

# **Oklahoma Bombing Attorney Probes Neo-Nazi Conspiracy**

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OKLAHOMA CITY (Feb 5, 1996) - The attorney for Oklahoma City bombing suspect Timothy McVeigh Monday confirmed that his defense team is investigating a possible neo-Nazi conspiracy in the blast that killed 169 people last April.

Attorney Stephen Jones said he hired a London firm to investigate whether materials for the truck bomb that destroyed the Alfred P. Murrah federal building were supplied by neo-Nazi groups operating out of the United Kingdom and Germany.

"I think it's the type of the bomb, the method of delivery, the size of it that makes activities in the U.K. of particular interest as it relates to this case," Jones said.

The London Times Sunday reported the April 19 bombing may have been planned to avenge the execution in Arkansas that same day of white supremacist Richard Snell for the murder of a Jewish businessman and a black policeman. The article, quoting unnamed sources, claims key components for the bomb that destroyed the office building may have been obtained in Britain from far-right activists.

"We are investigating and pursuing that line of inquiry, along with others," Jones told Reuters.

McVeigh and U.S. Army friend Terry Nichols have been charged with bombing the building, killing 169 people including children in a day care center on the ground floor and injuring hundreds of others.

Federal prosecutors played down any links between the Oklahoma City bombing and an alleged international conspiracy. "I am unaware of any basis for that kind of speculation," said U.S. Justice Department spokesman Carl Stern.

But Jones said federal investigators are combing the same ground he is, looking for possible ties between the bombing and neo-Nazi groups. "I think both our side and the government's side are exploring those links," he said.