

Last Building Standing

New perspectives on the strange last hours of WTC 7's dark life.

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(Fig. 1) The enormous 47 storey World Trade Center Building 7. The Verizon Building stands at left (rear), the U.S Post Office Building in the foreground.

If I were a gambling man I'd bet the farm. The 9/11 conspirator's original attempt to demolish World Trade Center Building 7 came shortly after the collapse of the North Tower, when WTC 7 was completely hidden under a thick cloud of debris—and the attempt was a complete failure. Whether through sabotage or malfunction, the pre-installed demolition system in Building 7 just didn't operate as planned and what was to be the swift conclusion of an elaborate plot to completely destroy the entire WTC—and, of course, provoke war with the Islamic states—proved instead to be a blunder of epic proportions.

Seven years after the fact, few who've bothered to scrutinize the strange fate of WTC 7 (and the attacks of 9/11 in general) believe that this building *wasn't* brought down in a carefully conceived and professionally executed explosive demolition. The videos of the 47 storey WTC 7 suddenly shuddering, then dropping like a rock at free-fall speed, straight down, causing no damage to adjacent buildings and piling up neatly within its footprint (fig. 2), are all that most people need to feel confident about this assertion. But other facts support this theory as well, not the least of which is a frank admission from the

building's owner that he and the FDNY 'pulled' WTC 7 late in the day on 9/11 and then watched as the building collapsed.

So, for those who are convinced that WTC 7 was, in fact, intentionally demolished and did not collapse due to fire and debris damage (the official story), the next question becomes: Why did the 9/11 conspirators wait until the end of the day to do it? What possible reason would they have had to wait *seven hours* after every other WTC building lay in ruins to finally put an end to the spectacle and bring WTC 7 crashing to the ground before the eyes of the world

under the most obvious of circumstances? Not one of the world class researchers, writers and activists who've bravely reopened the books on 9/11 have offered any sensible speculation in regard to this urgent and lingering question, the answer to which may provide us with clues as to what really happened during the last few hours of WTC 7's dark life.

The marginal fires smoldering in Building 7—fires that the authorities claim caused its collapse—are another source of clues. If we agree that WTC 7 was destroyed with explosives, nothing about these fires makes sense. Every other aspect of the attacks was meticulously “covered” by the conspirators. The dramatic and well planned flights of the jets into the Twin Towers, the ensuing structural damage and fires was, to most observers, convincing “cover” for what 9/11 researchers commonly believe to be the real



(Fig. 2) The wreckage of WTC 7.

cause of the buildings destruction—pre-planted explosives. (To some, this ploy may sound familiar. The very same scheme was played out in Oklahoma City when Timothy McVeigh's crude fertilizer bomb provided “cover” for the explosive system planted within the Alfred P. Murrah Building, a fact confirmed by myriad local TV news reports that two of the bombs in the building were found intact and were in the process of being disarmed).

But what happened to WTC 7? The official story is that a wave of debris from the collapse of the North Tower struck the south face of WTC 7 and somehow caused the building to catch on fire. By late in the afternoon, WTC 7 was allegedly so compromised by fire that it just let go and fell to the ground. But the evidence tells a very different story. Even as late as 3PM, the building's struggling fires were barely visible from outside the building (fig. 3). In fact, very little fire whatsoever is seen in WTC 7 throughout the day. In contrast, many other high-rise fires that entirely engulfed such buildings in the past have lasted far longer, but never—not once—have these conflagrations resulted in a collapse.

If the conspirators had planned all along to give WTC 7 special treatment and wait until the end of the day to finally bring it down, they must have had some compelling reason to do so. What that reason might be is hard to imagine. But if that was indeed the plan, *wouldn't they have concocted a more believable scenario to “cover” its destruction?* If the plotters had indeed opted to use fire to “cover” the fact that the building was actually being demolished with

explosives, wouldn't they have lit up WTC 7 like a roman candle to give this scheme some believability? Did the 9/11 plotters honestly think that the barely visible fires we saw in WTC 7 were enough to convince the public that *fire* brought down the building? It's hard to imagine that what was essentially the coup de grâce of the 9/11 psycho-drama received so little careful attention.



(Fig. 3) The north face of WTC 7 at 3PM. Only small fires smolder on two floors.

But that's just what we saw late in the afternoon on 9/11: tiny fires on two floors of this enormous building—and then, shortly thereafter, a perfect vertical implosion. And what's been the result of this bizarre plan? Instead of providing a neat, believable scenario to explain WTC 7's unprecedented collapse, these suspicious facts have generated nothing but wide-spread suspicion and disbelief, so much so that many researchers consider the strange collapse of WTC 7 to be the Achilles' heel of the 9/11 deception, and for good reason.

Besides this plan's general lunacy, a compelling array of evidence points instead to its likely alternative: that the 9/11 conspirators originally intended to demolish WTC 7 earlier in the day, probably when it was being upstaged by the dramatic collapses of the Twin Towers—and when it was completely hidden from view under a thick cloud of debris. We could nick-name this

phenomenon the “Marriot Vista Hotel” effect after the 33 story building that once stood between the Twin Towers. One of seven WTC complex buildings, it was completely destroyed when the towers collapsed—and then, for all intents and purposes, vanished into obscurity.

It's worth mentioning that some 9/11 researchers believe that dwelling on the more esoteric details of this complex conspiracy can distract us from more salient points, and to a certain extent I agree. But working to resolve the details of arguably the most dramatic and audacious mass-murder in human history cannot be condemned as long as care and discretion is used when presenting these points to the public. So, for what its worth, this is what I think really happened at the World Trade Center—and to Building 7 in particular—on 9/11.

On the morning of September 11th, the 9/11 conspirators—possibly operating out of Mayor Giuliani's Office of Emergency Management (OEM); a reinforced, self-contained emergency command retreat built on the 23rd floor of WTC 7 in 1999—orchestrated the collision of two Boeing passenger jets into the World Trade Center Towers. The dramatic impacts caused fires that spread throughout the upper floors of both towers and allegedly resulted in significant structural

damage to the buildings' core columns (this damage would later be used to explain the buildings' unprecedented collapses).

The conspirators then turned their attention to the next step in their plan; the explosive demolition of the Twin Towers and Building 7. First, they armed and programmed the explosive system previously installed within the tower furthest from Building 7 and the OEM bunker; the safely distant *South* Tower or WTC 2. Then they awaited the optimum moment for detonation; a time when the South Tower's "collapse" would be reasonably



(Fig. 4) WTC 7 (arrow.)

believable to most people. When ready, the plotters brought the South Tower down in a dramatic progressive demolition that began on its upper floors and proceeded downward all the way to the ground.

Some researchers have speculated that the conspirators demolished the South Tower first because the smoldering fires in its upper floors had begun to go out and any further delay in its destruction would make the fire-caused-the-collapse scenario appear less and less plausible. But this theory has always been just that, a theory, and certainly leaves room for other possibilities. And if the OEM bunker was indeed manned at this time, doesn't it make sense that the plotters would want to begin the demolition sequence by first destroying the tower that stood at a reasonably safe distance from the OEM shelter, not the one that loomed directly overhead? Isn't it logical to assume that the kind of reinforcements so conveniently made to the OEM bunker just a year before 9/11 were designed to withstand the pulverized, ashen debris that rained down



(Fig. 5)

around WTC 7 from the first collapse but were never meant to bear up under the huge shards of steel and concrete that might be blown horizontally from the tower that stood only a block away?

After the South Tower had been obliterated, the conspirators turned their attention to the next step in their plan. But instead of working from the OEM bunker, they chose this moment to exit Building 7 altogether and prepare for the near simultaneous demolition of the North Tower and WTC 7 from a secondary location. This back-up operations center could have

been anywhere. All that they needed was a triggering mechanism to initiate the demolition sequence; something perhaps as simple as a cell-phone or laptop.

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Once the conspirators had safely repositioned themselves, they again awaited the optimum moment to proceed. Then they initiated the second demolition sequence by pushing the button on the *North Tower*, its catastrophic collapse a carbon copy of the South Tower’s sudden, symmetrical and complete plunge to earth. As the North Tower fell, a massive cloud of debris shot into the sky, quickly rising to almost twice the height of WTC 7 (figs. 4-6) and smothering lower Manhattan. Then, just when Building 7 was completely hidden from view and the world’s attention was distracted by the unthinkable destruction of the Twin Towers, the conspirators triggered its explosive system as well. As WTC 7 fell, the thick cloud of debris enshrouding it would completely conceal any signs that it had been intentionally demolished.

After the smoke had cleared and the events of the day had been relegated to history, official claims that Tower One’s plummeting debris impacted the electrical substation and diesel tanks located throughout Building 7—causing raging fires that ultimately weakened the structure to the point of collapse—would have made good sense to most observers (in the absence of visual evidence to the contrary) and done much to provide satisfactory “cover” for the real cause of the building’s destruction: pre-planted explosives. Few would have given another thought to the demise of this, the last of seven WTC buildings to be completely destroyed by “Islamic extremists” on September 11th.



(Fig. 6) The North Tower’s debris cloud rises to almost twice the height of WTC 7.

But, as posited above, things just didn’t go according to plan. Incredibly, the demolition system in WTC 7 simply did not respond as intended and the building defiantly remained intact, at least for another few hours.

After this stunning set-back, the plotters regrouped. We can’t know for sure what contingencies may have been discussed and debated, but one thing was never in question: Building 7 had to go. Besides possibly hosting a clandestine control center for the attacks, who knows what ghosts haunted Larry Silverstein’s

Solomon Brothers Building (or WTC 7) and the WTC complex in general—buildings that had been the Manhattan HQ of the Secret Service, ATF, FBI, IRS, DoD, SEC, CIA, Customs House and a long list of the World's foremost banks and corporations for the past thirty years. Building 7 was also the only WTC building left standing, making the plan to level (and then upgrade?) the entire complex incomplete. Remember, it can't be said enough: despite their close proximity to many other buildings, *the only structures entirely destroyed on 9/11 were all seven of the WTC buildings*. Clearly the complete destruction of the WTC complex was a subplot within the overall 9/11 scheme; an outdated, inefficient dinosaur that had, according to many sources, become a blight on lower Manhattan, was in need of the ultimate makeover. The cost of asbestos abatement measures alone had been estimated in excess of a billion dollars. Demolition scenarios for two of the tallest obsolete buildings in the world were impractical, even bizarre, not to mention wildly expensive. But if these difficulties could be alleviated by folding them into a larger plot designed to land even bigger fish, then that would certainly be an attractive option to the practically minded if not sociopathic conspirators.

After it became clear that WTC 7 was indeed alive and well, the conspirators went into action. Naturally their first priority would be to quarantine the area and rid it of any uninvited guests. FDNY Fire Chief Frank Fellini reported that firefighters were evacuated from the area around WTC 7 "five or six hours" before WTC 7 finally did collapse after they had been specifically warned of this "inevitability." In a world that has never seen the collapse of a steel-framed building from fire, the prophetic nature of this order is intriguing enough, but where did it come from? You'd think that the order would have come from the fire department, but no. Captain Michael Currid, president of the Uniformed Fire Officers Association, reported that "someone from the city's Office of Emergency Management" gave the order to clear the area around WTC 7 of personnel shortly after the towers had collapsed.

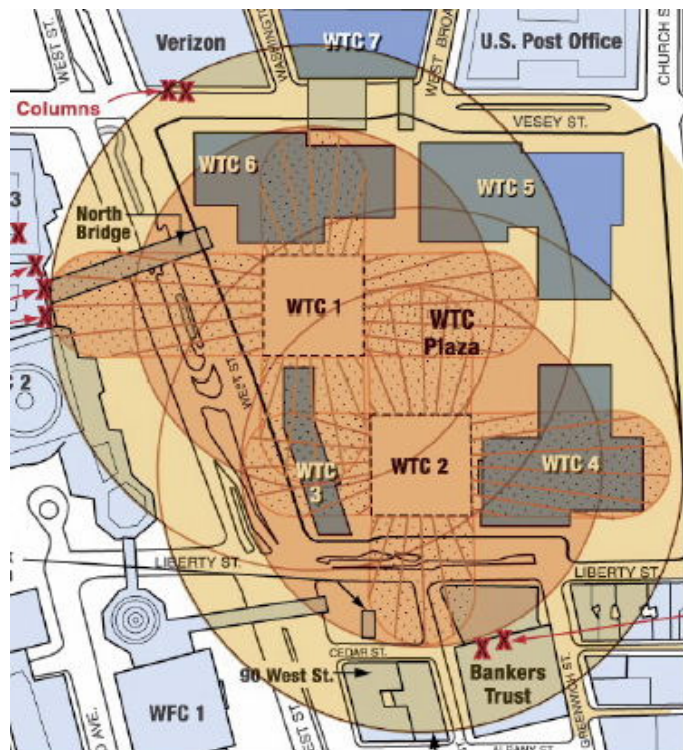
After Building 7's perimeter had been locked down, the conspirators worked to bring the demolition system in WTC 7 back online. They also needed to concoct a new scenario to "cover" what would otherwise be the forthcoming but completely inexplicable collapse of WTC 7. The fire-caused-the-collapse ruse was likely their first choice; it was the same scheme that they used for the towers earlier that day. But what was the source of the marginal fires we saw burning in Building 7? Two possibilities logically present themselves: the fires were intentionally set by the plotters who reentered WTC 7 well after the towers had collapsed or they were the by-product of debris damage to Building 7's ground floors from the North Tower's collapse. We'll examine the latter possibility in a moment.

If the perpetrators did spark fires in WTC 7 to “cover” its forthcoming collapse, it may have been well into the afternoon before they finally made the decision to reenter WTC 7, climb to the 7th floor and begin setting fires. Floor 7 was the location of the OEM’s emergency generators and was presumably secured and accessible only by OEM personnel. Next, they ascended to floor 12, one of three floors occupied by the SEC, and sparked blazes in this location as well. This was possibly done to eliminate incriminating evidence of sprawling white collar crime in the event that the demo-system failed again. WTC 7 (like the Murrah Building) was reportedly the storage facility for millions of files on open investigations into money laundering, terrorism and organized crime, all of which have demonstrable links to U.S. intelligence. A *New York Post* article dated September 12th, 2001, specifically stated that the destruction of SEC offices in WTC 7 would put “massive” IPO probes in jeopardy and said, of the destruction of evidence: “It’s devastating. They’ll have to scrap many cases and start from scratch on others.”

Eventually the explosive system in WTC 7 was brought back online and all the plotters had to do was wait for the fires to build. But, as we all saw, the fires failed miserably. Despite their best efforts and training, the conspirators were completely unprepared for this contingency and it showed. Even by late afternoon, the fires in WTC 7 were still marginal and struggling. Unlike the Twin Towers, these fires were oxygen starved by windows that hadn’t been shattered and couldn’t be opened.

Meanwhile, a burgeoning army of firefighters and rescue workers were descending on Ground Zero. Despite the fact that the fires in WTC 7 never did build to convincing proportions, the clock, for the conspirators, was ticking. And then, at 5:25 PM, when they could wait no longer, down came Building 7 in a perfect controlled demolition.

Needless to say, any paradigm shift of this magnitude relating to an event as grave as 9/11 will likely undergo intense scrutiny, as it should. But I do believe



(Fig. 7) NIST Diagram showing the radius of debris damage from the collapse of the Twin Towers. WTC 7 and the Verizon Building stand side by side at top, the Bankers Trust Building at bottom right.

that evidence indicates this alternative. The only point to support the theory that the plotters kept WTC 7 up all day long for some unfathomable reason is that it *did* stay up all day long. But just because something happened, it's certainly no guarantee that it was meant to happen.

What a mistake to think of the 9/11 conspirators as criminal masterminds. Imagine their state of mind as they watched their plan to destroy one of the world's most famous landmarks (and, of course, violently murder thousands of innocent people) unfold before their eyes. Even the most jaded covert operative wouldn't likely remain un-rattled after having perpetrated such an outrage. And don't forget, they had very similar performance problems in OK City. Certainly we can find Deepthroat's words to Bob Woodward (in relation to yet another botched "op") encouraging; "Truth is, these aren't very bright guys and things got out of hand."

9/11 researchers have often cited the OEM bunker in WTC 7 as a possible front for the conspirator's operations center. Although this theory has yet to be proven conclusively, the facts supporting it are very intriguing. The timing of the construction of a reinforced facility (shortly before the most dramatic "terror" hit in history) with a bird's eye view of what was obviously a conspiratorial operation seems oddly convenient in retrospect. But the fact that the location chosen for the brand new facility had been acknowledged by experts as being the single most likely terrorist *target* in the western hemisphere is particularly suspicious, especially when the WTC had already been struck once in 1993. This point was revisited, though half-heartedly, by the 9/11 Commission who understandably questioned the logic of locating an emergency command retreat where it would likely be destroyed (as it was) in the event of an actual attack. And it can't be argued that WTC 7, the location of offices for the DoD, Secret Service, SEC, IRS and the largest clandestine CIA outpost in the country, was a nexus for what many theorists consider to be prime suspects in the 9/11 deception.



(Fig. 8) The damage sustained by WTC 7's southwest corner. The Verizon Building's roof can be seen in the lower right-hand corner.

But another odd fact about the OEM bunker was addressed in a *NY Daily News* article that described the command post in WTC 7 as "the first-ever aerie-style bunker," the vast majority (or, according to the *Daily News*, all) of similar

facilities naturally having been built underground and well removed from potential hot spots. Richard Sheirer, the Police Commissioner's Chief of Staff, testified to 9/11 Commissioners that he warned OEM officials that such a location could render the facility inaccessible should the building sustain damage in an attack or natural disaster.

These and other suspicious facts about the OEM bunker have given 9/11 researchers much to consider. Although they may not prove anything conclusively, they would appear to explain the poor choice of locations for a command retreat that oddly rewrote the rules set in place for similar facilities in the past.



(Fig. 9) Photo of the south face of WTC 7 captured from the ABC News video. An enormous gouge can be seen running up the front of the building and absolutely no fire can be seen anywhere in the building.

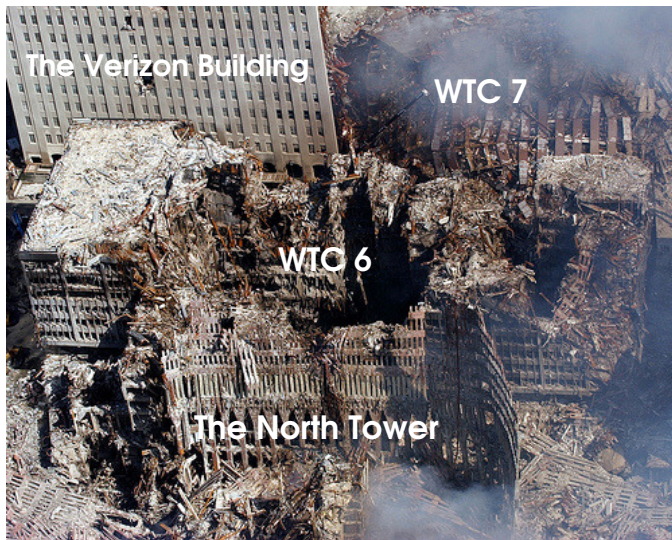
As mentioned above, it is possible that the conspirators never did reenter WTC 7 to set fires but opted instead to just allow the alleged debris impact fires to spread. But the whole issue of 'debris impact' gets very complex very quickly. A NIST (National Institute of Standards and Technology) report on the collapses of the WTC buildings includes photos that appear to show significant damage to the lower floors of the southwest corner of WTC 7 (fig. 8). But a short video clip from ABC News taken that morning—the only visual evidence available that offers a reasonably unobstructed view of WTC 7's south face—tells us quite a bit more. A still image taken from the video

(fig. 9) appears to show much of WTC 7's south face impacted with relatively minor quantities of debris. Some small, smoky pockets of damage can be seen but these are few. The video also shows something extremely bizarre. Running straight down the face of WTC 7 from the roof to the ground is an enormous, cavernous gash. What could have caused such a wound is truly a mystery when, as we'll see below, no wreckage big enough to have left such a dramatic scar on Building 7 could possibly have come from the North Tower.

Though it's difficult to see exactly what is going on through the smoke, we do see enough to at least repudiate NIST claims that the North Tower's plummeting wreckage "scooped out" 25% of the bottom *third* of WTC 7. This kind of damage

to a building as large as WTC 7 would be catastrophic to say the least and would certainly be visible in the ABC News video.

But what is even more startling is that there is absolutely no fire in the building whatsoever, nor are there the columns of thick black smoke typical of high-rise fires. The video was obviously shot after the enormous cloud of debris that smothered lower Manhattan had dissipated, so what we see in the clip occurred well after the alleged debris strike. Certainly any fire that built throughout the day until it finally engulfed the entire building would have been noticeable by the time this video was shot.



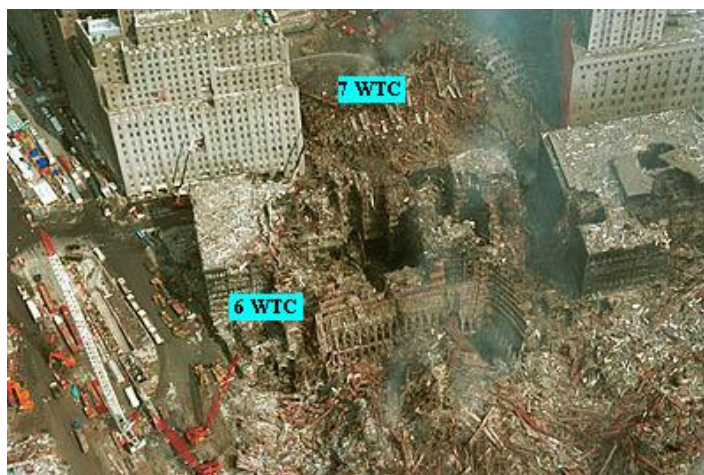
(Fig. 10) The south face of the Verizon Building stands in near pristine condition at upper left. The lack of damage to its façade seems inconsistent with the heavy damage officials claim had impacted Building 7.

Although this video should lay to rest the debris-caused-catastrophic-damage-and-fires theory, there is also the matter of the strange lack of damage to a building right next door to WTC 7 that logically should have sustained similar damage. Photos of the Verizon Building (figs. 10, 11), standing just across a side street to the west of WTC 7, clearly show that it sustained, at most, only light damage. A NIST site plan (fig. 7) of the area confirms that debris from the North Tower's collapse should have impacted both buildings equally. But, despite suffering only one or two minor puncture wounds (presumably from stray girders), the

Verizon Building remained virtually unscathed by the same wave of debris that the authorities claim had "scooped out" a quarter of its next door neighbor's total depth. Some might say that the lack of damage to the Verizon Building was a result of the buildings being constructed of different materials, but it's hard to imagine that anything that allegedly caused such profound damage to WTC 7 would not surely have left its mark on its cozy neighbor no matter what the buildings were made of.

The ABC News clip appears to refute the official story convincingly enough, but this idea, that wreckage falling onto buildings automatically sets them on fire, is, by itself, absurd. The South Tower fell right onto the North Tower and yet no fires in the North Tower's lower floors were ever photographed or reported. Also, thousands of tons of dusty debris is the very definition of fire *retardant*. Surely the fires in the towers were quite small in comparison to the vastness of the structures. When the towers fell, wouldn't the fires have been dispersed, like

someone kicking a camp fire? One would think that any small pockets of fire that did survive the 1000 foot fall would have been instantly smothered by tons of falling debris. One would also think that any fires on the ground allegedly sparked by the collapses would have had a hard time surviving, much less thriving under such conditions (the fires in the wreckage smoldered for months after 9/11 and, according to official accounts, contained “pools of molten steel”). The Marriot Vista Hotel was obliterated by the collapse of the Twin Towers but photos show only tiny pockets of fire in its wreckage. Available photos of the low-rise WTC buildings 5 and 6 completely engulfed in flames appear suspicious in this light and seem to point instead to arson. And those who have attempted to sell completely unsubstantiated claims that debris struck the diesel fuel tanks and/or electrical substation in WTC 7’s belly are completely contradicted by the ABC News video that clearly shows no fire in the building to begin with.



(Fig. 11) Another aerial view of the Verizon Building and the remains of WTC 6 and WTC 7.

Yet another key point takes us even further. The north face of a building standing just across Liberty Street from the *South* Tower showed little of the kind of damage debris-impact theorists might expect from the carbon copy collapse of the North Tower’s identical twin. The NIST diagram clearly shows that the Bankers Trust Building (fig. 12), a 41 story structure (just six floors shorter than WTC 7) should have been far more vulnerable to falling debris than WTC 7. But this building certainly didn’t have 25% of its total depth “scooped out,” nor did it catch on fire and collapse. Although it was clearly impacted, the damage was limited to one vertical gash (reportedly created by a girder), some broken windows, charring and a thick layer of ash; exactly the kind of damage we would expect to see but do *not* in photos of the Verizon Building.

So, what force could so heavily impact WTC 7 and yet leave the adjacent Verizon Building virtually untouched? Are we really to believe that falling wreckage from the collapsing North Tower magically veered off towards WTC 7 and away from the Verizon Building? Why doesn’t the Verizon Building show the same kind of damage we see in photos of the Bankers Trust Building (or WTC 7 for that matter)? Since none of the prevailing theories in regard to WTC 7 seem to make sense, could it be that something else was at work in the building—something heretofore unconsidered by 9/11 truth seekers?

Photos and video that show smoke billowing out of WTC 7's south face before its collapse naturally bolster official claims that WTC 7 had not just minor fires burning inside but was instead entirely consumed by fire. But some of these



(Fig. 12) *The Bankers Trust Building stood much closer to the South Tower than WTC 7 did to the North Tower, but it didn't catch on fire and collapse.*

photos (fig. 13) strongly suggest that the smoke in question did not come from Building 7 at all but was instead rising from a structure standing between it and the North Tower, the low-rise building WTC 6. Building 6, which was indeed engulfed in flames, had an immense cloud of smoke pouring out of it all day long. What little wind there was on 9/11 came from the northwest and blew the smoke from the fires in the towers to the southeast over Brooklyn. WTC 7 shielded building 6 from the oncoming wind creating an eddy that caused smoke to circulate up from Building 6 and cling to WTC 7's south face before drifting off to the southeast. Though photos confirm that some smoke did originate within the small puncture wounds in Building 7, WTC 6 was clearly the primary source. This smoke obscured what was happening within the building and created *only the illusion* that it was pouring out of Building 7's south face.

This illusion may have been reflected in several eyewitness reports that tell of WTC 7 being "completely involved in fire, all forty seven stories," having "heavy fire and smoke" on "nearly all floors" and that "everybody was expecting (WTC 7) to come down." The World Trade Center Task Force debriefed hundreds of rescue workers and firefighters after 9/11 and posted transcripts of these interviews on the web. Relatively few of these accounts refer to WTC 7 as being completely overcome by fire but those that do seem remarkable when you compare them to photos like the one in figure 3.

Some critics are troubled that these photos only show the north side of the building when all the action was on the south side. 9/11 researchers agree and would be overjoyed to find photos taken from the south. But, with the exception of the newly discovered ABC News video, we haven't seen anything. Unbelievably, there is absolutely no photographic or video record whatsoever of Building 7's alleged raging fires "burning out of control" or of the flames that reportedly ravaged the building "coming out of every window" as the firefighters accounts describe. This is unthinkable when television cameras in helicopters and on the ground were trained on Ground Zero all day long. You'd

think that one of the most dramatic high-rise fires in history would certainly have drawn their attention, especially towards the end of a day like 9/11.

Although it's equally unlikely that these firefighters would have suffered from some mass delusion, could it be that what these witnesses actually saw was *smoke*, lots of smoke, clinging to the entire expanse of WTC 7's leeward south face? Remember, it was practically a mantra from defenders of the official account that intense, catastrophic fires were raging in the upper floors of the Twin Towers. But all we ever really saw was smoke; some minor pockets of fire, yes, but mostly lots and lots of thick, black smoke. To the professionals on the scene it may have been much the same kind of thing; an assumption that where there was such an intense accumulation of smoke appearing to pour out of WTC 7—most of which we've shown came instead from WTC 6—there must have been quite a bit of fire producing it.



(Fig. 13) In this photo taken from the west, smoke billows out of WTC 6's roof and rises in front of WTC 7.

It's easy to understand how even a trained professional might make this mistake when you examine photos like the one in figure 14 taken later in the day when WTC 6's fires had grown even more intense. It's also understandable that talk of WTC 7 being in danger of "imminent collapse" was common in these accounts. Rumors of this highly unlikely "inevitability" were circulating down from FDNY brass to rescue personnel "all day long," according to firefighter Christopher Murray, and orders to evacuate the area around Building 7 had been in place for hours before it finally did come down. Firefighters and rescue workers repeating what they'd been told by their superiors isn't surprising.

These are very important points to sort out when we attempt to understand what was really going on that day at Ground Zero. And when we do, it's difficult to come to any other conclusion: *there is absolutely no proof that WTC 7 sustained any significant amount of debris or fire damage*, much less the kind of damage that could ever have caused such a bizarre and unprecedented collapse.

So then what? What happened to WTC 7 that resulted in the minor damage we see to its south face and the marginal fires within? The 9/11 conspirators may

or may not have reentered Building 7 to set fires in several strategic locations, but it's highly unlikely that they caused the smoldering wounds that stipple Building 7's façade. And what could possibly have created the enormous, bizarre, vertical gash that runs down the face of the entire building? If evidence convincingly refutes the catastrophic debris damage theory, then what else could possibly have caused this dramatic damage?



(Fig. 14) WTC 7 did produce some smoke towards the end of the day, but the primary source was WTC 6. Smoke hugging the face of WTC 7 creates the illusion that it was fully involved.

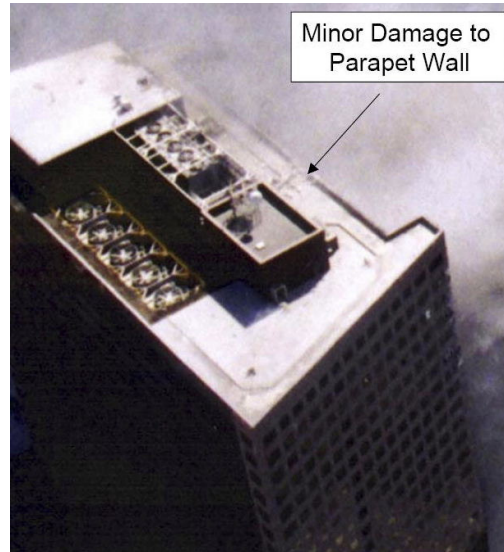
sense, that the few smoky, blackened holes we do see on WTC 7's south face were the result of minor puncture wounds from stray debris or a hot 'event' having occurred within? No such sooty residue can be seen rimming the small puncture wounds we see in photos of the Verizon Building's façade (or similar impact wounds we see in photos of several surrounding buildings that also sustained light debris damage that day).

Listen to this live, first hand account by a CNN reporter on the scene at Ground Zero: "...at a quarter to 11:00 (just minutes after the collapse of the North Tower) there was another collapse or explosion...a firefighter who rushed by us estimated that fifty stories (WTC 7 was 47 stories) went down. The street filled with smoke. It was like a forest fire roaring down a canyon." This quote obviously doesn't refer to the complete implosion of WTC 7 because the building didn't

The central premise of this treatise is that the 9/11 conspirators pushed the button on Building 7 shortly after the collapse of the North Tower but the explosive system simply did not function as planned. So, could the smoky damage we see to WTC 7 be an indication that, just like the Murrah Building in OK City, a *partially detonated explosive system failed to complete its sequence*? One of the chief points in support of controlled demolition in regard to WTC 7 has always been the tell tale "kink" we see in WTC 7's roofline as it falls (fig. 15), a feature seen commonly in building implosions. Could the black, vertical gash we see in the ABC News video be an indication that the first charges of a demolition sequence, programmed to destroy the center of the building first, did detonate but for some as yet unknown reason the explosive sequence stalled before the implosion was complete? Which makes more

fall until hours later. But could these comments from a firefighter be a hasty description of the botched *attempt* to demolish Building 7? The few explosives that did detonate would certainly have sounded like a “collapse or explosion” or a “forest fire roaring down a canyon.” A vertical column of explosives blasting out the full height of the building could very well have given someone the impression that “fifty stories” were going down and would certainly have filled the street with smoke. What else was going on at the time that fits this very detailed description from one of the FDNY’s finest?

Though various details in the scenario outlined above may be speculative and ultimately undergo revision, the basic premise—that the 9/11 conspirators originally pushed the button on Building 7 shortly after the collapse of the North Tower but the demolition sequence didn’t function as planned—is surely supported by the facts. More importantly, the ABC News video dramatically refutes yet another tall tale told us by officials desperate to explain just one of many bizarre and suspicious aspects of the attacks that might otherwise point the spotlight in their direction. The issue of light, marginal debris damage versus catastrophic debris damage is central to their case and well addressed in the video. Anytime one of the government’s own stories about the attacks can be effectively dismantled, it’s a major coup for those working hard to expose the truth about 9/11.



(Fig. 15) NYPD photo indicates the point where the enormous gouge on WTC 7’s south face meets its roof line.

But the fact that the ABC News video may yield dramatic evidence of a faulty attempt to destroy Building 7 with explosives cannot be minimized or dismissed. This would certainly explain why we’ve seen virtually nothing of what should be an extensive photographic record of the damage to WTC 7’s south face after the collapse of the North Tower. It would also explain why WTC 7 absolutely, positively had to come down. Such evidence, on display for all the world to see, would surely soon be analyzed and recognized as being ‘demolition related’ and, therefore, enormously incriminating.

Lacking insider confirmation, we may never know the complete story about what happened to World Trade Center Building 7 on the afternoon of 9/11. But its paltry fires just don’t seem consistent with the kind of well-crafted plans they came up with for the rest of the WTC. What we may have seen instead was a virtual replay of what happened in Oklahoma City; the incomplete detonation

of a pre-planted explosive system in a highly secure government building housing military, financial and intelligence agencies.

The story we've been told about WTC 7's peculiar plunge to Earth is so transparently flawed that it's done nothing but fuel speculation about and attract attention to the attacks. But if WTC 7 was brought down as it was hidden under the debris cloud rising from the rubble of Tower One, few would have asked another question about it and what many theorists consider to be a 9/11 smoking gun would have been lost to history forever.

(In 2003 Jeremy Baker wrote the original story about Larry Silverstein 'pulling' WTC 7. He has also been a 9/11 events organizer and essayist. He lives in Seattle.)

The ABC News video mentioned above can be found at:

<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=6186921835292416413&hl=en-CA>

The 9/11 Truth Debunking website where it was found is at:

<http://www.debunking911.com/WTC7.htm>

For a video of Silverstein's comments about 'pulling' WTC 7, go to;

www.infowars.com/print/Sept11/FDNY.htm

To see three excellent videos of WTC 7 imploding, go to;

www.wtc7.net/videos.html

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