

- 3/26/04 Interview with Steve Brown

- 1998 - joined FAA as Deputy Assoc. Admin. for ATIS.
- Promoted to Assoc. Admin. for ATIS.
- Today - V.P. of operations planning.
- Worked in Aviation Industry.
- Flew privately and commercially.
- Worked for State Aeronautics agency.
- Pres. of Natl. Aeronautics Association.
- on 9/11/01 → he was acting ATIS-1
- Day of Events
  - a few minutes before 9 A.M. Mtg, a staff member advised him of 9/11 Crash.
  - ~~No info.~~ He did not hear anything about a reported hiccup in the system.

- M. Belge called S. Brown to his ~~office~~  
office for emergency mtg. at Belge's  
office. (5-6 minute mtg.) - L. OS MVS?  
D. CANOLE'S  
- 2-3 OTHERS  
P. CHALLAN

- Does not recall where he was at time  
of second stroke → thinks he  
was on the way to the SVTS.

- First knowledge of hijacks being reported  
to FAA → as they were talking and  
walking to SVTS room.

- Actions to take:  
① find out what CC knew  
② - get Emergency ops center going.  
③ Security of facilities

- He was in and out of SVTS ~~until~~  
until noon when he left.

- They had a telecon ~~at~~ in the Air  
traffic office with CC and  
FAA Regions and facilities.

- SVTS → he saw R. Clarke,  
Rozz Cressley, Lisa Haggerty on  
W.H. end.

SVTS → Discussions about # of A/C in the air as the system was shut down.

- Identifying A/C ~~at~~ that they had lost comms. with.
- He does not have a recollection of advising WTT on SVTS about an A/C approaching the Pentagon.
- Recalls report about a suspicious A/C over Massachusetts.
- DOD participants on SVTS → Runsfeld, ~~military~~ General types in uniform. - Saw Pete Varga.
- Jarvey and/or Belge were the lead FAA reps on the SVTS.
- At some point ~~John~~ Jarvey left SVTS.
- Belge left SVTS at some point.
- Does not recall conversations about scrambling aircraft.
- No recall about scrambling LFI or OTIS AFB.

— Jeff Griffith was main DoD Contact.  
↳ Area of focus was to communicate with the military.

— Does not recall discussion on SVTS re: FAA ops people/level must meld closely with DoD operational level people!

UAL 53  
— Recalls concern about A/C being near or headed to Camp David.

— ~~No~~ He did not hear any SHOOT DOWN order communicated on the SVTS.

— He saw V.P. on SVTS screen once.

\* — "The place where the whole real time picture exists is at the Command Center in Herndon"

Steve Browne

3/26/04

Summer 98

→ as Rep Associate

→ acting Associate

→ Associate Sep 02

→ VP for Operations & Planning

Pilot Private Comm

→ Texas Aeronautics Comm'n

→ Air Safety Foundation

→ Gov Affairs

→ Chief Lobbyist

→ Pres of Natl  
Aeronautics Assoc'n

acting ATIS 1 on 9/11

9/11

Just about Norm Tues a-m Staff  
a staffer said turn on CNN  
CNN

First impression

no one would fly in - reaching  
not pilot interested  
if anything a small aircraft  
mechanical malfunction

11/8  
Saw CNN for 2-3 minutes  
Then Monte called before 2d

Began inquiries w/ field facilities

For emergency meeting - Monte's office  
at first

↳ then into SVTS  
Heard about 2d on the way  
Brought it up on their end  
5-6 minutes

High awareness

Began to see that as the reality  
Monte had heard more than he had

"Group"  
at Monte's  
office

Lynn Oames  
Dana Conales  
+ 2 or 3 others

Actions thinking about

What did CC know

Acc up & on line

What did Security know

Picked up on Pentagon during course of  
the day  
in & out of SVTS til noon

We had a telcon in Am Tr office  
w/ Command Center & Field  
Gifford & Pearce

Candles & also w/ Region

He would have looked to Crisis Center

SVTS

Primary folks

Alahe

Crossley

Lisa Haggerty

Pete  
Verga  
in DoD  
at some  
point

Other Agencies

doesn't recall specific

See Runsted at some point

Threat of Consequence

- Airborne Inventory

- scans not in contact with

Case recollection

- one over Massachusetts



Transcripts at Herndon

FAA Local - either Monte or Gene  
late in morning he was in  
seat - o/c on ground

Scrambles

no - not in real time

summary person Jeff Griffith re  
DoD  
area of focus

Recalled o/c near or headed toward  
CAMP David

Saw VP on screen once

(\*) Holistic Place is at Herndon  
w/in FAA

DoD Services Call  
— Immediacy of Comm

1st personal awareness  
Monty — I think we are under  
Centers attack  
Reach out to normal contacts

No recollection of Hyack  
→ He pointed  
to WOC