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Subject: **INFORMATION:** Partial Transcript; Aircraft Accident; AAL11; New York, NY; September 11, 2001

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Reply To
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From: Boston ARTCC

To: Aircraft Accident File ZBW-ARTCC-148

This transcription covers the Boston ARTCC Military Operations Specialist Position for the time period from September 11, 2001, 1237 UTC to September 11, 2001, 1259 UTC.

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Abbreviations

Northeast Air Defense Command
Boston ARTCC Military Operations Position

HUNTRESS
MOS

I hereby certify that the following is a true transcription of the recorded conversations pertaining to the subject aircraft accident involving AAL11:

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1237:52 HUNTRESS huntress weapon sargent powell

1237:54 MOS

hi boston center t m u we have uh a problem here we have a hijacked aircraft headed towards new new york and we need you guys *to we need someone to scramble some f sixteens or something up there *to help us out

1238:06

HUNTRESS

is is this real world or exercise

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1238:08 MOS no this is not an exercise not a test

1238:10 HUNTRESS okay hey uh hold on one second okay

1238:13 MOS yep

1239:00 HUNTRESS sir

1239:01 MOS yes sir

1239:02 HUNTRESS yeah I got an m c c coming in right now to talk to you so you can handle all that

1239:05 MOS thank you

1239:06 HUNTRESS alright

1239:25 HUNTRESS hi this is major deskins

1239:27 MOS hi joe cooper boston center

1239:29 HUNTRESS hi joe

1239:29 MOS we have a hijacked aircraft headed towards the new york metro area wonderin if you could um send someone up there some f sixteens or somethin--help us out maybe out maybe out of otis

1239:36 HUNTRESS new york metro okay--do you have a mode three on it

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1239:40 MOS no there no it's just a primary target only we lost uh we lost the uh mode mode c on it so you'd have to get up in the air and we would have to vector you towards the aircraft

1239:50 HUNTRESS okay so you'd want to control the intercept because uh you

1239:52 MOS we'd have to yes until until you guys pick him up on primary radar

1239:53 HUNTRESS you have to right

1239:56 HUNTRESS okay so you have a general location as to where he is

1239:58 MOS we're still tracking him right now

1240:00 HUNTRESS you're trackin him

1240:01 MOS yeah he's

1240:01 HUNTRESS can can you give me a lat long where you think he is as far as (unintelligible)

1240:04 MOS yeah hold on a second

1240:35 MOS alright current uh coordinates are uh let's see four one one five north

1240:42 HUNTRESS four one one five north

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1240:43 MOS zero seven three four six west

1240:45 HUNTRESS zero seven three four six west

1240:48 MOS and approximate heading is one nine zero

1240:51 HUNTRESS one nine zero

1240:52 MOS three hundred and eight seven knots

1240:53 HUNTRESS three hundred and eight seven knots

1240:54 MOS last known altitude is flight level two nine zero but we cannot confirm that

1240:58 HUNTRESS two nine zero do you have time to give me any other amp amplifying information on it

1241:03 MOS uh you want the type and stuff what do mean what do you want (unintelligible)

1241:05 HUNTRESS yeah like passengers on board uh—where it came from

1241:16 MOS seven sixty seven two hundred series no idea how many people on board right now they came from boston they were supposed to be going to Ia and they're headed south they're goin the wrong way obviously (unintelligible)

1241:17 HUNTRESS yep

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1241:26 HUNTRESS okay okay

1241:27 MOS okay---and uh

1241:28 HUNTRESS thank you very much

1241:29 MOS so where are they comin who are you gonna send do you know yet

1241:31 HUNTRESS uh that determination hasn't been made yet uh let me if you could hold on just moment I'm gonna get uh we've got some coordination going on right now I think they said they were going to put otis on battle station that's who I would uh anticipate the aircraft to be uh based on going to j f k they would be our closest asset

1241:46 MOS okay---okay let me give you my uh commercial number in case we get disconnected here

1241:52 HUNTRESS okay

1241:53 MOS six o three

1241:54 HUNTRESS six o three

1241:55 MOS eight seven nine

1241:56 HUNTRESS eight seven nine

1241:57 MOS six six six six

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1241:58 HUNTRESS six six oh that's a scary number six six six six and your number again sir---joe

1242:01 MOS joe cooper

1242:04 HUNTRESS cooper

1242:05 MOS yeah you can talk to anyone here everybody knows what's going on

1242:07 HUNTRESS okay---okay

1242:08 MOS alright so yeah so I'll stay on I'll stay on hold and give me the call signs at least so we can give them priority and get em goin

1242:12 HUNTRESS okay standby
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1252:02 MOS scoggins tmu

1252:06 HUNTRESS hey good morning sargent powell callin from huntress

1252:08 MOS yes

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1252:09 HUNTRESS hey i just wanted to make sure that uh your guys know that we're not gonna control it your guys are gonna have em on the radio

1252:13 MOS we well we don't have em on the radio but yea he's keying the mic on whatever frequency he has we we don't know if he's taking any switches do you know if you guys are gonna scramble all at all

1252:21 HUNTRESS yea we scrambled at uh uh four six

1252:23 MOS okay and where at at atlantic city or

1252:25 HUNTRESS no uh otis

1252:26 MOS they did scramble out of otis

1252:27 HUNTRESS yea

1252:28 MOS okay so they

1252:29 HUNTRESS they should should be airborne any second now

1252:30 MOS should be airborne any second did you get any height finding on him

1252:32 HUNTRESS uh no uh we're lookin right now for everything we don't see a thing yet

1252:35 MOS do do you the target itself

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*NTSB
hold*

1252:37 HUNTRESS we have the approximate location where it was uh we don't we don't a mode three or anything

1252:41 MOS no yea uh we didn't have a mode three either i didn't know if you had a primary on him but---we lost radar on him that was about uh five minutes ago he was eight miles east of uh of j f k so i assume he's probably about twenty miles southeast of j f k now or south almost due south

1252:54 HUNTRESS oh southeast

1252:55 MOS yea he's probably on the south now

1252:57 HUNTRESS okay alright thank you

1252:58 MOS okay and uh if you you do get a hit on him or you track him up uh please let us know call us back

1253:04 HUNTRESS alrighty

1253:05 MOS okay thank you

1253:06 HUNTRESS thanks bye

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