

Government hiding truth about bombing (letter to editor)

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To the Times:

Over the last two years many investigators have devoted significant time to uncovering the truth behind the Oklahoma City bombing. Until recently these investigations -- which have been aided by a growing network of sympathetic survivors, family members of victims, police officers, eye witnesses, scientists, engineers and elected officials -- have led to more questions than answers. But that is beginning to change, as evidenced by the astonishing evidence assembled recently, and notably being ignored by the major media, but beginning to surface on the cable news talk shows. Here is a sample of that evidence:

Multiple witnesses have identified bombing suspect Timothy McVeigh in the company of one or more ""John Does." Yet the government continues to champion its ludicrous lone bomber theory and refuses to put on the stand anyone who claims he saw McVeigh with anyone else.

Carol Howe, an ATF informant inside the right-wing movement, reported to the FBI and the ATF that several ""conspirators" talked months in advance about blowing up a federal office building on April 19, 1995 (the actual date of the bombing). She maintains that she kept the ATF fully informed of the plot. Federal officials now acknowledge that Howe was indeed an AFT informant, after initially denying that they had any informants furnishing information to them prior to the bombing.

Howe also states that a German citizen named Andreas Strassmeir was at the center of the plans to bomb a federal office building. McVeigh's phone credit card logs a call to Strassmeir. Yet federal investigators not only refused to interview Strassmeir but allowed him to leave the United States months after the bombing!

It appears now that Strassmeir may have been a U.S. Government ""agent provocateur." He admitted as much to British journalist Ambrose Evans-Pritchard in England's largest daily newspaper, the (ITAL) Sunday Telegraph. (END ITAL) This entire story, although known widely in Europe, has been published by not one American newspaper!

Cary Gagan, a federal informant, received immunity from the federal government after warning about plans to blow up a federal building in either Denver or Oklahoma City months before the actual bombing took place. Why did this informant's warning not stop the bombing? Federal officials now claim that Gagan's information ""lacked credibility" and he has now been threatened with loss of his immunity if he pushes the story.

Even though there is much that is now known, it is not difficult to draw some informed conclusions based on the evidence already available.

There were many people involved.

Federal officials possessed prior knowledge of the bombing but failed to stop it from occurring!

The federal government is involved in a cover-up to deny the prior knowledge.

Part of the cover-up entails the federal government's "'lone bomber" explanation, lest an honest search for all the perpetrators of this heinous crime unmask the possibility of the government's prior knowledge and perhaps implicate one or more federal "'agents provocateurs" in the bombing.

The big winners in this horrible bombing are those who have been provided with a powerful propaganda weapon for centralizing police-state powers, demonizing right-wing opponents of big government and proponents of more gun control legislation. We have all heard of how thought crimes such as believing that there is a conspiracy to bring about a new world order contributed to this right-wing militia crime. Speaking of big winners, Bill Clinton made an admission aboard Air Force One that the Oklahoma City bombing represented the turning point in his reelection campaign, a comment that went largely unreported in the American media but was reported throughout Europe.

At this point the information suggests at least a possibility that those who wish for bigger and more intrusive federal government exploited the tragic bombing. I will stop short at this time from insinuating that they might have actually planned it, but my eyes are open and looking. When I recall how the U.S. bombed the battle ship Maine in Havana Harbor in the 1890s and blamed it on Spain in order to give us an excuse to kick Spain out of sugar-rich Cuba and put our own corrupt regime in power, or how the fictional Zimmerman note allowed a conspiracy of American investors like J.P. Morgan in 1917 to have an excuse to get the U.S. involved in World War I and protect their interests in England's banking establishments from a German victory, or how Lyndon Johnson lied about the Gulf of Tonkin in order to escalate the Vietnam War to benefit American banking interests, or how Lee Harvey Oswald and James Earl Ray have become synonymous with cover-up, you will excuse my pessimism.

In closing, consider these words of James Madison: "'Prudent jealousy is the first duty of citizens ... the free men of American did not wait until usurped power had strengthened itself by exercise and entangled the question in precedents. They saw all the consequences in the principle and they avoided the consequences by denying the principle." God save American while protecting us from the government.

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