

# Exposure of FBI's McVeigh Misconduct May Be Part of Efforts to Curb Bush

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At House Appropriations Committee hearings on May 17, on the FBI's FY2001 budget, Rep. David Obey (D-Wisc.) lambasted outgoing FBI Director Louis Freeh over a pattern of FBI abuses of prosecution, withholding of exculpatory evidence, and other crimes, concluding that the FBI was "close to a failed agency." The scandalous abuse of power by the Bureau, grabbed global headlines, following the early-May revelation that FBI field offices had systematically withheld thousands of pages of evidence from attorneys defending Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh.

As the result of the FBI "discovery" of the missing documents, the McVeigh execution, which Attorney General John Ashcroft had turned into a media circus, was postponed for at least 30 days, to allow defense attorneys to review the documents and decide what course of appellate action they might wish to take.

The delay in the McVeigh execution left Ashcroft in a precarious situation. A rabid proponent of the death penalty, Ashcroft had hoped to exploit the high-visibility execution of McVeigh against the growing opposition to the death penalty. Recent Gallup polls had shown that, even among strong opponents of capital punishment, there was a grudging support for the execution of McVeigh, whose own purported public statements, taking full credit for the Oklahoma City bombing atrocity, had angered most Americans.

The delay has thrown Ashcroft's public-relations scheme off track, and has raised serious questions about whether he was possibly "set up" by senior career professionals inside the Department of Justice, who have a long track record of conducting dirty tricks against incoming Attorneys General to ensure that they are captive pawns of the bureaucracy. It is hard to conceive that the FBI's flagrant withholding of thousands of pages of Oklahoma City investigative files from McVeigh and Terry Nichols' attorneys went unnoticed by senior DOJ prosecutors, who have also been in a power struggle with the FBI in recent years, for control over Federal law enforcement.

Jack Keeney, the ranking career official in the Criminal Division of the Justice Department, and his closest associate, Mark Richard, carried out a similar entrapment against incoming Attorney General Janet Reno, by inducing her, with false information, into approving the FBI massacre of the Branch Davidians at Waco, Texas, on April 19, 1993.

## EIR Exposés Confirmed

After the initial admission by several FBI field offices that they had failed to turn over all their investigative files on the April 19, 1995 Murrah Building bombing in Oklahoma City, that claimed 168 lives, it was revealed that 46 out of 56 FBI field offices had still withheld relevant Oklahoma City bombing documents, including FBI "302" forms detailing witness interviews.

The fact that such a pervasive pattern of coverup occurred—despite the fact that 11 headquarters teletypes were sent out, demanding full disclosure—demonstrates a level of institutional corruption that goes to the very nature of the FBI. It was precisely this pattern of pervasive, institutional corruption, on the part of the FBI and the Criminal Division of the Justice Department, that drove the Spring-Summer 1998 campaign to pass the McDade-Murtha "Citizens Protection Act," a campaign led by the LaRouche political movement, in conjunction with a bipartisan grouping in both Houses of Congress.

Furthermore, the eleventh-hour revelations about FBI coverup of possibly vital evidence, corroborate what *EIR* had been reporting from the day of the Oklahoma City bombing. In their rush to blame the terrorist bombing on two men—Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols—the FBI and DOJ systematically covered up vital leads that suggested that the two men were part of a broader, international terrorist apparatus, engaged in a systematic "strategy of tension" against the United States and key allies around the globe.

Long before the FBI shut down the broader probe—just one week after the bombing—*EIR* exclusively revealed that the government's own top forensic experts had concluded that neither McVeigh nor Nichols was capable of having carried out the deadly truck-bomb attack. Three qualified sources informed *EIR* that neither of the two Army veterans possessed the technical demolition/engineering skills to have constructed the massive shaped-charge bomb that literally lifted the Murrah Building off its foundation. And none of their known associates during their years in the U.S. Army possessed the special skills required for such a massive terror attack. Thus, while evidence suggested that McVeigh and Nichols may have been participants in the bomb plot, neither man was a pivotal player in the most serious terrorist incident to ever take place on American soil. The initial Oklahoma

state grand jury that indicted McVeigh and Nichols had also been convinced that there were other plotters. They refused to hand down an indictment unless it included several “John Does”—the unknown co-conspirators.

The information reported in the pages of *EIR*, during the Spring of 1995, was fully known by top officials of the FBI and DOJ, but they nevertheless shut down the investigation, and prosecuted McVeigh and Nichols as the “lone bombers.”

Steven Jones, McVeigh’s original trial lawyer, attempted, unsuccessfully, to obtain all of the government’s investigative reports on the bombing, especially the reports gathered during the days immediately following the bombing, when U.S. intelligence and law enforcement agencies were pursuing leads all over the world.

Among the suppressed leads that were cited by *EIR*, but never pursued by the FBI were:

- Terry Nichols’ frequent trips to the Philippines, during the 12 months leading up to the bombing. Nichols travelled to parts of the Philippines where the Abu Sayyaf group, an Afghansi terrorist organization linked to World Trade Center bomb-plotter Ramzi Yousef, was widely reported to be receiving military training from ex-U.S. servicemen. Nichols was unemployed, and had no visible means of financing the trips.

- Timothy McVeigh’s links to Elohim City, a British Israelite encampment in eastern Oklahoma, which was a hub of transatlantic neo-Nazi operations. Just prior to the start of the McVeigh trial in Federal court in Denver, defense attorney Jones had travelled to England, to pursue leads suggesting that McVeigh had ties to British right-wing terrorist groups, with links to “ex”-British special operations soldiers.

- The pattern of U.S. and global terrorism, following the Jan. 20, 1993 inauguration of President Bill Clinton, which included the World Trade Center bombing, the “Afghansi” armed assault outside the main gate of the Central Intelligence Agency, the sarin gas attack on the Tokyo subway system just weeks before the Oklahoma City bombing, and the half-dozen armed attacks against the White House and against President Clinton.

## British War against Clinton

The FBI/DOJ investigators totally ignored this prior pattern of events, suggesting that the United States was more broadly targeted by a “strategy of tension” destabilization, motivated by President Bill Clinton’s conflict with the British oligarchy’s Club of the Isles. British propagandists William Rees-Mogg and Ambrose Evans-Pritchard had been working, since the Clinton inauguration, on a continuous slander barrage against the President, and all but called for his violent elimination. And just two weeks before the Oklahoma City bombing, Rees-Mogg’s *Strategic Investment* newsletter had featured a highly inflammatory disinformation report that the Clinton Administration was about to launch a nationwide roundup of paramilitary militia groups. This intensification of

British propaganda against the Clinton Administration, which also featured a buildup of the militia movement as a legitimate “anti-Clinton” force, set the climate in advance of the Oklahoma City bombing, to facilitate the FBI coverup of all leads pointing to a broader, international terror conspiracy—including leads pointing towards London, which subsequently emerged, publicly, as a major center of international terrorism.

As Lyndon LaRouche noted in a June 3, 1997 interview, following the McVeigh trial, “That was a showboat; that was not a real trial. . . . Someone blew up a building. There’s evidence of FBI tampering with the evidence, and the tampered evidence was used in furtherance of bringing the indictment, and so forth and so on. But . . . the truth didn’t come out. . . . I think it’s important to get to the bottom of these things and find out the truth. And not to get the first slob you can grab, and take him out and lynch him, in what passes for a trial, technically, surrounded by limitations, which prevent the truth from being explored at trial, as it should be.”

## A Broader Pattern of Exposés

New revelations have emerged about several other infamous acts of terrorism, all linked to the Anglo-American oligarchy, which the FBI has served since its founding.

On May 14, the German daily newspaper *Bild-Zeitung* announced a forthcoming movie about the Nov. 30, 1989 assassination of German banker Alfred Herrhausen, which *EIR* exposed at the time as the work of British intelligence. According to *Bild-Zeitung*, the movie script documents that “at the end of 1989, Alfred Herrhausen had found himself at odds with bankers’ circles, because he wanted to cancel the debt of many developing nations. At home, he spoke of fear for his own existence. . . . Hours before his death, he said to his wife: ‘I don’t know whether I’ll survive.’ ”

And on May 10, Italian media reported that a new parliamentary probe into the kidnapping-assassination of former Italian Prime Minister Aldo Moro in 1978 was also linked to British secret intelligence circles, via the infamous Propaganda Two Freemasonic Lodge, run by the British royal family out of London. The parliamentary probe revealed that the Italian secret service, SISDE, had rented a flat in the building where Moro was held by “Red Brigades” kidnappers, just a few months before the murder. The SISDE was headed at the time by a leading P-2 member, Grassini. The implications are that P-2 ran elements within the Italian secret services that were the actual authors of the Moro assassination.

The timing of the attacks on the FBI and the new revelations about the Herrhausen and Moro cases is hardly a coincidence. There are growing signs that sane elements within Europe and even within U.S. establishment circles are waking up to the danger represented by the Bush Administration, and are moving to throw up impediments to the Bush gang’s helter-skelter staggering towards disaster, at home and on a global scale.