LaRouchePAC Webcast: The Saudi Support for 9/11

The following is an excerpt from EIR Counterintelligence Editor Jeffrey Steinberg's presentation at the Jan. 9 weekly LaRouchePAC [webcast](), on the evidence of Saudi Arabian support for the 9/11 atrocity, and why the 28 pages need to be released.

What [the 28 pages] *do* reveal—and there are important elements of those 28 pages that we *do* know about—they reveal, number one, that there was in fact an extensive support network that was operating in the case of at least the lead two hijackers, that's to say the first two 9/11 hijackers who arrived in the United States well over a year prior to the Sept. 11 attacks. They were met at the Los Angeles airport by two men, identified as agents of the Saudi Arabian intelligence services; those two Saudi agents arranged their housing, arranged other kinds of logistical requirements, provided them with money, and actually set them up in the initial flight training.

During this entire time, those two Saudi intelligence officers were regularly receiving money to finance those activities. Some of the money came through a company that was an exclusive, private so-called, front for the Saudi Ministry of Defense and Aviation, and one of those two Saudi intelligence officers was a "ghost" employee who received significant, not only salary, but expense account funds, during the period that the 9/11 hijackers were being shepherded around and protected and financed. At least $50,000, probably closer to $70,000, came directly to the those Saudi intelligence agents, in the run-up to the 9/11 attacks, from the personal bank account of the Saudi Arabian Ambassador to the United States, Prince Bandar bin Sultan.

Prince Bandar bin Sultan was a fixture in the United States for decades; many people referred to him as

"Bandar Bush," because he had such an extraordinarily close relationship to both President Bush 41 and President Bush 43. Bandar's wife Princess Haifa was the sister of Prince Turki bin Faisal, who was the head of Saudi intelligence for over a decade, and who resigned from that position two weeks before the 9/11 attacks. Prince Turki was one of the critical players who negotiated directly with Osama bin Laden and opened up the floodgates for Saudi funding to go into al-Qaeda during the period just prior to the African embassy bombings, the *USS Cole* attack, and then the 9/11 attacks.

The Saudi-British Convergence

I think that Senator Graham was very conscious of the juxtaposition of his comments about Saudi Arabia, the monarchy of Saudi Arabia, and his references to the perfidy of the British monarchy during the period of the Civil War. Because, in point of fact, today it's almost impossible to distinguish between the British monarchy and the Saudi monarchy: They represent a singular force, and were it not for the active and witting involvement of the British monarchy and British intelligence services, the Saudis would not be in a position to have played the kind of role that they played, in delivering critical support to the 9/11 hijackers, and many, many other similar kinds of activities.

There is in fact a well-documented picture of the convergence of British and Saudi monarchical operations, which have direct bearing on 9/11. Beginning in 1985, Prince Bandar bin Sultan, although the Ambassador here in Washington, D.C., was the personal broker with then-British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, of a very unique barter agreement between the British and the Saudis, in which the British, through the BAE Systems major arms company, provided about $40 billion in various kinds of weapons, from fighter planes to radar systems, to the Saudi Ministry of Defense. The Saudis, in return, paid for all of that military hardware, and some very hefty bribes that went to leading officials of the Saudi Defense Ministry and were spread around among a number of other Saudi princes, by delivering 600,000 barrels of oil a day, from 1985 and in fact that program still continues to this day.

Now, we did a little bit of work at *EIR* in crunching the numbers, and then we were supplied with certain critical confirming information from Prince Bandar himself. If you look at the amount of money that was spent by the British in providing those weapons systems, and then compare it to the amount of revenue that was generated by the spot-market sales of one supertanker of oil a day for a period beginning in 1985 and running through to the present, you'll find that after all of those factors were taken into account, there was well over $100 billion in funds left over.

In a recent sanctioned biography, Prince Bandar boasted about the fact that the special relationship between the Saudi monarchy and the British monarchy allowed for a series of offshore funds to be established—black funds, probably the biggest pool of covert operations money ever assembled at one time. And these jointly British-Saudi administered funds, as Bandar himself boasted, went to "the war against communism," by which he meant the financing of the mujahideen in Afghanistan, which was one of the breeding-grounds for al-Qaeda and all of the other terrorist groups that we now see acting on the world stage.

And so during the period that Bandar and his wife were providing funds to the Saudi intelligence officers who were shepherding around two of the key 9/11 hijackers, Bandar was regularly receiving bank transfers from the Bank of England, which was in the form of his "broker's fee" for the oil-for-weapons agreements between the British and the Saudis—it was called al-Yamamah; they called it "The Dove," translated into English from Arabic. Bandar's piece of that arrangement was, at minimum, $2 billion in broker's fees, that were coming into his bank accounts at Riggs National Bank.

Those were the funds that were being shipped off to help finance the 9/11 hijackers.

This is all a piece of what's in those 28 pages. We don't know it because we sneaked into the vault in the Capitol Building and got to read them; we know it because there have been other accounts.

For example, Senator Graham wrote a book in 2004, called *Intelligence Matters*, and that book recounted his experience as the chairman of the Joint House-Senate 9/11 investigative panel, and so he recounted anecdotally a number of the key findings that were then included in the 28 pages, that were blacked out by President Bush and Vice President Cheney, and which continue to be kept under wraps by President Obama, despite the fact that he promised the family members, the 9/11 families, on at least two face-to-face occasions, that he would make sure those pages were declassified.