

Sworn Jurat Affidavit of Frank Gregory Ford

In July 2000, fourteen months before 9/11, I was with approximately 35 other senior intelligence agents in a secure sound proof room in a quanset hut at Fort Huachuca, the Army intelligence training center in Arizona, where we had gathered for an intelligence briefing. We had all already been qualified in other intelligence related areas and were about to receive our badge and credentials as counterintelligence agents. The class commander, Chief Ralph Herbison, came into the room followed by three special briefers who were introduced as being from Able Danger, a military intelligence counterterrorism tracking group, including Lt. Col. Anthony Shaffer. Chief Herbison said that he'd been briefed by Lt. Col. Shaffer, gesturing to Shaffer who was wearing camouflage, that the Able Danger team had been tracking two groups of 'terrorist operatives' who were then inside the U.S.; that they had received flight training in south Florida and were right then receiving further flight training at an old abandoned air base 'not far from here', which I now know to have been Marana Air Base/Pinal Air Park. Herbison said 'we know' they are going to launch a terrorist attack on the World Trade Center and select

targets in the Washington, D.C. area using hijacked civilian airplanes and that they are being led by Osama bin Laden. Able Danger didn't know the exact date but we were told that it would 'for sure' happen within an 18-month time window based on information that had been received from eight different foreign intelligence agencies. We were told that this was 'going to happen', that there was no question it was going to happen, and that we were to get our personal affairs in order, settle any debts and get our families taken care of because once it happened we would be sent to the Middle East to hunt these terrorists. A woman from the Justice Dept. in the class pointed out that military intelligence can't legally operate inside the country due to Posse Comitatus law restrictions, that it was the FBI that had jurisdiction over domestic terrorism, and asked if the FBI had been notified. One of the other Able Danger team members besides Shaffer answered that the NSA, CIA and FBI had all received the same briefing that we were being given. I recall it was Herbison who then said that both of these groups of terrorist operatives had been penetrated by our informants. Someone from the class asked the obvious question, if we know who they are and where they are, why don't we just pick them up? We were told that they hadn't 'done anything yet' and so far were just foreign nationals getting flight training.

When 9/11 happened I immediately recalled the Able Danger briefing at Fort Huachuca, and just as Chief Herbison had said, my intelligence group, including the woman from the Justice Dept. who'd been in the Fort Huachuca class, was sent to the Middle East, to Iraq, in response to the attacks.

One of my primary sources as a counterintelligence officer in Samara, Iraq was a titular sheikh, who regularly had breakfast with the commanders of the Mukabarat including Col. Mahmoud and Lt. Col. Al Baghdadi (aka al Agazzi, who later became the head of ISIS), who told me that everyone in the Mukabarat knew those behind the terrorists attacks of 9/11 were trained Baluch agents, that the Baluchs had been contract mercenaries for the Saudis for years who used them for highly technical suicide missions, and that they were willing to do this because their families would be taken care of for life by the Saudis. This could be critical information as the alleged mastermind of the 9/11 plot, Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, is part Baluch as are his five nephews who are also implicated. At one point I was told that Mohammed Atta might also have been of Baluch background, but I haven't been able to confirm this. In an FBI debriefing in the Spring of 2004 after I returned to California, when I learned that the FBI still didn't know the real identities of at least eight of the hijackers, I told them that the Mukabarat was sure that they were Baluchs.

In a phone conversation with an agent of the Army Security Agency (ASA) in the 2004-2005 time frame, I was told that in the lead up to 9/11 that Netanyahu and Silverstein, the owner of WTC7 and lease holder of the WTC Towers, spoke weekly by phone and that Silverstein gave Netanyahu updates on how the placement of the explosives in the WTC was going. The presumed source for this information would likely be wiretaps or other electronic surveillance, though I do not know this for certain. This conversation was in the context of the ASA agent discussing my having found VX nerve gas cannisters in Iraq which I had officially documented and reported to my military chain of command.

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is truthful and accurate to the best of my personal witness memory and understanding, and I would be willing to swear under penalty of perjury to the same to any bona fide Grand Jury, Court proceeding or Congressional Inquiry.



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State of California
County of MONTEREY

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on this 14TH
day of AUGUST, 2018, by FRANK GREGORY FORD

proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) who appeared before me.



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