

# 9/11 and the two skyscrapers: We are still talking about how they fell!



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*“It seems to me like 19 amateurs with box cutters taking over four commercial airliners and hitting 75 percent of their targets...it raises a lot of questions.”*

Like most people who watched the buildings fall, or have seen it on video, we all have the same compassion for those who were trapped, those who jumped, and those who are still missing...and those who came down the stairs in the dark, smoke, and dust – has to have been frightening and horrifying.

We have sympathy for the first responders, the New York people in the street watching, hearing, and smelling the horror of it all – followed by 10 months of the cleanup - and caring for the families of the lamed, dead, and still lost.

We can have sympathy for the people who were hijacked, trapped, and killed in the two crashes...It just took .7 seconds to die.

I don't have sympathy for the box cutter pilots who flew the 767s into the twin towers. This must have been one hell of a ride to pilot or 'guide' either of those airplanes at the high rate of speed to hit the buildings.

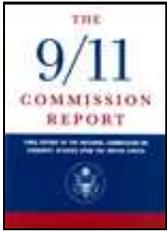
Watching UAL 175 in the tight left turn, it had to really put on some G's and bend the wings to make it - and it almost didn't.

My story: I don't think box cutter pilots did it.



Sara K. Schwitek took this photo from the window of her office, across the East River in Brooklyn.

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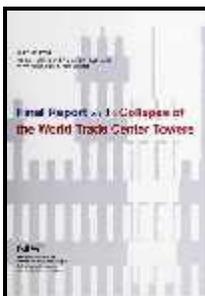
George W. Bush (43) in 2002 signed off on the commission to prepare a full complete account of the circumstances surrounding the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

With the publication of *The 9/11 Commission Report* in July 2004, “it confirmed the expectations of the movement’s most pessimistic members...by simply presupposing the truth of the government’s theory according to which the 9/11 attacks resulted from a conspiracy involving only Osama bin Laden and other Arab Muslims” (Griffin, *NPH revisited*, p. ix).



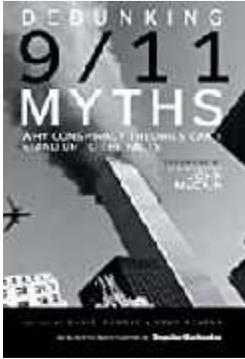
David Ray Griffin (2006). *The New Pearl Harbor Revisited: 9/11, The cover-up and the exposé*. “Summarizes the 9/11 truth movement’s ongoing exposé of these revisions as further attempts to cover up the truth about what really occurred on 9/11” (p. xiv).

The publication in 2005 of the official report on the destruction of the Twin Towers by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), “many scientists have argued that NIST could appear to explain the collapses of these buildings only by ignoring several types of evidence and even violating various laws of physics...to include the collapse of WTC 7” (p. x).



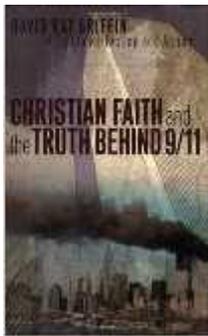
NIST NCSTAR 1 Federal Building and Fire Safety Investigation of the World Trade Center Disaster Final Report on the Collapse of the World Trade Center Towers Technology Administration U.S. Department of Commerce.

“...although 9/11 was indisputably the most fateful event of our time, from which enormous consequences – almost entirely negative – have flowed, neither Congress nor the mainstream media have investigated the reasons provided by independent researchers from many professions for considering the official account false” (Griffin, p. ix).

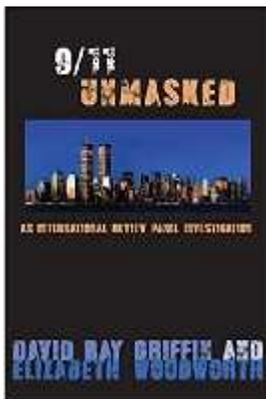


*Popular Mechanics*, David Dunbar & Brad Reagan (2006).

“The conspiracy theories are a distraction from the proper lessons of 9/11...it is imperative to confront them with facts...as they show that, without exception, the stories are based on misconceptions, distortions, and outright lies. The CIA was not involved in 9/11...A white jet did not shoot down Flight 93” (John McCain, in the introduction, p. xv).



David Ray Griffin (2006) writes on “A Call to Reflection and Action” with his first chapter titled “9/11 and Prior False-Flag Operation.”



David Ray Griffin & Elizabeth Woodworth (2018) in the ‘9/11 Truth Movement’ say: “The main focus of this movement has been to investigate evidence that does not square with the official story. But some of this evidence has, beyond showing problems in the official account, also suggested that the attacks were organized by people within the US government, specifically the Bush-Cheney administration and its Pentagon” (p. vii).

The book address 51 points in nine categories. The first one is on the destruction of the twin towers using nine points in 35 pages noting “So, the official account, which ruled out explosives, cannot explain why these buildings completely collapsed” (p. 6).

## The task of this paper

To show that there are still some issues with government explanations on what happened and why it happened on the 9/11 “Terrorist Attack.” The focus is on the destruction of the Twin Towers and listed for starters are a number of books and a number of videos to reflect the fact that the government and media are not as forthcoming as they should be to take some of us away from or out of the title of being conspirators.

“A conspiracy...is ‘an agreement to perform together an illegal, treacherous, or evil act.’ To hold a conspiracy theory in the generic sense, therefore, is simply to believe that some event resulted from such an agreement. Given this generic meaning, the official account of 9/11 is obviously a conspiracy theory, because it holds that the attacks resulted from an agreement between Osama bin Laden and fellow members of al-Qaeda.

“But conspiracy theories in the generic sense can either be rational theories, based on good evidence and logical inferences, or irrational theories, based on false or cherry-picked evidence and illogical inferences. The pejorative use of the term ‘conspiracy theory’ falsely implies that all conspiracy theories are of this irrational type” (pp. xxiii-xxiv).

## Why the Twin Towers?

If you can be convinced the towers fell because the airliners crashed into them, and the subsequent metal was weakened and the floors pancaked down, then you will buy into the government story. If they fell to something else like being imploded then there is more to the story and this adds up to a cover up story.

Having watched like you (and everybody else in the world) and seen the buildings fall down and to come up with “set up” destruction, you will have to look real close at “some of the videos.” Of course, most pictures are shown from the ground level and you don’t see the “pop, pop, pop” of the implosion phenomenon.

As a review the following video maybe not the first video to see, but it is the most educational explanation of what happened to the twin towers. This is a **MUST SEE** video.

<https://www.amazon.com/11-Dr-David-Ray-Griffin/dp/B06XRCNPKH> 1:47 prime video  
**9/11 The Myth and The Reality (2017)**

Watch this video especially around the 44 minute mark. Griffin explains, and shows, just exactly what controlled demolition means.

Notice he goes right into how WTC 7 fell and explains NIST has still not made a determination of why it fell - “and does not want anyone to ask questions about it”.

To me, seeing how the buildings came down, not by fire, but by controlled demolition (implosion) is a more convincing argument. Once this judgment was made going on to seeing how other issues came up moved me to be a believer in the conspiracy.

This is the crux of my understanding but I do have some more questions – saved for later.

This is a **MUST SEE** item.

*"Videos Show Building 7's Vertical Collapse". wtc7.net. Retrieved July 30, 2011.*

### World Trade Center 7

Unlike the Twin Towers, 7 World Trade Center was not hit by a plane, although it was hit by debris from the Twin Towers and was damaged by fires which burned for seven hours, until it collapsed completely at about 5:20 p.m. on the evening of September 11 (a new building has been erected on the site of the old and opened in May 2006). Several videos of the collapse event exist in the public domain, thus enabling comparative analysis from different angles of perspective.<sup>[64]</sup> Proponents typically say the collapse of 7 World Trade Center was not mentioned in the [9/11 Commission Report](#)



**9/11 destruction “controlled demolition” — fact or fiction?** Ian Harvey November 24, 2017 <https://canada.constructconnect.com/dcn/news/government/2017/11/911-destruction-controlled-demolition-fact-fiction>

### **World Trade Center and how it collapsed – pancake way**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SnwYYF\\_gK1s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SnwYYF_gK1s) (4:06)

### **A WORTHY WATCH:**

[The 9/11 photos we will never forget – by Kyle Almond, CNN Published September 10, 2021](#)

<https://www.cnn.com/interactive/2021/09/us/9-11-photos-cnnphotos/>

**See the “other entries” in this series** – especially:

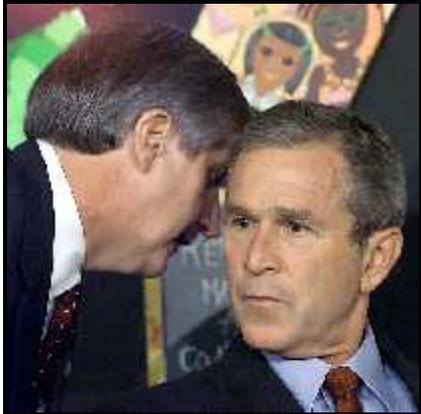
**Resources Debunking 9/11 Conspiracy Theories**

[Seven Resources Debunking 9/11 Conspiracy Theories | Council on Foreign Relations \(cfr.org\)](https://www.cfr.org/blog/seven-resources-debunking-911-conspiracy-theories)

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**Seven Documentaries Worth Watching About 9/11**

<https://www.cfr.org/blog/seven-documentaries-worth-watching-about-911>



President Bush being told of the second crash while on a photo-op in a grade school in Sarasota, Florida. Griffin says “The behavior was very strange” (p. 18). This is played out in a couple videos but a movie showed this scene with more detail and is titled “9/11: Inside the presidents war room” an Apple TV+ movie (2021).

I will add this movie/documentary shows how the day went with Bush, Cheney, Powell, and Rice – to name a few. It is done well. They have some of the actors like Bush talk about the events twenty years after it happened. Really liked his line at about 27:06 “You know, the first plane was an accident, the second one was an attack, and the third one was a declaration of war.”

The movie shows the numbers of people killed, hurt, lost in 9/11 and then goes into the “Bush Doctrine” of finding “the thugs” that started it. We can talk about this response. We can talk about the Bush Legacy. We can talk about Bush, 20 years in Afghanistan, the Iraq “weapons of mass destruction” war and look at the numbers (money, tanks, people, assets) he/they/us cost us. And then the aftermath of Abu Ghraib, enhanced interrogation, and suspending the writ of habeas corpus.<sup>1</sup>

Moreover, Bush has caused concern for/to us all with the Terrorist Surveillance Program violating our privacy rights and civil liberties. Of course, these issues were not resolved in his time, and went on into Obama’ eight year run...seems like it has picked up in the last two plus years.

This movie is a **MUST SEE** movie..

<https://tv.apple.com/us/movie/911-inside-the-presidents-war-room/umc.cmc.5s01y0s59i9clfn2jjghr5cp3?action=play>

These five episodes are on the **MUST SEE** list.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://millercenter.org/president/gwbush/foreign-affairs>

***Turning Point: 9/11 and the War on Terror* (2021).** 9/11 launched the United States into a fight against jihadist terrorism that continues to this day. Over the course of five episodes, *Turning Point* unpacks the events of 9/11, as well as the timeline and ramifications of the resulting war on terrorism. The documentary also includes interviews with senior Bush administration officials, U.S. servicemembers, members of the Taliban, and more. You can watch *Turning Point* on [Netflix](#).

### **[9/11 Timeline - Videos, World Trade Center Attacks - HISTORY](#)**

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In one of the documentaries, there is the interview of a lady who flew one of the F-16s with the 121<sup>st</sup> TFS out of Andrews AFB (was there for a while back in '66 when checking out in the F-00). She says they launched and were told they were going to ram the United 93 airliner if they could find it. Course, they didn't.

Two parts to this story. One, they took off in unarmed fighters. There was no 'five minute alert' set up – at least at Andrews noting Otis AFB may have had some F-15s on alert but this all just adds up to the fog of war and why the Air Force did not get involved in time to shoot down the two Boeing 767s that crashed into the WTCs.

The second part has to do with this lady fighter pilot saying it was a long day as she made a second flight with air tasking orders to escort Air Force One back into the Washington area. You will notice toward the end of "9/11: Inside the president's war room" a shot of an F-16 flying formation on the left wing of Air Force One. This one was armed as you can see a missile on the right wing. The tail fin had the letters DC – which are the markings on 121<sup>st</sup> fighters.

Can you guess who the pilot was?

Better, I found the story:

[The Unthinkable 9/11 Suicide Mission to Bring Down Flight 93 | Heather Penney - YouTube](#) (13:54)



Another **MUST SEE** movie (2006) Nicolas Cage. Director: Oliver Stone. Netflix.



This picture is about info on the controlled demolition of the three WTC buildings. Let me go back to Griffin discussing the examples in his UNMASKED book.

**Sudden Onset:** In controlled demolition, the onset of the collapse is sudden: One moment, the building is perfectly motionless; the next moment, it suddenly starts coming down.

**Straight Down:** The most important thing in a controlled demolition of a tall building is that it comes straight down.

**Rapid Constant Acceleration:** Measurement show that when the North Tower collapsed, it accelerated constantly at approximately two-thirds the rate of gravity.

[Note: please see [Appendix A](#) and read the complete paragraph on this issue.]

**Total Collapse:** These 110-story buildings collapsed into piles of rubble only a few stories high, even though the core of each tower contained 47 steel box columns, which in the lower floors were massive.

**Pulverization and Dust Clouds:** "...much of the non-metallic contents of the buildings were indeed pulverized into tiny particle of dust, giving rise to enormous dust clouds, which impeded visibility of the buildings for a half hour after each collapse."

**"It can safely be concluded, therefore, that the position presented by FEMA, the 9/11 Commission, and NIST – that there is no evidence of explosions in the Twin Towers before their collapses occurred – is indefensible."** (my bold...)

"...the claim by Shyam Sunder, NIST'S lead investigator, that although the clouds of dust created during the collapses of the Twin Towers may create the impression of a controlled demolition, 'It is the floor pancaking that leads to that perception.' The pancaking...began at the floor beneath the holes created by the impact of the airliners...this theory cannot handle the facts as revealed by the photographs and videos, that dust clouds were created far above the points of impact" (Griffin, Christian Faith, p. 42,).

### **Sliced Steel**

"In controlled demolitions...explosives are used to slice the steel into pieces...RDX...slices steel like a 'razor blade through a tomato'...it is generally sliced into manageable lengths...chopped up into sections that could be easily loaded onto equipment for cleaning at Ground Zero" (p. 41).

*I just wonder if the cross in the picture above was one of those pre-cut pieces of steel?*



### Getting close to the end

It has been 21 years for all of us to ponder, think, review, argue, and kick around how 9/11 has affected each one of us; for sure, the 9/11 adventure may be philosophical, unsymmetrical, phlegmatic, existential, worthy, or not worthy.

After the recent time spent in reviewing I am going to come down on this as being an existential adventure as I have not necessarily connected the dots for clarity but I have managed to have warped and weaved my thoughts with my experience and compared them with the reality of what has happened.

The words, taken from one of the documentaries, to hold my existential adventure is to frame my position under the rubric of "Turning Point." Turning point is the time, more or less, of the flash, the bang, the crash, the smoke, the dying, the faces, the flying, the change...I can still remember (like all of us) how disturbing the quiet was without the jets flying. I mean we live under the final approach to DFW/DAL and there has been 'noise' forever. The silence was stunning. This was a turning point.

This exercise of going back and watching, reading, and hearing the material on 9/11 was finally broken down into some interesting areas of reality. I have flown some of the big airliners and have been to NYC. I have flown the older fighters and have been to Andrews. This all means the pictures, sounds, and voices of the air traffic controllers, the conversations in the cockpit, hearing passengers, seeing flight attendants working, and yes, watching some airplanes fall out of the sky is my way of existentially connecting the idea, small as it is, of well, to some degree experiencing some of the stories.

What this means is that I have been able to say yes to some of the noise, the dust, the cries, the bodies, and the smacking into the ground. This means I have been able to say no to some of the stories that have been told about 'what happened.'

The picture above of the 2,977 folks who died is a reminder - stark reminder – of 9/11.

What this means is I have some questions and some doubt to finish this up with and will admit I don't have the answers.

## Closing comments

1. Don't think those Boxcutters could fly with the precision required to have hit either of the two Twin Towers - especially the Pentagon. The North Tower, maybe...but no way on the other two.  
ANS: I don't know how, whoever did it, actually flew those B767s into the buildings.
2. The most heartburn is from having to watch the two strikes and in 56 mins on #2 and 102 mins on #1 have them go straight down. And then WTC 7 at 17:20 do the same thing! This is the biggest question of all. Who did it? and Why? Well, pretty clear for some of us...but the heartburn is only exceeded by the headshaking.  
[If Bush knew at dark who did it and told the nation we were at war, I am wondering if Osama bin Laden had been captured or killed earlier would the war neocons have not been so anxious to spent the billions of dollars and fight for 20 years? And, at the same time why did Bush go to war in Iraq? We will never find answers to this.]  
ANS: Look at the videos of the implosions. Watch the history of Bush after 9/11.
3. Have heartburn over the fact the government has not solved some of the issues and this just adds more to the cover-up. Next to this is to find out over the years it looks like it was an inside job, and in the vernacular a "false-flag attack." The rest of my comments and questions are taken from/with this doubting and conspirator stance.
4. Why did all the metal beams go to China (or where ever) and not go through the tests to see if thermite was not used?
5. If the FAA and NORAD (NE) had better communication maybe they could have shot some of the airplanes down – yes, I know the argument and the movies make it clear.
6. As in 1 above there is concern about being able to maneuver a big Boeing jet from 7,000 feet going over 400 mph and get low enough to hit the Pentagon like they did. Why not just dive into a section? At the same time all "we" are able to see is the quick flash of something hitting the wall. They confiscated 85 security cameras and won't reveal the results to anyone. Wonder why? Moreover, where is the information on ANY of the back boxes? There are many more questions.
7. Why was there no seismic recording of 77 hitting the Pentagon? (Both tower hits had recordable numbers.) No cameras, no luggage, no people, and 99.9% of the wreckage is unaccountable...the clean cut hole...this one is just awful. Let's say it wasn't an aeroplane but a missile (or something) then where is American 77? Was it flown out to sea and destroyed? For that matter they could have done the same thing to United 93.
  - A. Don't think we will ever find out. Goes with the history of, say, something like who killed JFK?
  - B. That we haven't found out leaves us with the 'feeling' of the real truth is still out there.
  - C. Last question. How could Bush, et al., do this? Maybe better: How have they kept quiet?

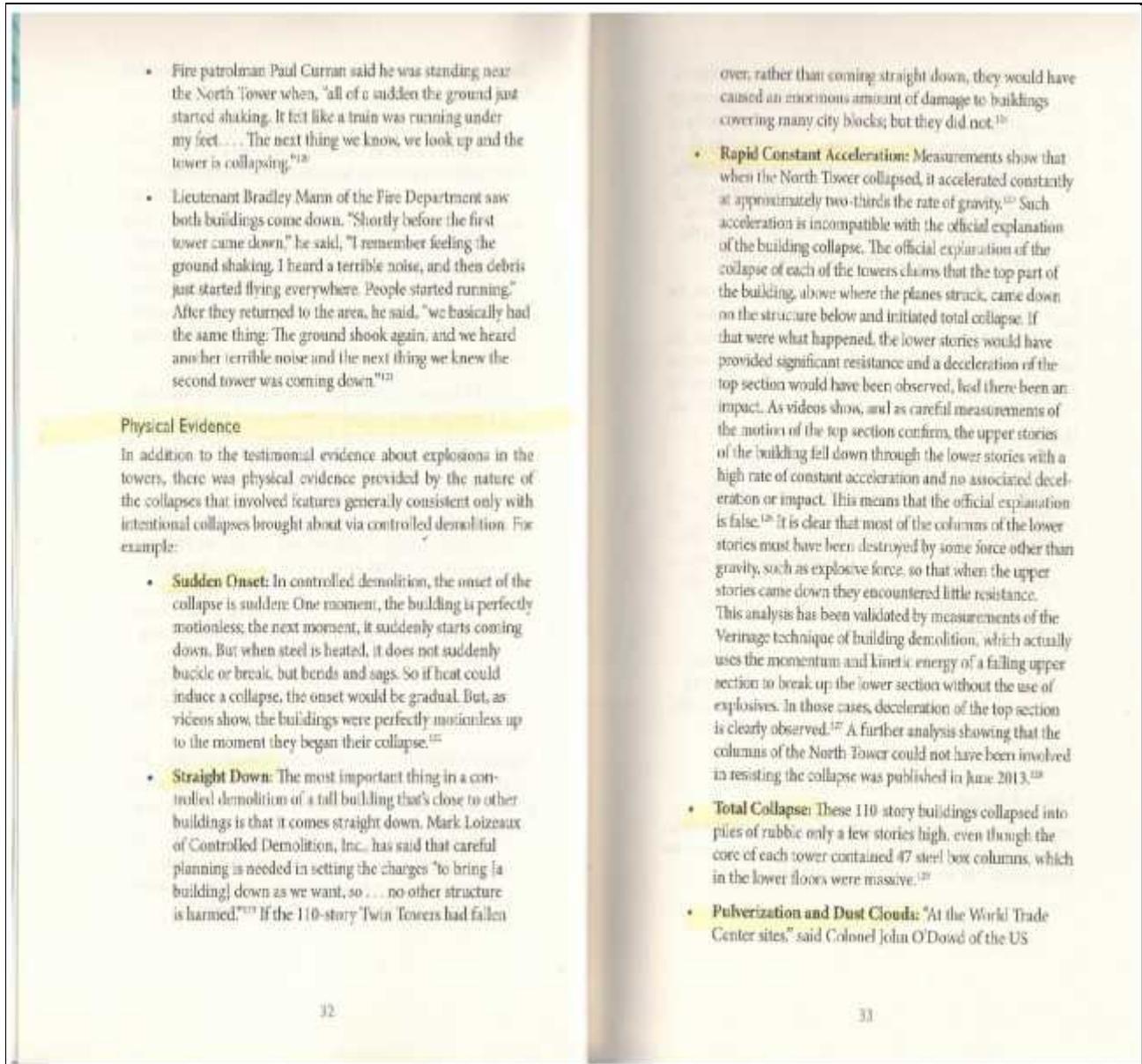
Lastly, this ongoing project has left me with the reality and existentialism of almost horror of seeing people jump to their deaths, walk in the white ashes, scream on the phones, and recall later with a few who made it. Did Bush do the right thing by going after these 'thugs' for two wars? It would be nice to find out. Don't think we will. Can we say "Amen" to this? ANS: no...

## APPENDIX A

Physical Evidence on pages 32-35 of Griffin's 9/11 UNMASKED book.

(This might work out better to read if you print it – sorry 'bout that.)

Griffin talks of these five events shown below in his book in his video review at about 44 minutes.



Army Corps of Engineers, "it seemed like everything [except the steel] was pulverized"<sup>108</sup>. Although this was an exaggeration, much of the non-metallic contents of the buildings were indeed pulverized into tiny particles of dust, giving rise to enormous dust clouds, which impeded visibility of the buildings for a half hour after each collapse—even though, according to the official theory, the only physical forces involved, after the impact of the airplanes, were gravitational acceleration and fire.<sup>109</sup>

In disputing the view that the destruction of the towers was the result of controlled demolition, NIST said, "Video evidence . . . showed unambiguously that the collapse progressed from the top to the bottom."<sup>110</sup> NIST's implicit argument was based on two presuppositions: (1) Controlled demolition must begin from the bottom. (2) The collapses of the Twin Towers began at the top. However, both of these presuppositions are false.

(1) As the first statement by Mark Loizeaux quoted above indicates, controlled demolition usually begins from the bottom. However, as physicist Steven Jones has pointed out, the top-down destruction of the towers "is unusual for controlled demolition, but clearly possible, depending on the order in which explosives are detonated."<sup>111</sup> Conversely, a natural gravitational top-down collapse replicating the observed phenomena is impossible.

(2) Although the collapses appeared, to people watching them on TV, to have begun with the impacts and resulting fires, they mostly began, as testimonies above indicate, with explosions in the basements. It is also notable that they initiated just above the impact damage.

#### Seismic Evidence

Seismic waves provide one more type of evidence that the buildings were brought down by explosions below ground when the planes struck. The previous chapter explored that issue.

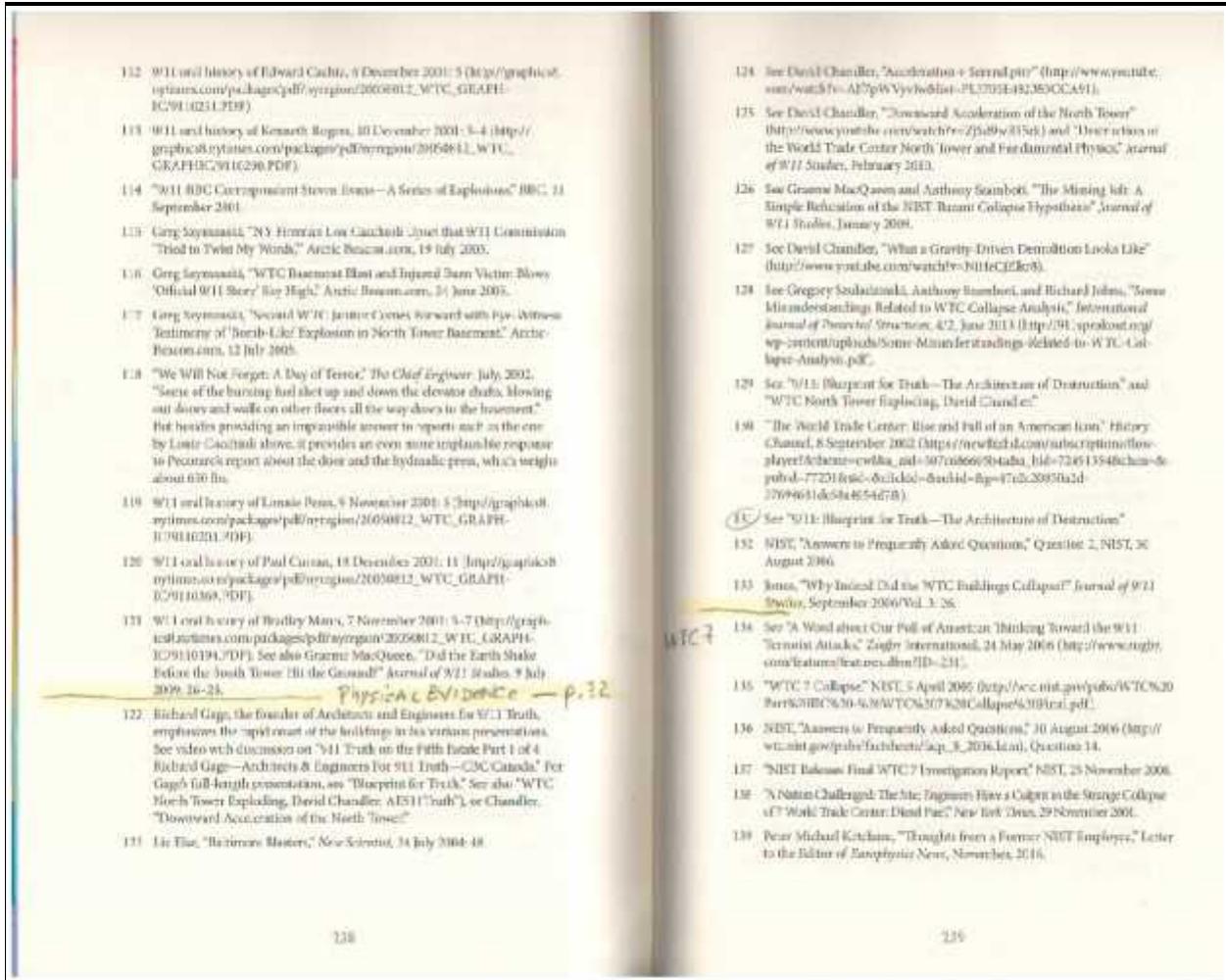
#### Conclusion

Defending its claim that the Twin Towers were brought down solely by the plane impacts and the resulting fires, NIST argued that there was no evidence that they were brought down by controlled demolition and that, in particular, no explosions occurred below the floors on which fires started. However:

- Multiple witnesses reported hearing explosions below the fire floors, including massive explosions in the basements, and others reported that the ground was shaking outside.
- In addition to this testimonial evidence, the collapses exemplified various features characteristic of controlled demolitions that could not plausibly be explained in any other way.
- One more type of physical evidence, provided by seismic graphs, was discussed in Chapter 8.

It can safely be concluded, therefore, that the position presented by FEMA, the 9/11 Commission, and NIST—that there is no evidence of explosions in the Twin Towers before their collapses occurred—is indefensible.

Again, this may zoom out to be read, but here are the notes from pages 32-35 in his book noting there are a total of 875 notes in his UNMASKED book.



<https://www.nist.gov/world-trade-center-investigation/photos-videos-and-simulations>

## **WORLD TRADE CENTER DISASTER INVESTIGATION MATERIALS**

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### **Final Report on the Collapse of World Trade Center Building 7, Federal Building and Fire Safety Investigation of the World Trade Center Disaster (NIST NCSTAR 1A)**

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#### **Abstract**

This report describes how the fires that followed the impact of debris from the collapse of WTC 1 (the north tower) led to the collapse of WTC 7; an evaluation of the building evacuation and emergency response procedures; what procedures and practices were used in the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of the building; and areas in current building and fire codes, standards, and practices that warrant revision. Also in this report is a summary of how NIST reached its conclusions. NIST complemented in-house expertise with private sector technical experts; accumulated copious documents, photographs, and videos of the disaster; conducted first- person interviews of building occupants and emergency responders; analyzed the evacuation and emergency response operations in and around WTC 7; performed computer simulations of the behavior of WTC 7 on September 11, 2001; and combined the knowledge gained into a probable collapse sequence. The report concludes with a list of 13 recommendations for action in the areas of increased structural integrity, enhanced fire endurance of structures, new methods for fire resistant design of structures, enhanced active fire protection, improved emergency response, improved procedures and practices, and education and training. One of these is new; the other 12 are reiterated from the investigation into the collapse of the towers. Each of the 13 is relevant to WTC 7.

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