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Event: Interview with Robert E. Seetin, COL, USA (ret)

(U) Type of Event: Unrecorded Interview

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(FOUO) Special Access Issues: None

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Background.

(FOUO) Colonel Seetin is currently a contractor with SAIC. He arrived at NORAD HQ in 1999 from a Pentagon assignment with DCSINT, Department of Army. His NORAD duty position was as Operations Intelligence Watch Chief, Cheyenne Mountain Operations Center. He also worked for the J2 at NORAD Headquarters. He was trained as a Command Director and served as such approximately 2-4 shifts per month.

9/11.

(FOUO) Seetin was present in the Battle Cab that day because of the ongoing exercise. The NORAD J2 on 9/11 was Navy Captain Mike Noll. Seetin sat directly next to the J3, General Finley (CF) that morning. They were preparing for a U.S. exercise in response to a Russian exercise. He heard from the Command Director, Captain Jelinek that FAA was reporting a hijack. That was sometime after 0800 EDT. Seetin immediately sent someone to bring General Finley back to the Battle Cab. Seetin had access to a NORAD chat log and recalled that the CD was already engaged in an air event conference. At some point a Significant Air Event Conference was convened. They had no notice of UA175 and the first awareness of the second hijack was seeing on CNN the second plane hitting the second tower.

(FOUO) Seetin recalled the original FAA notification to be a possible hijack and that they requested military assistance.

~~(S/RELCAN)~~ Seetin did not recall providing any intelligence input for the CINC's assessments. He had access to an SCI link to the NORAD HQ Intel Chat Log. Gen Finley had a Chat OP channel and was on the phone to the CD, Capt Jelinek

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(FOUO) Seetin monitored the ATC call the whole time once it was convened. He recalled there was a lot of misinformation re UA93.

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