

# Letter to Swiss Re

from R. Leland Lehrman

**To: Daniel Soller, New York Representative, Swiss Reinsurance**  
**From: R. Leland Lehrman, independent investigator**  
**Re: World Trade Center Insurance Case**

Thank you for taking my call the other day. I hope you will be able to use this document in time to influence the outcome of the current trial, or at least the subsequent one. It is my contention that after all is said and done, Silverstein Properties may owe Swiss Re for all attorney fees and insurance payouts already disbursed, plus possible damages.

Let's start with the facts and then add context as we go along.

## 1. Silverstein's Role in the collapse of Building 7

Building 7 of the World Trade Center complex collapsed on September 11, 2001 without being hit by an airplane or other debris. FEMA was unable to conclusively state why it collapsed. But then, in September of 2002, owner/builder Larry Silverstein discussed the collapse of Building 7 in a PBS Documentary called [America Rebuilds](#). This is what he had to say:

I remember getting a call from the, er, fire department commander, telling me that they were not sure they were gonna be able to contain the fire, and I said, "We've had such terrible loss of life, maybe the smartest thing to do is pull it." And they made that decision to pull and we watched the building collapse.

You can listen to that clip for yourself by downloading it here:

<http://sirdave.com/mp3/PullIt.mp3>

Watch Larry Silverstein say it here:

<http://www.thewebfairy.com/911/pullit/pullit.wmv>

If there was any doubt about what "pull it" means, it is put to rest by another quote in the same video: "... we're getting ready to pull building six."

Listen to that quote here:

<http://sirdave.com/mp3/PullIt2.mp3>

Watch the video here:

[http://www.thewebfairy.com/911/pullit/pull-it2\\_lo.wmv](http://www.thewebfairy.com/911/pullit/pull-it2_lo.wmv)

Additional information on the Building 7 collapse:

<http://www.thewebfairy.com/911/pullit/>

<http://www.thewebfairy.com/killtown/wtc7.html>

I cannot see how Larry Silverstein's comment does not impact significantly on the investigation into the collapse of the North and South Tower. Someone needs to ask Silverstein some tough questions under oath about what he meant in that statement and how it was possible to demolish Building 7 on September 11th without placing charges in the building prior to the event. The controlled demolition theory of the collapse of WTC North and South Tower is also the only one that deals with the fact that jet fuel cannot burn hot enough to melt steel, nor could it melt the steel in such a fashion as to engender a controlled implosion. The beams all have to melt at the same time:

<http://www.apfn.org/apfn/patriotic.htm>

## 2. Security Lapse and "Power Down" at WTC on September 8th

A crucial piece of evidence that I have been waiting for in order to cement this case together just came in today. Take a look at the following letter from Scott Forbes of Fiduciary Trust:  
<http://www.serendipity.li/wot/forbes01.htm>

From: "Scott Forbes" <scottforbes2002@hotmail.com>  
To: <skylax@comcast.net>  
Subject: Official Verison of 9/11 — new info  
Date: Mon, 19 Apr 2004 12:35:12 +0000

To John Kaminski,

I was pleased to read your article "The Official Version of 9/11 is a Hoax" ... Please note some other facts. My name is Scott Forbes and I still work for Fiduciary Trust. In 2001 we occupied floors 90 and 94-97 of the South Tower and lost 87 employees plus many contractors.

On the weekend of 9/8,9/9 there was a 'power down' condition in WTC tower 2, the south tower. This power down condition meant there was no electrical supply for approx 36hrs from floor 50 up. I am aware of this situation since I work in IT and had to work with many others that weekend to ensure that all systems were cleanly shutdown beforehand ... and then brought back up afterwards. The reason given by the WTC for the power down was that cabling in the tower was being upgraded ... Of course without power there were no security cameras, no security locks on doors and many, many 'engineers' coming in and out of the tower. I was at home on the morning of 9/11 on the shore of Jersey City, right opposite the Towers, and watching events unfold I was convinced immediately that something was happening related to the weekend work ...

I have mailed this information to many people and bodies, including the 9/11 Commission but no one seems to be taking and registering these facts. What's to hide? Can you help publicise them?

WingTV provides additional details:

<http://69.28.73.17/thornarticles/powerdown.html>

Forbes, who was hired by Fiduciary in 1999 and is now stationed at a U.K. branch office, was working on the weekend of September 8-9, 2001, and said that his company was given three weeks advance notice that New York's Port Authority would take out power in the South Tower from the 48th floor up. The reason: the Port Authority was performing a cabling upgrade to increase the WTC's computer bandwidth.

Forbes stated that Fiduciary Trust was one of the WTC's first occupants after it was erected, and that a "power-down" had never been initiated prior to this occasion.

Why has there been no investigation on the part of the 9/11 Commission? Is there nothing suspicious or extraordinary about that event that should be examined? Would Swiss Re's case not plausibly benefit from further investigation? Surely Silverstein must have known about this massive security situation in the buildings he leased. What can he tell us under oath about the "Power-Down" event? Are there any other witnesses who would have corroborating testimony describing suspicious activity the weekend prior to the disaster? Is this not standard investigative procedure?

### **3. Anomalous Video Evidence of South Tower Crash**

Recent video analysis of the crash into the South Tower has provided us with ample evidence to suspect something more than just a crash. While at first seemingly unbelievable, analysis of the video evidence at <http://www.letsroll911.org> leaves little doubt that the airplane that hit the South Tower was not an ordinary commercial flight. Take a look at the video evidence for yourself, as words are no match for the video on this one. What does it mean to the insurance case if the entire government story regarding the method, motive and personnel involved in the 9/11 hijacking is grossly incorrect or incomplete?

### **4. Silverstein's aloof and calculating behavior post-9/11**

Swiss Re's press statements about Silverstein are particularly revealing. Take a look at this statement by Barry Ostrager on February 4, 2003:

The transaction was actually structured in a manner that would have allowed Silverstein to simply default and walk away from the lease in the event of a catastrophic loss, which is why, at the time he purchased the coverage, Silverstein wasn't that concerned about the amount of insurance.

The terms of the lease include a clause that if the WTC were totally destroyed and Silverstein and

the other insured parties elected not to rebuild, they are entitled to cash out the insurance proceeds and walk away from the deal. After repaying the lenders the principal of their loans, and paying the Port Authority USD 1.5 billion, Silverstein and his investors arguably could claim the balance of more than USD 1 billion. This was one scenario Silverstein had contemplated when his PR counsel, Howard Rubenstein, proposed a public relations strategy labeling the World Trade Center site "hallowed ground," on which nothing would be rebuilt.

On the day after the disaster, instead of recuperating from shock, Silverstein was exploring his financial options with his PR agent, Howard Rubenstein:

As memorialized in a typed memo dated September 12, 2001, Silverstein, with the help of Rubenstein, had been considering either rebuilding in partnership with a government subsidy, or not rebuilding and pocketing a large insurance recovery. They cynically considered two options, each designed to advance Silverstein's financial interest:

-- "The WTC will be rebuilt in partnership with the people of America. 'The WTC is no longer a real estate site that belongs to a corporation — it belongs to the people of this nation. As a result a national crusade will be undertaken that allows us to rebuild this symbol of American pride and determination where the people of this nation are equal partners in this effort.'

-- "The WTC will not be rebuilt. 'It is inconceivable that we could rebuild a place of commerce on land that has become drenched with the blood of American patriots. It needs to be consecrated much the way Gettysburg and the Arizona are now.'"

The influence of Silverstein's public relations counsel in his legal strategy continued later, without regard to the actual facts. This involvement is evidenced by a comment referencing Rubenstein's recommendation that Silverstein seek his confected, post-loss two occurrence strategy: "Howard: FYI, they took your advice [to seek two occurrences]."

Does this sound like the attitude of someone recovering from shock as his most-prized investment just turned to dust?

## **5. Surreptitious Switch to the Traveler's Form**

Even Silverstein's case that he switched to the Travelers form right before the attack looks suspicious. It looks to me like someone knew what was coming and wanted to move the insurance companies onto a form that would increase their liability without making too much of a fuss about it and raising eyebrows. Look closely at the details of the supposed "change" in the governing form and you will see all the hallmarks of a covert operation: surreptitious, oblique and non-specific communications designed to accomplish an objective without setting off alarm bells.

## **6. Relevant Background Information — Who is Larry Silverstein?**

It is necessary to understand who Larry Silverstein is and the circles in which he operates in order to understand how it is possible that he might have had prior knowledge.

It is also necessary to understand that there are other suspects in the 9/11 case besides al Qaeda, among whom the Mossad, Israel's spy and covert operations agency figures prominently.

Modus Operandi for the Mossad is to frame Arabs for terrorist actions that they perpetrate. The article WTC Stranger than Fiction linked below gives examples. The Washington Times ran a story on September 10, 2001 about a 68-page study issued by the U.S. Army School for Advanced Military Studies (SAMS). The study, issued by the elite Army officer's school, detailed the dangers of a possible U.S. Army occupational force in the Mideast. Here is the article's comment about the study's view of the Israeli Mossad:

Of the Mossad, the Israeli intelligence service, the SAMS officers say: "Wildcard. Ruthless and cunning. Has capability to target U.S. forces and make it look like a Palestinian/Arab act."

"By way of deception, thou shalt make war" is the motto for Mossad.

And Mossad was subsequently busted creating a phony al-Qaeda in Palestine:

<http://www.antiwar.com/justin/j120902.html>

Let's start with the evidence that the Mossad is somehow involved with 9/11. For that, we shall turn to the giants in the field:

<http://www.whatreallyhappened.com/spyring.html>

[http://feralnews.com/#israeli\\_spy\\_ring](http://feralnews.com/#israeli_spy_ring)

For a guided tour, WTC Stranger than Fiction is the best introduction. To get straight into the heart of the matter, start at the section marked The Dancing Israelis:

[http://www.apfn.org/apfn/WTC\\_STF.htm](http://www.apfn.org/apfn/WTC_STF.htm)

Perhaps the most important and official evidence is the US DEA/FBI report on the massive Israeli Spy Ring:

<http://www.911-strike.com/dea-il-spy.htm>

Now let's look at the evidence that links Silverstein and Israel. For that we must first discuss the concept of the "sayanim", or helpers.

The Mossad use dedicated Zionist Jews as assistants in its overseas covert operations. Former Mossad operator Victor Ostrovsky in his book By Way of Deception describes the sayanim thus:

There are thousands of sayanim around the world. In London alone, there are about 2,000 who are active, and another 5,000 on the list. They fulfill many different roles. A car sayan, for example, running a rental agency, could help the Mossad rent a car without having to complete the usual documentation. An apartment sayan would find accommodation without raising suspicions, a bank sayan could get you money if you needed it in the middle of the night, a doctor sayan would treat a bullet wound without reporting it to the police, and so on. The idea is to have a pool of people available when needed who can provide services but will keep quiet about them out of loyalty to the cause. They are paid only costs. Often the loyalty of sayanim is abused by katsas who take advantage of the available help for their own personal use. There is no way for the sayan to check this.

I would suggest that it is plausible that Larry Silverstein is a high-level sayan. Take a look at these articles for details on his business, social and political circles:

1. Larry Silverstein's relationship with Lewis Eisenberg of the Port Authority et al.

[http://www.americanfreepress.net/Censored/26\\_Zionist\\_Circles\\_Benefit\\_From.htm](http://www.americanfreepress.net/Censored/26_Zionist_Circles_Benefit_From.htm)

2. Silverstein's relationship with Rupert Murdoch and other Zionist organizations:

[http://www.americanfreepress.net/10\\_07\\_03/Media\\_Mogul/media\\_mogul.html](http://www.americanfreepress.net/10_07_03/Media_Mogul/media_mogul.html)

3. Silverstein's Relationship with Israel's Likud Party and Ariel Sharon:

<http://www.iasps.org.il/scorecards/yerushalmi.htm>

As Dafna Barak of the Israeli Free Trade Zones Council says: "... A man like Larry Silverstein ... contributes millions of dollars every year to Israel."

A Jerusalem Post article detailing Silverstein's work in Israel as well as his close relationship with Ariel Sharon and the Likud Party is here:

<http://www.jpost.com/Editions/2000/05/18/Features/Features.6890.html>

Here's some more links to Israeli officials from Ha'aretz, including the following quote:

...he himself was saved only because a meeting he had scheduled that morning with officials of the Port Authority on the 88th floor of 1 World Trade Center (the south tower) was canceled at the last minute.

<http://www.haaretzdaily.com/hasen/pages/ShArt.jhtml?itemNo=97338&contrassID=3&subContrassID=0&sbSubContrassID=0>

He's got some bigtime Israeli "close friends" calling him too:

Shortly after the events of September 11, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon called Larry Silverstein, a Jewish real estate magnate in New York, the owner of the World Trade Center's 110-story Twin

Towers and a close friend, to ask how he was. Since then they have spoken a few more times. Two former prime ministers — Benjamin Netanyahu, who this week called Silverstein a "friend," and Ehud Barak, whom Silverstein in the past offered a job as his representative in Israel — also called soon after the disaster. Yaakov Terner, the mayor of Be'er Sheva, sent a letter of condolence.

Pretty lucky guy, no? You'd think he would have been devastated, but no, he's cooking up some nice insurance strategies by the next day with Howard Rubenstein, his PR guy, who just happens to also be the pro bono PR agent for THE STATE OF ISRAEL:

[http://www.mideastfacts.com/isrl\\_pr\\_baltimorsun.html](http://www.mideastfacts.com/isrl_pr_baltimorsun.html)

<http://www.hoffman-info.com/palestine39.html>

Furthermore, it turns out Silverstein was actually a very close friend of Netanyahu:

The two have been on friendly terms since Netanyahu's stint as Israel's ambassador to the United Nations. For years they kept in close touch. Every Sunday afternoon, New York time, Netanyahu would call Silverstein. It made no difference what the subject was or where Netanyahu was, he would always call, Silverstein told an Israeli acquaintance. Their ties continued after Netanyahu became prime minister. They met several times and Netanyahu promised to give the project (Free Processing Zone in Israel) his support.

### **Conclusion:**

The world is full of gangsters of all nationalities. It takes some time to break through the nationalist and religious ideological positions in order to discover the secret trans-national and trans-ideological bonds between high and low-level criminals. It is difficult to determine whether the Saudis/Pakistanis or the Israelis were more closely involved in the planning and execution of the attacks on September 11th, but my research suggests that there are criminal elements at high levels in all of the above, as well as the US, UK and other involved nations.

Larry Silverstein may not have had much advance notice about the September attacks. It appears, based on the cancelled meeting with the Port Authority, that he would have had only a couple of hours, if that. Certainly it is plausible that his friends in Israel, having either followed or created the "al Qaeda" hijacker team through the Mossad would have tipped him off at the end without compromising operational security. It appears they have also given him the green light through Rubenstein to fleece Swiss Re and the rest of the insurance companies for the \$7 Billion. Hilary Clinton, Charles Schumer, George Pataki, Brad Card brother of the White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card — they're all on his payroll as he needs that \$5 Billion in federal aid to complete the Freedom Tower. But does he deserve it?

If he did have advance notice, then it makes the deadly announcement to Tower occupants to return to their offices, all the more heinous.

For the record, given the shadows of doubt still lingering, let me here ask forgiveness from those upon whom I may here have cast unwarranted aspersions. But it is inevitable, and necessary, to examine the evidence and the character of all involved in this disaster. May the innocent walk free and the guilty meet justice. It is certain that the Mossad was either following or running the al Qaeda operation:

[http://propagandamatrix.com/israeli\\_security\\_issued\\_urgent\\_warning\\_to\\_cia\\_of\\_large\\_scale\\_terror\\_attacks.html](http://propagandamatrix.com/israeli_security_issued_urgent_warning_to_cia_of_large_scale_terror_attacks.html)

The Telegraph has learnt that two senior experts with Mossad, the Israeli military intelligence service, were sent to Washington in August to alert the CIA and FBI to the existence of a cell of as many of 200 terrorists said to be preparing a big operation. "They had no specific information about what was being planned but linked the plot to Osama bin Laden and told the Americans that there were strong grounds for suspecting Iraqi involvement," said a senior Israeli security official.

and:

<http://www.rense.com/general44/those.htm>

Hollywood in Florida is a town of just 25,000 souls. The French intelligence report says the leader of the Mossad cell in Florida rented apartments "right near the apartment of Atta and al-Shehi". More than a third of the Israeli "art students" claimed residence in Florida. Two other Israelis connected to the art ring showed up in Fort Lauderdale. At one time, eight of the hijackers lived just north of the town.

Put together, the facts do appear to indicate that Israel knew that 9/11, or at least a large-scale terror attack, was about to take place on American soil, but did nothing to warn the USA. But that's not

quite true. In August 2001, the Israelis handed over a list of terrorist suspects — on it were the names of four of the September 11 hijackers. Significantly, however, the warning said the terrorists were planning an attack "outside the United States".

The Mossad is ideologically aligned with Likud. The leaders of Likud, Netanyahu and Sharon, were tight with Silverstein. It follows that Silverstein may have had prior knowledge. How much, we can't yet say, but Swiss Re should definitely consider doing a thorough investigation. Not only could Swiss Re save itself a lot of money, but it could have a positive effect on the search for truth and justice in the case of the World Trade Center Disaster. We could put together a team in a week that could get to the bottom of this in a relatively short time with a small amount of money.

I'll close with the words of Phil Jayhan of [letsroll911.org](http://letsroll911.org):

It can further be proven that the World Trade Center was brought down by controlled demolitions, purposely, with 3000 innocent, helpless souls inside. With this being the case, it changes everything for the World, for Afghanistan, for Iraq, for George Bush, and lastly but not least, the insurance companies involved. This website will save them billions! It will save United & American Airlines billions, and help everyone recover losses already paid out. Not only was 911 pre-planned, but those who did so, did so with the intention of using this event to defraud insurance companies out of billions upon billions of dollars at the same time. Thus making the insurance claims null and void. I sure would hate to be Larry Silverstein right now, cause this doesn't look good for him. He bought the World Trade Center some 90 days before 911 with all sorts of special and now, in hindsight, curious insurance riders. He bought 2 Asbestos filled 'Golden Herring' Towers which would cost more to tear down than to replace. And now, he has the gall to try to make the insurance companies double pay for the World Trade Center. Shameless. But with this new development, the insurance companies can not only stop payment on all 911 claims, but they can now start to recover their huge losses due to fraud. What will Larry Silverstein settle for now? Perhaps he knew nothing, one can only hope. It will be for the investigators of the true official investigation to figure out. But as of yet, this investigation hasn't started. The sham 911 commission is designed to cover this up. The true investigation, in my opinion, will only be done by those who have the most to lose. Insurance companies. When they see the Dog and Pony show that has been leveled against them, they will, and should rise up in unison and say; "Nope, not a dime ... Let the insiders pay for their handiwork! With the information here at the site, it should provide the Insurance companies with far more than enough reason to just say 'no' to another nickel or dime payout. Let the truth begin and let's leave the falsehoods behind....

Call anytime,

Leland

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