

The CIA set up a network of front companies in Europe and elsewhere after the Sept. 11 attacks as part of a constellation of "black stations" for a new generation of spies, according to current and former agency officials.

But after spending hundreds of millions of dollars setting up as many as 12 of the companies, the agency shut down all but two after concluding they were ill-conceived and poorly positioned for gathering intelligence on the CIA's principal targets: terrorist groups and unconventional weapons proliferation networks.

**TVNL COMMENT: Of course this failed. 9/11 was an inside job. The anti-terror effort is smoke and mirrors to distract citizens and the majority in the intelligence community who do not realize this.**

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