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This transcription covers the New York Center Radar Traffic Management Unit (TMU) Departure Coordinator position for the time period from September 11, 2001, 1248 UTC, to September 11, 2001, 1314 UTC.

Agencies Making Transmissions

Abbreviations

John F. Kennedy Tower	JFKT
New York Center TMU Departure Coordinator	TMU-DC
Newark Tower	EWR
Unknown Agency	Unknown
Philadelphia Approach	PHL
New York TRACON	N90

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1250:05 JFKT hello

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1250:06 TMU-DC hey kennedy new york center i got a question for ya

1250:07 JFKT yeah go ahead

1250:08 TMU-DC um anything goin on out there out the windows

1250:09 JFKT ah just ah out of the trade center

1250:12 TMU-DC whats goin on over there

1250:15 JFKT there's a fire at the world trade center (unintelligible)

1250:19 TMU-DC ok cause we might have a problem up there did you guys see any did ah you know...just give you a little blurb that we got an american flight that **apparently** was ah hijacked with terrorist activity we lost we lost his transponder a little bit west of kennedy and now they say we're pickin up an e l t and you're saying there's a fire at the world trade center

1250:34 JFKT wow yeah there is (unintelligible) before

1250:36 TMU-DC you guys didn't see I mean you guys didn't see anything happen or anything

1250:39 JFKT nah i didn't see anything happen though

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1250:40 TMU-DC so yeah i don't know but i mean this guy was trackin boston to l a and all of a sudden he just started doing these wiggles and waggles and we found out that there was some kinda terrorist activity going on

1250:48 JFKT oh really

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1250:50 TMU-DC and uh now we've lost the target completely he was about ten or fifteen west of kennedy when we lost it

1250:55 JFKT alright we'll check it out though

1250:56 TMU-DC alright thanks

1250:57 JFKT thanks  
1251

1251:19 TMU-DC that's what i'm saying you know if this guy's bringin it back down around kennedy right to the city boom you know thats the spot (unintelligible)

1251:24 EWR yeah newark

1251:25 TMU-DC yeah newark anything goin on out the windows out there

1251:27 EWR the world trade center's on fire

1251:28 TMU-DC yeah you know what the well unfortunately we have a feeling that might be an an american jet went down into there

1251:33 EWR are you serious

1251:35 TMU-DC uh we were workin a well we had a guy up there and apparently he was being hijacked with terrorist activity going on and we lost his target about uh fifteen miles west of kennedy

1251:41 EWR the world trade center is uh it looked like an explosion hit the world trade center

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1251:45	TMU-DC	yeah well that's probably what is was then well we're i you know we're thinkin that's what it was
1251:49	EWR	alright
1251:50	TMU-DC	cause we we're trackin this guy and we lost him right about there
1251:52	EWR	alright
1251:53	TMU-DC	alright thanks
1251:53	EWR	check
1251:53	TMU-DC	bye bye
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1257:26	TMU-DC	yeah newark
1257:27	EWR	ah newark ah you know i had somebody told me oh I just got upstairs somebody told me that you guys said that it might have been american
1257:35	TMU-DC	yes
1257:37	EWR	american who

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1257:38 TMU-DC ah apparently from boston to l a there was american eleven alpha i think they're calling it that was going up north bound and all of a sudden it just started tracking hard south apparently from relayed from boston to us it was confirmed with terrorist activity on board we were tracking and tracking it then ah i guess that we had a primary target on it the target disappeared about fifteen west of kennedy started picking up and ah got reports of e l t's and the next thing we know the world trade center's on fire

1258:00 EWR okay

1258:01 TMU-DC so i mean thats thats

1258:01 EWR do you know what type airplane

1258:02 TMU-DC thats all we um i don't know what type airplane it was i think originally it was a seven six however they're saying here that basically ah i guess until we get it confirm a confirmation that was it then ah i guess technically it's still being hijacked somewhere and it was something else hit the world trade center

1258:19 EWR wow

1258:19 TMU-DC so i mean technically we we don't know for sure but i mean ah you know the coincidence is there

1258:25 EWR alright if you find out what type airplane give me a call back please

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1258:27 TMU-DC um let me just hang on one sec

1258:30 EWR yeah see if you can just pull up his flight plan

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1258:32	TMU-DC	the flight plan i have was showing ah a seven well see they just typed in a seven five here cause we were just tracking out of l a i mean boston center would they're saying it's a seven sixty seven yeah pete said to me it was definitely a seven sixty seven
1258:43	EWR	okay thank you
1258:44	TMU-DC	but again you know ah you know we're putting one and we're putting two and two together here with any you know
1258:47	EWR	yeah
1258:48	TMU-DC	with any luck
1258:48	EWR	yeah
1258:49	TMU-DC	who knows
1258:49	EWR	alright i'll call the manager
1258:50	TMU-DC	alright
1258:50	EWR	thanks
1258:50	TMU-DC	good bye
1259:00	TMU-DC	new york t m u
1259:01	Unknown	hi i got a white stop uh is it ah volume for you guys if it is how long do you think it might be



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1259:06	TMU-DC	uh i didn't know anything about it stand by
1259:07	Unknown	ok
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1301:50	TMU-DC	might be a whole wave of stuff goin on
1302		
1302:56	EWR	yeah newark
1302:57	TMU-DC	yeah newark look out the windows we're gettin ah we're showing another target descending rapidly the same as
1303:01	EWR	oh no it just went into another one just crashed into the world trade center
1303:04	TMU-DC	another one
1303:06	EWR	oh my god we just (unintelligible) oh my god the building it just exploded
1303:10	TMU-DC	yep ok thank you there
1303:11	EWR	oh my god
1303:12	TMU-DC	thanks buddy
1303:51	PHL	philly approach
1303:52	TMU-DC	ah yeah philly do me a favor ground stop all airplanes coming out of your place uh goin to new york center we just had a we just had a second airplane hit the trade center

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1303:59	PHL	ok
1304:00	TMU-DC	some kinda terrorist stuff goin on
1304:02	PHL	ok
1304:03	TMU-DC	so stop everything
1304:04	PHL	alright
1304:04	TMU-DC	thank you
1304:13	N90	tracon carl
1304:14	TMU-DC	yeah tracon stop everything coming into new york center
1304:16	N90	wilco
1304:16	TMU-DC	we're stopping everything
1304:17	N90	wilco
1304:17	TMU-DC	there was the second hit
<del>1304:18</del>	<del>N90</del>	<del>wilco</del>
1304:19	TMU-DC	thanks
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1310:27 N90 traffic management

1310:29 TMU-DC yeah how you doin umm do you do you guys think there's gonna be any problem with the stuff we got in the air now takin that comin in

1310:31 N90 yeah uh we're not we're not uh operations suspended at newark and laguardia

1310:33 TMU-DC ok so you guys aren't gonna take anything period

1310:35 N90 that's correct

1310:36 TMU-DC ok thanks

1310:37 N90 yup

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