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Comptroller Alan Hevesi had issued a report on the impact of 9/11 on the city's budget and cited its potential liability for workers' respiratory illnesses. Even as every public pronouncement from the mayor and his men was filled with reassurance, an internal memo to Deputy Mayor Robert Harding reported that the Law Department was estimating that there were 35,000 potential 9/11 plaintiffs against the city. Two of the prime potential claims cited in the memo—just weeks into the cleanup—were that rescue workers had been "provided with faulty equipment or no equipment (i.e., respirators)" and that Ground Zero was an "unsafe workplace" under various federal safety and labor laws. The memo urged the city to push Congress to create a fund to cover the city's liability similar to the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund it had just created for the airline industry.¹³ On November 1, Giuliani wrote a letter to Congress supporting an amendment to the Victim Compensation Fund legislation that would extend its benefits to those working at the site, as well as fix a \$350 million cap on city liability. In late November, an amendment passed achieving both purposes. Those who could make a provable case of injury at the site were added to the list of eligible fund recipients, if they, like the families of the dead, surrendered their right to sue.

For all the tragedy the terrorists had created in Lower Manhattan, everyone involved with the recovery was aware that things could have been far worse. There were no "dirty" bombs on the planes and therefore no radiation. The huge tanks of Freon stored below the towers for air-conditioning did not explode. And the so-called "bathtub"—a massive concrete wall that surrounded the World Trade Center's seven-story basement and prevented the complex from being inundated by the Hudson River—did not rupture. After the towers collapsed, support for some parts of the wall was provided only by the tons of debris that had fallen into the basement. Careless removal of the debris could have caused part of the wall to collapse inward and, in the worst-case scenario, send in torrents of gushing water that would have drowned the workers in the basement, flooding the railroad tunnels, the subway system, and even part of the city.

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