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Truther, Birther, Deather, Part 7

"You have two 110-story office buildings... You don't find a desk. You don't find a chair. You don't find a telephone, a computer. The biggest piece of a telephone I found was half of the keypad... The building collapsed to dust!" – Engine 7 Fireman Joe Casaliggi

Act III of 9/11 – Dust of Death

Card: "9:20 AM, 200 miles off the Virginia coast."

Exterior shot: A cargo-container ship. An open 40-foot container reveals a Russian P-700 Granit cruise missile.

Interior shot: Previously seen control room. Several monitors show various shots of the ship and containers.

"You are go for launch."

Interior shot: Bridge of cargo-container ship.

"We had some difficulty with the guidance feedback program; we are resetting the coordinates right now."

"Not good. The impact should coincide with the planted 9:30 device; that gives you a 9:22, 9:23 launch window. Anything later will fudge the timeline."

"I don't see a launch before, um, 9:29. Sorry."

"Damn. Do what you can. We'll have to count on the cover story fog to compensate."

Card: "9:30 AM, White House Presidential Emergency Operations Center. Vigilant Guardian war game exercises are underway, Vice President Dick Cheney in charge."

(An aide is feeding him updates from his screen.)

"Sir, DoD reports an explosion inside the Pentagon."

"Inside? How the hell are we supposed to explain that? Are you sure there was no external hit?"

"None, sir. One moment... Sir, NORAD reports an anomalous sea launch, incoming northwest toward the DC area, approximately 1900 miles per hour, ETA 9:37."

"Is that exercise or confirmed real?"

"Real, sir. Signature indicates Russian anti-ship cruise missile, SS-N-19 class. Half-megaton nuke standard. One moment... French DSGE has credible intel that nukes may have been planted towards the tops of the Twin Towers."

"Great frog timing! Christ, the crafty bastards are playing hardball. Major, have NORAD scramble recon jets over the Atlantic and armed fighters and Doomsday over DC. Get me Hauer in New York. Condi, call Karl and have Secret Service get George to Air Force One and go 'serpentine' for a few hours. Have him call me after he's onboard. Evacuate anybody here not yet in the bunker."

Card: "Pier 92, NYC. FEMA is preparing for Tripod II, a joint NYC-DoJ biowarfare training exercise set for 9/12. Coordinating is Jerry Hauer, Managing Director of Kroll Associates (known as the 'CIA of Wall Street' because of the sorts of people it hired and tasks assigned, and recently responsible for security at the entire WTC complex), and first Director of Rudy Giuliani's Office of Emergency Management (and responsible for the decision to build a \$13 million crisis center on the 23rd floor at WTC7); he also began working on 9/10 as a national security advisor with the National Institute of Health."

Split-Screen: PEOC, Pier 92

"Mr. Vice-President."

"Jerry, I've got to be brief. We have a possible nuke heading to DC within minutes, and there may be nukes planted in the Towers. A half-megaton nuke going off hundreds of feet up would vaporize New York. It seems our 'friends' have upped the ante to force our hand."

"We kept the 'red button' team in place at WTC7 after everyone else was evacuated. We can pull pre-emptively."

"Exactly. Initiate the 'red button' option, and come up with an excuse for OEM to evacuate the whole complex."

Grab the nearest Secret Service agent, and get everyone else who has to sign-off on it to hear this from me."

"We're having problems with our com equipment. And the Mayor is somewhere between the Fire Department post at West Street and a temp command center at 75 Barclay."

"Forget him; he's as useless as Dubya. Everything is to be run from Pier 92 under Tripod II command, period."

"Sir, I'm with the Secret Service WTC7 detachment. We've been monitoring the FAA's radar feed and..."

"Screw that. We have a National Special Security Event situation, and the only chain of command that matters now goes from me to you. You are now the highest legal authority in New York. Do you understand?"

"Yes, sir! PDD-62!"

"Outstanding. As far as the New York Buildings' guy, and the Energy guy, and whoever else needs an OK to 'pull' are concerned, you are the right hand of God and you're working for me! Jerry, how long will this take?"

"At least 20 minutes per device; it's part of the safety features and can't be over-ridden. Just as well to demolish, as we already have too many news reports of multiple explosions; better to destroy all the fingerprints now."

"Make it happen. Jerry, they knew all this, and got us by the balls. Any other buildings with demolition nukes?"

"The Sears Tower in Chicago."

"Damn. I'll get the Service to evacuate, just in case. And what of John O'Neill?"

"It's being taken care of."

"And the cover stories?"

"I'm scheduled with Dan Rather within the hour, Peter Jennings later, at the very least."

"Stick to the script! Planes, terror, bin Laden! And now something plausible on how the towers could fall so soon."

Split-Screen, Interior shot & Cards: Demolition document is signed. Technicians initiate sequence in which first nuclear device moves from storage in WTC7 through tunnel to zero box under WTC2, where it is sealed. Scenes of various evacuations, actors in control room studio faking calls from 'Flight 93,' and the actions described below.

Card: "9:37 AM, a P-700 missile hits the Pentagon. The path of destruction cuts through Army accounting offices on the outer E Ring, the Navy Command Center on the D Ring, and the Defense Intelligence Agency's comptroller's office on the C Ring. (No nuclear explosion occurs, as the detonator has been disarmed.) CNN reporter Jamie McIntyre later comments: 'From my close-up inspection there is no evidence of a plane having crashed anywhere near the Pentagon.'"

Card: "9:45 AM, FAA's National Operations Manager orders the entire nationwide air traffic system shut down. All flights at US airports are stopped. 9:55 AM, Cheney orders implementation of Continuity of Government and Continuity of Operations procedures. 9:56 AM, Air Force One leaves Sarasota."

Card: "9:59 AM"

Split-Screens of CGI graphic slow-mo, Exterior shot of WTC2, Interior shot of control room studio coordinating upper-story explosions: Nuclear device triggered, stats on side show time expired, temperature, dimensions as rock melts, cavity expands; 12 seconds later compression wave hits tower foundation and instantly pulverizes everything to 80th floor to dust. Building collapse from various angles.

Interior shot: PEOC

"Jerry, I just saw them pull Tower 2 first! That was the second one 'hit'! As if I'm the only one who'd notice?!!"

"No choice, Dick; if they went with the tunnel to '1' first, it would have destroyed the tunnel to '2.' Don't worry, we'll just build it into the structural failure story."

"Enough. Gotta call George now and try to explain it to him. Damn, but this is turning out to be one crappy day."

(Oh, no, I ran out of room again! I guess I'll have to finish with Act IV and an Epilogue next time.)