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Former US Senator, Pentagon whistleblower to tour Europe

Tour will promote campaign for a new 9/11 investigation

(Berlin, October 27, 2011) – Senator Mike Gravel, the US 2008 presidential candidate who famously read the Pentagon Papers into the US Senate record on behalf of Daniel Ellsberg in 1971, begins a two-week European tour this week to promote his newest campaign: to initiate a new investigation into the events of September 11, 2001.

The events of September 11 provided a pretext for a *War on Terror* that has resulted into an ever-expanding theatre of war in the Middle East, hundreds of thousands of deaths and the emergence of a burgeoning police state in the United States and Europe.

Meanwhile, the reliability of the official investigation into the events of September 11, 2001, carried out by the U.S. Government between 2003 and 2005, has been questioned by millions of citizens in the United States and abroad, including victim family members, expert witnesses and international legal experts.

Senator Gravel, who believes that the absence of a meaningful independent inquiry into the tragic events of 9/11 has led to a “democratic disconnect” and a disempowering cynicism about the political system in the United States, has found a potential solution: using the state ballot system through the Direct Democracy process.

“The Direct Democracy or ballot initiative process in a number of US states is very similar to what we find in Switzerland”, says Senator Gravel. “The people have the power to initiate independent citizens’ inquiries with full legal powers to investigate 9/11. This is the best route we’ve got to seek justice for the crimes of 9/11,” he argues.

Senator Gravel’s tour will bring him to Amsterdam, Berlin, Bonn, Paris, Prague, Rome and Zurich, where he will meet political and judicial officials, international scholars specializing on the subject of direct democracy and members of the press.

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