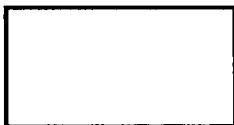




U.S. Department of Justice
Immigration and Naturalization Service
Intelligence Division
Forensic Document Laboratory (FDL)

Memorandum

TO:



9/11 Law Enforcement Privacy

FROM:

DATE: 19 September 2001

RE: **Saeed A. A. A. AL-GHAMDI**

FBI personnel delivered Saudi passport #C573895 in the identity of Saeed A. A. A. AL-GHAMDI (DPOB 21 November 1979, Babgorashi, Saudi Arabia) to the FDL for forensic examination. AL GHAMDI was allegedly one of the hijackers on UA 93, which crashed in rural Pennsylvania. The following information was obtained from the document and computer checks.

The passport showed issuance in Madina, Saudi Arabia, on 10 June 2001. Cachets in the document indicate that the passport was for one-way travel to the United States.

17* June 2001 Departed Saudi Arabia (port unknown)
17 June 2001 Entered UAE via Abu Dhabi
27 June 2001 Departed UAE via Dubai
27 June 2001 Entered USA via Orlando on VS 15 (visa issued Jeddah on 12 June 2001).

(*NOTE: There is a one-day margin of error on these dates due to conversion from the Islamic calendar.)

The passport also contained a Schengen visa issued by the French Consulate in Jeddah on 11 June 2001. No cachets from the Schengen states were found in the passport.

The State Department has confirmed issuance of the U.S. visa. DOS records also indicate that the subject had been granted a previous visa in Jeddah on 4 September 2000 in passport #B516922. There is no indication in NIIS that this document was used for entry.

AL GHAMDI may have travelled with another person when he entered the United States. AL GHAMDI listed his address as a hotel (unspecified) in Orlando, FL. Another passenger on the same flight, Fayeze BANIHAMMAD (DOB 19 March 1977, UAE passport #A0929256), arrived on the same flight and listed his destination as the Hyatt on International Drive in Orlando.



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EXHIBITS

Exhibit Q169: Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Passport No. C573895 in the name of SAEED AL GHAMDI.
Exhibit K117: Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Passport No. C165015 in the name of ABDULAZIZ AL OMARI.

FINDINGS

Microscopic, instrumental and comparative examination of the above-described evidence resulted in the following findings:

1. **Exhibit Q169 was received in a worn and soiled condition, emitting a strong odor akin to petroleum products.** The presence of wrinkled pages and inks that have bled throughout the passport can be attributed to exposure to moisture/solvents.
2. **Exhibit Q169 is genuine.** The passport conforms to comparable genuine Saudi Arabian passports on file in the INS/FDL reference collection. An examination of Exhibit Q169 did not reveal any physical evidence of page substitution, photograph substitution or biographical data alteration.
3. **The U.S. Machine Readable Visa (MRV) on page 13 of Exhibit Q169 is genuine.** The MRV conforms to comparable genuine specimens on file. An examination of the MRV did not reveal any physical evidence of alteration.
4. **The Schengen Visa on page 11 of Exhibit Q169 is genuine.** The Visa conforms to comparable genuine specimens on file. An examination of the Visa did not reveal any physical evidence of alteration.
5. **Due to the extent of moisture damage, the U.S. admission stamp impression on page 12 of Exhibit Q169 is illegible; therefore a proper comparative examination cannot be conducted.**



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6. **Exhibit K117 is genuine.** The passport conforms to comparable genuine Saudi Arabian passports on file in the INS/FDL reference collection. An examination of Exhibit K117 did not reveal any physical evidence of page substitution, photograph substitution or biographical data alteration.
7. **The U.S. Machine Readable Visa (MRV) on page 19 of Exhibit K117 is genuine.** The MRV conforms to comparable genuine specimens on file and was determined to be genuine. An examination of the MRV did not reveal any physical evidence of alteration.
8. **The Schengen Visa on page 17 of Exhibit K117 is genuine.** The Visa conforms to comparable genuine specimens on file. An examination of the Visa did not reveal any physical evidence of alteration.
9. **U.S. admission stamp impressions "NYC 5092" on page 18 and the attached INS form I-94 Departure Record conform to comparable genuine stamp impressions on file.**

REMARKS:

The findings in this report are concerned with the physical properties of the evidence and do not address the subject of fraudulent issuance. Ten workdays notice with the return of the evidence and a subpoena is required for testimony. The above referenced evidence was hand delivered to the INS/FDL on 9/19/01 and will be returned by hand to the submitter.

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Supervisory Forensic Document Examiner



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