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Memorandum

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Subject: **INFORMATION:** Partial Transcript; Aircraft Accident;
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From: Indianapolis ARTCC

Reply to
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To: Aircraft Accident File ZDC-ARTCC-212

This transcription covers the Indianapolis ARTCC Dacos Sector Radar Associate position for the time period from September 11, 2001, 1249 UTC to September 11, 2001, 1317 UTC.

Agencies Making Transmissions

- Indianapolis ARTCC Dacos Sector Radar Position
- United Air Lines Inc., Flight 299
- U S Air Flight 357
- Indianapolis ARTCC Henderson Sector Radar Position
- Unknown
- Indianapolis ARTCC Bobcat Sector Radar Position
- Southwest Airlines Co. Flight 113
- Indianapolis ARTCC Dacos Sector Radar Associate Position
- Indianapolis ARTCC Henderson Sector Radar Associate Position

Abbreviations

- DAC R
- UAL299
- USA357
- HNN R
- UNKN
- BOB R
- SWA113
- DAC RA
- HNN RA

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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1254:34 DAC R s i a's up there airports and runways (unintelligible)

1254:35 UAL299 indy center united two ninety nine three five zero smooth

1254:39 DAC R united two ninety nine indy center roger

1254:44 DAC R the nav aids fine flow control listed for ya up there atlanta and charlotte there's ah swap (unintelligible) ra radio computers fine weather information---fine radio interphones---nothing special use area---cold---oofa darc---goin back---*(and)---traffic startin at the top---seventy six is ah seventy six watchin they're combined over here needs to be switched

1255:19 DAC R u s air three fifty seven cleared direct brickyard

1255:22 USA357 direct the brickyard u s airs seven three fifty seven thanks

1255:27 DAC R aah on you here---point out here---flashing at ya here---flashing at ya here---hasn't checked on yet---on on---on needs to be switched needs to be switched thirty threes been ap req---switched---he's fifteen left---for zero zero charlie charlie it looks like that's gonna work subject *(watch and make sure e l)

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1257:34 DAC R this is ah---dacos

1257:39 HNN R this is ah henderson american seventy seven i don't know what happened to him i'm trying to reach him

1257:42 UNKN (unintelligible) nine thirty *(six)

1257:44	HNN R	it it looks like he took a turn to the south and now i'm ah i don't know what altitude he's at or what he's doin *(last thing he said he was headin) towards falmouth at thirty five
1257:51	DAC R	well just let me know
1257:52 1258	HNN R	okay i'll try to get ah hold of him thanks
1258:18 1259	DAC R	american seventy seven center
1259:31	DAC R	american seventy seven center
1259:43	DAC R	dacos
1259:44	HNN R	this is henderson still haven't got american seventy seven ah last he was at thirty five goin to falmouth so don't know where he is out there any where yet so i'm still trying to get hold of him we contacted the company
1259:53	DAC R	okay
1259:54	HNN R	okay
1259:54 1300	DAC R	thanks
1300:56 1301 1302 1303 1304 1305	DAC R	indy center callin american seventy seven american seventy seven
1305:27	DAC R	ah go ahead this is ah (unintelligible)

1305:29 BOB R this is bobcat november eight zero charlie charlie would you turn him

1305:31 SWA113 (unintelligible) good morning southwest one thirteen three nine oh

1305:34 DAC R ah ten left yeah i turn him ba i i had him ah turned right to to get him ah wa away from where american seventy seven was supposed to be

1305:40 BOB R oh okay well just ah you got him on a heading right now

1305:43 DAC R yeah he's on a heading now

1305:44 BOB R leave him on it

1305:45 DAC R okay

1305:45 BOB R my control further turns

1305:45 DAC R yeah your control

1305:46 BOB R (unintelligible)
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1306:18 UNKN (unintelligible)

1306:20 DAC RA fal---dacos

1306:22 HNN RA this is henderson american seventy seven da da do you guys have radar on him is he over falmouth or

1306:26 DAC RA no we just moved the track there we never---you know

1306:28 HNN RA okay---all righty you just have the track out there

1306:30 DAC RA you guys never been able to raise him at all

1306:31 HNN RA no we called company they can't even get a hold of him so
there's no no radiar ah no radio communications and no radar
(unintelligible)

1306:39 DAC RA and his last clearance as far as you know was on course to
falmouth and then jay one thirty four right well we're just gonna
treat him like non radar and we've all ready told the next sector
they're gonna to have to sterilize for him until we find out

1306:48 HNN RA okay---thanks

1306:49 DAC RA *(i d)

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1310:32 UNKN (unintelligible)

1310:36 DAC RA dacos

1310:37 HNN RA all right this is henderson

1310:38 DAC RA okay

1310:39 HNN RA there was an american eleven---departed off of uh new york going to l a he got hijacked---american seventy seven departed off dulles is going to l a---dispatch doesn't know where he's at---and confirmed that two airplanes have been uh they crashed into uh the world trade center in new york---as far as american seventy seven we don't know where he is---but they say that uh american eleven was hijacked off of---a new york airport going to l a x and

1310:59 DAC RA wow
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1311:07 DAC RA so we don't have a track on him

1311:09 HNN RA affirmative

1311:10 DAC RA you mean like they just took off without a clearance

1311:11 HNN RA no you mean american eleven

1311:12 DAC RA yeah

1311:13 HNN RA he---he---depart---well i'm guessing he did cause he went he was going to l a

1311:18 DAC RA but nobody ever tracked american eleven is what i'm asking

1311:21 HNN RA i don't know that i don't know if where he left from or ah

1311:22 DAC RA oh okay

1311:24 DAC RA there's no flight plan in the machine right now and

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1311:25 HNN RA yeah i just looked at that too---but as---as far as what we know that's all that's all we know i talked to dispatch and that's what they relayed---and they confirmed it here that uh i guess two airplanes about crashed into the---the trade center

1311:37 DAC RA huh

1311:38 HNN RA all right

1311:39 DAC RA oh

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