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Subject: 640+ *Architects and Engineers Call for Real World Trade Center Investigation*

Ref: Letter of April 25, 2008: "316 Architects and Engineers Demand Real World Trade Center Investigation"

Dear Mr. Malecha:

Our referenced letter to you a year ago alerted the Board of the American Institute of Architects to serious problems with the investigations of the destruction of the three World Trade Center high-rises on 9/11/01 – including the following general concerns:

"The buildings were not adequately investigated or explained by the 2002 FEMA and 2005 NIST reports. Despite these official reports by NIST, FEMA and the 9/11 Commission, the official explanation has not been supported by adequate discussion or research and many questions remain unaddressed. Thus far, however, the vast majority of the architectural and engineering communities have remained silent. When the official explanation of a major engineering failure violates fundamental physical laws, architects and engineers must invoke the peer-review process to find a better explanation."

The response from our AIA leadership to the letter was quite disappointing. Mr. Pernell claimed that a meeting with AE911Truth representatives was "not in alignment with our Strategic Plan". We beg to differ. The credibility, honor, and reputation of the AIA relative to the destruction of the high-rises on 9/11 are essential to its Strategic Plan.

On a positive note, the Board's response to this year's request by AE911Truth to present the forensic evidence at the SF AIA Convention in a booth was quite welcome and represents a first step forward by the Board in meeting its grave responsibility to its membership as well as the community at large with respect to these catastrophic events. Thank you for this support!

Since the time of our previous letter, **the number of [architects and engineers calling for a new investigation](#) has doubled to 640**. In fact, just about every architect and engineer who sees our presentation agrees with us. How can this success be explained away? And, even this year, a considerable amount of analysis and new information has come forward. The case for a [new investigation](#) has become quite substantial and compelling.

I invite you and others in our leadership to come and visit the display of WTC evidence at booth #2609 during the SF convention to examine the simple details of these new developments. Also, please come to the live multimedia presentation of the evidence following the convention at 4pm Saturday May 2nd just 2 blocks away at the Westin Market Street Hotel (See attached flyer). You are also encouraged to visit our [website](#) at AE911Truth.org where you can delve into any of these matters in more depth.

Highlights among the new developments this past year are:

- ◆ The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) issued its WTC7 [Final Report](#) on November 20, 2008. After public questioning by AE911Truth members the NIST authors were [forced to acknowledge](#) that, for a 2.25-second period, the building was in a free-fall drop extending approximately 8 stories. However they failed to acknowledge the obvious implication of this evidence – even after having stating publicly that any free-fall acceleration of the building "would mean that there would be no structure". Clearly, thousands of tons of structural steel had to have been broken and hurled aside to allow free-fall of the portion above. This could only have been accomplished with explosives – which have also been discovered.

- ◆ Red/gray chips of nano-sized particles comprising aluminum and iron oxide powders (unignited explosive version of the pyrotechnic material “thermite”) have been found in the WTC dust samples. An international group of independent researchers have documented this in the [peer-reviewed Open Chemical Physics Journal](#) earlier this month. Numerous previously molten iron micro-spheres, the product of the thermite reaction, [were discovered earlier](#).
- ◆ Evidence of energetic (explosive) materials was also detected in the air samples at Ground Zero and is documented in the peer-reviewed paper [Environmental anomalies at the World Trade Center: evidence for energetic materials](#) by Kevin R. Ryan, James R. Gourley, and Steven E. Jones (Environmentalist, 2008).
- ◆ Another peer-reviewed paper this year, [The Missing Jolt: A Simple Refutation of the NIST-Bazant Collapse Hypothesis](#), by Graeme MacQueen and Tony Szamboti documents that the top block of floors **did not** impact the massive stationary block of floors below, as has been claimed. It is documented that the building “block “below, undamaged by fire, could not have been destroyed by any impact load of the “falling” upper block. This leaves open the question of what **did** destroy the lower sections of the towers? Please visit [our website](#) for helpful information to answer this question.
- ◆ Also, physics instructor David Chandler has [documented](#) that the upper less massive 15-story block of the North Tower fell at an even pace of 2/3 of free-fall acceleration. This meant that the falling section was exerting only 1/3 of its resting weight on the lower structure as it came down. Since the lower structure had supported about three times the effective weight of the falling section for decades, through hurricane-force winds, some other force must have destroyed the lower structure. There is ample documentation for such a force in addition to the chemical evidence:
 - Over [100 first responders](#) are on record having heard explosions and seen flashes of light at the onset of the destruction
 - Several [tons of molten metal](#) are seen and documented by first responders. Neither office fires nor jet fuel can melt steel. But thermite creates molten iron as its reaction product.
 - 110 floors are missing from the rubble pile below
 - 90,000 tons of [concrete were pulverized](#) mostly to a fine powder **in mid-air**
 - Multi-ton perimeter wall units were ejected laterally up to 600 feet at up to 70 mph

AIA’s leadership has an ethical responsibility to address this petition and this evidence without bias and without prejudice. Architects & Engineers for 9/11 Truth respectfully repeats its request to present its technical findings to the national AIA Board. The best opportunity would be immediately after the SF AIA Convention at our live presentation noted above. Please make an effort to join the other 200 architects expected to attend. Our intention is to present the petition formally to Congress this October. The American Institute of Architects will not want to be conspicuous by its absence at that historic event.

Sincerely,

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