

INFORMANT POINTS TO WIDER OKC PLOT, JONES SAYS

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Testimony by a former government informant at her recent trial supports an often-stated defense theory that a larger conspiracy was behind the Oklahoma City bombing, Timothy McVeigh's attorney said Sunday.

In an interview on NBC's Meet the Press, Stephen Jones said he believes Carol Howe's statements, which were disallowed at McVeigh's trial in Denver, prove Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents knew of bomb threats to Oklahoma federal buildings.

``If you make a list of everything that the ATF knew on the night of April the 18th, no one could have assumed anything other than federal buildings were at risk in the state of Oklahoma," Jones said.

``The government, whoever they may have arrested, they have not arrested all the conspirators responsible for the deaths of 168 people in Oklahoma City" and of injuries to more than 500.

A Colorado jury on June 2 convicted McVeigh of murder, conspiracy and weapons-related counts in the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

During McVeigh's trial, U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch refused to allow evidence about a defense theory that a global conspiracy was behind the bombing.

He denied the defense's request to call Howe, who testified during her trial that she overheard talk of bombing federal buildings while working undercover at Elohim City, a white separatist community in eastern Oklahoma.

Howe was acquitted Aug. 2 of criminal charges unrelated to the Oklahoma City Bombing.