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To Whom It May Concern:

I served as a professional intelligence officer with the CIA for 27 years. My last position in government was as Chief of Counterterrorism Operations for the CIA's Counterterrorism Center. During my intelligence career, I also served as Director of Intelligence Programs at the National Security Council (1984-1987) and Special Assistant for Intelligence at the Department of Defense (1987-1988). My experience in the field of international terrorism covers 25 years. I was responsible for the intelligence investigation of the Pan Am 103 bombing in Lockerbie, Scotland, in December 1988.

Laurie Mylroie's manuscript on the World Trade Center bombing is one of the most brilliant pieces of research and scholarship in this area that I have ever read. She has not only carefully gathered and set forth the facts of the bombing itself, but has provided original analysis that uncovers linkages that I believe the U.S. government investigators have failed to notice. As only one example I cite the linkage she has made between the Khansi murders outside CIA Headquarters and the World Trade Center bombing the following month.

Ms. Mylroie's unique talents of research and analysis, her considerable expertise in the Arab world, and her persistence in following the complicated and often hidden threads of the incident have resulted in both vivid exposition and brilliant conclusions. The alarms she raises about Saddam Hussein's intentions to generate terrorism in the United States are as well founded as they are alarming. A fine piece of work.

Sincerely,



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