

9/11: Defense Contractor and CNN collaborated on Analysis of Collapse of World Trade Center Towers

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On 13 September 2001, CNN interviewed “expert in blast engineering” Tod Rittenhouse from Weidlinger Associates on the collapse of the World Trade Towers. He was presented as a person who “has been the blast engineer for a number of embassies and government buildings” and had been called “to discuss such problems as the Oklahoma City bombing and the previous World Trade Center calamity.” In his introductory remarks, Rittenhouse said: “I did not want to believe that a complete collapse could occur.” He then proceeded to explain why the buildings collapsed, merely 48 hours after the events.

An outfit entitled FACS (Foundation for American Communications), “secured Weidlinger engineers as a resource for journalists. The firm is a leader in defense-related blast effects research and design programs for more than four decades.” The mission of FACS, as posted on its website is “to improve the quality of information reaching the public through the news”.

Weidlinger’s President and CEO, formerly “responsible for significant contracts with the Department of Defense” is now Dr. Raymond Daddazio, who is presented as “principal liaison with the U.S. government’s Technical Support Working Group’s Physical Security Program, which identifies, prioritizes and coordinates interagency and international research and development requirements for combating terrorism.” Dr. Daddazio succeeds Dr. Jeremy Isenberg, who served in this role from 1993 through 2005.

For further details see:

Experts from defense-related corporation comment on WTC collapse:

<http://www.aldeilis.net/aldeilis/content/view/1450/107/>

FACS mission statement: <http://www.facsnet.org/>

FACS Conference Agenda: Terror and Homeland Defense: Bringing the Stories

Home: <http://www.aldeilis.net/aldeilis/content/view/1449/141/>

Report on the FACS Conference: <http://www.rtnda.org/resources/dean.html>

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