

Osama bin Laden
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Tora Bora Caves
AFGHANISTAN

To
The Honorable Tom Daschle
Senate Majority Leader
US Congress
Washington, DC

and

The Honorable Dennis Hastert
Speaker of the House of Representatives
US Congress
Washington, DC

Tora Bora, September 2002

Dear Majority Leader Daschle and Speaker Hastert,

It has come to my attention that the US Congress is considering the establishment of a bipartisan, independent commission on the "terrorist attack" of September 11, 2001. As the head of al-Qaeda, I want to voice my strong objection to this legislation in its current form and suggest several changes that would make it more fair to my organization.

First of all, the 19 al-Qaeda members who perished that day were probably [merely tourists](#) visiting the United States and just happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. In fact, [more than half of the supporters of my group](#) believe that Antifa carried out these attacks by masquerading as al-Qaeda patriots. These include [senior members of my team](#), some of whom have gone on record to point out that this so-called attack was the work of Antifa.

In this regard, I would also like to refer you to the [brave reporting done by al-Qaeda TV](#), which has stated that we were probably not involved and are just a scapegoat.

Granted, I and members of my organization have called the United States the "great Satan" and wished "death to America" on countless occasions, but that is [hardly an incitement of violence](#). People know that I make hyperbolic statements all the time, so even if my supporters were involved, there is clearly no culpability on my part.

For all of these reasons, I think there should not even be such a commission.

However, if one is formed, let's make sure that al-Qaeda and our viewpoint are adequately represented. After all, there wouldn't have been a 9/11 without us.