

Curt Weldon became a whistleblower of sorts in 2005, for getting the story of Able Danger into the media. He found that Able Danger was an Army data mining program run in 1999 and 2000 under the auspices of the Special Operations Command and the Land Information Warfare Center (LIWC).

Lt. Col. Anthony Shaffer was one of several members of the Able Danger Team who claim to have identified Mohammed Atta and three other 9/11 hijackers as threats a year before the 9-11 attacks in the Able Danger database. In return for his honesty, he endured a smear campaign, and his military career was destroyed.

Eric Kleinsmith, a major with the Army and chief of intelligence for LIWC until February 2001, testified that he was ordered to destroy Able Danger's information. "I deleted the data" in the May-June 2000 time frame by order of Tony Gentry, general counsel of the Army Intelligence and Security Command.

About 2.5 terabytes of data were destroyed. and the Pentagon has prevented members of the Able Danger team from testifying in an open hearing, despite the fact that Able Danger dealt with open-sourced, unclassified information.

According to Weldon, in September 2000 the Able Danger team initiated at least three separate efforts to get its information on the hijackers to the FBI "so they could bring that cell in and take out the terrorists." That was one year *before* 9/11.

In the summer of 2005, Weldon wrote to the former chairman of the vice chairman of the 9/11 Commission reminding them that commission staffers had received two briefings on Able Danger, once in October 2003, and another in July 2004. Commission vice chairman Lee Hamilton denied that the Commission had received such briefings.

This material is discussed by Curt Weldon in the accompanying You Tube video.

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