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LINE 4530
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XXXX: Hey Dick

XXXX: Yeah, just walked up.

XXXX: John,

John: Yes

XXXX: Did we divert all international flights even those going elsewhere then New York and Washington or just those ah...

John: We diverted them from the east coast, they haven't been diverted from the west coast.

XXXX: OK. So if they're inbound for the east coast, anywhere on the east coast, we divert them to Canada.

John: Dulles and north, yeah.

XXXX: OK. Dulles and north, So, Dulles and north we divert to Canada. OK. Including Boston.

John: Correct.

XXXX: OK.

XXXX: Hey Mike, Validate the scope of the international diversion. It's Dulles and north, right, we diverted again?

XXXX: No, we said we were not taking traffic international departures into the United States from Europe, Canada or

XXXX: Only for the east coast.

XXXX: and then they took it over to the west and had some fuel issues so they're going to let some land.....

John: OK. Derrick

Derrick: Yeah.

John: The ah, the diversion has been expanded to we're not taking any except for the fuel critical aircraft coming to the west coast, as far as international departures.

Derrick: Except for fuel critical, OK. John

John: Alright?

Derrick: Alright.

Derrick: John.

John: Yes.

Derrick: We got a request from Northwest Mountain, they need fire-fighting planes up so they can fight the fires.

John: OK. We'll make sure that happens.

Derrick: OK.

John: Alright.

John: Loraine. Loraine.

John: Northwest Mountain Region requests an exclusion to the NOTAM, they need to have the fire-fighting aircraft to keep on flying. So we need to give them an exclusion.

Loraine: That's been approved by them?

John: Yes

Loraine: OK.

John: I guess that would apply to Western Pacific also.

XXXX: John.

John: Yes

XXXX: Attorney General now wants to come into National with a fighter escort. I'm trying to get the call sign, I think it's still going to be November four.

John: OK. Hey ah question.

XXXX: Yeah

John: Once we get every aircraft on the ground.

XXXX: What do we do then?

John: Yep

XXXX: I don't know, I hope that they're working on that.

John: Well, we have ah it's ah it's amazingly blank in the United States right now.

XXXX: OK.

John: OK.

XXXX: Alright John, we don't know yet, we'll have to talk to you in an hour.

John: Alright.

XXXX: OK.

XXXX: Um, there is no plan for reintroducing any aircraft in national airspace system. At, (unintelligible) and it will be, well no, there is no plan, and ah, and yeah, and ah, we will, it will be one hour before that determination is made at headquarters. Of what we should do next.

Unintelligible remarks

John: What we have to shoot the airplane down?

Unintelligible remarks

John: Detroit evacuated, is that what you just told me?

XXXX: Cleveland center.

John: Who's DIA?

XXXX: Denver, Denver tower.

John: Ouch, silly me, I thought they were still DEN. DI

Unintelligible remarks

John: So, they they evacuated because they got a too through view of the Rockies or....

Unintelligible remarks

Derrick: Hey John.

John: OK.

Derrick: OK., go ahead.

John: Denver, the city of Denver, has closed the Denver airport for twenty-four hours.

Derrick: OK.

John: So the tower is being released. Ah, Cleveland Center evacuated their facility because there's an aircraft overhead circling the facility.

Derrick: Over, overhead Cleveland Center?

John: Yeah. In Loraine Ohio, and we trying to figure out just what that it is, but by the time we figure it out they're all out the door.

Derrick: Holy cow.

John: But there is not many aircraft for them to work.

Derrick: Alright.

John: So ah, that's, that's the update.

Derrick: Alright, ah the domestic inbound to LA, did we get that one, what is was?

John: Say again.

Derrick: The domestic ah inbound to LA.

John: Ah, you asked

Derrick: International and one domestic.

John: Yeah, it's on the ground I don't know what it was.

Derrick: He's on the ground already.

John: Yeah.

Derrick: OK.

John: Derrick.

Derrick: Yeah

John: Here's a message for Knowles, do you have him in the, in the vicinity?

Derrick: No.

John: Where's he? Boston center can not get into headquarters on the phone system.

Derrick: Who can not?

John: Boston center.

Derrick: Boston center can't get into the headquarters on the telcon.....

John: Whatever the, whatever phone system they're using they can't get in on.

Derrick: OK.

John: Ah, but they are trying to pass a message to Knowles.

Derrick: OK.

John: Is there a, ah, is is there a hotline going on in air traffic?

Derrick: I don't know, I think so, but I don't know for certain.

John: Well they sure are bugging the heck out of me.

XXXX: They asked if, once all the aircraft are landed, should they evacuate the facilities? I said no, unless they have some specific threat that.....

XXXX: They got ah have to identify a threat.

XXXX: That's what I said.

Unintelligible remarks

XXXX: I think down there the situation room, I think that Dave's got set up

John: Can you past this message to Knowles, Doug? Or get someone to carry it down to him.

Doug: Well, Steve is on the way down now to talk to him probably. I got Steve doing it. My courier Brown, Steve Brown.

John: Oh, OK.

Doug: My courier, Steve Brown.

John: Well I have a coded ah message ah phone number they want him to call.

Doug: Oh, OK. Go ahead.

John: 603-879-6655

Doug: OK. Ah, I'll get on the other line.

John: OK.

Doug: Davy, He just walked in.

John: OK.

Doug: Two things Bubba, One is, Boston center can't get into your line. They just called John White and told him that. Second, they want you to call 603-879-6655 which is a coded number. I don't know if anybody in here is talking to DOD? Anybody talking to the MNCC in here? Nobody. Might want to check in here.

XXXX: But what's the backup?

Unintelligible remarks

Doug: OK. John.

John: Go ahead.

Doug: Davy just said that we're having problems with the military we're trying to get five MEDVAC flights off of Newark and the military is buzzing them. So, so we're having trouble hooking up the DOD....

John: I'll tell the services so.

Doug: OK. Thanks.

John: OK.

John: We're trying to get five MEDEVAC flights off of Newark. Five MEDEVAC flights are trying to depart Newark and the military is buzzing them in case you hear some problems about that. We 're going to have the service (unintelligible remarks) to cease and decess on the buzzing.

Unintelligible remarks

John: Ah yeah, if there is anybody in Newark you can tell them that.

John: Ah, I don't understand the guard thing, they not have badges?

Unintelligible remarks

John: Can you go take a trip out to the guard shack and assist them in verifying the employees that are coming in so they don't have to make a phone call on every one, there's a back there. Ah, but the, but the rule is FAA badge people get in. Nobody else gets in. EDS gets in. But, but I don't want no contractors, no visitors, no nothing.

Unintelligible remarks

John: That's what they say, Newark.

Unintelligible remarks

John: Hey, Newark tower says they don't see five MEDEVAC flights trying to depart ah Newark.

Doug: Davy just walked back out of here. Ah, he said five; he says he's got five at Newark trying to get off. So.

John: Newark. Well Newark tower knows nothing about them.

Doug: All right.

XXXX: Do they see any activity with fighters or anything over there?

John: They do see fighter activity, but they don't see MEDEVAC's

Doug: Hang on a second John. I don't have anybody active sitting down there right now.

John: You're out of people?

Doug: I'm out of people.

John: My gosh. OK.

John: Hey Doug.

Doug: Yeah.

John: Who's flying the MEDEVAC's and where are they going?

Doug: I'm trying to find out John.

John: OK.

XXXX: Unintelligible remarks. Newark tower sees no MEDEVAC's.

XXXX: Ah, Dave Knowles.

Unintelligible remarks.

Doug: I'm sorry John; they're out of Teterboro. I was told Newark. They're out of Teterboro.

John: Teterboro. OK., we'll work on that.

John: Hey Rob.

Doug: OK.

John: Rob, check Teterboro. Allegedly there's five MEDEVAC's on the ground at Teterboro that are being buzzed.

Doug: Hey John. John

John: Yes.

Doug: Monty's going to be talking to a senior official at DOD and get them to acknowledge the fact that we are going to be releasing these on a call-by-call basis to their destination. That's all I know right now.

John: Roger.

Doug: OK.

Doug: John.

John: Yes.

Doug: Per Jeff Griffith, have all aircraft land at the nearest airport they are capable of landing at; preferably with a tower, at a controlled airport.

John: OK.

Doug: All right.

John: Right.

Doug: OK.

Doug: John, when you get a chance, give me tracks.

John: OK.

Doug: Jane wants to know the number of tracks right now. So if you got it

John: It's difficult because we have so many false tracks, but OK.

John: We need to send out an advisory right now, and the same thing through SCATANA. All aircraft land at the closest airport with an air traffic control tower.

Unintelligible remarks.

John: Ah, have we sent that message out? I mean, the ah transmitted that?

Unintelligible remarks.

John: We're talking about, regardless of their position or their destination, right now they land.

XXXX: We did that, about a half hour ago.

John: Everybody?

XXXX: Everybody

Unintelligible remarks.

John: Two hundred is still the active count.

Doug: Two hundred is still the active count.

John: Some of them are burning fuel before they can land.

Doug: OK. Very good. Thanks John.

Unintelligible remarks.

John: We heard that forty-five minutes ago. We've already sent people there. But, I'm glad we got to talk.

Unintelligible remarks.

John: No, what's going to happen right now is the FAA is talking to the Department of Defense. We are going to release those aircraft on a call sign-by-call sign basis and soon as that negotiation between the FAA and DOD is finished we'll get to the business of letting them go.

Unintelligible remarks.

John: If you got them go ahead and write them down.

Unintelligible remarks.

John: Well you can just advise them of what's going on.

Unintelligible remarks.

John: No, I'm going to have to have a shot of bourbon. I'm going to have a shot of bourbon though.

Unintelligible remarks.

John: Ah yeah but. What's the deal? But, I saw that the Washington and the the environment was evacuated.

XXXX: Unintelligible remarks.what that looked like.

Doug: Yeah but you know that the city of Denver closed the Denver international airport for twenty-four hours. FAA did not. OK.

XXXX: Unintelligible remarks. We still don't know who it is. Hey John.

John: Go ahead.

Doug: We're still having a hard time ah determining what aircraft it was that hit the Pentagon. Secret Service, in their wisdom, is saying that ah they think it was an

aircraft. Um, I don't know if we need to do any more radar data or if there is anything we can backup. I think that happens about when. When did that happen guys? About forty-five minutes ago is when it hit the Pentagon or so? About ten o'clock.

Unintelligible remarks.

Doug: OK. So we have cameras that did see an aircraft go into. So Secret Service at the joint operations is saying this. And that was well before United 93 was reported going down.

Unintelligible remarks.

John: Ah well, we don't know. Ah, I would speculate that although they say that American seventy-seven went into the world trade center.

Doug: Yes.

John: Ah, they may want to think about pentagon.

Doug: Well, but then what happen on the state line between Kentucky and Ohio, was that confirmed?

John: Ah well, we may have got a bad report there. We 're still trying to get a validation of that.

Doug: All right, so let's do that then.

John: That's where they lost the aircraft, now that's might where he made a left turn.

Doug: OK.

John: Now, I have ah for Monty.

Doug: Yeah.

John: One, two, three, four five six, seven itinerant aircraft sitting on the ground at Teterboro that says that they are are lifeguard of MEDEVAC.

Doug: And need clearance.

John: Well they...

Doug: Give me call signs.

John: November five november juillet. November eight eight six alpha hotel. November one one seven november yankee. November two zero two hotel November. November one nine three zero alpha. November nine one one lima victor. November one two one lima foxtrot.

Doug: All right. I'll pass the word.

John: OK.

Doug: Monty, these are the lifeguards waiting to get off Teterboro. With the DOD. Right.

Unintelligible remarks.

John: Just so you know, we already have a lifeguard effort going on or a MEDEVAC effort.

Unintelligible remarks.

John: They're. The FAA is coordinating with the DOD to, these guys are all in Teterboro right, to try to get these guys airborne on a flight-by-flight basis so they can go do whatever they are going to go do.

Unintelligible remarks.

John: Well yeah, they got fighters that are keeping them on the ground.

Unintelligible remarks.

John: I'm talking to Doug ah, ATS three is who I'm talking to. Who is working for Monty and Jane.

Jeff: John.

John: Yes.

Jeff: This is Jeff.

John: Hi Jeff.

Jeff: OK. Um. What we want to do is activate the services cell so that anything that flies from here on out is coordinated through the services cell.

John: OK. The services cell is activated and we'll put this on , put them on this effort.

Jeff: All right. Make sure that all the air traffic control facilities put out a message that only aircraft flying now are aircraft ah IFR, ah landing, and aircraft operating in rescue and recovery at military operations.

John: OK.

Jeff: All right. Here are your three aircraft that are your first three aircraft for the services cell.

John: Go ahead.

Jeff: November five November Juliet.

John: I have that one.

Jeff: November eight eight six alpha hotel.

John: I have it.

Jeff: November one one seven november yankee.

John: I have it.

Jeff: November two zero two hotel november.

John: I've got it.

Jeff: November one nine three zero alpha.

John: Got it.

Jeff: November niner one one lima victor.

John: Got it.

Jeff: November one two one lima foxtrot.

John: OK. All these aircraft are on the ground at Teterboro and they will be coordinated through the services cell.

Jeff: All right. So whatever you got to do to get that system in place please do that.

John: All right.

Jeff: Thank You

John: OK.

Unintelligible remarks.

John: Hey Doug.

Peter: Yeah, It's Peter.

John: Peter, how are you doing?

Peter: Good John.

John: Somebody has to ah, ah prioritize, the airlines are now requesting to activate go teams to New York. Now I realize that no aircraft moves without going through the services cell. But do we want these guys to go ahead and get involved in MEDEVAC activity or do we want to delay them a while?

Peter: All right. I'll ask Monty and the Administrator.

John: Thank You.

Peter: All right. I'm going, ah I'm going to wait till Doug gets back. He just stepped out then I'll take this to them.

John: OK.

Peter: OK. Thanks. I'll hold on.

Unintelligible remarks.

XXXX: Excellent answer, just an excellent answer.

Unintelligible remarks.

XXXX: The airlines want to know when we can prioritize to get their go teams released (unintelligible remarks) not high enough priority, we'll going to have to deal with that. They what (unintelligible remarks) OK. I just want you to know that.

XXXX: Identified over Mass.

XXXX: John.

George: Yeah. This George Dubrosky for John. John went to the men's room.

XXXX: Ah we, can you tell ah, can you see if you can find out something?

George: Yes I can.

XXXX: Something for us.

George: Yes.

XXXX: We think we have an ah an aircraft over Massachusetts that's ah unidentified. Can you see what you can find out?

George: Over Massachusetts, any particular area?

XXXX: No, we didn't know.

George: OK.

XXXX: Up and over Mass. OK.

George: See if you can find out if there is an unidentified aircraft over Massachusetts.

XXXX: Thank You. I'm going to put Doug back on. OK.

George: Say that again.

XXXX: I'm going to put Doug back on.

George: OK. That's fine.

XXXX: Just see if you can find an unidentified aircraft over Massachusetts, that's the question.

George: OK.

XXXX: Thank you, hold on for Doug.

George: All right, there's there's been a report of an unidentified aircraft over Massachusetts, let's see if we can't, over Massachusetts, that's all we know. This comes from headquarters. They're asking us if we can ah identify it. See if we get get any primary target out there.

XXXX: (unintelligible remarks) go in go in (unintelligible remarks) somewhere external airport.

XXXX: That's all I know.

Unintelligible remarks

George: Do we have any more information information on the aircraft over Massachusetts?

Doug: No, all I got is this John: It's ah it's somewhere over Massachusetts unidentified. We don't have a tracking code, we don't have anything.

George: OK. I'm going to put John.

Doug: (unintelligible remarks) Secret Service. So Steve got it from the quite room