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# Memorandum

ARTCC – Indianapolis, IN

*Subject:* **INFORMATION:** Partial Transcript; Aircraft Accident;  
AAL77; Washington, DC; September 11, 2001

*Date:* May 7, 2002

*From:* Indianapolis ARTCC

*Reply to*  
*Attn. of:*

*To:* Aircraft Accident File ZDC-ARTCC-212

This transcription covers the Indianapolis ARTCC Impel Sector Radar position for the time period from September 11, 2001, 1301 UTC to September 11, 2001, 1359 UTC.

Agencies Making Transmissions

- Indianapolis ARTCC Impel Sector Radar Position
- Indianapolis ARTCC Dacos Sector
- Kansas City ARTCC Rocck Sector
- Indianapolis ARTCC Batesville Sector
- American Airlines Inc. Flight 683
- Britt Airways, Inc., D/B/A Continental Express/Air Mike Express Flight 4283
- Unknown

Abbreviations

- IMP R
- DAC
- ROCCK
- BTV
- AAL683
- BTA4283
- UNKN

I hereby certify that the following is a true transcription of the recorded conversations pertaining to the subject aircraft accident involving AAL77:

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 1306:29      IMP R      (unintelligible)

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1306:31	IMP R	impel
1306:32	BTV	this is um dacos have you heard about american seventy seven yet
1306:35	IMP R	no not really
1306:36	BTV	okay he is a guy that they lost transponder on and lost radio on and everything he's suppose to be heading our way
1306:43	IMP R	okay
1306:43	BTV	um heading your way actually he's estimating gbees at ah thirteen after the hour and i'm still trying to figure out when he's suppose to be estimating juddi
1306:50	IMP R	okay
1306:51	BTV	i'll let you know when i find out
1306:51	IMP R	all right sounds good
1306:52	BTV	*(all right q c)
1306:52	IMP R	(unintelligible)
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1308:22	IMP R	(unintelligible)
1308:24	IMP R	green light uh impel



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1312:56	IMP R	that's fine
1312:57	BTV	thanks (unintelligible)
1312:57	IMP R	p m
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1315:17	IMP R	rock on the sixty three line
1315:20	ROCCK	rock
1315:22	IMP R	anybody tell you about this american seventy seven comin yet
1315:25	ROCCK	no
1315:26	IMP R	okay you should have a flight plan on him it's american seventy seven
1315:30	ROCCK	okay
1315:31	IMP R	okay we have lost his transponder no radios---we're blockin for him out there at thirty five coming down jay one thirty four---estimating carol at one three three eight
1315:45	ROCCK	okay---all right
1315:46	IMP R	all right
1315:47	ROCCK	all right thanks

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1315:48	IMP R	*(p m)
1315:48	ROCCK	(unintelligible)
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1317:52	ROCCK	impel rock twenty four
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1318:01	ROCCK	impel rock twenty four
1318:04	IMP R	impel
1318:05	ROCCK	that uh reference that american seventy seven
1318:06	IMP R	yeah
1318:07	ROCCK	uh is that estimate good or are you just got guessin cause you're not really sure where he is
1318:12	IMP R	that is a very ball park guess timate
1318:14	ROCCK	okay when was the last time you heard from him
1318:16	IMP R	um about two sectors ago near falmouth---just south of cincinnati
1318:22	ROCCK	okay thanks
1318:23	IMP R	about a hundred an twenty miles back
1318:24	ROCCK	okay *(m v)

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1318:25	IMP R	all right
1318:42	IMP R	(unintelligible)
1318:45	IMP R	impel
1318:46	BTV	randy you know about this american seventy seven thing right
1318:47	IMP R	yes
1318:48	BTV	okay uh company uh six eighty three there went over and tried to raise him on guard and ah said he never had a visual on him out there at all he was looking all around
1318:55	IMP R	all right
1318:55	BTV	okay thanks
1318:56	IMP R	*(p m)
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1326:57	ROCCK	impel rock
1327:00	IMP R	impel
1327:01	ROCCK	is that just where you think american seventy seven's suppose to be at

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1327:03	IMP R	ballpark idea
1327:04	ROCCK	is ah---may i make a suggestion to you you know you are aware of what happened in new york
1327:08	IMP R	yes i am
1327:10	ROCCK	uh would you bring to attention where that this might be associated at where they lost him at he might have gone down or been hijacked to another location
1327:15	IMP R	affirmative
1327:16	ROCCK	all right thank you
1327:17	IMP R	p m
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1330:19	AAL683	center american six eighty three
1330:34	IMP R	and american six eighty three do you have a question sir
1330:36	AAL683	i just wondered if you gotten a hold of american seventy seven yet
1330:40	IMP R	no sir
1330:42	AAL683	ah is that what all the commotion's about
1330:44	IMP R	part of it

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1330:45	AAL683	(unintelligible)
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1333:53	BTV	override batesville
1333:54	IMP R	jeff they considerin thirty five clean up there now
1333:57	BTV	uh i have no idea randy
1333:58	IMP R	all right tell you what if you got---if you
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1334:01	BTV	i there's too much stuff goin on right now to even care about
1334:02	IMP R	all right buddy
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1349:34	BTA4283	and memphis jet link forty two eighty three does that go for us as well
1349:38	IMP R	uh jet link forty two eighty three uh they are advising that all aircraft land uh at the closest airports sir



1349:45      BTA4283      is there a reason

1349:48      IMP R          uh it has to do with a uh terrorist attack at the world trade center

1349:52      IMP R          and also apparently uh terrorist attacks in washington as well  
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1352:43      UNKN          (unintelligible) what was the uh the reason for uh having people land  
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1353:01      IMP R          okay the aircraft uh or any aircraft that are curious about the uh  
reason for uh wanting everyone to land there have been terrorist  
attacks apparently at the world trade center also at uh the  
pentagon in washington and uh there have been numerous  
aircraft hijacked

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End of Transcript

\* This portion of the re-recording is not entirely clear, but this represents the best interpretation possible under the circumstances.