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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

APRIL GALLOP, etal. **No. 08 CV 10881**

Plaintiff
vs. Wm Veale Affidavit

Exhibit F

CHENEY, RUMSFELD, MYERS, Does etal,

**Statements of Witnesses About
Explosions in the Towers Before
They Fell**

Defendants

I, William W. Veale, as part of my within Affidavit re Evidence regarding 9/11, affirm and submit excerpts from collected testimonies concerning the collapse of the World Trade Center towers, taken from oral histories collected from witnesses at the scene by the City of New York, and obtained and published by *The New York Times*, as follows:

1. “Captain Karin Deshore, the commander of the FDNY’s Emergency Medical Services, said:

Somewhere around the middle of the [North Tower], there was this orange and red flash coming out. Initially it was just one flash. Thenthis flash just kept popping all the way around the building and that building had started to explode. The popping sound, and with each popping sound it was initially an orange and then a red flash came out of the building and then it would just go all around the building on both sides as far as I could see. These popping sounds and the explosions were getting bigger, going both up and down and then all around the building...So here these explosions are getting bigger and louder and I told everybody if this building totally explodes, still unaware that the other building had collapsed, I’m going in the water.” (p. 244).

2. “Jay Swithers, captain of the FDNY’s Bureau of Health Services, said:

I took a quick glance at the building and while I didn’t see it falling, I saw a large section of it blasting out, which led me to believe it was just an explosion. I thought it was a secondary

device.” (p. 244).

3. [FDNY] “Captain Dennis Tardio said:

I hear an explosion and I look up. It is as if the building is being imploded, from the top floor down, one after another, *boom, boom, boom*. I stand in amazement. I can’t believe what I am seeing. This building is coming down.” (p. 243).

4. “Battalion Chief Brian Dixon...said:

[T]he lowest floor of fire in the South Tower actually looked like someone had planted explosives around it because...it just looked like that floor blew out...[Y]ou could actually see everything blew out on that one floor. I thought, geez, this looks like an explosion up there.”(p.241).

5. “Deputy Commissioner Thomas Fitzpatrick said:

[W]e saw...a puff of smoke coming from about two thirds of the way up. Some people thought it was an explosion...It looked like sparkling around on specific layer of the building. (I assume now that that was either windows beginning to collapse like tinsel or something.) Then the building started to come down. My initial reaction was that this is exactly the way it looks when they show you those implosions on TV.” (p.241).

6. “Assistant Commissioner Stephen Gregory said:

I thought that...I saw low-level flashes. In my conversation with Lieutenant Evangelista, never mentioning this to him, he questioned me and asked me if I saw low-level flashes in front of the building, and I agreed with him...[A]t that time I didn’t know what it was. I mean, it could have been as a result of the building collapsing, things exploding, but I saw a flash, flash, flash and then it looked like the building came down...[It was at] the lower level of the building. You know like when they demolish a building, how when they blow up a building, when it falls down? That’s what i thought I saw. (p.241-242).

7. “Sue Keane, a police officer for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey said...:

[There was] another explosion. That sent me and the two firefighters down the stairs.... I can’t tell you how many times I got banged around. Each one of those explosions picked me up and threw me.... There was another explosion, and I got thrown with two firefighters out on the street.” (p. 244-245).

8. “Stationary engineer Mike Pecoraro, describing what he and his co-worker experienced after seeing lights flicker in the sixth sub-basement and hearing about a big explosion at about 8:46AM, said:

[We went up to the C level, where there was a small machine shop, but there] was nothing there but rubble. We’re talking about a 50-ton hydraulic press---gone! [We then went] to the parking garage, but found that it, too, was gone. [On the B level, we found that] a steel and concrete fire door that weighed about 300 pounds [was] wrinkled up like a piece of aluminum foil. [Finally

when we went up to the ground floor, the] whole lobby was soot and black, elevator doors were missing. The marble was missing off some of the walls.”(p.245).

9. “Anthony Saltalamacchia, a maintenance supervisor who was in his sub-basement office, reported:

We heard a massive explosion...about 8:46AM.... Then we heard a series of other explosions.... And about, I'd say 14 to 15 people came running and screaming into our office.... Then right after that the floor started shaking. The tile from above, which was above us, started coming down, falling on us....A man came into the office. He was a black man, very shaky, like in shock. He had multiple wounds. His arms were bleeding. Skin was peeling off....And as we're standing there, more explosions were happening. A lot of screaming confusion....It was very smoky, very cloudy.... We knew we had to get out of the building.... The amount of explosions I have heard from 8:46 until the time we got out was so many, at least ten. It was just like multiple explosions to where I felt like there were different grenades. That's what it sounded like, it was different grenades being set off in the building...There was one major explosion, and then there was different explosions throughout that period of time until we got out.” (p.245-246).

10. “Teresa Veliz, who worked for a software development company, reported that after she got off of the elevator on the 47th floor, ‘the whole building shook. I thought it was an earthquake.’ That shaking occurred at the time that the airplane struck the building. But shortly thereafter, she said, ‘the building shook again, this time more violently.’ Then, after a terrifying experience of making her way downstairs and outside, she said:

There were explosions going off everywhere. I was convinced that there were bombs planted all over the place and someone was sitting at a control panel pushing detonator buttons.... There was another explosion. And another. I didn't know where to run.” (p.246).

11. “Stephen Evans, a New York-based business correspondent for the BBC, told his BBC audience:

I was at the base of the second tower, the second tower that was hit---I didn't think it was an explosion---but the base of the building shook. I felt it shake... then when were outside, the second explosion happened and then there was a series of explosions.... We We can only wonder at the kind of damage---which was caused by those explosions---those series of explosions.”

“While being interviewed by someone else, Evans said:

‘There was another big, big explosion. In the other tower, flames coming out and this billowing smoke....[S]omebody said that they saw an airliner go into one of those towers. Then an hour later...we had that big explosion from much, much lower. I don't know what on earth caused that.’ (p 246-247).

12. “Pat Dawson of NBC News gave a report in which he said:

Just moments ago I spoke to the Chief of Safety for the New York City Fire Department, Chief Albert Turi. He received word of the possibility of a secondary device, that is another bomb going off. He tried to get his men out as quickly as he could, but he said there was another

explosion which took place, and then an hour after the...first crash that took place...there was another explosion that took place in one of the towers here. He thinks that there were actually devices that were planted in the building.” (p 247).

13. Aaron Brown of CNN, Peter Jennings of ABC, Dan Rather of CBS, and other reporters from Fox News, and MSNBC all reported on explosions that took place in the Towers before their collapses.

The foregoing were taken from materials published in “9/11 Contradictions”, by Prof. David Ray Griffin, Olive Branch Press, Northampton, Mass, 2008. The entire oral histories can be found online at CITE

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