



MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Event: North Eastern Air Defense Sector (NEADS) field site visit

Type of event: Second Interview with SSgt. Stacie Rountree (member of Huntress ID)

Date: Wednesday, January 21, 2004

Special Access Issues: Clearance check

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Team Number: 8

Location: Commander's Conference Room, Building 102

Participants - Non-Commission: SSgt. Stacie Rountree, Identification Technician, and
Lt. Col. Fred Davies, Esq. (National Guard)

Participants - Commission: John Farmer, John Azzarello, Geoffrey Brown

Note: Please refer to the recorded interview for further details.

Rountree briefly described the role of the Identification Technician at NEADS (the ID Tech) as primarily investigatory. She noted that the ID desk is responsible for feeding the Mission Crew Commander (MCC) information. The MCC expects the ID Techs to identify incoming aircraft within a set period of time. Once an aircraft crosses the ADIZ (Air Defense Identification Zone), the period of space located 12 minutes off of the coast, the ID Techs most identify the aircraft as friendly within the allotted time frame. If that time frame is passed, fighters are scrambled to intercept and identify the aircraft.

Rountree noted that the radar that was in place on 9/11 did have some coverage on the interior, but did not receive low altitude feeds. She mentioned that now the radar has surface to 10,000 foot coverage.

Rountree acknowledged that if a position on the floor received information regarding a location of an aircraft, or the identification on the aircraft, that information would be passed to the ID desk to help their identification goals. Thus, if another position had identified American Airlines Flight 77 prior to the first call to Huntress ID from that alerted them, then the ID desk would have received word of it. Thus, Rountree confirmed Commission staff suspicions that the first call to NEADS regarding AA 77 occurred during a conversation she had with the Washington Center Operations Manager at approximately 9:33 AM.

Rountree qualified her statements to Commission staff by noting that they were passed on the transcripts, the audio recording, and her recollection of the events of 9/11. After saying so, she noted that she believed Collin Scoggins, Boston En Route Center's MOS (Military Operations Specialist) was the source of the information to NEADS that

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American Airlines Flight 11 (AA 11) was still airborne. She explained to Commission staff that until NEADS ID Desk and Trackers are told specifically to stop looking for an aircraft, they continue looking. Rountree did not speculate on which position may have looked for AA 11 after the report that it was still airborne.

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