

It's Time for the FBI To Come Clean

After decades of FBI stonewalling and sabotaging of U.S. counter-terrorist enforcement and national security, a group of Congressmen have responded in a timely fashion, and are demanding answers from the Bureau, the Department of Homeland Security, and the Office of National Intelligence, on last week's Boston Marathon bombing and its aftermath.

In a letter dated April 19, addressed to Janet Napolitano, Director of Homeland Security, Reps. Michael McCaul (R-Tex.), chairman of the Homeland Security Committee; and three subcommittee chairmen, Peter King (R-N.Y.), Jeff Duncan (R-S.C.), and Candice Miller (R-Mich.), demanded a full accounting of the handling of the Boston case by Federal agencies.

Relatives of the two accused Marathon bombers have charged that the elder of the two brothers, Tamerlan Tsarnaev, was under FBI surveillance, and possible control, for the past three to five years. And Russian security officials have confirmed that they had provided the FBI with questions and case files on Tamerlan in 2011, and again in November 2012. The FBI, despite the leads provided by Moscow, gave the now-deceased 26-year-old a clean bill of health, claiming there was no proven link to any suspected Islamist terrorist organizations.

The Congressmen have demanded a thorough accounting of the FBI's relationship with Tamerlan Tsarnaev prior to the April 15 bombing of the Boston Marathon; the lawmakers accused the FBI of at least five major blunders which have led to murderous terrorist attacks since the start of the Obama Administration.

An April 20 letter to the FBI, DHS, and the DNI, signed by McCaul and King, stated:

"The FBI interviewed Tamerlan Tsarnaev at

the request of a foreign liaison service, on the basis of suspicions that Tsarnaev was involved in terrorist activities. Tsarnaev subsequently traveled to and from Russia, and posted jihadist materials on his social media. Yet Tsarnaev remained at liberty in this country to conduct the Boston attack, and it took days to publicly identify him as a suspect.

"Tsarnaev appears to be the fifth person since September 11, 2001 to participate in terror attacks despite being under investigation by the FBI... Five of these six intelligence failures have taken place since 2009. They raise the most serious questions about the efficacy of federal counterterrorism efforts."

It has been decades since the FBI has been put under scrutiny, despite countless intelligence failures and even outright corruption. When Congress took a serious look at the FBI's institutional corruption in the 1970s, the Bureau was caught running an illegal domestic espionage and agent-provocateur program known as Cointelpro, which was implicated in the assassination of Rev. Martin Luther King and other equally egregious crimes. Rigorous procedures were allegedly put in place to assure serious Congressional oversight.

Those procedures have so eroded over the intervening decades, that they have become a sick joke. While a thorough review of the FBI's bungling of the Tsarnaev case will not provide all of the answers that the American people need and deserve about the Boston Marathon atrocity, it is an appropriate starting point; and the fact that a small number of Congressmen have jumped on the case is already a clear indication that some elected officials, and a significant portion of the American people, are sick and tired of the lies and coverups of 9/11, Benghazi, etc., and of the perverting of our judicial system.