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Good afternoon and welcome. My name is Richard Gage, AIA. I’m a member of the American Institute of Architects. I’ve been a licensed architect for 22 years. I’m the founder of the non-profit organization, Architects & Engineers for 9/11 Truth. As a group, we now have more than 1,500 architect and engineer petition signers calling for an independent investigation into the use. Collectively, we have more than 25,000 years of building and technical experience.

Today, we’re here to inform the state members of the International Criminal Court that we have uncovered evidence that the official investigations into what happened to the World Trade Center skyscrapers on 9/11 were deeply flawed, or worse. The scientific forensic facts that AE911Truth and hundreds of others have discovered and documented have very troubling implications for all people of the world.

For example, a technologically advanced, highly energetic material has been discovered in World Trade Center dust from the 9/11 catastrophe.

This follows the discovery, by the United States Geological Survey and others, of what amounts to billions of unusual previously molten iron microspheres in the World Trade Center dust samples. These microspheres can only have been formed during the destruction of the World Trade Center at temperatures far higher than can be explained by jet fuel and office fires. Those fires, we are told by engineers employed by NIST, the National Institute for Standards and Technology, were allegedly the cause of the World Trade Center’s destruction.

The discovery of this advanced energetic material, in the form of red/gray chips distributed throughout the dust, both explains the iron-rich microspheres and confirms the inadequacy of the official account of what happened that tragic day.

Even before the microspheres and red/gray chips had been identified and brought to our attention, we were deeply concerned about other aspects of the destruction of these iconic buildings, and how they were investigated. More than two dozen firefighters, engineers, and other witnesses reported seeing substantial quantities of molten iron or steel, flowing like lava in the debris under the three World Trade
Center high-rises. Office fires and jet fuel cannot possibly reach temperatures necessary to liquefy iron or steel.

A mixture called thermite, consisting of pulverized iron oxide and aluminum, can generate temperatures above 2200°C -- far more than is needed to melt iron or steel, which melts at about 1510°C. The energetic material that was found in the World Trade Center dust by an international team of scientists led by Niels Harrit of the University of Copenhagen in Denmark was reported in the peer-reviewed Bentham Open Journal of Chemical Physics. It consists of nano-engineered iron oxide and aluminum particles 1/1000th the size of a human hair, embedded in an organic matrix consisting of carbon, oxygen, and silicon. The sizes of the iron oxide particles are extremely uniform, and neither they nor the ultra-fine-grain aluminum platelets could possibly have been created by a natural process such as a gravitational collapse or the impact of jetliners. (1) The red/gray chips in which these particles were found exhibit the same characteristics as advanced energetic materials developed in US national laboratories in the years leading up to 9/11. They have no other reason for being in the World Trade Center dust.

Given all the horrific costs in human lives, lost civil liberties, and trillions of tax dollars spent in response to the official account of 9/11, there can be no more urgent need than for leaders in all nations to find out who placed these materials in the World Trade Center – and why.

This need makes it all the more disturbing that top engineers in charge of the U.S. government’s investigation would avoid dealing straightforwardly with ALL the evidence that AE911Truth and others have repeatedly brought to their attention, much of which has been available in the public record for nine years. John Gross, NIST co-project leader, has denied the existence of – or even reports of – molten iron or steel in the World Trade Center.

NIST stopped their analysis of the towers’ complete and highly energetic destruction at the very point when the destruction begins. And they have dismissed or avoided serious analysis of the additional evidence which we are concerned with, for instance:

1. Both Twin Towers were completely dismembered and destroyed in just 10 to 14 seconds - which occurs at near free-fall acceleration. For this to happen, all 47 massive core columns as well as a large fraction of their external columns would have to have been compromised with explosives synchronistically timed to a hundredth of a second – and floor by floor.

2. More than 100 first responders reported hearing explosions and seeing flashes of light at the onset of destruction. Light flashes indicate explosive detonations. This from the recordings of New York Fire Commissioner Thomas Von Essen's "Oral Histories".

3. Multi-ton steel perimeter wall sections were ejected laterally up to 100 km per hour landing over 180 meters away. (2) That speed and distance indicates a high-pressure explosion initiated the ejections.

4. 81,000 metric tons (3) of concrete in this building and its metal decking under the floors were pulverized in mid-air, again indicating explosions.
5. World Trade Center 7, a 47-story high-rise which was not hit by an aircraft, came down in pure free-fall acceleration for more than 30 meters of its descent – a significant fact that NIST’s Shyam Sunder was forced to admit after being presented with research from our team. Yet NIST has failed to review or acknowledge the obvious implications of this fact, which is that the columns must have been explosively severed, within fractions of a second of each other. The complete destruction and dismemberment of Building 7, collapsing in just 6 ½ seconds—at free-fall acceleration—through the path of what was the greatest resistance, the 36 metric tons of structural steel in this building, occurs at pure free-fall (zero resistance) from any of those columns. This is only possible with expertly-placed explosives.

There are numerous falsehoods and omissions in NIST’s official report:

1. NIST overstated the severity and duration of the fires in all three skyscrapers, apparently in order to more credibly attribute the destruction to the fires, yet still not accounting for the heat to melt iron or steel.

2. NIST and FEMA did not follow the National Fire Protection Association’s standard procedures for fire and explosion investigation and test the building debris for explosive residues. NIST did not test for explosives when explosive demolition was the most likely hypothesis despite the fact that it looked exactly like a controlled demolition and that every skyscraper that has come down has been a controlled demolition and fire has never brought down a skyscraper. They refuse to test today, even though repeatedly given this evidence.

4. NIST’s animated computer model of Building 7’s destruction, showing the outer walls crumbling inward like a piece of foil, bears no resemblance to the actual collapse as seen in the videos.

5. NIST claims that the falling section of each of the Twin Towers, above the jetliner impact zones, crushed the much larger and more massive intact lower section. But video analysis reveals clearly that the upper sections above the point of jet plane impact disintegrated in waves of explosions prior to any crushing of the lower sections of the building and that they descended at 2/3 free fall with no “jolt”. This indicates that the top sections could not have been the cause of the destruction of the lower sections.

6. NIST’s technical analysis into the twin towers’ collapses stops at the “initiation of collapse.” There is no technical analysis of the structural behavior of the buildings during the collapse itself. In response to our Request for Correction on this matter, NIST acknowledged that they were “unable to provide a full explanation of the total collapse.”

In short, NIST’s official technical explanation is fraudulent and inconsistent with the basic laws of physics. By contrast, the hypothesis of controlled demolition is consistent with all of the available technical evidence and data.

At this point, we are calling for Attorney General Eric Holder to ask a federal grand jury to investigate those responsible for the NIST report, including Lead Investigator Shyam Sunder and Co-Project Leader John Gross.

We have personally delivered our DVD, including the highlights of the forensic evidence, into the hands of staffers and the science advisors of almost every elected representative in Washington DC. In addition, we have sat down with over three dozen of them and presented in detail the overwhelming
evidence of explosive controlled demolition.

As private citizens we recognize that we do not have access to make a formal submittal to the I.C.C. (International Criminal Court) and that it can only prosecute crimes committed after 2002. We have assembled here at the peace palace in The Hague, which many call “the legal capital of the world” and the Int’l city of peace and justice, in concert with our scheduled appearances in the Netherlands in Rotterdam and Amsterdam which complete our second ten-city tour of Europe which brings us to almost 200 speaking engagements around the world now to groups of 100-600. People are waking up to the message from 1,500 A/E, technical and building professionals who are deeply concerned about this disclosure, and about Justice. After all, if the roots of 9/11 are in question then the wars that have been spawned are also in question.

And so we are bringing this issue to the attention of world citizens via the I.C.C. because its charter allows it to act when national courts are “unwilling or unable” to investigate or prosecute such crimes. Such is the case in the United States, who, while not yet a signatory to the I.C.C., still, we hope and trust, is beholden to the conscience of the world.

I’d like to thank the thousands of scientists, senior level members of the military, intelligence and other government officials, pilots and aviation professionals, firefighters, scholars and university professionals, 9/11 survivors and their family members and concerned citizens here in the Netherlands and around the world for your continuing support.

Also, a more detailed information set is available in our DVD, 9/11: Blueprint for Truth – which is available on our website, AE911Truth.org. Thank you very much; we are here to provide any technical assistance to you that you may need.