

Relevant Andrews Transmissions (all times EDT)

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NOTE: Does not include Assistant Local North Position, possibly tapes in 7981D series

- 08:24:23 (Tape 7982 C1B, Ground Control) Bully, flight of 3, with Xray, taxi to 1R
- 08:26:33 (Tape 7982 C1B, Ground Control) Gofer 06 on transit ramp, radio check
- 08:33:30 (Tape 7981A1A, Local Control) Bully flight of 3 cleared for takeoff
- 08:36:00 (Tape 7981A1A, Local Control) Bully flight reported to Base Ops 08:36 off, Flight Strip 0836, flight of 3**
- 09:07:30 (Tape 7982 B1B, Arrival Radar) News flash about first Trade Center, followed immediately with update on second Trade Center
- 09:14:28 (Tape 7982 C1A, Ground Control) Word 31 verifies a turn to 270 at 3 DME after take off with, ironically, the following statement: "Yeah, I don't want to get shot at today." [Note: A clear reference to the requirement to stay out of P56 air space.]
- 09:14:30 (Tape 7982 B1B, Arrival Radar) Word 31 heavy, working on release. Venus 22 cleared for takeoff
- 09:15:05 (Tape 781A1B, Local Control) Venus 22 cleared for takeoff, reported to Base Ops as 0916 off**
- 09:16:00 (Tape 7982 B1B, Arrival Radar) Word 31, will be a couple minutes on your release, need spacing on Gulf Stream
- 09:20:44 (Tape 7982 C1A, Ground Control) Asks Gofer 6 how he spells his call sign. Answer: Golf, Oscar, Foxtrot, Echo, Romeo.** [Note: Go figure. Why the Minnesota Guard would opt for Gofer over Gopher is baffling.]
- 09:23:17 (Tape 7982 B1B, Arrival Radar) Word 31 heavy, released
- 09:24:30 (Tape 7981 A1B, Local Control) Word 31 cleared for takeoff, reported to Base Ops as 09:27 off Flight Strip 0927**

- 09:26:30: **(Tape 7982 C1A, Ground Control) Ground Control verifies Word 31 and Gofer 06 to Washington Flight Data. [Note: this is the cue that allowed National Tower to know that a military aircraft was taking off to proceed west]**
- 09:28:35: (Tape 7982 B1B, Arrival Radar) Gopher 06, released
- 09:30:40; (Tape 7982 C1A, Ground Control) Ground Control gives Gofer 06 permission to taxi to runway 1L
- 09:30:50: (Tape 7981 A1B, Local Control) Gofer 06 cleared for takeoff, not reported to Base Ops
- 09:31:40 (Tape 7982 C1A, Ground Control) Gofer 06 requests temporary hold to enhance INS system
- 09:38:40: (Tape 7982 B2A, Arrival Radar) National called, we're stopped. Answer, you're stopped?
- 09:39: **(Tape 7981A2A, Local Control, time approximate) Wash to Andrews, hold all ground departures**
- 09:40: (Tape 7981A2A, Local Control, time approximate) Venus 77 on freq, need clearance direct Offut, will take off VFR to the east and get clearance later. Cleared Mode 0310 through Class B airspace
- 09:41: (Tape 7981A2A, Local Control, time approximate) Venus 77 cleared for takeoff
- 09:42:28: **(Tape 7982 B2A, Arrival Radar) Tower to Arrival Radar, Venus 77, 747, a NECAP aircraft, he's going to take off VFR to the east, trying to get to Offut air base, he is not going to wait, already talked to Washington and we'll work out something**
- 09:42:58: (Tape 7982 B2A, Arrival Radar) Tower to Arrival Radar re Venus 77, We're going to give him to Washington, standard east departure and we want a release on him now. Answer: Released.
- 09:44:41: **(Tape 7982 B2A, Arrival Radar) Venus 77, heavy, set to go, talking to Washington ATC reported to Base Ops as 09:45 off Flight Strip 0945**
- 09:45:18: **(Tape 7982 B2A, Arrival Radar) Something has happened here in DC, now, over by the OEOB, near the White House or something, huge plume of smoke**

09:47:19: (Tape 7982 B2A, Arrival Radar) Venus 22 given visual to land on runway 1L, contact tower

09:47: (Tape 7981A2A, Local Control, time approximate) Venus 22 to land, will do 360 to burn off fuel

09:49: (Tape 7981A2A, Local Control, time approximate) **Venus 22 cleared to land, reported to Base Ops 0954, down**

09:49:20: (Tape 7982 B2A, Arrival Radar) **Printer message, advisory #7, advised all airborne traffic to pick a divert and land as soon as possible**

09:53:20 (Tape 7982E T1S2, Local South) U/I says tell Ops we are going to recover the Bullys. There follows a conversation about a B747 coming to Andrews. Tower has no knowledge unless it is Venus 77

09:54:56 (Tape 7982E T1S2, Local South) **Teddy from Andrews calls Randy at TRACON and tells him we might have to scramble some F-16s over the White House and we give you a heads up now**

09:56:35: (Tape 7982 B2A, Arrival Radar) Andrews to Wash: 3 emergencies, squawking at about 20K. Answer: they're fighters

10:05: (Tape 7981A2A, Local Control, time approximate) **Closed airspace announcement (see 10:15:46 entry, below)**

10:08: (Tape 7981A2A, Local Control, time approximate) **Bully 2 coming in for a quick turn around and right back out, get him wherever he has to go, immediately, initials hs (Base Ops?)**

10:08:10: (Tape 7982 B2A, Arrival Radar) Bully 2 com.....(cut off)

10:09:28: (Tape 7982 B2A, Arrival Radar) **Andrews to Wash re Bully 2: Yeah we're trying to rush them in, quick turns and ?live fire? (last not clear)**

10:09: (Tape 7981A2A, Local Control, time approximate) Bully 2, 17 miles out for straight in landing

10:10:28: (Tape 7982 B2A, Arrival Radar) **Quit 25, Quit 25, Washington Approach, on guard, if you read me come up on freq**

- 10:11: (Tape 7981A2A, Local Control, time approximate) Bully 2 requests clearance for Bully 1 and Bully 3 to land behind him a little bit, stand by
- 10:14: **(Tape 7981A2A, Local Control, time approximate) Bully 2 cleared to land. Passed to Base Ops as 1014 down**
- 10:14:35 (Tape 7982E T1S2, Local South) Ted at Tower talks to Wash Sup re phone number for a Kara (or Karen) Pontius reference any fighters going to launch from Andrews to go over Pentagon area or Washington area. Will be coordinated right away if it happens.
- 10:15:25: **(Tape 7982 B2A, Arrival Radar) Approach, Tower, you're advised of the no fly? <Yeah> Class B, no aircraft, aircraft will be shot down**
- 10:15:46: **(Tape 7982 B2A, Arrival Radar) [Broadcast] No fly notice. Remain clear of Andrews Class B airspace or you will be shot down**
- 10:16:05: **(Tape 7982 B2A, Arrival Radar, Tape 7981A2B, Local Control) Any aircraft monitoring Andrews approach control frequency, remain clear of Andrews Class B airspace or you will be shot down**
- 10:26 (Tape 7981 A2B, Local Control) Bully 3, flight of 2, 45 miles south
- 10:29:40: (Tape 7982 B2B, Arrival Radar) 4663 code, that's Bully 3, flight of two [point out]
- 10:32: (Tape 7981 A2B, Local Control) Bully 1 and Bully 3 cleared to land, 10 miles out
- 10:32:10: (Tape 7982E T2S2, Local South) Tower tells Wash that Secret Service is sending an agent to their location
- 10:33:30: **(Tape 7982 B2B, Arrival Radar, Tape 7981 A2B, Local Control) Attention, attention, any aircraft monitoring Andrews approach frequency, remain clear of Class Bravo airspace, remain clear of Class Bravo airspace or you will be shot down**
- 10:33:50 (Tape 7982E T2S2, Local South) Pete with Secret Service calls Wash Tower and arranges for an agent to be located there

10:34 (Tape 7981 A2B, Local Control) Bully 1 and Bully 3 cleared to land, report smoke coming from area of National airport

10:36 (Tape 7981 A2B, Local Control) **Bully 1 and Bully 3 reported to Base Ops 10:36 down Flight Strip 0936**

10:36:15: (Tape 7982 B2B, Arrival Radar) **Announcement repeated**

10:37: (Tape 7981 A2B, Local Control) **Bully 1 advises he has been given direction by his Commanding General to take off immediately for an aircraft coming up the river. Tower asks if flight of two or single. Response, single**

10:37:00: (Tape 7982 B2B, Arrival Radar) Andrews ground, Bully 1 [cut off]

10:37:28: (Tape 7982 B2B, Arrival Radar) **Bully 1, immediate takeoff he's going to the river (initials mx)**

10:40:07: (Tape 7982 B2B, Arrival Radar) [very faint, in background] **CAPS 1 flight, quick take off**

10:40:27 (Tape 7981 A2B, Local Control) **CAPS 1 request permission to take off [Note, may have said flight of three] No Flight Strip**

10:40:58: (Tape 7982 B2B, Arrival Radar) CAPS 1, (something about freq and Wash approach)

10:41:45 (Tape 7981 A2B, Local Control) [Wild 1] cranking in 10 minutes, fragged as a two-ship

10:42: (tape 7981 A2B, Local Control) Condor 1 asked about a F16 around Pentagon and was told it is "one of ours"

10:42:15: (Tape 7982 B2B, Arrival Radar, Tape 7981 A2B, Local Control) **Attention all aircraft monitoring Andrews, Andrews AFB is closed to inbound aircraft Class Bravo airspace is closed, do not enter Class B airspace, any infractions will be shot down**

10:44:40: (Tape 7981 A2B, Local Control) Bully 1, 3 miles out is cleared in visual to land

10:46:45: (Tape 7981 A2B, Local Control) **Bully 1 cleared to taxi to arm, reported to Base Ops 10:47 down**

10:46:46: (Tape 7982 B2B, Arrival Radar) Wild 1, two ship, active 10 minutes

Note: In this time frame Andrews closed down the radar position and consolidated all activities in the tower cab proper.

10:48:55: (Tape 7981 A2B, Local Control) **Warning Announcement**

10:52:55 (Tape 7981 A2B, Local Control) **Warning Announcement**

11:03:45 (Tape 7981 A3A, Local Control) **Warning, Andrews AFB is closed, Class B airspace is closed, do not enter Bravo airspace, infractions will be shot down**

11:05:40 (Tape 7981 A3A, Local Control) **Tower advises, I am broadcasting a warning very sternly to all aircraft do not enter Bravo airspace, Andrews AFB is closed, aircraft will be shot down. Taxiway Echo is closed, 113th has control, aircraft are being armed live on the taxiway**

11:11:00 (Tape 7981 A3A, Local Control) **Wild 1 take off Flight Strip 11:12, flight of two**

11:36:27 (Tape 7982W T3S1, Local South) ?Sgt Brunthorn? (phonetic) in PEOC calls and says I need you to do a favor (call cut off). Picked up on next side—he wants to know time to fly from DC to Offut. Tower person needs to know type aircraft. PEOC wouldn't tell him. Tower wanted to know speed, PEOC said pushing pedal down.