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Dear BBC Trust and Culture, Media and Sport Committee

This letter is in reference to CT 1200078 and the BBC's coverage of the 9/11 attacks in general.

I'm not here to "tell" you the "truth." I'm inviting you to look from your heart with new eyes. **I will briefly share something from my heart that may or may not connect with you. If it does, I invite you to read the entirety of this letter.**

My name is Erik Lawyer, and I am a professional firefighter in Seattle with over 24 years of emergency service experience. I am the founder of "Firefighters for 9/11 Truth," and more recently a new organization focused on love and solutions, called "One Becoming One." Like many people, I was extremely angry and blamed others about 9/11 – both when I believed the "official story" and then again when I opened to a different possibility. Over the past 10 years, I've seen that the fear that turned to anger and blame has been destructive and in most cases counterproductive. After a recent dramatic life-changing event, I came to see the only way to move beyond the problems and towards the solutions is through love, forgiveness and personal responsibility

People often ask me "who" was responsible for 9-11, or covering up the "truth." I used to name a list of people and organizations, including the BBC. My answer now starts with "me." In order for me to shift my focus toward love and forgiveness, I had to take responsibility for the damage and self-destruction I created from my own fear in the wake of 9-11. Then I had to begin forgiving and loving myself. I'm now taking an active role in creating a world that I would be proud to leave for my son, and future generations.

I believe each of you, and your organizations, are in a position to make a massive positive difference in this world. As I'm sure you're aware, humanity is in the middle of a massive transformation. We are at a choice point – “evolve or die.” We can either: self-destruct by holding on to the old “fear-based” structures, beliefs and control mechanisms that are crumbling, or we can choose to liberate ourselves from this fear by courageously choosing love and responsibility. Choosing love and responsibility builds a “foundation of trust.” In order to move into a new collective reality of love and trust, we first need to get honest with ourselves, and take responsibility for our actions. You have the opportunity to look at the evidence of 9-11 with new eyes, look deeply at your responsibility, and then make that choice. Courage and Love are contagious. I'm inviting you to have the courage to embody that which the BBC says they are: **“Trust is the foundation of the BBC: we are independent, impartial and honest.”** By living into this beautiful value, the BBC could be the tipping point for a global transformation. . . Everyone now is looking for the new model of leadership. We see a dearth of authentic leadership and there is little trust in our media. But everything can change and the global shared values are shifting and BBC can be looked at as modeling a new paradigm that will be more of a legacy than anything you've created thus far. Perhaps it is even asking you to re-evaluate your mission, your vision and purpose. Events like 9-11 can do that.

In regards to the evidence related to 9-11, I'd like to also start at a foundational level. Most of the world is not consciously aware of World Trade Center Tower 7. It was a 47 story high rise that suffered a total collapse. NIST (the National Institute of Standards and Technology, which was authorized by the U.S. government to determine “why and how WTC 7 collapsed”) claims this was due to fire. The first smoking gun is that the investigation of Tower 7 was completed with no physical evidence. I have worked for two well-respected city fire departments; I have never seen anything like this even on a small scale. To purposefully destroy physical evidence on a house fire is a crime, let alone ALL the physical evidence from the first concrete and steel high-rise to completely collapse due to fire. The second smoking gun is the fact that the investigative authorities still refuse to test for exotic accelerants (explosives). There were 118 first responders reporting explosions, audio recordings of explosions, and past history of explosives used on the very same complex in 1993. We test house fires for accelerants when nobody is hurt. If just these major criminal acts don't sit right with you, and you'd like more scientific information, please read the rest of this letter. The evidence is overwhelming.

Thank you for reading this introduction. To live into one's stated values is a noble pursuit. I honor you for publicly stating them. Nobody, and no organization, lives into them 100% of the time. However, the more we each make a conscious effort to do just that; it becomes easier, and we inspire others to do the same. I now invite and support you to live into your values, to follow the path of the 9-11 evidence no matter where it takes you, and to have the courage to build that “foundation of Trust.”

For the remainder of this letter, I'll be speaking from a different perspective now. I'll give you a little more of my background, where I see opportunities for you to honor your values, and some evidence related to 9-11. I appreciate you taking the time to read this letter and take in the intent with which it is written. While I'll be sharing more of the deeper background around all of this evidence, what I have written above is at the heart of it all. We will always hear multiple stories

and truths, and we usually always know the truth in our hearts if we have the ears and the conscience to listen. We are all learning to listen from a deeper level.

I am currently a full time firefighter, assigned to Ladder 3 in the City of Seattle for the last 16 years. Before that I was with the City of Sacramento as a Firefighter Paramedic. I have 24 years experience in Emergency Services. I earned my pilot's license in 1987, and have been recreationally flying since. I graduated with a Bachelor's of Science in Mathematics from the University of California at Davis in 1993, with 2 years of elective Engineering courses, and a Minor in Psychology. So, I have looked at the evidence of 9-11 from many perspectives of my life experience. They all point to the same conclusion: the "official story" is a lie. We can't build a foundation of trust on a massive global lie.

Under its Royal Charter and Agreement, the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) has a requirement to present fair, accurate, and impartial information. The BBC's Editorial Guidelines include [Editorial Values](#) that commit the BBC to truth, accuracy, impartiality, editorial integrity and independence, fairness, transparency and accountability. They "apply to all our content, wherever and however it is received." The Editorial Values also require the BBC to "ask searching questions of those who hold public office and others who are accountable, and provide a comprehensive forum for public debate" and to, "be rigorous in establishing the truth of the story and well informed when explaining it."

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/guidelines/editorialguidelines/page/guidelines-editorial-values-editorial-values/>

By committing to these the BBC has set a high standard for the quality and integrity of its news, which if followed, would allow the BBC to earn credibility worldwide as a trusted news source. No American news organization operates under comparable Editorial Guidelines and Values. I honor you for that.

The BBC has presented information that is scientifically inaccurate in support of the official version of the events at the World Trade Center that day while failing to include scientifically accurate information that validates the conclusion of experts described below that explosive controlled demolitions brought down the Twin Towers and Building 7.

Over the past few months, the BBC has been reviewing complaints lodged by three individuals; Paul Warburton, Adrian Mallett, and Peter Drew (collectively, the "complainants"), with the BBC over two of the documentaries that the BBC showed last year to coincide with the tenth anniversary of 9/11: "Conspiracy Files: 9/11 Ten Years On" and "9/11: Conspiracy Road Trip."

I support the positions that the complainants have taken with regard to the following:

#1) NFPA 921 (The U.S. National Standards for Fire and Explosions Investigations) calls for investigators to test for evidence of explosives. The lead investigating agency, NIST (part of the U.S. Department of Commerce), continues to refuse to test.

Nowhere in the 1,000 pages of NIST's final report on World Trade Center 7 is there any mention of a test for evidence of explosives. I will explain later why such tests were essential.

In #13 of their “Frequently Asked Questions” that NIST published in August 2008 it claimed that it “found no evidence of” an explosion.

(http://www.nist.gov/el/disasterstudies/wtc/faqs_wtc7.cfm) NIST admitted in their response to the next question, #14, that they did not perform an “analysis of the WTC steel for the elements in thermite/thermate”. In other words they “found no evidence” because they didn’t look for it or test for it.

But other scientists found evidence of a high tech energetic incendiary known as nanothermite in the World Trade Center dust and published these findings in a peer reviewed scientific journal in April, 2009. (“Active Thermitic Material Discovered in Dust from the 9/11 World Trade Center Catastrophe”, [The Open Chemical Physics Journal](#), Volume 2, 2009, pp 7-31) Scientists had found very small iron rich spheres in the WTC dust and published these findings in the Journal of 9/11 Studies in May 2007

(www.journalof911studies.com/volume/200704/JonesWTC911SciMethod.pdf), in time to be included in the NIST report on WTC 7. NIST did not mention this in their report.

This was similar to NIST’s refusal to test for explosives or thermite residues in the steel from the World Trade Center Twin Towers. In its response to frequently asked question #12 on August 30, 2006, NIST wrote, “NIST did not test for the residue of these compounds in the steel.”

http://www.nist.gov/public_affairs/factsheet/wtc_faqs_082006.cfm

There was no hard evidence to back up the claims NIST made in its “probable collapse sequence”. These were entirely speculation produced by a computer program with variable inputs that NIST admitted it varied in order to get the results it wanted. NIST has refused to disclose its full computer model so that others can attempt to replicate their results.

NIST admitted that its entire investigation of WTC 7 did not include physical evidence. Question #28 in NIST’s WTC 7 frequently asked questions was, “28. NIST’s entire investigation included no physical evidence. How can the investigators be so sure they know what happened?” NIST’s 2-paragraph answer does not mention its use of any physical evidence.

NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) 921 very clearly indicates in numerous sections that the possibility of explosives should have been thoroughly investigated. Specifically in NFPA 921 18.3.2 High Order Damage - “High-order damage is characterized by shattering of the structure, producing small, pulverized debris. Walls, roofs, and structural members are splintered or shattered, with the building completely demolished. Debris is thrown great distances, possibly hundreds of feet. High-order damage is the result of rapid rates of pressure rise.” World Trade Center 1, 2, and 7 all clearly met this definition; therefore they should have been thoroughly investigated and analyzed for explosives. Specifically, the use of “exotic accelerants” should have been investigated. In NFPA 921 19.2.4 -”Exotic Accelerants,” three indicators were clearly met that should have led to a thorough investigation in to the possible use of “exotic accelerants,” specifically as stated in the guideline, “Thermite mixtures.”

Given that those very buildings had explosives placed in them before the 1993 bombing, why was the possibility of explosives, controlled demolition, or the use of “exotic accelerants” not thoroughly investigated or even mentioned in the 9/11 Commission Report?

#2) NIST admitted a 2.25 second period of free fall gravitational acceleration in Building 7.

Neither BBC documentary makes any mention of the absolutely critical point that in November, 2008 in its final report NIST admitted that the collapse of WTC Building 7 did in fact occur at free fall acceleration for at least some of the collapse. NIST wrote in its final report, "A more detailed analysis of the descent of the north face found . . . (2) a freefall descent over approximately eight stories at gravitational acceleration for approximately 2.25 s" and, "This free fall drop continued for approximately 8 stories or 32.0 m (105 ft)" (Final Report on the Collapse of World Trade Center Building 7, NIST NCSTAR 1A, page 48, 45)

This was a reversal of the original position taken by NIST on this issue in the August, 2008 draft of its report. This is an extremely important point that would have to be included in any impartial and accurate discussion about the collapse of Building 7. For a symmetrical free fall collapse to occur means that all of the supporting columns of the building must have given way at almost exactly the same time, and this can only occur through carefully controlled demolition using well timed explosives. Why was this crucial point not even mentioned by either of the BBC documentaries?

In its August draft, in which it said that the collapse occurred 40 percent slower than free fall, NIST had said three times that its analysis was "consistent with physical principles." In the final report, however, every instance of this phrase had been removed. NIST thereby admitted that its report on WTC 7, by admitting free fall while continuing to deny that explosives and incendiaries were used, is *not* consistent with the principles of physics. (NIST NCSTAR 1-9, Draft for Public Comment, Vol. 2: 595-96, 596, 610.)

Also, why has the BBC failed to correct the error that was in a previous BBC documentary in 2007 "The Conspiracy Files – The Truth Behind the Third Tower"? In that documentary the BBC attempted to demonstrate that the pace of collapse of Building 7 was not at free fall acceleration. It has since been proven that free fall did in fact occur for at least 2.25 seconds and this was admitted by NIST as described above. This is a point of huge importance to the discussion because free fall of a tower can only occur through controlled demolition using explosives.

On these specific issues I give my full support to the complaints that have been lodged with the BBC by Mr. Warburton, Mr. Mallett, and Mr. Drew.

In addition, I would point out that the BBC has failed to present to the public a huge amount of other evidence that clearly contradicts the official story of the collapse of the three WTC towers. The official story that the public has been given about what happened on 9/11 is not based on hard evidence, as Dr. Niels Harrit pointed out in his interview with the BBC's Michael Rudin.

Here are a few of the crucial scientific facts and eye witness accounts which contradict the official story and support the contention that (1) it is physically impossible for the Twin Towers and Building 7 to have come down as alleged in the official story, and that (2) the three buildings were instead brought down by explosive controlled demolition:

- Symmetrical free fall acceleration (confirmed by NIST) which is only possible through explosive controlled demolition
- Temperatures far too low to weaken a steel structure (no high rise building has ever collapsed from fire but many have survived fires that were hotter, bigger, and lasted longer)
- Incendiary/explosive material – nanothermite – found throughout numerous WTC dust samples from the 9/11 attacks
- The 180,000 tons of concrete from the Twin Towers were pulverized to fine dust and small pieces. To put it simply, fire cannot do this to concrete. It never has. On the other hand explosives can do this to concrete.
- 118 documented emergency service eyewitness accounts either seeing, hearing or feeling explosives in the Twin Towers at the onset of destruction of the Twin Towers. NIST dismissed these accounts.
- Radio transmissions, and audio recordings of actual explosions, and people reporting explosions (remember, just the suspicion calls for testing)
- Pools of molten iron and/or steel were found in the piles of all three buildings. The temperature of the steel itself, not the just the surrounding air, has to reach about 2,750 degrees F. before steel will melt. The molten metal that was found suggests the use of explosives; yet NIST admitted they never tested for residue of explosives. NIST's John Gross claimed to be unaware that there was evidence of molten metal below WTC Buildings 1, 2, and 7. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wcqf5tL887o>

What the BBC has shown with its documentaries about 9/11 has not provided scientific accuracy and impartiality. Instead, the BBC has supported the official account of 9/11 with untenable “evidence” while omitting scientifically accurate information that contradicts the official account. This has misled the BBC’s viewers on an issue of vital importance.

As such I support the complaints that have been lodged with the BBC Trust by Paul Warburton, Adrian Mallett, and Peter Drew and support their request to be able to meet with the Culture, Media and Sport Committee to discuss this issue and some possible remedies including showing one or more of the documentaries produced by Architects & Engineers for 9/11 Truth. These documentaries fairly examine all of the scientific evidence that has been gathered and include a presentation by AE911 Truth Founder Richard Gage, AIA, demonstrating the step-by-step scientific methodology that has been implemented in analyzing the cause of the collapse of the Twin Towers and Building 7.

This would be appropriate because of the length of the inaccurate and biased documentaries that the BBC aired about the 9/11 attacks. It would be consistent with the BBC's Editorial complaints and appeals procedures 3.48(d) that state, "the Committee may also require an on-air or published apology or correction."

In sum, there is an enormous amount of information available about the destruction at the World Trade Center on 9/11 that the public has not been shown by the BBC. I invite the BBC to present this vitally important information to the public fairly and objectively in order to honor its Royal Charter, Editorial Guidelines and Editorial Values. Hopefully, the BBC Trust will see this with new eyes. If they continue to ignore the previous requests to discuss this further, or to

honor their Charter, **I respectfully request:**

#1) that the Culture, Media and Sport Committee meet with Mr. Drew, Mr. Warburton and Mr. Mallett to allow them to present their arguments and evidence and answer your questions; and

#2) that the Culture, Media and Sport Committee conduct its own inquiry into the coverage by the BBC of the 9/11 attacks.

In conclusion:

I opened with the heart and I want to close with the heart. That is to speak from the depth of humanity and from the place that is seeing from the future and asking for responsibility for the past and yet living in this present moment. The bulk of this letter is informational and evidentiary and asks for a closer look. They say that leadership is the capacity to 'look again'. This is the opportunity. I might be so bold as to suggest that this is a global opportunity and turning point. One of those moments that is difficult to see while present to it, but afterwards we can feel the ripple effects continue to cascade through society. Given all I have shared, I would greatly appreciate a reply to let me know that you received this letter. I understand that there is a lot of information to process and I am hopeful that you know in your heart and will do what is right.

“The price of greatness is responsibility.”

-Sir Winston Churchill

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

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