near free-fall acceleration, while WTC7 exhibited actual free-fall acceleration for approximately 1/3 of the total collapse time (which would not be physically possible absent use of explosives and/or incendiaries).<sup>39</sup>
8. Scientific analysis and government reports confirming sulfidation and high temperature corrosion of the steel found in the rubble after the collapse of WTC1, WTC2, and WTC7,<sup>40</sup> a phenomenon not accountable by a jet fuel fire or gravity-driven collapse but consistent with the use of thermite, thermate, or nano-thermite explosives and/or incendiaries.

*Eyewitness Testimony & Video*

9. Testimony of WTC janitor William Rodriguez and other eyewitnesses who report that they heard, saw, and felt evidence of explosions in the basement and lobby of WTC1 and WTC2 *prior to* the WTC plane impacts, and continued to hear explosions in WTC1 and WTC2 after the airplane impacts.<sup>41</sup>

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<sup>37</sup> [Exhibit 16](#).

<sup>38</sup> [Exhibit 09](#), page 21.

<sup>39</sup> [Exhibit 32A](#), Testimony of physics teacher David Chandler and Architect Richard Gage.

<sup>40</sup> [Exhibit 14](#).

<sup>41</sup> [Exhibit 22](#) (Rodriguez video statement). *Also see*, [Exhibit 19](#); [Exhibit 21](#); [Exhibit 23](#); and [Exhibit 28](#).

10. Testimony of the former New York Housing Authority official, the late Barry Jennings, that he witnessed explosions inside WTC7 while he was trapped in WTC7, before either WTC1 or WTC2 had collapsed.<sup>42</sup>
11. Eyewitness accounts of fire fighters, fire department officials, and emergency medical services personnel who responded on 9/11 (First Responders). The First Responders reported on 9/11: “Bombs,” “explosions” at the lowest level and the highest level of the buildings before the collapses, flames being blown out, a “synchronized deliberate” kind of collapse, like a “professional demolition,” “pop, pop, pop, pop, pop” sounds before the collapses, “low-level flashes,” “three floors explode,” “the antenna coming down,” like “those implosions on TV,” “popping sounds” and “explosions” “going both up and down and then all around the building,” “with each popping” “orange and then a red flash came out of the building” and “go all around the building,” “looked like it was a timed explosion,” “at the very top simultaneously from all four sides, materials shot out horizontally” before the collapse began, “boom, boom, boom, boom, and then the tower came down,” and “going all the way around like a belt, all these explosions.”<sup>43</sup> It is very unlikely that these consistent specific observations, a number of which are described in more detail below, would all have been mistaken perceptions or false reports coming from professional First Responders,

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<sup>42</sup> [Exhibit 25](#).

<sup>43</sup> [Exhibit 04A; Exhibit 04B; Exhibit 04C; Exhibit 04D; Exhibit 04E; Exhibit 04F; Exhibit 04G; Exhibit 04H; Exhibit 04I; Exhibit 04J; Exhibit 04K; and Exhibit 04L](#).

(First Responders’ testimonies). *Also see*, [Exhibit 42](#), Testimony of Dr. Graeme MacQueen summarizing firefighters’ testimonies. The FDNY full transcripts can also be found online at this [link](#).

and they cannot be explained by only a fire-initiated gravity-driven collapse (which is the current official explanation).

12. Firefighters, in addition to reporting sights and sounds of explosions on 9/11, also reported seeing during their work at Ground Zero molten metal like in a foundry.<sup>44</sup> For iron or steel to melt, temperatures of approximately 1,500 degrees Celcius (2,800 degrees Fahrenheit) would be required, which is considerably higher than the 650 degrees – 1,000 degrees Celcius temperatures at which jet fuel and building contents burn.<sup>45</sup> However, temperatures generated by thermate, thermite, or nano-thermite are 4,500 degrees Fahrenheit or greater.<sup>46</sup>
13. Video recordings showing ejection during the collapse of WTC1 and WTC2 of hundreds of 4-ton steel framing members outward at 60 mph for 600 feet laterally from all faces of the buildings which would not be possible from just a gravity-driven collapse (which is the current official explanation).<sup>47</sup>
14. Eyewitness testimony and video of the occurrence during the collapse of WTC1 and WTC2, some 20 to 60 stories below the point of collapse, of the type of “squibs” (high speed point source ejections of building debris) associated with controlled demolition.<sup>48</sup>

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<sup>44</sup> [Exhibit 26](#). Also see, [Exhibit 35](#); [Exhibit 36](#); and [Exhibit 41](#) (videos and photograph of what appears to be molten iron pouring from WTC2 on 9/11 just prior to the collapse of WTC2). And see, Architect Richard Gage and Engineer Jon Cole analysis and documentation of molten iron present at WTC on 9/11 ([Exhibit 39](#)).

<sup>45</sup> [Exhibit 12](#), pages 8-9.

<sup>46</sup> [Exhibit 09](#), pages 5-8.

<sup>47</sup> [Exhibit 18A](#) and [Exhibit 18B](#) (videos of the collapse of the WTC1 and WTC2). Also see, [Exhibit 32C](#), (testimony of Physics Teacher David Chandler and Architect Richard Gage).

<sup>48</sup> [Exhibit 18A](#) and [Exhibit 18B](#) (videos of the collapse of the WTC1 and WTC2). See, also, [Exhibit 15](#) (analysis of the WTC squibs by chemist Kevin Ryan). And see, [Exhibit 32B](#) (testimony of Physics Teacher David Chandler and Architect Richard Gage).

15. Videos showing the symmetric straight-down collapse of WTC7 despite asymmetric damage in that building.<sup>49</sup>
16. The sudden onset of building failure, which would only be expected if explosives and /or incendiaries were used, but not if fire and plane impact damage were the causes.<sup>50</sup>

*Anomalies*

17. First Responders' testimony regarding advance warnings that WTC7 was about to collapse, reported to have been given to First Responders before the collapse of WTC7.<sup>51</sup>
18. Live Television news reports, which were recorded and have been preserved, that WTC7 had already collapsed before the collapse happened.<sup>52</sup>
19. Eyewitness testimony and instrument readings of extremely high temperatures and fires persisting at Ground Zero for months after 9/11 that cannot be explained by burning jet fuel or building contents but which are consistent with the presence of thermate, thermite, or nano-thermite.<sup>53</sup>
20. Eyewitness accounts, video, and physical samples showing that the structural steel frames of WTC1 and WTC2 were dismembered from top to bottom on 9/11, with pulverization of the reinforced concrete in mid-air.<sup>54</sup>

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<sup>49</sup> See, e.g., [Exhibit 16](#).

<sup>50</sup> See, e.g., [Exhibit 18A](#); [Exhibit 18B](#); and [Exhibit 16](#). Also see, [Exhibit 11](#) at p. xli (pdf p. 43).

<sup>51</sup> See, e.g., [Exhibit 06](#) (Dr. Graeme MacQueen paper summarizing First Responders' testimony). Also see, [Exhibit 40](#) (MacQueen public presentation regarding the firefighters' testimonies relating to advance warnings of the collapse of WTC7). The full transcripts of the testimonies of the First Responders that provided the basis for Dr. MacQueen's analysis can be found [here](#).

<sup>52</sup> See, e.g., [Exhibit 27](#) (premature report by the BBC of the collapse of WTC7 on 9/11).

<sup>53</sup> See, e.g., [Exhibit 09](#); [Exhibit 12](#); and [Exhibit 13](#).

<sup>54</sup> See, e.g., [Exhibit 18A](#) and [Exhibit 18B](#).

This evidence of federal crimes, described below in further detail, and in the accompanying exhibits, is probative of the destruction of the WTC1, WTC2, and WTC7 by use of pre-planted explosives and/or incendiaries. This evidence is, therefore, clearly worthy of consideration by a grand jury. The Lawyers' Committee has reviewed the relevant available evidence, including the evidentiary materials attached hereto and referenced herein, and has reached a consensus that there is not just substantial or persuasive evidence of yet-to-be-prosecuted crimes related to the use of pre-planted explosives and/or incendiaries to destroy WTC1, WTC2, and WTC7 in New York City on 9/11, but there is actually conclusive evidence that such federal crimes were committed. The U.S. Attorney has a duty to present this evidence to a special grand jury for further investigation.

**D. The Details of the Evidence that Pre-planted Explosives and/or Incendiary Devices Were Detonated and Ignited at the World Trade Center on 9/11 are Critically Important and Disturbing.**

A grand jury should have the opportunity to examine the evidence closely, particularly the crucial and disturbing details presented here that evince the commission of mass murder by bombings of three WTC buildings using pre-planted explosives and/or incendiaries.

**1. Forensic and physical evidence confirms the presence in WTC dust of explosive and/or incendiary thermite material and byproducts of the use of such high-tech explosives and/or incendiaries.**

According to a scientific analysis performed by qualified scientists, WTC dust contained distinctive red/gray colored chips, which when tested, “possess a strikingly similar chemical signature” to “commercial thermite” – a high tech explosive or incendiary (depending on how it is configured).<sup>55</sup> Furthermore, “[i]n addition to the red/gray chips, many small spheres” were

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<sup>55</sup> [Exhibit 01](#), page 24.

found “in the WTC dust” which “contain the same elements as the residue of thermite,”<sup>56</sup> The key findings of this analysis included:

- a) the “red material . . . contains the ingredients of thermite”;<sup>57</sup>
- b) “a high temperature reduction-oxidation reaction has occurred in the heated chips, namely, the thermite reaction”;<sup>58</sup> and
- c) spheroids produced by the tests performed possess a “chemical signature” that “strikingly matches the chemical signature of the spheroids produced by igniting commercial thermite.”<sup>59</sup>

This scientific analysis concluded that “the red layer of the red/gray chips . . . discovered in the WTC dust is active, unreacted thermitic material, incorporating nanotechnology, and is a highly energetic pyrotechnic or explosive material.”<sup>60</sup> Also see the testimony (presented publicly to the Lawyers’ Committee on September 11, 2016 in New York City) of chemist Niels Harrit, Ph.D. who was one of the authors of the peer-reviewed journal article in which this scientific analysis was reported.<sup>61</sup>

The presence in the WTC dust of iron microspheres formed from previously molten iron has been established by physical laboratory (electron microscope) analysis of WTC dust samples by both government and independent scientists. The presence of such material would be physically impossible based on the burning of jet fuel and office contents alone (i.e., impossible without the use of incendiary materials such as thermite, thermate, or nano-thermite which have the capability to generate the extreme temperatures required to create the iron microspheres

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<sup>56</sup> *Id.* page 25.

<sup>57</sup> *Id.* page 29.

<sup>58</sup> *Id.*

<sup>59</sup> *Id.*

<sup>60</sup> *Id.*

<sup>61</sup> [Exhibit 33.](#)

observed).<sup>62</sup> The observations and conclusions of Physicist Dr. Steven Jones and his colleagues on this issue are very significant and include the following:

The RJ Lee report also provides a micrograph and XEDS data for iron-rich spheres observed in the WTC dust; for example, their figure 21 ... shows an “SEM image and EDS of spherical iron particle [reference omitted].” We likewise observe high-iron, relatively low oxygen spheres ..., which we find are unlike spheres gathered from cutting structural steel with an oxyacetylene torch.

Moreover, the RJ Lee report provides provocative data regarding the abundance of observed iron-rich spheres. A WTC dust sample acquired at 130 Liberty Street shows a “mean of composition” of “Fe spheres” of 5.87% which is very high compared with “Fe spheres” found in ordinary building dust of only 0.04% [reference omitted]. As the report notes, the WTC dust has unusual identifying characteristics – in particular, the WTC dust in this sample has nearly 150 times (5.87/0.04) the amount of iron-rich spheres as ordinary dust (where Fe spheres can arise from micrometeorites, for example). ...

It is interesting that the FEMA report discussed the “evidence of a severe high temperature corrosion attack on the steel, including oxidation and sulfidation” and called for further investigation, [13] – but the subsequent NIST report [15] failed to address this evidence. Nor did NIST address the published observations of abundant iron-rich spherules in the WTC dust [1, 2]. We find that these effects are important to understanding the events of 9/11/2001 and should not be neglected.

The temperatures required for the observed spherule-formation and evaporation of materials observed in the WTC dust ... are significantly higher than temperatures reachable by the burning of jet fuel and office materials in the WTC buildings (table 2). The temperatures required to melt iron (1,538 °C) and molybdenum (2,623 °C), and to vaporize lead (1,740 °C) and aluminosilicates (~2,760°C), are completely out of reach of the fires in the WTC buildings (maximum 1,100 °C). We wish to call attention to this discrepancy: the official view implicating fires as the main cause for the ultimate collapses of the WTC Towers and WTC7 (FEMA [reference omitted], NIST [reference omitted]) is inadequate to explain this temperature gap and is therefore incomplete at best. The formation of numerous metal-rich spherules is also remarkable, for it implies formation of high-temperature droplets of the molten metals, dispersed in the air where they cool to form spherules. As displayed in figures 3 and 4, we observe spherules with high iron and aluminum contents, a chemical signature which is not consistent with formation from melted steel.

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<sup>62</sup> See, e.g., [Exhibit 12](#) (analysis by Physicist Dr. Steven Jones). And see, [Exhibit 38](#) (Architect & Engineers’ for 9/11 Truth’s analysis of these spheres).

The data provide strong evidence that chemical reactions which were both violent and highly-exothermic contributed to the destruction of the WTC buildings. NIST neglected the high-temperature and fragmentation evidence presented here: it appears nowhere in their final report [reference omitted].<sup>63</sup><sup>64</sup>

Scientists and engineers have also reported that analysis of the post-9/11 collapse WTC steel shows that sulfur and liquid iron penetrated into the steel, which would be expected if thermate incendiaries were used and is impossible to explain otherwise.<sup>65</sup> Photos, physical samples, and eyewitness testimony document the sulfidation and corrosion of the WTC steel beams.<sup>66</sup> A Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) report documented a “severe high temperature corrosion attack on the [WTC] steel.”<sup>67</sup>

The forensic evidence of explosive and/or incendiary material found in the dust at the World Trade Center standing alone is, at minimum, highly suspicious, but it becomes persuasive when it is combined with the finding of the byproducts of use of thermite, thermate, or nano-thermite (the microspheres) and the finding of the otherwise inexplicable high temperature corrosion and sulfidation of the WTC steel.

Adding to this forensic and physical evidence is eyewitness testimony and instrument readings that confirm the occurrence of extremely high temperatures and fires persisting at Ground Zero for months after 9/11. These very high temperatures and unusually persistent fires cannot be explained by jet fuel or building contents burning but can be explained by the presence and ignition of thermite, thermate, or nano-thermite which will burn at high temperatures even

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<sup>63</sup> [Exhibit 12.](#)

<sup>64</sup> The reference in the above quotation to “NIST” refers to the National Institute of Standards and Technology, a federal agency within the Department of Commerce.

<sup>65</sup> See, e.g., [Exhibit 12.](#) Also see, [Exhibit 29](#) (Testimony of Architect Gage and Engineer Jon Cole).

<sup>66</sup> *Id.*

<sup>67</sup> [Exhibit 14.](#)

underground (or when sprayed with water by fire hoses) because such incendiaries are designed to contain their own supply of oxygen.<sup>68</sup>

To the knowledge of the Lawyers' Committee, none of this forensic and physical evidence has ever been presented to a grand jury. When this evidence is added to the analytical findings and opinions of experts in a variety of fields who have studied the destruction of WTC1, WTC2 and WTC7 on 9/11,<sup>69</sup> and the eyewitness accounts of First Responders and WTC survivors, the totality of the evidence becomes conclusive.

**2. Expert analysis and opinions corroborate the forensic evidence of a demolition of WTC1, WTC2, and WTC7 on 9/11 by use of pre-planted explosives and/or incendiaries.**

The fact that explosives and/or incendiaries were used to destroy three WTC buildings on 9/11 is supported by expert analysis and opinion from numerous architects, engineers, and scientists. These architects, engineers, and scientists have analyzed much if not all of the evidence described herein and concluded that explosives and/or incendiaries such as thermite, thermate, or nano-thermite were used to bring down WTC1, WTC2, and WTC7 on 9/11 because the collapses exhibit the characteristics of “controlled demolitions” (demolitions using explosives and/or incendiaries).<sup>70</sup>

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<sup>68</sup> See, e.g., [Exhibit 09](#), page 6. Also see, [Exhibit 12](#) and [Exhibit 13](#).

<sup>69</sup> See, e.g., [Exhibit 29](#) and [Exhibit 39](#), Testimony of Architect Richard Gage and Engineer Jon Cole; [Exhibit 30A](#) and [Exhibit 30B](#), Testimony of Engineer Tony Szamboti and Architect Gage; [Exhibit 31](#), Testimony of Professor and Engineer Leroy Hulsey, Ph.D., S.E. (to the effect that although Dr. Hulsey was not yet sure what caused the collapse of the WTC1, WTC2, and WTC7, he was certain that it was not fire); [Exhibit 32A](#); [Exhibit 32B](#); and [Exhibit 32C](#) (Testimony of physics teacher David Chandler); [Exhibit 33](#), Testimony of Dr. Niels Harrit.

<sup>70</sup> See, e.g., [Exhibit 29](#) and [Exhibit 39](#), Testimony of Architect Richard Gage and Engineer Jon Cole; [Exhibit 30A](#) and [Exhibit 30B](#), Testimony of Engineer Tony Szamboti and Architect Gage; ); [Exhibit 32A](#); [Exhibit 32B](#); and [Exhibit 32C](#) (Testimony of physics teacher David Chandler); [Exhibit 33](#), Testimony of Dr. Niels Harrit.

Among the expert scientific analyses and opinions that support the conclusion that explosives and/or incendiaries were used to destroy WTC1, WTC2, and WTC7 on 9/11 are the analyses and opinions of architect Richard Gage and physics teacher David Chandler, who, as noted above, have concluded based on a technical analysis of the video evidence that WTC1 and WTC2 fell at near free-fall acceleration, while WTC7 exhibited actual free-fall acceleration during approximately 1/3 of the total collapse time, i.e., at an acceleration that would have been physically impossible to attain in the absence of the use of explosives and/or incendiaries to remove the normal resistance presented by intact structural steel framing (including the steel core columns and steel outer columns) below the collapsing floors (as is done in controlled demolitions).<sup>71</sup>

NIST itself acknowledged the occurrence of free fall, noting that:

The analyses of the video (both the estimation of the instant the roofline began to descend and the calculated velocity and acceleration of a point on the roofline) revealed three distinct stages characterizing the 5.4 seconds of collapse:

Stage 1 (0 to 1.75 seconds): acceleration less than that of gravity (i.e., slower than free fall).

Stage 2 (1.75 to 4.0 seconds): gravitational acceleration (free fall)

Stage 3 (4.0 to 5.4 seconds): decreased acceleration, again less than that of gravity.<sup>72</sup>

Although NIST went on to offer a speculative opinion that the free fall period could be explained by exterior columns “buckling and losing their capacity to support” the building load, it is not scientifically or logically plausible that all of the exterior columns would have buckled and lost their support capacity simultaneously so as to offer no resistance at all during a portion of the WTC7 collapse.

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<sup>71</sup> See, e.g., [Exhibit 32A](#), Testimony of Architect Richard Gage and physics teacher David Chandler.

<sup>72</sup> [Exhibit 10 \(NIST's Questions and Answers\)](#).

The use of explosives to cause the collapse of WTC1, WTC2, and WTC7 is also supported by an analysis of seismic data.<sup>73</sup> Dr. André Rousseau, who has a doctorate degree in geophysics and geology and is a former researcher in geophysics and geology at the National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS) of France and a specialist in acoustic waves, concluded in a peer-reviewed journal article:

The witnesses and video observation confirm our conclusions of subaerial<sup>74</sup> explosions close to the times of aircraft impacts on WTC1 and WTC2, a strong subterranean explosion closely correlated with the WTC1 collapse, and subaerial explosions closely correlated with the WTC2 and WTC7 collapses, WTC7 not having been hit by a plane. As a consequence, we draw the conclusion that the three buildings were demolished by a controlled process.

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The seismic signals propagating from New York on September 11, 2001, recorded at Palisades (34 km) and published by the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University (LDEO), have here been subjected to a new critical study concerning their sources. The aim of this paper is to demonstrate that the nature of the waves, their velocities, frequencies, and magnitudes invalidate the official explanations which imply as sources the percussion of the twin towers by planes and the collapses of the three buildings, WTC1, WTC2 and WTC7.

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First of all, we show the contradictions in the official explanation between the seismic data and the timing of the events. Then we point out that it is strange that identical events (percussions of identical towers on the one hand, and collapses of identical towers on the other hand) at the same location would have generated seismic sources of different magnitudes. We demonstrate that only strong explosives could be the cause of such seismic waves, in accordance with the observed low frequencies.

According to the nature of the recorded waves (body and surface waves), we can propose a location of each explosive source. According to the presence of shear waves or the presence of Rayleigh waves only, we hypothesize a subterranean ...

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<sup>73</sup> [Exhibit 02](#) “Were Explosives the Source of the Seismic Signals Emitted from New York on September 11, 2001?”, Dr. André Rousseau, Journal of 9/11 Studies, Vol. 34, Nov. 2012.

<sup>74</sup> “Subaerial” refers to something located or occurring on the surface of the earth.

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Near the times of the planes' impacts into the Twin Towers and during their collapses, as well as during the collapse of WTC7, seismic waves were generated. To the degree that (1) seismic waves are created only by brief impulses and (2) low frequencies are associated with energy of a magnitude that is comparable to a seismic event, the waves recorded at Palisades and analyzed by LDEO undeniably have an explosive origin.

Even if the planes' impacts and the fall of the debris from the Towers onto the ground could have generated seismic waves, their magnitude would have been insufficient to be recorded 34 km away and should have been very similar in the two cases to one another. As we have shown, they were not.

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We can only conclude that the wave sources were independently detonated explosives ....

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Controlled demolition of the three towers, suggested by the visual and audio witness testimony as well as by observations of video recordings of their collapses, is thus confirmed and demonstrated by analysis of the seismic waves emitted near the time of the plane impacts and at the moments of the collapses.<sup>75</sup>

Columbia University documented seismic signals consistent with WTC2 subterranean or ground level explosions occurring at 9:02:54 am, 17 seconds before the time of the plane impact on that building reported in the 9/11 Commission Report as 9:03:11 am.<sup>76</sup> Note that the Columbia analysis, including Figure 1, assumes that the first of the two major seismic signals at each of the Towers was from a plane impact but because the times of these seismic signals do not match the times of the plane impacts, and based on Rousseau's independent seismic analysis, the

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<sup>75</sup> [Exhibit 02](#) "Were Explosives the Source of the Seismic Signals Emitted from New York on September 11, 2001?", Dr. André Rousseau, *Journal of 9/11 Studies*, Vol. 34, Nov. 2012.

<sup>76</sup> [Exhibit 08](#), "Seismic Waves Generated by Aircraft Impacts and Building Collapses at World Trade Center, New York City" ([WTC LDEO KIM.pdf](#), Figure 1, page 6). *And see*, [Exhibit 05](#), 9/11 Commission Report at p. 8.

explanation that best fits all the evidence is that subterranean and ground level explosions at WTC1 and WTC2 emitted detectable seismic signals and the later plane impacts at much higher levels in the buildings did not generate significant seismic signals.

The independent 9/11 Consensus Panel of experts drew the following conclusions regarding the seismic data, consistent with Rousseau.

The discrepancies described above indicate that the LDEO conclusions about the nature of the events that generated the signals recorded at Palisades cannot be correct. Most strikingly, the ground radar data, which is very precise, showed WTC1 to have been struck 15 seconds later than the Palisades-recorded seismic activity, which LDEO scientists attributed to an airplane impact. The radar also shows WTC2 to have been struck later than the seismic activity attributed to it. The seismic activity, therefore, must have been produced by something other than the crashes of the airliners into the two buildings.

Rousseau, like Furlong and Ross, provided reasons to conclude that the signals that the official story attributed to airplane impacts had actually been caused by something else – which, as evidence documented in Point TT-8 suggests, was shocks, explosive in nature, that had occurred at the bases of the buildings. Rousseau further demonstrated that the wave details themselves were characteristic of such explosions, not of plane impacts or building collapses.<sup>77</sup>

As architect Richard Gage and physics teacher David Chandler have pointed out, videotapes document the ejection during the collapse of WTC1 and WTC2 of 4-ton steel framing members outward at 60 mph for 600 feet laterally from all sides of the buildings, which would not be possible from a gravity-driven collapse due to failure of structural components caused by fire after the airplane strikes (which is the current official explanation), but would be possible if explosives were used.<sup>78</sup>

Experts who have reviewed the history of fires in steel-framed buildings, including Architect Richard Gage and Physicist Steven Jones, have reported that no steel-framed buildings

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<sup>77</sup> <http://www.consensus911.org/point-tt-7/>.

<sup>78</sup> See, e.g., [Exhibit 18A](#) and [Exhibit 18B](#). Also see, [Exhibit 32C](#), Testimony of Architect Gage and physics teacher David Chandler.

have ever collapsed completely due to fire prior to (or on) 9/11, but three steel-framed buildings collapsed on September 11, 2001, one of which, WTC7, was not hit by any aircraft.<sup>79</sup>

One of the characteristics of a controlled demolition that videos show present in the WTC7 collapse is a largely symmetric straight-down collapse.<sup>80</sup> Further, the initial drop of the WTC7 west penthouse and screen wall ½ second before the start of the descent of WTC7, both of which occurrences were observed and videotaped, indicate that the core columns had been destroyed or cut first, a step required to create a symmetric collapse characteristic of controlled demolition.<sup>81</sup> The fact that such a symmetric straight-down collapse occurred in the case of WTC7 despite asymmetric damage to WTC7 due to impact from debris falling from the collapsing WTC1 is one of the bases for Architect Gage and Engineer Szamboti concluding that the WTC7 collapse involved the use of explosives and/or incendiaries such as thermite, thermate, or nano-thermite.<sup>82</sup>

The sudden onset of building failure, another of the characteristics of a controlled demolition as explained by Architect Gage, was observed and videotaped in the case of all three of the WTC buildings that collapsed on 9/11.<sup>83</sup> This would be expected if explosives and/or incendiaries were used but otherwise not.

Finally, it was observed and videotaped that WTC Building 7 collapsed into a relatively small footprint and rubble pile on 9/11.<sup>84</sup> This is a feature characteristic of controlled demolition.<sup>85</sup>

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<sup>79</sup> [Exhibit 30A](#) and [Exhibit 30B](#), Testimony of Architect Richard Gage and Engineer Tony Szamboti. *Also see*, [Exhibit 09](#), page 21.

<sup>80</sup> *See, e.g.*, [Exhibit 16](#) (WTC7 collapse video).

<sup>81</sup> *Id.* *And see*, [Exhibit 30A](#) and [Exhibit 30B](#), Testimony of Architect Gage and Engineer Szamboti.

<sup>82</sup> *Id.*

<sup>83</sup> *See, e.g.*, [Exhibit 18A](#); [Exhibit 18B](#); and [Exhibit 16](#). *Also see*, [Exhibit 11](#) at p. xli (pdf p. 43).

<sup>84</sup> *See, e.g.*, [Exhibit 09](#), page 3.

<sup>85</sup> [Exhibit 30A](#), Testimony of Architect Richard Gage.

To the knowledge of the Lawyers' Committee, none of this expert analysis and expert opinion evidence has ever been presented to a grand jury.

**3. Eyewitnesses and videos substantiate bombings involving the use of pre-planted explosives and/or incendiaries at the WTC on 9/11.**

The fact that explosives and/or incendiaries were used to destroy WTC1 and WTC2 on 9/11 is supported by eye-witness and ear-witness accounts given by WTC1 and WTC2 employees and other witnesses who reported hearing, feeling, and in some cases being injured by explosions in WTC1 and WTC2 occurring before the plane impacts.<sup>86</sup> These reports of explosions in WTC1 and WTC2 prior to the plane impacts are consistent with the seismic evidence reported by Dr. Rousseau, and with the observation by the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory at Columbia University of a major ground-shaking event at 8:46:26,<sup>87</sup> 14 seconds before the time of the WTC1 plane impact of 8:46:40 presented in the 9/11 Commission Report.<sup>88</sup> In addition, some of the most compelling evidence comes from 9/11 First Responders who also witnessed explosions in WTC1 and WTC2.

The following examples, first for WTC1 and then for WTC2, are from mainstream television interviews broadcast on September 11<sup>th</sup>, and later recorded statements, with WTC1 and WTC2 employees and witnesses, and employees of companies renting office space in WTC1 and WTC2, of their observations of basement level and lobby explosions. In some of these statements, the witnesses make clear that the explosion in the basement or lobby occurred before the plane impacts which occurred at much higher levels in WTC1 and WTC2. Following these examples, several additional examples of explosions being observed at WTC1 and WTC2 on 9/11 are presented which are taken from the transcribed testimony of 9/11 First Responders.

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<sup>86</sup> See, e.g., [Exhibit 22](#); [Exhibit 28](#); and [Exhibit 21](#).

<sup>87</sup> [Exhibit 08](#)

<sup>88</sup> [Exhibit 05](#) at p. 7.

WTC1 employee William Rodriguez publicly testified to WTC1 basement-level explosion(s) before the plane impact.<sup>89</sup>

All of a sudden we heard an explosion. It was a huge explosion that came from under my feet, meaning that it came from the sub levels between B2 and B3. And then there was a huge explosion at the top of the building. You could hear the difference from the bottom and all the way to the top. The one from the top, which was actually seconds after, was heard very far away. The one in the basement was pretty loud and you felt your actual feet moving with the floor. The tremor that we sensed through the floor that the walls cracked and the false ceiling totally collapsed. And that's when a person named Felipe David came running into our office saying 'Explosion! Explosion! Explosion!' and when I saw him he had all his skin from both under his armpits and missing pieces on his face.<sup>90</sup>

Kenny Johannemann, a co-worker of Rodriguez, helped transport the badly injured Felipe David to an ambulance. He stated:

Yes, I was right there. I was down in the basement, came down. All of a sudden the elevator blew up. Smoke. I dragged the guy out. His skin was hanging off. And I dragged him out and I helped him out to the ambulance.<sup>91</sup>

William Rodriguez stated:

When I got to the lobby with the person in the wheelchair that I was bringing outside the building, I found the doors of the elevators in the lobby open like this [makes hand gesture] from the bottom up like this, an indication that something powerful came from below, because if it came from the top, it would have been cracked open this way [makes hand gesture].<sup>92</sup>

An unidentified witness interviewed in the hospital by a reporter stated "I was in the B4 level. I was assigned to the B3 level but I had to do something in the B4 sheet metal shop. So, I went in the sheet metal shop to do what I had to do and on my way I heard a bomb."<sup>93</sup>

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<sup>89</sup> [Exhibit 22](#).

<sup>90</sup> [Exhibit 37](#), William Rodriguez' statement in the documentary *9/11 Mysteries*.

<sup>91</sup> [Exhibit 21](#), CNN video interview with WTC1 employee Kenny Johannemann (included with other witness interviews in this exhibit).

<sup>92</sup> [Exhibit 17](#).

<sup>93</sup> [Exhibit 21](#), MSNBC video interview with WTC1 basement employee witness (included among other witness interviews in this exhibit).

Similarly, in his interviews prior to his post-9/11 death, the late Barry Jennings stated that he witnessed explosions inside WTC7 on 9/11 while he was trapped in WTC7, before either WTC1 or WTC2 had collapsed.<sup>94</sup>

A New York Channel 7 reporter stated: “The ladies who are with me were in the World Trade Center, in the first building [WTC1], and escaped through the lobby. They report what they believe was a bomb in the lobby.” One WTC1 lobby witness stated “And even the turnstile was burnt and was sticking up. And they just told us to run.” A second WTC1 lobby witness stated “And as we were coming out we passed the lobby and there was no lobby, so I believe the bomb hit the lobby first and a couple of seconds and then the first plane hit.”<sup>95</sup>

Another witness told ABC News on 9/11 that “A fireball emerged from the elevator lobby and was coming toward me.”<sup>96</sup>

Another witness told ABC News on 9/11: “I was standing next to One World Trade Center and all of a sudden I heard rumbling and we all started running away from it. The glass like blew out and threw me onto the sidewalk ...”<sup>97</sup>

A witness told NBC Channel 4: “The bottom elevator, the glass, flames exploded out of the front of the World Trade Center and the glass flew everywhere.”<sup>98</sup>

A WTC employee who experienced the pre-plane-impact basement-level explosions first in WTC1 and then also in WTC2 stated:

I go downstairs. The foreman tells me to remove the containers. As I’m walking by the main freight car to the building in the corridor, that’s when I got blown. I mean, the impact of the explosion, of whatever happened, it threw me to

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<sup>94</sup> [Exhibit 25](#).

<sup>95</sup> [Exhibit 21](#), NYC Channel 7 video interview (included with other witness interviews in this Exhibit).

<sup>96</sup> [Exhibit 21](#), ABC interview on September 11, 2001, with WTC1 employee witness (included with other witness interviews in this Exhibit).

<sup>97</sup> [Exhibit 21](#), ABC video interview with WTC1 witness on September 11, 2001 (included with other witness interviews in this Exhibit).

<sup>98</sup> [Exhibit 21](#), NBC video interview with WTC1 witness (included with other witness interviews in this Exhibit).

the floor and that's when everything started happening. I was racing, I was going towards the bathroom, all of a sudden I opened the door. I didn't know it was the bathroom. And all of a sudden the big impact. And all the ceiling tiles were falling down and all of the light fixtures were falling out of the ceiling. And I come running out the door and everything, the walls were down, and I started running towards the parking lot. There was a lot of smoke down there. There was a lot of people screaming. ... You know, you gotta go clear across the whole [complex underground] from One to Two World Trade Center. You know, you mean, that's the way you gotta run. And then all of a sudden it happened all over again. Something else hit us to the floor. In the basement you felt it. The walls were caving in. Everything that was going on. I mean, I know people that were killed in the basement. I know people that got broken legs in the basement. People who got reconstructive surgery because the walls hit 'em in the face.<sup>99</sup>

The father of WTC1 9/11 victim Bobby McIlvaine in public testimony described what he had learned about the cause of his son's death on 9/11:

On Sept. 13th we received notice from the morgue that Bobby had been one of the first located outside the Tower [WTC1] . . . It was then I tried to reconstruct the circumstances of my son's death. In the weeks, months and years that followed I spoke with Bobby's Merrill Lynch colleagues and supervisors, New York City police and firemen, EMT workers, and of course the New York City coroner. From what I learned, Bobby had died instantly while approaching the lobby of the Tower [from the outside] -- Tower One, just Tower One [WTC1]. His body was taken to the morgue prior to the collapse of the building. . . .<sup>100</sup>

NYC firefighters observed evidence of an explosion in the ground floor lobby of WTC2. One firefighter stated "Pfeiffer was the first chief into the building. Right away a guy from the Port Authority told 'em the damage was somewhere above the 78th floor. But all you had to do was look around. It was obvious something had happened right there in the lobby." A second firefighter stated "You just saw that all of the windows were blown out. The lobby looked like the plane hit the lobby."<sup>101</sup>

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<sup>99</sup> [Exhibit 28](#), Construction worker Philip Morelli statement.

<sup>100</sup> [Exhibit 23](#) (emphasis added), public testimony of Bob McIlvaine at the National Press Club press conference by Architects & Engineers for 9/11 Truth on Sept. 11, 2017 in Washington, D.C..

<sup>101</sup> [Exhibit 21](#) (firefighters' statements included with other witness interviews in this Exhibit).

William Rodriguez stated “I have a guy named John Mongello who was the operations manager of the World Trade Center who actually saw people in the lobby on fire in the South Tower before the plane hit . . . .”<sup>102</sup>

Many First Responders also reported seeing and hearing the sights and sounds of explosions at the WTC on 9/11. These First Responders were interviewed in the months following 9/11 by New York Fire Department World Trade Center Task Force officials in order to preserve the First Responders’ eye-witness accounts. These official interviews were requested under New York freedom of information laws by the New York Times and eventually obtained by the Times and published. Key details from these interviews are presented below. Each full transcript is provided as an exhibit. In addition to these specific examples, also see Dr. Graeme MacQueen’s article detailing more than 150 examples of WTC witnesses, including over one hundred firefighters, who reported sights or sounds of explosions on 9/11.<sup>103</sup>

Rich Banaciski, Firefighter, testified:

We were there I don't know, maybe 10, 15 minutes and then I just remember **there was just an explosion. It seemed like on television they blow up these buildings. It seemed like it was going all the way around like a belt, all these explosions.**<sup>104</sup>

Ed Cachia, Firefighter, testified:

**It actually gave at a lower floor, not the floor where the plane hit, because we originally had thought there was like an internal detonation explosives because it went in succession, boom, boom, boom, boom, and then the tower came down.**<sup>105</sup>

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<sup>102</sup> [Exhibit 17](#). Note that Mr. Rodriguez in his statement in this video uses the phrase “before the plane hit the other tower” which taken out of the full context of the discussion he is having with a First Responder in this video might be interpreted as meaning before a plane hit the North Tower, but the Lawyers’ Committee interprets Mr. Rodriguez, given the context of his discussion with this First Responder and given the other eyewitnesses who reported explosions and fire in the WTC2 lobby quoted *supra*, as meaning to say that Mr. Mongello saw people on fire in the South Tower (WTC2) lobby prior to the South Tower being hit by a plane.

<sup>103</sup> [Exhibit 34](#). Also see, [Exhibit 03](#).

<sup>104</sup> [Exhibit 04A](#), Rich Banaciski, Firefighter (F.D.N.Y., Ladder 22) [F.D.N.Y. Interview, 12/06/01](#) (*emphasis added*).

<sup>105</sup> [Exhibit 04B](#), Ed Cachia, Firefighter (F.D.N.Y. Engine 53) [F.D.N.Y. Interview, 12/06/05](#) (*emphasis added*).

Frank Campagna, Firefighter, testified: “That's when [the North Tower] went. I looked back. **You see three explosions and then the whole thing coming down.**”<sup>106</sup>

Jason Charles, E.M.T. (E.M.S.), testified: “We start walking back there and **then I heard a ground level explosion** and I'm like holy s\_\_\_\_, and **then you heard that twisting metal wreckage again.**”<sup>107</sup>

Frank Cruthers, Chief (F.D.N.Y.), testified:

And while I was still in that immediate area, the south tower, 2 World Trade Center, **there was what appeared to be at first an explosion. It appeared at the very top, simultaneously from all four sides, materials shot out horizontally. And then there seemed to be a momentary delay before you could see the beginning of the collapse.**<sup>108</sup>

Dominick Derubbio, Battalion Chief (F.D.N.Y.), testified: “It was weird how it started to come down. It looked like it was a timed explosion.”<sup>109</sup>

Karin Deshore, Captain (E.M.S.), testified:

Somewhere around the middle of the World Trade Center, there was this orange and red flash coming out. Initially it was just one flash. Then **this flash just kept popping all the way around the building and that building had started to explode.** The popping sound, and **with each popping sound it was initially an orange and then a red flash came out of the building and then it would just go all around the building** on both sides as far as I could see. These **popping sounds and the explosions were getting bigger, going both up and down and then all around the building.**<sup>110</sup>

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<sup>106</sup> [Exhibit 04C](#), Frank Campagna, Firefighter (F.D.N.Y., Ladder 11) *F.D.N.Y. Interview, 12/04/01* (emphasis added).

<sup>107</sup> [Exhibit 04D](#), Jason Charles, E.M.T. (E.M.S.) *F.D.N.Y. Interview, 01/23/02* (emphasis added).

<sup>108</sup> [Exhibit 04E](#), Frank Cruthers, Chief (F.D.N.Y.) *F.D.N.Y. Interview, 10/31/01* (emphasis added).

<sup>109</sup> [Exhibit 04F](#), Dominick Derubbio, Battalion Chief (F.D.N.Y.) *F.D.N.Y. Interview, 10/12/01*.

<sup>110</sup> [Exhibit 04G](#), Karin Deshore, Captain (E.M.S.) *F.D.N.Y. Interview, 11/07/01* (emphasis added).

Thomas Fitzpatrick, Deputy Commissioner for Administration (F.D.N.Y.) testified: “My initial reaction was that this was exactly the way it looks when they show you those implosions on TV.”<sup>111</sup>

Kevin Gorman, Firefighter, testified: “I **heard the explosion**, looked up, and **saw like three floors explode, saw the antenna coming down**, and turned around and ran north.”<sup>112</sup>

Stephen Gregory, Assistant Commissioner (F.D.N.Y.), testified:

**I thought that when I looked in the direction of the Trade Center before it came down, before No. 2 came down, that I saw low-level flashes. In my conversation with Lieutenant Evangelista, never mentioning this to him, he questioned me and asked me if I saw low-level flashes in front of the building, and I agreed with him because I thought -- at that time I didn't know what it was. I mean, it could have been as a result of the building collapsing, things exploding, but I saw a flash flash flash and then it looked like the building came down. ...**

**[It was at] the lower level of the building. You know like when they demolish a building, how when they blow up a building, when it falls down? That's what I thought I saw. ...**

He said did you see anything by the building? And I said what do you mean by see anything? He said did you see flashes? I said, yes, well, I thought it was just me. He said no, I saw them too. ...

I know about the explosion on the upper floors. This was like at eye level. I didn't have to go like this. Because I was looking this way. I'm not going to say it was on the first floor or the second floor, but somewhere in that area I saw to me what appeared to be flashes.<sup>113</sup>

Daniel Rivera, Paramedic (E.M.S.), testified:

It was a frigging noise. At first I thought it was -- **do you ever see professional demolition where they set the charges on certain floors and then you hear "Pop, pop, pop, pop, pop?" That's exactly what -- because I thought it was**

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<sup>111</sup> [Exhibit 04H](#), Thomas Fitzpatrick, Deputy Commissioner for Administration (F.D.N.Y.) *F.D.N.Y. Interview, 10/16/01*.

<sup>112</sup> [Exhibit 04I](#), Kevin Gorman, Firefighter (F.D.N.Y., Ladder 22) *F.D.N.Y. Interview, 01/09/02 (emphasis added)*.

<sup>113</sup> [Exhibit 04J](#), Stephen Gregory, Assistant Commissioner (F.D.N.Y.) *F.D.N.Y. Interview, 10/03/01 (emphasis added)*.

**that.** When I heard that frigging noise, that's when I saw the building coming down.<sup>114</sup>

Kenneth Rogers, Firefighter (F.D.N.Y.), testified:

Meanwhile we were standing there with about five companies and we were just waiting for our assignment and then there was an explosion in the south tower, which, according to this map, this exposure **just blew out in flames**. A lot of guys left at that point. **I kept watching. Floor after floor after floor. One floor under another after another and when it hit about the fifth floor, I figured it was a bomb, because it looked like a synchronized deliberate kind of thing.** I was there in '93.<sup>115</sup>

Of course, there were also many reports of the sights and sounds of the buildings collapsing, which would occur whether or not a collapse was due to use of explosives and/or incendiaries. And, some of the witnesses after reporting their observations went on to offer their “guess” or “assumption” or speculation as to how their observations could be explained.

However, in terms of the actual specific observations reported, these professional First Responders observed exactly the sights and sounds one would expect in a controlled demolition of a building, i.e., in a situation where explosives and/or incendiaries were used to bring a large building down. Dr. Graeme MacQueen identified 156 witnesses to sights and sounds of explosions at the WTC on 9/11.<sup>116</sup> Although it would be expected that some of the First Responders would not make these observations given their preoccupation with putting out fires, or being inside the WTC buildings, or being preoccupied tending to the injured, or themselves being injured or having to run for their lives, it is harder to explain away the kind of specific observations by multiple professional witnesses that were quoted above if explosives and/or incendiaries had not been used.

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<sup>114</sup> [Exhibit 04K](#), Daniel Rivera, Paramedic (E.M.S.) *F.D.N.Y. Interview, 10/10/01 (emphasis added)*.

<sup>115</sup> [Exhibit 04L](#), Kenneth Rogers -- Firefighter (F.D.N.Y.) *F.D.N.Y. Interview, 12/10/01 (emphasis added)*.

<sup>116</sup> [Exhibit 34](#). Also see, [Exhibit 03](#).

Firefighters on 9/11, in addition to reporting sights and sounds of explosions, also reported seeing molten steel "...running down the channel rails...like in a foundry...like lava..." in the rubble pile.<sup>117</sup> This event, based on expert scientific testimony, would have been impossible due to the burning of jet fuel and office contents alone (i.e., impossible without the use of incendiary materials such as thermite, thermate, or nano-thermite which have the capability to generate the extreme temperatures required to create molten iron or steel).<sup>118</sup>

In addition to the eyewitness reports, videotapes of the collapse on 9/11 of WTC1,<sup>119</sup> WTC2,<sup>120</sup> and WTC7<sup>121</sup> document a number of relevant pieces of evidence. In the case of WTC7, the videos show that the building collapse had a rapid onset; involved a relatively symmetric straight-down collapse notwithstanding asymmetric damage; occurred very quickly and at free-fall acceleration for a portion of the collapse; and involved a complete rather than partial collapse of the building.

In the case of WTC1 and WTC2, the videos show that each collapse also had a rapid onset; occurred very quickly; involved high speed ejections of building debris, known as "squibs" 20 to 60 stories below the point of collapse, associated with controlled demolition; involved a complete rather than partial collapse of the building; involved lateral ejections of large 4-ton steel framing members at 60 mph, which landed up to 600 feet away from each face of these buildings; involved pulverization of concrete materials in mid-air; and involved a molten substance resembling molten iron pouring from WTC2<sup>122</sup> in the minutes immediately prior to its collapse.

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<sup>117</sup> [Exhibit 26](#).

<sup>118</sup> *See, e.g.*, [Exhibit 09](#) and [Exhibit 12](#).

<sup>119</sup> [Exhibit 18B](#).

<sup>120</sup> [Exhibit 18A](#).

<sup>121</sup> [Exhibit 16](#).

<sup>122</sup> *See, e.g.*, [Exhibit 35](#); [Exhibit 36](#); and [Exhibit 41](#).

As noted, the above referenced videos of the collapse on 9/11 of WTC1 and WTC2, as well as eyewitness testimony, document the occurrence during the collapse of WTC1 and WTC2 on 9/11 of the type of “squibs” associated with controlled demolition. A scientific analysis of the observed squibs indicates that such squibs were not merely the result of air pressure from collapsing floors.<sup>123</sup>

To the knowledge of the Lawyers’ Committee, none of this eyewitness testimony evidence or video evidence has ever been presented to a grand jury.

**4. Anomalous events occurred on 9/11 that would not be expected absent a plan to use, and the use of, pre-planted high-tech explosives and/or incendiaries to demolish the World Trade Center Towers and WTC7.**

In addition to all of the above referenced evidence, a series of unusual events occurred on 9/11 that taken together provide a strong pattern of circumstantial and additional scientific evidence supporting the conclusion, directly supported by the scientific and eyewitness evidence listed above, that the destruction of the WTC Twin Towers and WTC7 was the result of intentional criminal acts involving the placement and detonation of explosives and/or incendiaries in those WTC buildings. This pattern of circumstantial and additional scientific evidence includes the following.

WTC1 and WTC2 and the structural framing and floors of these buildings were largely broken into small pieces on 9/11, with pulverization of the reinforced concrete in mid-air.<sup>124</sup> A gravity-driven collapse would be expected to result in greater size pieces of the building surviving the collapse, and mid-air pulverization would require use of explosives.

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<sup>123</sup> [Exhibit 15](#) (analysis of squibs in paper by chemist Kevin Ryan).

<sup>124</sup> See, e.g., [Exhibit 18B](#) and [Exhibit 18A](#) (videos of WTC Towers collapses).

In addition, strangely, live television news programs on 9/11, which were recorded and have been preserved, reported that WTC7 had collapsed before the collapse actually happened.<sup>125</sup> Given that no steel-framed buildings had collapsed due to fire before 9/11 and WTC7 was not hit by any aircraft, there would have been no basis for a prediction that WTC7 was going to collapse before it did, and certainly no basis for predicting with precise timing when WTC7 would collapse (given that the WTC collapse had a rapid onset), even if the advance news announcements had been to the effect that WTC7 was about to collapse (rather than the actual nature of these news announcements, which was that WTC7 had already collapsed).

While there is no reasonably probable scenario where, assuming the WTC7 collapse was due only to fire (the current official explanation), an error of this type involving a premature report of a specific building's collapse would be made by multiple media organizations, the same is not true for a scenario involving a planned bombing of the building. If, as the evidence presented herein reflects, there were explosives and/or incendiaries pre-planted in WTC7, as in WTC1 and WTC2, it is reasonably possible that a planned media announcement of the WTC7 collapse was sent out by one of the perpetrators of the crimes, or a criminal co-conspirator, based on their originally planned timeline, but then due to an unanticipated problem in implementation of the perpetrators' plans on 9/11 that timeline had to be altered and WTC7 was brought down later than originally planned, without everyone involved getting "the memo" on the change.

One might ask why perpetrators of such horrendous crimes would bother to ensure that media announcements were sent out for the collapse of a building in which they had planted explosives and/or incendiaries. In this case, the answer is apparent. One does not commit crimes of the scope and magnitude of the destruction of three huge office buildings and the murder of

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<sup>125</sup> See, e.g., [Exhibit 27](#) (BBC premature 9/11 broadcast announcement of the WTC7 collapse).

thousands of people without having a strong motive and goal. There are probable motives and goals in this case that are served by drawing media attention to the horror of these office building collapses on 9/11. Such motives and goals include motivating the American public to support an expensive world-wide war on terror and to support invasions of and regime changes in several strategically situated foreign nations (strategic either militarily or in terms of access to oil resources).

Similarly strange, some First Responders received advance warning that WTC7 was coming down before the actual collapse of WTC7. As noted above regarding the premature media announcements of WTC7's collapse, a complete building collapse due to failure of building components as a result of fire in a steel-framed building not hit by aircraft would not have been predictable on 9/11 but a collapse caused by detonation of pre-planted explosives and/or incendiaries would be predictable (by the perpetrators of the crime). Professor Graeme MacQueen performed a review of the First Responders' testimonies recorded in the oral history interviews of the FDNY after 9/11 and observed the following regarding what the First Responders reported related to *advance warnings* of the collapse of WTC7:

- (1) In the FDNY oral histories, there are about 60 FDNY members who report hearing warnings of Seven's collapse.
- (2) Of these 60 cases, only two have an unknown degree of certainty. Thirty-one cases qualify as "definite" (Seven is thought definitely to be coming down), while 27 qualify as "indefinite" (Seven might come down).
- (3) In 27 cases time could not be determined. Of the remaining cases, 17 warnings were received less than two hours before collapse, while ten were received two or more hours before collapse and six appear to have been received four or more hours before collapse.
- (4) In five cases it is unknown who ascertained that the building was headed for possible or certain collapse. Of the remaining cases, seven FDNY members personally ascertained or affirmed the possible or definite collapse, while in 50 cases this judgment was made by others, typically official superiors. (There are

two cases where the judgment was made on the basis of both self and other— hence the failure of these numbers to add up to the correct total.)

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In fact, when interviewees say in the FDNY oral histories that they were worried that the Twin Towers might collapse, it almost always turns out that what they were worried about was partial collapse--they worried, for example, that the portion of the building above the impact site might fall off (Appendix D). Almost without exception, they were staggered by the collapse that actually took place, which was sudden, violent, complete, symmetrical and extremely rapid.<sup>126</sup>

Also see the analysis by Architects & Engineers for 9/11 Truth of the foreknowledge of WTC7's collapse on 9/11, which can be found [here](#). In the analysis by the Architects & Engineers it is noted significantly, among other observations, that Dr. Graeme MacQueen, in his study of the First Responders' testimony, reported that one of the First Responders interviewed on the record by the FDNY, DeCosta Wright, testified as follows:

Q. Were you there when building 7 came down in the afternoon?

A. Yes.

Q. You were still there?

A. Yes, so basically they measured out how far the building was going to come, so we knew exactly where we could stand.

Q. So they just put you in a safe area, safe enough for when that building came down?

A. 5 blocks. 5 blocks away. We still could see. Exactly right on point, the cloud stopped right there.<sup>127</sup>

In addition, at least one First Responder reported observing a countdown before the collapse of WTC7.<sup>128</sup> Further, Volunteer Emergency Medical Technician at the WTC on 9/11 Indira Singh, a Senior Consultant for JP Morgan Chase in Information Technology and Risk

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<sup>126</sup> See, e.g., [Exhibit 06](#) (Dr. Graeme MacQueen paper summarizing First Responders' testimony). Also see, [Exhibit 40](#) (Graeme MacQueen's public presentation analyzing the firefighter's testimonies regarding advance warnings of the collapse of WTC7). The full transcripts of the testimonies of the First Responders that provided the basis for Dr. MacQueen's analysis, published by the New York Times, can be found [here](#).

<sup>127</sup> [Exhibit 06](#) (MacQueen) at page 8 quoting and citing FDNY oral history 9110315, p. 3-4.

<sup>128</sup> [Exhibit 24](#).

Management, told the Pacifica Radio show ‘Guns and Butter’ host Bonnie Faulkner in a broadcast interview that: “After midday on 9/11 we had to evacuate that because they told us Building 7 was coming down. ... they told us we need to move from the triage site up to Pace University ... because Building 7 was going to come down or be brought down.” Listen to interview [here](#). Further, a public statement by the then-new WTC lease holder included a reference, in regard to WTC7, to a decision to “pull it.”<sup>129</sup>

To the knowledge of the Lawyers’ Committee, none of this evidence of foreknowledge of the WTC7 collapse and of scientific anomalies such as extreme temperatures and persistent underground fires has ever been presented to a grand jury.

**E. The Totality of This Evidence Proves that Pre-planted Explosives and/or Incendiaries Were Used at the WTC.**

The totality of the evidence described above, the forensic and physical evidence coupled with scientific and expert analytical findings and opinion corroborated by direct eyewitness accounts constitutes conclusive evidence of the use of explosives and/or incendiaries to destroy the WTC Towers and WTC7. The totality of this evidence does not require conjecture, speculation, or assumptions, only direct observation or scientific measurement or in some cases basic scientific knowledge and logic. Even the need for logical inference based on these categories of evidence is limited because this evidence involves laboratory confirmation of the presence of explosive and/or incendiary materials (thermite, thermate, and/or nano-thermite) and credible eyewitness accounts from multiple professional First Responders of the sights and sounds of explosions. This is a body of evidence that, based on established scientific principles and logic, admits of no other explanation than the use of explosives and/or incendiaries. The fact that the WTC Towers (but not WTC7) were hit by aircraft does not change this conclusion.

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<sup>129</sup> [Exhibit 20](#).

Whether or not an aircraft collision with the WTC Towers could cause floors above the point of impact to collapse in some circumstances, such an impact cannot explain the near free-fall acceleration during the collapse of WTC1 and WTC2 of floors below the point of impact, or the free-fall acceleration of WTC7 that is observable during its collapse (for 2.25 seconds of the total 6.5 seconds collapse time). Nor can such aircraft collisions explain the presence of explosive and/or incendiary residue in the WTC dust or the other scientifically established and documented facts in the evidence described above, such as the presence of extreme temperatures well above those that just burning jet fuel or office contents (the current official explanation) can generate.

When all scenarios and potential explanations but one have been scientifically eliminated as impossible, the scenario that remains, however improbable it may initially appear, must be the truth. This is true no matter how disturbing the remaining scenario is, and regardless of its implications.

Although aircraft collided with WTC1 and WTC2 (but not WTC7), it was explosives and/or incendiaries that brought all three buildings down. The evidence presented here of the yet-to-be prosecuted federal crimes that caused the destruction of these three WTC buildings and the resulting tragic loss of life clearly warrants review by a federal grand jury.

It should also be noted, for potential jurisdictional purposes, that at least two federal agents were killed in the World Trade Center on 9/11.<sup>130</sup> The U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York and the DOJ has a legal obligation and a moral duty to put all of this evidence and information in front of a special grand jury, to consider and investigate further.

## **VI. A GRAND JURY MAY CONSIDER ALL EVIDENCE OF ANY TYPE.**

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<sup>130</sup> [Exhibit 07](#) at p. 192 (one FBI agent and one Secret Service agent killed in the WTC Towers).

Although there are no limitations on the type of evidence a grand jury may consider, the types of evidence provided in this Petition, including eyewitness reports from firefighters and EMTs who were among the First Responders, as well as photographic and scientific evidence are among the most reliable of all the types of evidence that grand juries are allowed by law to receive and consider. No constitutional provision prescribes the kind of evidence on which grand juries must act.<sup>131</sup> The grand jury's work is not circumscribed by technical requirements such as those which govern ascertainment of guilt of defendants once a grand jury has finished its inquiries and an indictment has been issued, but rather may consider any evidence a reasonable person might use to reach logical conclusions.<sup>132</sup> In this case, the evidence is not only reasonable, it is compelling and disturbing. It raises serious questions about the events of 9/11, and proves that other perpetrators were involved in the slaughter of so many innocent people.

A grand jury is not blocked in its investigation by rules of evidence which operate at a criminal trial. It may hear and consider any testimony including hearsay, and an indictment returned by a legally constituted, unbiased grand jury, if valid on its face, is enough to call for a trial of a charge on the merits.<sup>133</sup> The Fifth Amendment allows a defendant to be tried on minimally sufficient allegations of an offense if a grand jury makes a determination that it considers those allegations sufficient to warrant exercise of its prosecuting discretion.<sup>134</sup>

A special grand jury in this case is empowered to investigate the evidence presented by this Petition, to issue subpoenas and compel people with knowledge to testify, to draw its own

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<sup>131</sup> *Costello v. U.S.*, 350 U.S. 359, 361-62 (1956), rehearing den. 351 U.S. 904.

<sup>132</sup> *Arrington v. U.S.*, 350 F.Supp. 710, 712 (E.D.Pa. 1972), aff'd 475 F.2d 1394.

<sup>133</sup> *U.S. v. Garnes*, 156 F.Supp. 467, 470 (S.D.N.Y. 1957), aff'd 258 F.2d 530, cert. den. 359 U.S. 937. Even an indictment based on hearsay, incompetent, or inadequate evidence would not be void or violate defendant's constitutional rights. *U.S. ex rel. Combs v. Denno*, 231 F.Supp. 942, 944 (S.D.N.Y. 1964), aff'd 357 F.2d 809, cert. den. 385 U.S. 872.

<sup>134</sup> *U.S. v. Cirami*, 510 F.2d 69, 72 (2nd Cir.1975), cert. den. 421 U.S. 964.

conclusions and to indict as it sees fit to hold anyone to account for any role they played in the crimes related to 9/11 and the murder of so many people.

**VII. NO STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS BARS THE INVESTIGATION OR PROSECUTION OF FEDERAL CRIMES RELATED TO 9/11.**

Although the crimes being reported in this Petition were initiated in 2001 and may have been planned well before 2001, these crimes may still be prosecuted under federal law because there is no statute of limitations for these crimes. Generally, an indictment for any offense punishable by death may be found at any time without limitation.<sup>135</sup> For terrorism offenses specifically, if the act of terrorism causes or risks death or serious bodily injury, then there is no time limitation on the prosecution of that crime.

Extension of statute of limitation for certain terrorism offenses

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(b) No limitation.--Notwithstanding any other law, an indictment may be found or an information instituted at any time without limitation for any offense listed in section 2332b(g)(5)(B), if the commission of such offense resulted in, or created a foreseeable risk of, death or serious bodily injury to another person.<sup>136</sup>

The offenses listed in section 2332b(g)(5)(B) include 18 U.S.C. § 2332f (relating to bombing of public places and facilities).<sup>137</sup>

**VIII. THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND A GRAND JURY HAVE THE POWER AND DUTY TO THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATE AND PROSECUTE THE FEDERAL CRIMES OF 9/11.**

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<sup>135</sup> 18 U.S.C. § 3281.

<sup>136</sup> 18 U.S.C. § 3286.

<sup>137</sup> 18 U.S.C. § 2332b(g)(5)(B).

The Lawyers' Committee does not have the DOJ's or the grand jury's subpoena power. The Lawyers' Committee does not have the DOJ's or the grand jury's power to grant immunity. The Lawyers' Committee does not have the DOJ's power to make plea deals. Nor does the Lawyers' Committee have the resources of the DOJ or a grand jury. As a consequence, the Lawyers' Committee does not have the same opportunities and ability that the DOJ and a grand jury have to acquire physical evidence, to fully test the credibility of witnesses, and to fully develop and elicit relevant testimony from all material witnesses.

The Lawyers' Committee is not, therefore, in a position to guarantee that every part of every witness' testimony referenced in this Petition is fully accurate or completely truthful. Having made this disclaimer, and notwithstanding it, the Lawyers' Committee is convinced that the testimony of the First Responders and the experts cited herein is truthful and as accurate as the memories and abilities of these witnesses allow. One reason for this conclusion is that the testimony of each of these witnesses is corroborated by the testimony and/or expert analysis and opinion of one or more (and in most cases several) other witnesses, which is also corroborated by physical evidence, laboratory analysis, and video recordings. Given this extensive corroboration across witnesses and across categories of evidence, even if one or a few witnesses had memory failures or decided for their own reasons to exaggerate the truth (and there is no apparent motive for these witnesses to have done so at the time of their testimonies), there would still remain more than sufficient evidence to support the conclusion that the federal crimes reported herein were in fact committed, warranting a grand jury investigation. Both the DOJ and a grand jury have a duty to thoroughly investigate the federal crimes reported in this Petition.

## **IX. CERTAIN PERSONS MAY POSSESS MATERIAL INFORMATION.**

The Lawyers' Committee has decided to not reference in this Petition either suspected perpetrators or potential material witnesses by name. However, there are obvious categories of persons who may have material information regarding the federal crimes reported herein that would be helpful to a special grand jury, or in the alternative to a grand jury, and to the DOJ. Those individuals who were arrested after reports that they were celebrating the airplane strikes on the WTC are one such category. The FBI already has the names of these individuals. A second category of such persons who may have material information related to the federal crimes reported herein are those contracted service providers who performed any work in the WTC buildings at issue in the weeks and months prior to 9/11 including those who performed construction, maintenance or repair work in these WTC buildings, including but not limited to work on the elevators. A third category of such persons are those persons involved in WTC security and in controlling or documenting who had access to the WTC buildings at issue in the months prior to 9/11. The Lawyers' Committee is willing to present to the DOJ, and to appear before a special grand jury, or in the alternative to appear before a grand jury, and present directly to such grand jury the information available to the Lawyers' Committee regarding any such persons known to the Lawyers' Committee and the material information they may have.

**X. CONCLUSION AND RELIEF REQUESTED.**

For all the reasons presented herein, The Lawyers' Committee for 9/11 Inquiry, Inc. a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting transparency and accountability with regard to 9/11, and the co-signatories listed below including some 9/11 family members and survivors, hereby respectfully request, pursuant to the United States Constitution, and 18 U.S.C. § 3332(a), that the United States Department of Justice present to a federal special grand jury, or in the

alternative to a federal grand jury, the facts and evidence presented herein and in the accompanying exhibits concerning federal crimes committed within the Southern District of New York related to the September 11, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center (WTC). We owe this to everyone who died because of the 9/11 attacks, and to everyone who survived, no matter where the evidence leads.

The Lawyers' Committee is willing to present this evidence directly to a special grand jury, or in the alternative to a grand jury, and the expert architects, engineers and scientists who have submitted their declarations with this Petition are also willing to testify directly to a special grand jury or grand jury. The undersigned respectfully request that the United States Attorney and the DOJ advise the Lawyers' Committee within 30 days of their receipt of this Petition of the actions either or both intend to take on this Petition.

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