

Even apart from coordination-related concerns about the “Wall” discussed previously, the sharing of law enforcement information with the IC was fiercely resisted by law enforcement officials. Some of this was unavoidable, insofar as information protected by Rule 6(e) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure – that is, grand jury information – really could *not* lawfully be passed to intelligence analysts. Like the mythology of the coordination “Wall” in the years before September 11 the “Rule 6(e) excuse” acquired an unwarranted mythological dimension of its own.

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enforcement authorities captured El-Sayyid Nosair after his assassination of Rabbi Meier Kahane in 1990, they found in one of his notebooks a lyrical description of the need to destroy “the enemies of Allah . . . by means of destroying exploding [sic], the structure of their civilized pillars such as the touristic infrastructure which they are proud of an their high world buildings which they are proud of . . .” See Benjamin & Simon, *supra*, at 6. More than a decade after this evidence was seized, the JIS’ searches of Intelligence Community databases for information that might have presaged the September 11 attacks has apparently produced *not a single reference* to this pregnant early warning signal by an Islamic fundamentalist now long known to have been linked to Sheikh Omar Ahmad Abdel Rahman and the terrorist cell responsible for the 1993 World Trade Center attacks and involved in plotting to blow up multiple tunnels and monuments in New York City thereafter.