

Presidential Daily Briefing (PDB) seen by Bush on Aug. 6, 2001.

Declassified by the White House and made public Saturday April 10, 2004 following National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice's testimony before the 9/11 Commission. Portions marked "x" were blacked out before release:

Bin Ladin Determined To Strike in US

Clandestine, foreign government, and media reports indicate Bin Ladin since 1997 has wanted to conduct terrorist attacks in the U.S. Bin Ladin implied in US television interviews in 1997 and 1998 that his followers would **follow the example of World Trade Center bomber Ramzi Yousef** and "bring the fighting to America."

After US missile strikes on his base in Afghanistan in 1998, **Bin Ladin told followers he wanted to retaliate in Washington**, according to a xxxxxxxxxxxx service.

An Egyptian Islamic Jihad (EIJ) operative told an xxxxxxxxxxxx service at the same time that **Bin Ladin was planning to exploit the operative's access to the US to mount a terrorist strike.**

The millennium plotting in Canada in 1999 may have been part of Bin Ladin's first serious attempt to implement a terrorist strike in the US. Convicted plotter Ahmed Ressam has told the FBI that he conceived the idea to attack Los Angeles International Airport himself, but that **Bin Ladin lieutenant Abu Zubaydah** encouraged him and helped facilitate the operation. Ressam also said that in 1998 **Abu Zubaydah was planning his own US attack.**

Ressam says **Bin Ladin was aware of the Los Angeles operation.**

Although Bin Ladin has not succeeded, his attacks against the US Embassies in Kenya and Tanzania in 1998 demonstrate that he **prepares operations years in advance** and is not deterred by setbacks. Bin Ladin associates surveilled our Embassies in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam as early as 1993, and some members of the Nairobi cell planning the bombings were arrested and deported in 1997.

Al-Qa'ida members - including some who are US citizens - have resided in or traveled to the US for years, and the group apparently **maintains a support structure that could aid attacks.** Two al-Qa'ida members found guilty in the conspiracy to bomb our Embassies in East Africa were US citizens, and a senior EIJ member lived in California in the mid-1990s.

A clandestine source said in 1998 that a **Bin Ladin cell in New York was recruiting Muslim-American youth for attacks.**

We have not been able to corroborate some of the more sensational threat reporting, such as that from a xxxxxxxxxxxx service in 1998 saying that **Bin Ladin wanted to hijack a US aircraft** to gain the release of "Blind Shaykh" 'Umar 'Abd al-Rahman and other US-held extremists.

Nevertheless, FBI information since that time indicates patterns of suspicious activity in this country consistent with **preparations for hijackings** or other types of attacks, including recent **surveillance of federal buildings in New York.**

The FBI is conducting approximately 70 full field investigations throughout the US that it considers Bin Ladin-related. CIA and the FBI are investigating a call to our Embassy in UAE in May saying that a group of **Bin Ladin supporters was in the US planning attacks with explosives.**

ANALYSIS

This document shows that the White House knew **what** bin Laden was capable of planning, **where** he intended to do it, which was New York or Washington, D.C., and **how** he was going to do it.

There was only one thing missing, which was exactly when he was going to do it, which turns out to be September 11, 2001.

Bush Interview on April 11, 2004:

Question: did you see the President's Daily Brief from August of '01 as a warning of hijackers?

Bush: Did I see it? Of course I saw it; I asked for it *. **That PDB said nothing about an attack on America.** It talked about intentions, about somebody who hated America.

I am satisfied that **I never saw any intelligence that indicated there was going to be an attack on America ...**

This is amazing:

He may claim to have asked for it * (a lie see below), and saw it, but obviously he did not actually *read* it.

What part of:

- **"Bin Ladin Determined To Strike in US"** OR
- **"Bin Ladin told followers he wanted to retaliate in Washington"** OR
- **"Bin Ladin cell in New York was recruiting Muslim-American youth for attacks"** OR
- **"Bin Ladin wanted to hijack a US aircraft"** OR
- **"Preparations for hijackings"** OR
- **"Bin Ladin supporters was in the US planning attacks with explosives"**

says nothing about an attack on America? Is this incredible or what? Bush says: "I never saw any intelligence that there was going to be an attack on America". Can you believe this? Re-read the PDB on the first page. Yes, he says he saw it, and in the future he can cover his tracks by claiming he didn't actually read it (after all he was taking a 30 day vacation in Crawford TX). Draw your own conclusions. Have the guts to face the truth: Bush lies and was asleep at the wheel when Saudi (not Iraqi) terrorists attacked us at the WTC.

* An other Bush lie revealed. 9/11 Commission Wednesday March 24 2004:

Richard Ben-Veniste, a Democratic commission member, disclosed at the hearing, that the **CIA informed the panel** last week that the author of the [Aug. 6] briefing does not recall such a request from Bush and that **the idea to compile the briefing came from within the CIA.**