



A Letter from Our Founder



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In the summer of 2018, I visited the 9/11 Memorial & Museum. As I wandered through the site, my heart sang at this testament to human dignity, courage, and sacrifice. I was deeply moved by the poet Virgil's quote on the wall of Memorial Hall: "No day shall erase you from the memory of time."

I immediately reflected on a similar historical **terrorist attack against America, the December 21, 1988, bombing** of Pan American flight 103, flying 6 miles above Lockerbie, Scotland, killing 270 people. That day profoundly changed my life, and that of tens of thousands of Americans, Scots, and people from 21 countries. Until the events of September 11, 2001, **this bombing was the single largest terrorist attack in U.S. history, and the specific event that propelled**

America into the age of modern global terrorism. Yet over three decades later, most of the public has little awareness of terrorists attacking America at 31,000 feet, or that this atrocity still remains the oldest cold case of mass murder in U.S. history.

Walking the Museum's spaces, I saw the exhibition: **The Hunt for Bin Laden** depicting the massive U.S. global effort expended over 2 decades, involving countless individuals across dozens of U.S. and allied government intelligence, security, and military agencies, to hold accountable Bin Laden and al-Qaeda operatives.

I lamented why **America's vast reach, power and might were not utilized** to fervently pursue justice and accountability for the Pan Am 103 victims, as was done for other terrorist attacks targeting America, like the attacks on September 11, 2001, and the September 11, 2012, attack against the U.S. diplomatic post and CIA annex in Benghazi, Libya.

Why hadn't the U.S. and UK taken lead investigative responsibility for what was, in 1988, the largest terrorist attack in our history, and leave it **to Scotland's smallest and least funded police force?** At the outset, various international groups claimed responsibility for the attack, which broadened the investigative scope beyond the 845-square-mile Lockerbie crime scene, to include various international state sponsors of terrorism and dozens of inter-continental suspects.

U.S. authorities have jurisdiction to investigate and prosecute in Federal courts all crimes onboard U.S. aircraft regardless of location.

There are significant differences between U.S. and Scottish criminal law for admissibility of evidence, witness testimony and sentencing, and criminals are routinely tried in multiple jurisdictions under applicable national/local laws. Aside from issuing the 1991 criminal indictments and 2020 criminal charges, **why hadn't U.S. authorities ever arrested or prosecuted ANY suspects for the mass murder of 190 American citizens and the 69 others aboard a U.S. flagship?**

The 2001 Scottish criminal trial against two **Libyan officials acquitted one, convicted the other and then was ultimately released after eight years on compassionate grounds.** No one believes that if al-Megrahi did have a hand in this, he could have acted alone to perpetrate an attack of this magnitude. After decades of U.S. politically pragmatic foreign policy, **the true perpetrators of this attack will probably never be known.** Informants and witnesses die, memories fade, and evidence deteriorates or disappears.

Is the real culprit for all terrorism capitalism and the corruption and violence it fosters? **Is political expediency for commerce, or business as usual, the only brand of American justice?** Is this a case of deflected culpability for U.S. military attacks such as the July 3, 1988, **USS Vincennes warship missile shoot down of Iran Air flight 655,** which killed 290 civilians in Iranian airspace? Or were the CIA agents aboard the targets and our loved ones merely collateral damage?

To date, **the story of the terrorist attack against the U.S. on December 21, 1988, is incomplete and in many ways inaccurate.** The Foundation will explore our history more fully, via thematic timelines, to ensure the attack **and its victims do not become a footnote that is erased from the memory of time.** By digitally connecting and providing an interactive platform to our global community, the **Living Memorial feature** will honor the victims by allowing their 'loved ones to perpetually upload photos, audios, videos, tributes and other tokens of memory.

The Legacy Story Project feature, will give voice and allow each person in our global community to tell their story, in their own words and upload personal artifacts. Visitors will hear about the humanitarian and precedent-setting acts by local heroes, First responders and the hundreds of victims' loved ones, who became accidental activists, and of their on-going, ardent and unceasing quest for truth and justice. Together, with your participation and input, this digital platform can grow to become the most extensive Pan Am 103 Lockerbie **Historical Archive** collection in existence. You are proof that good endures.

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