

@ FBI SIOC

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Bev Wright - shared info w/ him on aviation issues

Salata: Bev was conversant w/ ^{FAA} operational issues
(intel law enforcement was Salata domain) w/ FAA.

If she saw something alarming; they shared an
"open door policy" she was always calling
me - thinks that did not "percolate" to his
interest - she would inform him of it.
anything he wanted communicated to FBI agents
she & he would work closely together

she had good rapport w/ her agents in the field
she was a conduit of information from him
(HIM - HER - FIELD)

Akshid resam -

Bev/Salata after his prosecution
he had in fact targeted CAX
they worked closely together w/ the LA
field office

FAA says they learned information about Resan from the Newspaper when they thought they should have learned about it from FBI

He had a map of LA in his possession

FAA thought we held info back; that was absolutely untrue.

Ben was early at my desk. phone email.

Threat from the Caribbean -

Trinidad + Tobago

That was a criminal investigation. The airline was having labor disputes. She was a labor organizer & he had a jailed record.

British West Indies "BWIA Airline"

Shaddafi was missing & were sholder to ...

The airline tried to let them go. Thought that he was in the role of "sabotaging" airline aircrafts. That was a criminal investigation;

TAM "fined by Shaddafi"

Libyan Threat Dismissed: b/c aircraft weren't available to pull it off: Did FBI run it to ground? Act Analysis?

SALATA: Embargo in place since PAN Am 103- couldn't fly beyond Libya.

To fly a "7-2" to east coast + U.S. coast "was inconceivable."

That's how FBI ruled it out. Suggestion of they would secrete a Libyan aircraft out of Libya. Doesn't remember the thought of Libya hijackers.

MARAT & UBL affiliates - flight training:

Sept 4 cable: Mourrani - there is alot of training that goes on here. Understanding the training is for transportation rather than terrorism?

Reutine pilot certification

UBL when he was in the Sudan

(kicked out of SA)

SALATA looked at UBL in SA when he moved to Sudan → then he was flown in

→ Afghanistan so clearly he had pilot sympathizers; charter operators

Do you know if training goes on for transportation?

No we would not have been able to find that information

July 905 - mid 905 we clearly saw
ALQ as an emerging threat

1995 - after R. ~~use~~ use we apprehended
Salata ~~to~~ collaborated ^{on} the writing of a paper
called the "Arab Afghan Mujahadeen"
(w/ the State Dept) & NSA &
trying to look at the Arab & Afghan
Muj that left after the war w/
the USSR. They were looking at what
they were going to do?

Norman, Ok; Moussouri;
Minn, MN

Ethnicity of people re. flight schools

Received a phone call from Phoenix field office
^{asking} Does the FAA maintain databases on arab/ethnic
students in pilot training?"

he said no b/c of sensitivity to race issues.

If Phoenix had a specific concern about something,
(~~from~~ Arman's Database - commercial ratings
they could (as LEO) query the Arman's Database)

Is there a particular person or particular flight school

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her response (Arizona Field Agent)

We have a general sense there are a lot of Arab student pilots in the area.

He doesn't remember getting the tasking of looking into flight schools. (Fka Zorra said he said Salata was consulted.)

Oct 98 - arrived at FBI full-time
MAY - Oct 98 - he was half at FBI + half at State

The memo / the tasking / should have come to him or Bev. General sense should have gone to Bev.

General Assessments fall into Operational Domain.

He would require more specific information about cities or airports or individuals

World Islamic Front Threat to US Aviation

FBI intel understood acquiring skills to fly the aircraft. Do you remember McDowell's note?

Salata: we knew we needed better intelligence. He remembers the intelligence note. Salata related it to the Manila plot. "Don't take a rocket scientist" to more to concept of weaponizing

The pilot needs to hit a target.

There was nothing specific to support it.

Flight schools - capabilities:

If you recall there was a program called CAPS - CAPPS -

Under the Clintons there was an acquit awareness of profiling. profiling became prescreening.

It's not to say we couldn't have gone out to a flight school and asking for names of Arabs -

- 1) Privacy Act
- 2) under what ~~circumstances~~ auspices are FBI able to do it
- 3) Time tunnel.

FBI Agent in memo thought it was part of a larger ~~higher~~ plot. If it was ~~discredited~~ speculation, did you discredit it? when did you ~~know~~

~~EC is not the place~~

EC should convey objective facts

Agents aren't supposed to put analysis on it. The analysis was not that hard to deduce?

Salata made sure the memo needed to be acted on

Moussoni wasn't even subtle. Just the facts clearly indicated.

After the EC came out, Salata gave verbal brief to Durgin + McDonnell

when was the brief given?

Salata was in Manno's office on a Fri/Thursday. He explained there was information pending on someone in custody - he was trying to get advanced flight training. To his knowledge, there were no other confederates. Did not release the name. Asked FAA for a few more days for FBI to work the issue. Briefing? NO; b/c asked Manno for a few more days before they opened the ~~case~~ case

FAA was "hyper" about La Paz (?) - Or FBI trying to figure out if they were team of hijackers or were they smugglers?
 → FBI were that focused on that for the FAA. b/c FBI had Moussoni in custody.

~~Transcript of that translation - FBI translation~~

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How unusual to give a verbal brief?

The FAA case file started when Sept 4
teletype was sent.

Salata didn't date the the informal brief
to Claudio Mamm.

Salata was not free to tell FAA everything he
knew. FBI was sitting at what they knew in
Minneapolis. Consternation over Moussoni's top.
- didn't give details on the simulator
to Pakistanis in Bolivia was the priority.

FBI
Operational teletype to French service - took a couple
of days - French say Moussoni had
Mujahudeen connections. He learned about the
connection when he returned

August 23 - was while he was aware

Al Hozmi & Muddhar were in the US
FBI unsuccessfully looking for them

[redacted] CIA liaison

CI Operational Traffic -
given CIA office

23 August cable should have seen it
and [redacted] needed to pass it to FAA.

Salata never saw the memo that [redacted] had to
have seen

After Labor Day - Salata got back - saw the 9/4 memo put out.

FAA had received it and started file. The FAA could have requested the information behind the teletype could have been examined - FAA could have tasked him to follow up.

Salata said they did not.

That whole summer there was 5. Much "wise" we'd closed down embassy.

They were trying to get Mariani out. 6 Pakistanis.

Then

4/5 streams of threat reporting that were dissimilar. Divided your focus 5 ways.

Was this a part of something larger?

Did you receive the Tint memo, "Bin Laden operative learns to fly" from August.

When it was a broader issue? No.

APDB
6th of August
way ahead
get it?

FAA name was meticulous about reading the SEIBs - They were meticulous about it.

FAA has better sense grasping that, w/feel

Salata doesn't remember, in reference to Mous's assessment, that the Mous was indicative of something broader no one said anything.

There was no connection.

Never knew the August PDB existed.

Mous's summer was pre-train-

Added

First thing learned that he had a friend that was a Muj. at the time, they didn't know he was as radical as we later learned.

French indicated before 9/11 that Mous had "recruited" the Muj + sent him to Chechnya to fight.

Everything going on w/ about threats to US Embassies - etc - the warnings were ~~overseas~~ overseas. Domestic threats were not

Salata asked:

was Mous's here training to go overseas and commit something? This is what he wondered at the time

Brain-storming session as described by J1
at the Mine Station

They came up w/ idea that
plane hijack - flew into the water

Salata: If the brainstorming session
was communicated to HOTS, it was
speculation -

Mike Rowhns }
Dave Frasca } like-minded, always encouraged
Jack Salata } him to play devil's advocate.

felt like a "scapegoat" "In the trenches"

Type of flight training - why wasn't he ~~able~~
able to tell FAA Intel.

liaison officer in highly ~~exp~~ charged environment.
How agency moves information into the greater
community their own way.
liaison in difficult position

World would have been wrong to share bc he was in
USG custody we thought the specificity of the
info was negated.
what would have hurt the case should
FAA have learned about it.
'In hindsight it is easy to make that judgement'

his liaison
role @ FBI was
Post

OKLA CITY
BOMBING;

POST PAN AM 103

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Pass the information in a general case
wh we are still trying to figure it out
& he is ~~go~~ in the car

He did not answer question as to why the ^{type}
specific information related to FAA intel - the flight
training / ODD nature of flight training - was not
communicated by him to FAA

self-described
strategic-macro kind of guy - Take micro, plug
it in to the "big picture" trying to connect dots.
He is not ~~right there~~ ^{concept} there as detailed
to pass exactly that type of information.

FBI in "learning-mode" (about what??) about
moving information.

ACI analyzed information contained in Phoenix EC

There is no one that understood it better
State - 1992 6 1/2 years there

~~Threat~~ He had a clear information of what he
would and couldn't tell FAA.

The concern was that VAA could put an "IC" out that could
impact the memo.

Kuala Lumpur

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KL meeting attended by ~~the~~ Hazni + Mirdhar.

Federal Air Marshall mission was just in.

An overseas meeting would have been coordinated
through CIA -

He doesn't know if he was aware of it.

The ^{Act} Watch sent questions over to Salata
re. Al Queda (04/01)

Surface to Air missile against Egyptian
president.

~~Does~~ Does he recall it. He remembers
the question about Egypt in general.
Doesn't remember the specific news or
what exactly he did in response.

"Anything that ever came to him he always give them
an answer. He might have sent the as to NYC."

Afrod Bumping case - testimony that people were
coming here to flight train + for terrorist acts.

Salata
Does not remember that.

FBI intel did not do there own cables. It is
long to do log entries and complain that answers weren't

Detailee or a liaison
clear distinction

received CIA/Bureau liaisons/expectation
that you are bringing expertise to their work!

State Dept - they the liaison had free reign w/out
them getting the

MOU between FAA & FBI the "detailee"
meaning FAA experience was to assist FBI in
their investigation → What she referred to when asked
about his job description
→ FAA + FBI did not understand expectation

"Kormann wrote 20 questions every day of his life."

Stu O'Neil } FAA detailees to FBI immediately after
Rushlow } 9/11.

"FAA heaped req. on him."

~~at one point~~

"Phone never stopped ringing - STU 3"

"It was merciless - unkind - from the FAA."

Salata:

60% on FAA } work distribution
40% on FBI }

FBI saw me ~~as~~ as one thing; FAA saw me as
another.

Matt Kormann never ask me anything less than 20 questions.

"Worst case scenarios were the focus of Dargin & McDonnell."

Saudi Arabia Flights out of the US.

1. Phone call receiving authorization?

Salata remembers the system was shut down til the 14th

The SA Govt made avail to its citizens hi profile lesser Saudi royals were charter flights ree Saudi Embassy to State Dept (re the FBI + FAA on the ~~self~~ request)

State CT: A female - well coordinated request. The customs service; the INS; Distinctly remembers the FBI / Customs / INS extensively interviewing the flight passengers.

State wanted to make sure FBI did ~~not~~ what they could w/ the passengers prior

who did Salata talk to @ FBI about it?

He was in SIOC "the executive Bubble" went to the Director - Director Mueller - Sept 14. Senior Management was aware of that. Lashed up FBI w/ ATC system. FAA ATM will not let the planes go until LED approved them to go. For Las Vegas or San Antonio they

held one of the flights for 3 days;
 He couldn't understand why b/c
 it was cleared to go.

The FBI Watch list Sept 2nd Ben Wright
 She stated that process.

It was a well-organized effort to screen
 State was getting pressure from Saudi Embassy
 State wasn't pressuring FBI to pass through
 the request.
 Interagency coordination process.