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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
LAWYERS' COMMITTEE FOR 9/11 INQUIRY, INC.
PETITION TO CONGRESS TO INITIATE A CONGRESSIONAL
INVESTIGATION INTO THE 2001 ANTHRAX ATTACKS**

This Petition is a formal request to Congress for redress of grievances regarding the federal government's misconduct detailed in the referenced Petition related to the post- 9/11 anthrax attacks of 2001. These attacks against Congress and the media involved use of a lethal biological warfare agent. This lethal agent killed 5 individuals, injured at least 17 others, and was used to attempt the assassination of two United States Senators.

This Petition centers on multiple lines of evidence relating to the FBI's investigation of the anthrax attacks beginning in 2001 and concluding in 2010 which was intentionally obstructed and was not conducted in good faith. The FBI's analyses and reports were knowingly deceptive. The Petition is 75 pages with 69 Exhibits supporting the urgent need for a Congressional investigation.

The Major Conclusions of the Lawyers' Committee in this Petition are:

1. The FBI's sole identified anthrax killer, Dr. Bruce Ivins, a distinguished scientist with a 28-year career at U.S. Army's Medical Research Institute, was innocent and an unfortunate scapegoat of FBI contrivance.
2. The FBI intentionally, by concealing and avoiding key evidence, steered its investigation away from the most likely suspects, those personnel associated with Dugway Proving Grounds, Battelle Memorial Institute and their contractual CIA partner, and institutions and individuals associated with them, and concentrated instead on the least likely suspects, scientists from United States Army Medical Institute of Infectious Diseases (USAMRIID), and prematurely concluded its investigation upon the death of Dr. Ivins.
3. Congressional involvement is necessary as the Department of Justice has a conflict of interest in investigating its own alleged misconduct.
4. Those responsible for the anthrax attacks are still at large and the Nation remains in peril.

5. The anthrax attacks appear to have been intended to rush the passage of the United States Patriot Act, thus undermining civil liberties, facilitating a War on Iraq predicated on nonexistent weapons of mass destruction and inaugurating the War on Terror which continues to this day.

The Lawyers' Committee's conclusions are supported by 69 Petition exhibits that include:

- A. Documents provided by Col. Anderson including memos for record concerning:
 - 1. A high-level Army order to squelch internal investigations and criticism of the FBI's problematic anthrax attacks investigation;
 - 2. The possibility of tampered evidence, involving use of white-out and forged handwriting on a key Army form regarding anthrax storage, to falsely incriminate Dr. Ivins;
 - 3. The conflict of interest of Bruce Ivins' counselor who filed for a restraining order against Dr. Ivins with the overt assistance and apparent heavy influence of the FBI; and
 - 4. The harassment of Dr. Ivins by the FBI, and the FBI's failure to pursue more likely suspects.

- B. Documentation that the DNA "fingerprint" of the attack anthrax found in the RMR 1029 anthrax stock at Fort Detrick came from the Army's Dugway Proving Ground, and that one of the anthrax samples submitted by Battelle was found by the FBI to also contain the DNA "fingerprint."

- C. Declarations under penalty of perjury by four United States Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases (USAMRIID) scientists, three retired United States Army Colonels, pertaining to the innocence of Dr. Bruce Ivins regarding the FBI's accusation that he was the anthrax killer:
 - 1. Dr. Jeffrey J. Adamovicz, PhD
 - 2. Col. Ret. Brett K. Purcell, PhD, MD
 - 3. Col. Arthur O. Anderson, MD
 - 4. Dr. Henry S. Heine, PhD

- D. The Federal Court Complaint of former FBI Inspector, Richard Lambert, who oversaw the agency's Amerithrax (anthrax letter attacks) investigation for four years (2002-2006) detailing the obstruction by agency superiors and their suppression of significant exculpatory evidence.

- E. The National Academy of Sciences National Research Council Report which was critical of the FBI's scientific investigation and concluded that the scientific evidence did not definitively show that the attack anthrax originated in a flask used by Army microbiologist Dr. Bruce E. Ivins of Fort Detrick, whom the FBI identified as the perpetrator after his death in 2008.

- F. Published peer-reviewed scientific papers on the anthrax attacks by Dr. Martin Hugh Jones, Dr. Barbara Hatch Rosenberg and Dr. Stuart Jacobson analyzing the sophistication of the anthrax spores, and the likely connection to highly advanced biological defense institutions other than USAMRIID where Dr. Bruce Ivins worked.
- G. The Transcript of USAMRIID scientist Dr. Patricia Worsham's testimony that USAMRIID did not have the facilities or equipment needed for Dr. Ivins to have made the attack anthrax there.
- H. Editorials from *The Washington Post* and *The New York Times* calling for a Congressional and independent commission inquiry into the anthrax attacks.
- I. Statements by United States Senator Patrick Leahy and United States Senator Chuck Grassley in 2011 calling for further investigation of the anthrax attacks.
- J. A Government Accountability Office Report which found that the FBI's attempt, utilizing then-cutting-edge scientific methods, to trace the killer using tests of genetic mutations in anthrax samples at times lacked precision, consistency and adequate standards.
- K. House Resolution 720, co-sponsored by Congressmen Rush Holt and Jerrold Nadler in 2011, which calls for a Congressional Investigation.

The Petition and its exhibits may be viewed on, and downloaded from, the Lawyers' Committee's website at:

<https://www.lawyerscommitteeof9-11inquiry.org/lawyers-committee-anthrax-petition/>
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