

Union Council of Hudson County and the Hudson County Laborer's Pension, Welfare, and Vacation Fund.

Frank Perrucci and his wife Jean are the proud parents and grandparents of four children and seven grandchildren.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Frank Perrucci for his selfless work on behalf of the residents of Hudson County, New Jersey.

THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY  
UNTOUCHABLES

**HON. MAJOR R. OWENS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 25, 2001*

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, recent admissions by the CIA and the FBI that they are in need of personnel fluent in Arabic and other Middle Eastern languages constitute a shocking revelation. On a matter so very basic as the capacity to translate and analyze enemy communications every citizen has a right to expect these vital agencies to be prepared. Arabs have been clearly identified as the perpetrators from the bombing of the barracks in Beirut during Reagan's presidency; through the barrack bombing in Saudi Arabia; the bombing of the embassies in Kenya and Tanzania; the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center; the bombing of the warship, Coles in Yemen.

It is inconceivable that over this long period of tragedies, the CIA with a more than thirty billion dollar budget has not developed an efficient and effective operation for the translation and analysis of communications in Arabic. When this basic shortcoming is viewed against the blockbuster blunders exposed via the CIA's Aldridge Ames case and the FBI's Robert Hansen case, there is good reason to believe that incompetence is out of control in a sector where American lives are directly dependent on a high level of performance. Despite its shabby history, the CIA reauthorization was passed last week by voice vote in the House of Representatives amid the loud praises of a Member of Congress who is an ex-employee of the CIA. While exonerating the CIA, the same advocate said that blame for intelligence blunders and lapses must rest on the shoulders of the entire Government. This is a profound partial truth. Every government official must bear the burden of guilt for not being more critical of operations we could see were spinning out of control. We have treated members of the "Intelligence Community;" as if they were untouchables. For the new era after September 11th, every Member of Congress and every American citizen must insist that national security is everybody's business and the public scrutiny of intelligence and law enforcement agencies is our sacred duty. Smugness and slovenliness must not be allowed to jeopardize our economy and welfare. The present peril must not be allowed to continue.

BLAME GAMES ARE FORBIDDEN

Smug American men  
Ignoring CIA sin  
Yawning when  
The FBI blunders again.  
Onward the peril goes,  
Incompetence that everybody  
And the enemy knows,  
Huge security holes.  
Haughty airline CEO's  
Crushing reform foes,  
Misplaced profit and safety roles.  
Smug American men,  
Incest is your secret sin;  
Where have all  
Your translators been?  
No blame games  
With Aldrich Ames;  
Intelligence fraternal cronies  
Well dressed patriotic phonies:  
Robert Hansen still  
In a suite alive,  
Death penalties only  
For bums with no information  
To trade and survive.  
Incompetence that everybody  
And the enemy knows,  
Misplaced safety roles,  
Huge security holes,  
Onward the peril goes.  
Smug American men  
Where have all  
Your translators been?  
Smug American men  
Intelligence family incest  
Is your deadly secret sin.  
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