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### Excerpts of Key Sibel Edmonds News Articles in Major Media

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**Below are many highly revealing excerpts of important Sibel Edmonds news articles from the mainstream media suggesting a cover-up.** Links are provided to the full articles on major media websites. If any link fails to function, [click here](#). These Sibel Edmonds news articles are listed by order of importance. For the same articles by date posted, [click here](#). For the list by date of news article [click here](#). By choosing to educate ourselves on these important issues and to [spread the word](#), we can and will [build a brighter future](#).

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**Note:** For an index to revealing excerpts of news articles on several dozen engaging topics, [click here](#).

#### **Lost In Translation 2004-08-08, CBS News**

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2002/10/25/60minutes/main526954.shtml>

Sibel Edmonds, a translator who worked at the FBI's language division, says [that hundreds, if not thousands, of foreign language intelligence documents] weren't translated because the division was riddled with incompetence and corruption. Edmonds was fired after reporting her concerns to FBI officials. Because she is fluent in Turkish and other Middle Eastern languages, Edmonds, a Turkish-American, was hired by the FBI soon after Sept. 11 and given top-secret security clearance to translate some of the reams of documents seized by FBI agents who have been rounding up suspected terrorists across the United States and abroad. In its rush to hire more foreign language translators after Sept. 11, the FBI admits it has had difficulty performing background checks to detect translators who may have loyalties to other governments, which could pose a threat to U.S. national security. Take the case of Jan Dickerson, a Turkish translator who worked with Edmonds. **The FBI has admitted that when Dickerson was hired, the bureau didn't know that she had worked for a Turkish organization being investigated by the FBI's own counter-intelligence unit. They also didn't know she'd had a relationship with a Turkish intelligence officer stationed in Washington who was the target of that investigation.** According to Edmonds, Dickerson tried to recruit her into that organization, and insisted that Dickerson be the only one to translate the FBI's wiretaps of that Turkish official. "She got very angry, and later she threatened me and my family's life," says Edmonds, when she decided not to go along with the plan. "She said, 'Why would you want to place your life and your family's life in danger by translating these tapes?'" Edmonds says that when she reviewed Dickerson's translations of those tapes, she found that Dickerson had left out information crucial to the FBI's investigation - information that Edmonds says would have revealed that the Turkish intelligence officer had spies working for him inside the U.S. State Department and at the Pentagon.

**Note:** This article should be read in its entirety. For many revealing articles on the ongoing

efforts by longtime whistleblower Sibel Edmonds to tell her story, [click here](#).

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**Letter to Thomas Kean from Sibel Edmonds**2004-08-05, *AsiaTimes* ('Asia's most trusted news source')[http://www.atimes.com/atimes/Front\\_Page/FH05Aa01.html](http://www.atimes.com/atimes/Front_Page/FH05Aa01.html)

Your commission ... has now issued its "9/11 Commission Report". **After [9/11] we, the translators at the FBI's largest and most important translation unit, were told to slow down, even stop, translation of critical information related to terrorist activities.** This issue has been confirmed by the Senate Judiciary Committee. Melek Can Dickerson, with the assistance of her direct supervisor, forged signatures on top-secret documents related to certain 9/11 detainees. Not only does the supervisor facilitating these criminal conducts remain in a supervisory position, he has been promoted. In April 2001, a long-term FBI informant/asset ... received information that: 1) Osama Bin Laden was planning a major terrorist attack in the United States targeting 4-5 major cities, 2) the attack was going to involve airplanes [and] the attack was going to be carried out soon. No action was taken. After 9/11, the agents and the translators were told to 'keep quiet' regarding this issue. The translator who was present ... reported this incident to Director Mueller in writing. Why did your report choose to exclude the information ... despite the public confirmation by the FBI, witnesses provided to your investigators, and briefings you received directly? As you are fully aware, these issues and incidents were found confirmed by a Senior Republican Senator, Charles Grassley, and a Senior Democrat Senator, Patrick Leahy. Even FBI officials 'confirmed all my allegations and denied none' during their unclassified meetings with the Senate Judiciary staff. However, neither your commission's hearings, nor your commission's five hundred sixty seven-page report ... include these serious issues, major incidents, and systemic problems.

**Note:** If the above link fails, [click here](#). Sibel Edmonds is one of the great heroes of our day. She has been gagged directly by the U.S. Attorney General from telling what she knows. **The above letter was not published in any major U.S. media, though widely reported in alternative new sources.** To understand how such vital information is hidden from the public, [click here](#). For lots more on Ms. Edmonds, [click here](#).

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**What FBI whistle-blower Sibel Edmonds found in translation**2008-02-17, *Dallas Morning News* (Dallas' leading newspaper)<http://www.dallasnews.com/sharedcontent/dws/dn/opinion/points/stories/DN-sibe...>

Most Americans have never heard of Sibel Edmonds, and if the U.S. government has its way, they never will. The former FBI translator turned whistle-blower tells a chilling story of corruption at Washington's highest levels – sale of nuclear secrets, shielding of terrorist suspects, illegal arms transfers, narcotics trafficking, money laundering, espionage. Ms. Edmonds' account is full of dates, places and names. And if she is to be believed, **a treasonous plot to embed moles in American military and nuclear installations and pass sensitive intelligence to Israeli, Pakistani and Turkish sources was facilitated by figures in the upper echelons of the State and Defense Departments.** Her charges could be easily confirmed or dismissed if classified government documents were made available to investigators. **But Congress has refused to act, and the Justice Department has shrouded Ms. Edmonds' case in the state-secrets privilege,** a rarely used measure so sweeping that it precludes even a closed hearing attended only by officials with top-secret security clearances. Ms. Edmonds' revelations have attracted corroboration in the form of anonymous letters apparently written by FBI employees. There have been frequent reports of FBI field agents being frustrated by the premature closure of cases dealing with foreign spying, particularly when those cases involve Israel, and the State Department has frequently intervened to shut down investigations based on "sensitive foreign diplomatic relations." Curiously, the state-secrets gag order binding Ms. Edmonds, while put in place by DOJ in 2002, was not requested by the FBI but by the State Department and Pentagon – which employed individuals she identified as being involved in criminal activities. If her allegations are frivolous, that order would scarcely seem necessary.

**Note:** The author of this article, [Philip Giraldi](#), is a retired career CIA officer. For further powerful details of Sibel Edmonds' revelations, [click here](#).

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**Inspector General Rebukes F.B.I. over Espionage Case and Firing of Whistle-Blower**  
2005-01-15, *New York Times* [http://select.nytimes.com/search/restricted/article?  
res=F60F15F73F5C0C768DDDA...](http://select.nytimes.com/search/restricted/article?res=F60F15F73F5C0C768DDDA...)

The F.B.I. has failed to aggressively investigate accusations of espionage against a translator at the bureau and fired the translator's co-worker in large part for bringing the accusations, the Justice Department's inspector general concluded. **In a long-awaited report that the Justice Department sought for months to keep classified, the inspector general issued a sharp rebuke to the F.B.I. over its handling of claims of espionage and ineptitude made by Sibel Edmonds, a bureau translator who was fired in 2002 after superiors deemed her conduct "disruptive."** The report [came] from the office of Glenn A. Fine, the Justice Department's inspector general. Mr. Fine's investigation found that many of Ms. Edmonds's accusations "were supported, that the F.B.I. did not take them seriously enough and that her allegations were, in fact, the most significant factor in the F.B.I.'s decision to terminate her services." Ms. Edmonds's case has become a cause célèbre for critics who accused the bureau of retaliating against her and other whistle-blowers who have sought to expose management problems related to the campaign against terrorism. The American Civil Liberties Union joined her cause earlier this week, asking an appellate court to reinstate a whistle-blower lawsuit she brought against the government. The suit was dismissed last year after Attorney General John Ashcroft, invoking a rarely used power, declared her case to be a matter of "state secret" privilege, and the Justice Department retroactively classified a 2002 Congressional briefing about it.

**Note: What this article completely fails to mention is that Ms. Edmonds has claimed repeatedly that she has key information revealing major corruption related to 9/11.** For a highly revealing report written by Ms. Edmonds to the 9/11 Commission chairman, [click here](#). Another highly revealing article is [available here](#). The *Times* link above requires payment. To view the above article free, [click here](#).

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## The Pakistan connection

2004-07-22, *The Guardian* (One of the U.K.'s leading newspapers) <http://www.guardian.co.uk/usa/story/0,12271,1266520,00.html>

**There is evidence of foreign intelligence backing for the 9/11 hijackers. Why is the US government so keen to cover it up?** Omar Sheikh, a British-born Islamist militant, is waiting to be hanged in Pakistan for a murder he almost certainly didn't commit - of the Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl in 2002. Both the US government and Pearl's wife have since acknowledged that Sheikh was not responsible. Significantly, Sheikh is also the man who, on the instructions of General Mahmoud Ahmed, the then head of Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), wired \$100,000 before the 9/11 attacks to Mohammed Atta, the lead hijacker. It is extraordinary that neither Ahmed nor Sheikh have been charged and brought to trial on this count. Ahmed, the paymaster for the hijackers, was actually in Washington on 9/11, and had a series of pre-9/11 top-level meetings in the White House, the Pentagon, the national security council, and with George Tenet, then head of the CIA. Why hasn't the US demanded that he be questioned and tried in court? [Another] witness is Sibel Edmonds ... former FBI translator of intelligence. She tried to blow the whistle on the cover-up of intelligence that names some of the culprits who orchestrated the 9/11 attacks, but is now under two gagging orders that forbid her from testifying in court or mentioning the names of the people or the countries involved. The FBI, illegally, [also] continues to refuse the to release of their agent Robert Wright's 500-page manuscript *Fatal Betrayals of the Intelligence Mission*, and has even refused to turn the manuscript over to Senator Shelby, vice-chairman of the joint intelligence committee charged with investigating America's 9/11 intelligence failures.

**Note:** The above article was written by Michael Meacher, who served as the U.K. Minister of Environment from 1997 to 2003. For lots more reliable information suggesting a major cover-up around 9/11, [click here](#).

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## Who's Afraid of Sibel Edmonds?

2009-11-01, *The American Conservative* <http://amconmag.com/article/2009/nov/01/0000>

Sibel Edmonds has a story to tell. She went to work as a Turkish and Farsi translator for the FBI five days after 9/11. She was fired from the FBI in April 2002 after she raised concerns that one of the translators in her section was a member of a Turkish organization that was under investigation for bribing senior government officials and members of Congress, drug trafficking, illegal weapons sales, money laundering, and nuclear proliferation. On Aug. 8, she was finally able to testify under oath in a court case filed in Ohio and agreed to an interview with *The American Conservative* based on that testimony. PHILIP GIRALDI: You map out a corruption scheme involving U.S. government employees and members of Congress and agents of foreign governments. So the network starts with a person like [Marc] Grossman in the State Department providing information that enables Turkish and Israeli intelligence officers to have access to people in Congress, who then provide classified information that winds up in the foreign embassies? EDMONDS: Absolutely. And we also had Pentagon officials doing the same thing. We were looking at Richard Perle and Douglas Feith. They had a list of individuals in the Pentagon broken down by access to certain types of information. Some of them would be policy related, some of them would be weapons-technology related, some of them would be nuclear-related. **Perle and Feith would provide the names of those Americans, officials in the Pentagon, to Grossman, together with highly sensitive personal information: this person is a closet gay; this person has a chronic gambling issue; this person is an alcoholic. The files on the American targets would contain things like the size of their mortgages or whether they were going through divorces.**

**Note:** Sibel Edmonds is the founder of the [National Security Whistleblowers Coalition](#). For lots more on her key testimony, [click here](#). Philip Giraldi is a former CIA officer and *The American Conservative's* Deep Background columnist. An ever increasing number of people are waking up to the truth of 9/11.

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## Court Dismisses FBI Contractor's Suit Against U.S.

2005-05-07, *Washington Post* <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2005/05/06/AR20050506018...>

A federal appeals court rejected a fired FBI contractor's bid to revive her lawsuit against the government. Sibel Edmonds said she was fired from her job as a wiretap translator because she told superiors she suspected that a co-worker was leaking information to targets of an ongoing FBI investigation. The FBI said it fired her because she committed security violations and disrupted the office. **The Justice Department's inspector general said Edmonds's allegations about a coworker "raised serious concerns that, if true, could potentially have extremely damaging consequences for the FBI."**

**Note:** This article doesn't even mention 9/11, yet Ms. Edmonds has stated publicly that her testimony would put top government officials behind bars for their role in blocking information which could have stopped the 9/11 attacks. For more eye-opening information, [click here](#) and [here](#). Read [Ms. Edmond's open letter](#) to the chairman of the 9/11 Commission to find out what key people in government don't want you to know about her testimony. See also her excellent website <http://www.justacitizen.com> She was also instrumental in forming a [National Security Whistleblowers Coalition](#).

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## Sibel Edmonds' "Classified Woman"

2012-12-12, *The New American* <http://www.thenewamerican.com/reviews/books/item/13807-sibel-edmonds-classifi...>

Imagine that you have a Top Secret clearance and are privy to some of our country's most sensitive national security information. In that capacity, you discover that some of the highest elected and appointed political leaders in the land are engaged in espionage and treason,

accepting bribes and selling weapons and information (including nuclear weapons secrets) to foreign powers, including our enemies. Moreover, you learn that some of your co-workers are in league with these conspirators, covering up the evidence trail and misdirecting those tasked with preventing such security breaches. In her book *Classified Woman: A Memoir*, Edmonds recounts the incredible story of her efforts, for more than a decade, to warn her adopted country of imminent perils, only to be slapped down, harassed, smeared, and threatened. To prevent her explosive testimony from seeing the light of day, **President George W. Bush and Attorney General John Ashcroft invoked the rarely used (until recently) "state secrets privilege" to gag not only Edmonds, but also committees of Congress that were investigating her case, as well as the Department of Justice's Office of Inspector General and the FBI's own Office of Professional Review.** The preposterousness of the government's position is palpable. This is an effort not to protect legitimate state secrets, but to protect criminality that has prospered in secrecy for far too long. Sibel Edmonds is decidedly non-partisan in her scorn; she shows equal disdain for Republicans and Democrats who sell out their country and betray their oaths of office. She names names.

**Note:** For other major media articles showing how Ms. Edmonds has been targeted and suffered for courageously speaking her truth, [click here](#). This is the first major website to publish a review of this most amazing book by a true hero. Though we don't support all of the objectives of the John Birch Society, which publishes this website, we strongly support any efforts to reveal the truth through people like Sibel Edmonds. The book has a very rare five-star rating on Amazon.com. To get a copy, [click here](#).

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## Lost In Translation

**2009-09-10, CBS News 60 Minutes**[http://www.cbsnews.com/2100-18560\\_162-526954.html](http://www.cbsnews.com/2100-18560_162-526954.html)

This is the story of hundreds, if not thousands, of foreign language documents that the FBI neglected to translate before and after the Sept. 11 attacks -- documents that detailed what the FBI heard on wiretaps and learned during interrogations of suspected terrorists. Sibel Edmonds, a translator who worked at the FBI's language division, says the documents weren't translated because the division was riddled with incompetence and corruption. Edmonds was fired after reporting her concerns to FBI officials. She told her story behind closed doors to investigators in Congress and to the Justice Department. Most recently, she spoke with the commission investigating the Sept. 11 attacks. Because she is fluent in Turkish and other Middle Eastern languages, Edmonds, a Turkish-American, was hired by the FBI soon after Sept. 11 and given top-secret security clearance to translate some of the reams of documents seized by FBI agents who have been rounding up suspected terrorists across the United States and abroad. **Edmonds says that to her amazement, from the day she started the job, she was told repeatedly by one of her supervisors that there was no urgency, that she should take longer to translate documents** so that the department would appear overworked and understaffed. That way, it would receive a larger budget for the next year. **Edmonds says that the supervisor, in an effort to slow her down, went so far as to erase completed translations from her FBI computer after she'd left work for the day.**

**Note:** Sibel Edmonds just recently self-published a book exposing major intelligence cover-ups around 9/11. To see this highly rated book in which she breaks the government gag order placed on her, [click here](#). For lots more verifiable news on this courageous woman, [click here](#).

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**FBI denies file exposing nuclear secrets theft**2008-01-20, *Sunday Times* (One of the U.K.'s leading newspapers)[http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/world/us\\_and\\_americas/article3216737.ece](http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/world/us_and_americas/article3216737.ece)

The FBI has been accused of covering up a key case file detailing evidence against corrupt government officials and their dealings with a network stealing nuclear secrets. The assertion follows allegations made in The Sunday Times two weeks ago by Sibel Edmonds, an FBI whistleblower, who worked on the agency's investigation of the network. She says the FBI was investigating a Turkish- and Israeli-run network that paid high-ranking American officials to

steal nuclear weapons secrets. These were then sold on the international black market to countries such as Pakistan and Saudi Arabia. **One of the documents relating to the case was marked 203A-WF-210023. Last week, however, the FBI responded to a freedom of information request for a file of exactly the same number by claiming that it did not exist. But The Sunday Times has obtained a document signed by an FBI official showing the existence of the file.** The freedom of information request ... was made ... by an American human rights group called the [Liberty Coalition](#), acting on a tip-off it received from an anonymous correspondent. Edmonds [said] that members of the Turkish political and diplomatic community in the US had been actively acquiring nuclear secrets. They often acted as a conduit, she said, for Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), Pakistan's spy agency, because they attracted less suspicion. She claimed corrupt government officials helped the network, and venues such as the American-Turkish Council in Washington were used as drop-off points. Edmonds is the subject of a number of state-secret gags preventing her from talking further about the investigation she witnessed. "[These gags were] invoked not to protect sensitive diplomatic relations but criminal activities involving US officials who were endangering US national security," she said.

**Note:** For an important commentary by Pentagon Papers whistleblower Daniel Ellsberg on this *Sunday Times* story, [click here](#). For other excellent media articles on the courageous Ms. Edmonds, [click here](#).

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**For sale: West's deadly nuclear secrets**2008-01-06, *Sunday Times* (One of the U.K.'s leading newspapers)[http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/world/middle\\_east/article3137695.ece](http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/world/middle_east/article3137695.ece)

A whistleblower has made a series of extraordinary claims about how corrupt government officials allowed Pakistan and other states to steal nuclear weapons secrets. Sibel Edmonds, a 37-year-old former Turkish-language translator for the FBI, listened into hundreds of sensitive intercepted conversations while based at the agency's Washington field office. Edmonds described how foreign intelligence agents had enlisted the support of US officials to acquire a network of moles in sensitive military and nuclear institutions. Among the hours of covert tape recordings, **she says she heard evidence that one well-known senior official in the US State Department was being paid by Turkish agents in Washington who were selling the information on to black market buyers, including Pakistan. The name of the official – who has held a series of top government posts – is known to The Sunday Times.** He strongly denies the claims. However, Edmonds said: "He was aiding foreign operatives against US interests by passing them highly classified information, not only from the State Department but also from the Pentagon, in exchange for money, position and political objectives." She claims that the FBI was also gathering evidence against senior Pentagon officials – including household names – who were aiding foreign agents. "If you made public all the information that the FBI have on this case, you will see very high-level people going through criminal trials," she said. Her story shows just how much the West was infiltrated by foreign states seeking nuclear secrets. It illustrates how western government officials turned a blind eye to, or were even helping, countries such as Pakistan acquire bomb technology.

**Note:** Although not naming the high-level individuals it acknowledges *were* identified by Edmonds, this important exposé in the London *Sunday Times* should be read in its entirety for the many other details of her allegations that it reveals. For an excellent commentary on these new revelations, [click here](#). For many revealing articles on the ongoing efforts by longtime whistleblower Sibel Edmonds to tell her story, [click here](#).

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**'State secrets privilege' blocks fired translator from suing FBI**  
2006-11-24, *USA Today*[http://www.usatoday.com/news/washington/2006-11-23-whistleblower-translator\\_x...](http://www.usatoday.com/news/washington/2006-11-23-whistleblower-translator_x...)

Sibel Edmonds, who formed the 100-plus member [National Security whistle-blowers Coalition](#) in 2002, began working as a linguist for the FBI the week after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack. Several months into her contract, she discovered "shoddy" translations relevant to 9/11 created by translators who had "failed the proficiency exams." Edmonds says the translator was sent

to Guantanamo Bay to translate "the most sensitive terrorist-related information" from interviews of detainees. Edmonds also notified her superiors that a co-worker was responsible for translating wiretaps of a company the latter used to work for. [Edmonds] was fired in March 2002. When Edmonds asked why, she received a letter saying her contract had been "terminated completely for the government's convenience." In its final report, the inspector general concluded that "we believe that many of (Edmonds') allegations were supported, that the FBI did not take them seriously enough, and that her allegations were, in fact, the most significant factor in the FBI's decision to terminate her services." The same month the report was released, Edmonds' lawsuit to contest her firing was dismissed. Legal briefs show the government had invoked the so-called state secrets privilege, arguing that the lawsuit would jeopardize national security. **"Instead of protecting and standing up for whistle-blowers, this is just giving the complete green light to retaliate," says Edmonds, who lost her appeal.**

**Note:** This article fails to mention that Edmonds has repeatedly stated in public forums and in the press that she has specific information on the involvement of certain high officials in 9/11. For more on this vital topic, [click here](#).

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**National Security Watch: Disquieted whistleblowers 2005-10-11, U.S. News and World Report**<http://www.usnews.com/usnews/news/articles/051011/11natsec.htm>

The first annual National Security Whistleblowers Conference...has to be one of the more unusual gatherings of intelligence veterans in recent years. The nearly 20 current or former officials from the FBI, CIA, Defense Intelligence Agency, and even the supersecret National Security Agency who make up the core of the conference share an unusual distinction: They are all deeply out of favor with their longtime employers. Most cannot discuss the allegations they are making in detail because the specifics are highly classified. The agencies they work for also refuse to answer questions. **The current and former officials at the conference said that today's climate in Washington has never been worse for whistleblowers.** One of the biggest names of the conference never even uttered a word. Lt. Col. Anthony Shaffer is the military intelligence operative who...went public with a controversial claim that a year before September 11, his top-secret task force "[Able Danger](#)" was able to identify the man who later turned out to be the lead hijacker [on 9/11]. Shaffer was slated to speak but instead sat quietly by as his lawyer, Mark Zaid, spoke for him. "Tony is not allowed to talk," Zaid said. "He is gagged from talking to Congress." The conference was organized by Sibel Edmonds, a former FBI translator who was pushed out of the bureau after [raising accusations](#) of wrongdoing by other FBI translators. She has been barred from discussing the details of her case by the FBI. She created the National Security Whistleblowers Coalition [www.nswbc.org](http://www.nswbc.org) to bring whistleblowers like her together to push for legal reforms.

**Note:** For a detailed article in Vanity Fair on Sibel Edmonds' courageous efforts to expose the truth, [click here](#). For the whistleblowing action which drew international media attention by WantToKnow.info founder Fred Burks, [click here](#).

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**Secrecy quashes whistle-blower case 2004-07-18, Seattle Post-Intelligencer (One of Seattle's leading newspapers)**<http://www.seattlepi.com/local/opinion/article/Secrecy-quashes-whistle-blower...>

The Justice Department appears to be hiding behind national security fears in an attempt to dodge a wrongful dismissal suit. Former FBI linguist Sibel Edmonds claims she was fired in retaliation for blowing the whistle on security breaches she says hampered translation of documents and communications related to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. She filed suit to get her job back, but recently a federal judge tossed out her case, not on its merits but on the grounds that hearing her claims might expose government secrets and damage national security. That keeps under wraps the inspector general's report that investigated Edmonds' allegations. U.S. District Judge Reggie Walton, a Bush appointee, said he couldn't explain himself further because the explanation itself might expose sensitive secrets. He did say that he'd accepted Attorney General John Ashcroft's explanation that the suit could "expose intelligence-gathering methods and disrupt diplomatic relations with foreign governments." The

*Boston Globe* reported that Ashcroft ordered material in the case retroactively classified. **Edmonds must feel a bit like Alice at the tea party, where justice is not being served, and where a secret is a secret but why it's a secret or who says it's a secret is a secret, and we can't tell you why because it's a secret.**

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**Rick Karr on Government Secrecy** 2008-02-28, *PBS Bill Moyers Journal* <http://www.pbs.org/moyers/journal/02292008/profile4.html>

You may not know James Risen's name, but you probably know his work: He's one of the New York Times reporters who broke the story of the Bush administration listening in to phone calls and reading email, without search warrants. A federal prosecutor has asked a grand jury to look into a book that Risen wrote. It details not only warrantless wiretapping but also how, when it came to covert operations in the Middle East, the Administration made "mistake piled on mistake", caused an "espionage disaster" and was "operating in the blind" when it came to Iran. Risen was subpoenaed to tell a grand jury who he talked to about Iran — in other words, to reveal his anonymous sources. So far, the reporter has refused to talk. **If Risen is forced to testify, the public will be the real loser. Here's why: Anonymous sources have a lot to lose if their identities are revealed because a lot of them are powerful or prominent. So, if the Federal government can force a reporter like Risen to reveal their identities, those sources will clam up.** For muckrakers and whistleblowers, it's getting harder and harder to expose corruption and wrongdoing. Take the case of former FBI agent Sibel Edmonds: She blew the whistle on massive incompetence at the Bureau — sloppy translations, missed messages from terror suspects. She even alleged that insiders were leaking secrets to foreign agents. She lost her job for it. Just after Congress got interested in her story — and a bipartisan group of Senators said they found her claims credible enough to warrant an investigation — the administration retroactively classified everything that she knew, pretty much shutting down any chance of an investigation. U.S. journalists have found it nearly impossible to look into her claims.

**Note:** James Risen's book is *State of War: The Secret History of the CIA and the Bush Administration*. It can be purchased [here](#). For more on Sibel Edmonds' revelations, [click here](#).

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**Justice Dept. Opposes Bid to Revive Case Against F.B.I.** 2005-02-26, *New York Times* <http://www.nytimes.com/2005/02/26/politics/26whistle.html>

The government has told a federal appeals court that a suit by an F.B.I. translator who was fired after accusing the bureau of ineptitude should not be allowed to proceed because it would cause "significant damage to the national security and foreign policy of the United States." The case has become a lightning rod for critics who contend that the bureau retaliated against Ms. Edmonds and other whistle-blowers who have sought to expose management problems related to the antiterrorism campaign. The suit was dismissed in July after Attorney General John Ashcroft invoked a rarely used power and declared the case as falling under "state secret" privilege. **The Justice Department retroactively classified a 2002 Congressional briefing about the case and some related letters from lawmakers**, but this week it decided to permit the information to be released. The inspector general of the department concluded last month that the F.B.I. had failed to aggressively investigate Ms. Edmonds's accusations of espionage and fired her in large part for raising them. **In a report that the department sought for months to keep classified, the inspector general issued a sharp rebuke to the bureau over its handling of Ms. Edmonds's accusations.**

**Note:** If the above link fails, [click here](#). This article fails to mention Ms. Edmonds claims that top individuals in government concealed critical information about 9/11 suggesting complicity by compromised politicians. For more, [click here](#).

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## An Inconvenient Patriot

2005-09-00, *Vanity Fair* September 2005

Issue <http://www.WantToKnow.info/sibeledmondsvanityfair>

Love of country led Sibel Edmonds to become a translator for the F.B.I. following 9/11. But everything changed when she accused a colleague of covering up illicit activity involving Turkish nationals. Fired after sounding the alarm, she's now fighting for the ideals that made her an American, and threatening some very powerful people. Edmonds has given confidential testimony inside a secure Sensitive Compartmented Information facility on several occasions: to congressional staffers, to investigators from the O.I.G., and to the staff from the 9/11 commission. **Sources familiar with this testimony say that, in addition to her allegations about the Dickersons, she reported hearing Turkish wiretap targets boast that they had a covert relationship with a very senior politician indeed – Dennis Hastert, Republican congressman from Illinois and Speaker of the House since 1999.** The targets reportedly discussed giving Hastert tens of thousands of dollars in surreptitious payments in exchange for political favors and information. "The Dickersons," says one official familiar with the case, "are only the tip of the iceberg."

**Note:** Sibel Edmonds is a courageous FBI whistleblower who is one of the great heroes of the 9/11 movement. For more mainstream media reports on her case with links to original sources provided, [click here](#) and [here](#). For a nationally broadcast August 10th radio interview (written transcript provided) of Ms. Edmonds describing her case, [click here](#). For an article on her own website describing how the FBI had clear foreknowledge of 9/11, see [http://justacitizen.com/articles\\_documents/FBI%20&%20911.htm](http://justacitizen.com/articles_documents/FBI%20&%20911.htm)

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**Tip-off thwarted nuclear spy ring probe** 2008-01-27, *Sunday Times* (One of the U.K.'s leading

newspapers) [http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/world/us\\_and\\_americas/article3257725.ece](http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/world/us_and_americas/article3257725.ece)

An investigation into the illicit sale of American nuclear secrets was compromised by a senior official in the State Department, a former FBI employee has claimed. **The official is said to have tipped off a foreign contact about a bogus CIA company used to investigate the sale of nuclear secrets. The firm, Brewster Jennings & Associates, was a front for Valerie Plame, the former CIA agent. Her public outing two years later in 2003 by White House officials became a cause célèbre.** The claims that a State Department official blew the investigation into a nuclear smuggling ring have been made by Sibel Edmonds, 38, a former Turkish language translator in the FBI's Washington field office. Plame, then 38, was the ... wife of a former US ambassador, Joe Wilson. She travelled widely for her work, often claiming to be an oil consultant. In fact she was a career CIA agent who was part of a small team investigating the same procurement network that the State Department official is alleged to have aided. Brewster Jennings was one of a number of covert enterprises set up to infiltrate the nuclear ring. [Edmonds said the State Department official] "found out about the arrangement . . . and he contacted one of the foreign targets and said . . . you need to stay away from Brewster Jennings because they are a cover for the government." Phillip Giraldi, a former CIA officer, said: "It's pretty clear Plame was targeting the Turks. If indeed that [State Department] official was working with the Turks to violate US law on nuclear exports, it would have been in his interest to alert them to the fact that this woman's company was affiliated to the CIA. I don't know if that's treason legally but many people would consider it to be."

**Note:** To read former CIA agent Philip Giraldi's analysis of Edmonds' claims, in which he identifies the unnamed State Department official as Marc Grossman, [click here](#). And to read an interview with Edmonds on the series of articles about her revelations appearing in the *Sunday Times* and media censorship elsewhere, [click here](#).

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**FBI faulted over linguist's complaints: Review deemed lacking** 2005-01-15, *Boston Globe/Associated*

Press [http://www.boston.com/news/nation/washington/articles/2005/01/15/fbi\\_faulted\\_...](http://www.boston.com/news/nation/washington/articles/2005/01/15/fbi_faulted_...)

The FBI never adequately investigated complaints by a fired contract linguist who alleged shoddy work and possible espionage inside the bureau's translator program, although evidence and witnesses supported her, the Justice Department's senior oversight official said yesterday. The bureau's response to complaints by former translator Sibel Edmonds was "significantly flawed," Inspector General Glenn Fine said in a report that summarized a lengthy classified investigation into how the FBI handled the case. Fine said Edmonds's contentions "raised substantial questions and were supported by various pieces of evidence." **"The report substantiated the most serious of Sibel's allegations and demonstrates that the FBI owes Sibel an apology and compensation for its unlawful firing of her rather than hiding behind its false cloak of national security,"** said Mark Zaid, her lawyer.

**Note:** Ms. Edmonds deeply revealing allegations are laid out clearly in an open letter to 9/11 Commission Chairman Thomas Kean available at <http://www.WantToKnow.info/sibeledmonds>.

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**Supreme Court Denies FBI Translator's Case** 2005-10-28, CBS/Associated Press <http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2005/11/28/ap/national/mainD8E5IMD00.shtml>

A former FBI translator failed Monday to persuade the Supreme Court to revive her lawsuit alleging she was fired for reporting possible wrongdoing by other linguists involved in counterterrorism investigations. Edmonds...argued that a trial court judge was wrong to accept the Justice Department's claim that allowing her lawsuit to go forward would threaten "state secrets," or national security. **Edmonds' firing was controversial among some lawmakers in Congress, especially after the Justice Department's inspector general found that the FBI had not taken her complaints seriously enough and had fired her for lodging complaints about the translation unit.**

**Note:** The article fails to mention Edmonds' allegations of the criminal involvement in 9/11-related matters of top government officials. For more on this, see <http://www.wanttoknow.info/sibeledmonds> To sign Congressman Weldon's petition for open testimony on the Able Danger program, [click here](#).

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