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MAJOR MEYER, General Counsel's office

Arrived OT-2 MAY 15 01
15 mos experience

he was as in the Emergency Action (EA) role

training to fill the roll of the SOO he was @ that desk
training w/ Gonzalves.

2-3 days into training

Commander Gardner went though the positions w/ us

John Brunderman was training as the ADDO.

Pete Newell was in the shack
Lindsay was the Junior EA

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430 am morning shift.

Ryan Donalves was the 1st that noticed something was wrong. He had enough experience to know there had something to do w/ him

Gardner & Donalves decided to call FAA from SOD desk Something had exploded at the TT. Tracking other airplanes then lungs up watching other plane hit The Oscard tower shortly after.

1st CALL TO FAA:

SPEAKER PHONE.

Man.

Did not correlate hijack w/ the 1st tower. FAA offered that information

He does not remember FAA specific info on the info relayed from FAA

the chronology was started by him @ the SOO desk.

He left the SOO desk and went to assist Nall.

Did FAA ask for assistance? NMOC - scrambling fighters.

There was none of that in the initial call b/w Gonsalves & the FAA was fairly short.

That info was verbally passed forward to DDO shack.

The FAA number he called was to the SOO desk "another hard switch - " pre-arranged

Duty officer @ the FAA. It was a secure call.

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Red Switch is automatically answer. There operations under ?

The SOO desk here could show you where the SOO desk just call it.

He recalls listening to it.

Back to chronology. Army Sgt. Bailey started tracking Gonsalves Pete
Newell called from the DA cell. He worked back to the area.

Secure side & admin side

He he worked the unclass side

phones were off the hook
This was after the 2nd truck

Gonsalves out of Ft. Hood.

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There may have been a 2nd follow up call to FAA.

after the 2nd collision he went back to the DOA scale.

What were the instructions Ryan recognized that he needed to start a log.

From the SOO desk, he did not recieve calls from WH
WH calls would have gone into Gardner's desk or the NOiwAN.

ATCC: ~~did~~ knew they were having a hard time keeping FAA in the conference.

Computer screen
FAA was shown as being in the conference but then they would drop over or they would drop. That was a significant issue

early on, realized we needed to tape the calls

There are breaks in the tape we either caught it or didn't

he personnally went through 4-5 tapes flipping it and numbering it

Brenderman & Knewel listened to it & did a rough who was saying what to ~~him~~ whom

calls were coming in from Smid officer to his desk. variety of phone calls weren't part of the event. mainly DOD

the non govt State dept weren't calling him

There may have been effort to secure line

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Pilot Knowel. experienced & very good.

Non secure lines & secure lines were both in use

The FAA needed to be in the conference w/ the NMCC.

Confident it was being worked every way possible

EA: Surveillance was being run by church chambers monitoring the word situation

Knowell & Harrison - secure he & Lindsey were on unclass side

activity was the non-secure & secure side.

FAA activated management system - the primary net

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Church Chambers rec a call from FAA

8:46 1
9:03 2
9:38 3 he went to DOD shack after the last

Church was on the non-secure side at the time of call from FAA

Crisis action stuff: training or waiting
Sgt Lindsay was not out-out for it. Prior to 9-11 that was recognized

Sgt Taped at his location by him on the FA all.
tape recorder attached to his speaker phone

Doesn't remember that.

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Did you know about a plane heading toward wash before Pentagon was hit

he seems to remember sitting w/ Ryan and hearing that a plane's path directed to Washington. From the FAA or not?

Ryan & him looking at each other when the Pentagon was hit and sort of recognizing . . . .

Was aware there were other hijacked aircrafts yes he was aware.
Thinks he was can't say emphatically.
The source was the FAA Between Ryan & the FAA.

They are taped.

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Could be running across the recorder . . .

Simms did not contact anyone by any, would have such to the FAA.

once the Sq events conf was up, it would have been handled by DDO shank

He stayed in the EA shack

DDO shank was crowded w/ the significant leaders bonsalves.

Whatever use he did, or called, would have been directed by the Shack.

SOO line was taped?
One tape of the ATCC?
the phone number @ the SOO desk where he called into the FAA? Duty officer?