

Saudi 9/11 Hit Worst Since Pearl Harbor

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Jan. 13—At a point when British-directed and Saudi-sponsored terrorist attacks against Russia threaten to bring the world to the brink of nuclear war, and when Saudi-sponsored al-Qaeda terrorists are spreading chaos and death in Syria and Iraq, important developments within the United States are bringing the day closer when the Saudi sponsorship of the 9/11 attacks will be fully exposed.

The most important of these U.S. developments are: 1) former Sen. Bob Graham's continuing campaign to reopen the 9/11 investigation, which, he suggests, could show that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia played a central role in the worst attack on the United States since Pearl Harbor; and 2) the stepped-up campaign in the U.S. Congress, around House Resolution 428, to force release of the suppressed 28 pages from the Congressional Joint Inquiry into the 9/11 attacks, which, many sources report, definitively prove Saudi financing of the 9/11 hijackers.

In a hard-hitting Dec. 19 interview with a London YouTube program called TruthLoader, Graham, who led the Senate side of the Congressional Inquiry, declared that the issue of the suppressed 28 pages is not "past history." Graham said this could lead to a reassessment of U.S. policy regarding Saudi Arabia, Syria, and Iran today, particularly, "if we knew that Saudi Arabia had been a collaborator with the 19 hijackers." In the interview, Graham also blamed Barack Obama for carrying out a cover-up even beyond that initiated by the George W. Bush Administration.

Graham stated that the two primary reasons why the 28 pages and other classified documents regarding the Saudis should be released are 1) justice for the victims of 9/11 and their families, and 2) national security. He pointed out that the U.S. has assumed that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is a loyal ally, and, in fact, he said, the Saudis have been helpful to the U.S. in certain areas. But this is not sufficient reason to refuse to disclose in-

formation "which might indicate that Saudi Arabia was perfidious, and played a critical role in the most significant attack against the United States—in the United States itself—since Pearl Harbor."

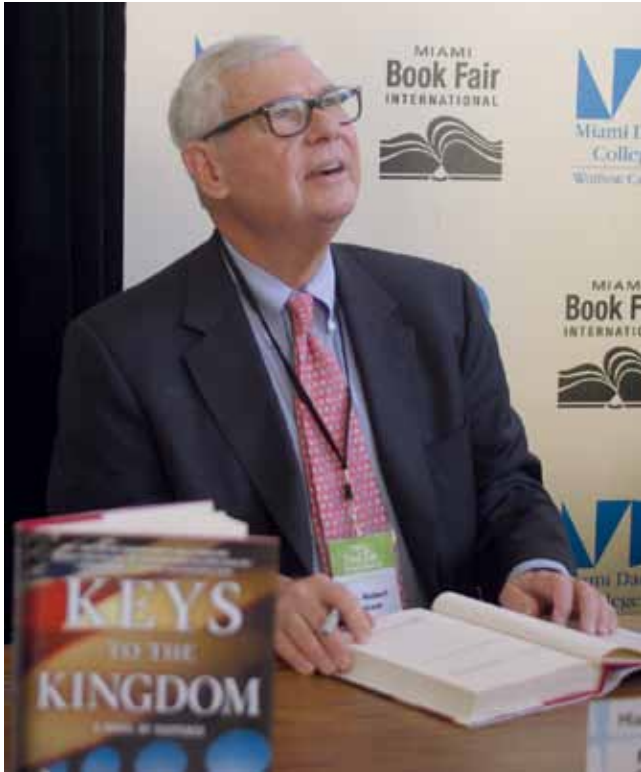
Asked about the implications that would flow from the release of the 28 pages, Graham said this could cause a re-evaluation of U.S. policy, at a time when several Saudi officials have been "publicly and stridently" critical of the U.S. He pointed to one high-ranking member of the royal family, a former head of the Saudi intelligence service (most likely Prince Turki bin-Faisal), as having been very publicly critical of U.S. policy toward Syria, and of the U.S. role in the agreement concerning Iran's nuclear program.

When discussing the content of the classified 28 pages, Graham and others who have seen them, are compelled to be very circumspect in what they choose to disclose. But on other occasions, when not directly discussing the 28 pages, Graham has been able to be much more direct, and has left no doubt that he believes there was a Saudi support network for the 9/11 hijackers in San Diego, Calif., and in Sarasota, Fla. He has also often raised the issue of preferential treatment for the Saudis by U.S. intelligence and law enforcement agencies.

Obama's Cover-Up

In the Dec. 19 interview, Graham identified three questions that need to be answered: 1) Did the 19 hijackers carry out the 9/11 attacks on their own, or did they have outside assistance? 2) Was the government of Saudi Arabia or related entities involved, and why did they provide such support? and 3) Why has the U.S. government gone to such lengths to cover it up?

He suggested that in light of the Bush family being so close to the House of Saud, and the U.S. relationship with Saudi Arabia around oil and defense going back to World War II, it was not hard to understand why President George W. Bush would have protected the Saudis. But, he continued, it's more difficult to understand why the Obama Administration has essentially continued the policies of the Bush Administration, and in some ways, even gone beyond what the Bush Administration did, in terms of classification of documents. "That is an even more intriguing question," Graham said. He said he cannot fathom Obama, who, during his 2008 campaign, had reportedly promised the 9/11 victims' families that he would release the 28 pages and other classified documents. "That hasn't happened."



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The issue of the suppressed 28 pages of the Congressional Joint Inquiry on 9/11 is not “past history,” insists former Sen. Bob Graham, who led the Senate side of the investigation. Graham is shown here signing copies of his 2011 novel, Keys to the Kingdom, which is based on the events of 9/11.

When asked how this investigation has been able to be so contained, Graham pointed out that the President and those responsible to him, have almost complete control over what information to release to the public, and what information to withhold. In this case, they have withheld information “aggressively, and extensively.” And because there has not been a flow of information, they have contributed to the fact that this issue “is increasingly being treated as one of past history, not one that has effect on current decisions and actions.”

Reopen the 9/11 Investigation

In the London interview, Graham called for:

1. Release of the 28 pages from the Congressional Joint Inquiry;
2. Disclosure of FBI documents concerning the Saudi family in Sarasota, who is tied to the Saudi royal family, and who was in contact with three of the hijackers who were taking flight training; and,
3. Re-opening of the 9/11 investigation, to assess the importance of the 28 pages, etc., and to find out

what happened in other locations—such as Paterson, N.J.; Falls Church, Va.; and southeast Florida—where there was a substantial hijacker presence prior to the 9/11 attacks; and to determine whether they were getting support similar to that provided in San Diego and Sarasota.

Congressional Mobilization

Meanwhile Reps. Stephen Lynch (D-Mass.) and Walter Jones (R-N.C.) are stepping up their mobilization around H. Res. 428, for declassification of the suppressed 28 pages, radio station WBUR in Boston reported on Jan. 8.

On Jan. 7, according to WBUR, Lynch and Jones formally asked their colleagues to read the 28 pages, and then to co-sponsor H. Res. 428, which calls upon President Obama to declassify and publicly disclose the redacted pages. Back in early December, Lynch had told the *International Business Times* that he and Jones were preparing a “Dear Colleague” letter calling on all House Members to read the 28 pages and then join their effort. In the Jan. 8 interview, Lynch said that he, as a Democrat, and Jones, as a Republican, will work their respective sides of the aisle, seeking co-sponsors, and that they should know within the next 4-6 weeks if they have enough support in the House to tell the White House to release the documents.

In the WBUR interview, Lynch acknowledged, of course, that he cannot discuss what is in the classified pages, but he did say that there are similarities between what happened on 9/11, and what is going on in Syria today, and that the material in those 28 pages could be instructive in helping Congress to put the situation in Syria in context—an obvious reference to the fact that the al-Qaeda-linked rebels in Syria are being armed and financed by Saudi Arabia, and that the Saudis are demanding that the the U.S. intervene militarily on their side, and against the Assad government.

On Jan. 2, Congressman Jones conducted an interview with Alex Jones of InfoWars on the 28 pages, which interview has been re-posted on the Ron Paul Institute website and many others. Jones repeatedly urged listeners to call their Members of Congress and tell them to co-sponsor H. Res. 428. Jones also praised Bob Graham for his almost 14-year fight to get the information released, which would show who made 9/11 financially possible. The American people have a right to know who financed the 9/11 hijackers, Jones declared, promising, “We’re going to continue to beat this drum.”