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COMMISSION STAFFER  
THOMAS ELDRIDGE***

***HOW FBI DETERMINED THE 19  
HIJACKERS'S IDENTITIES***

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**to**

**MISCELLANEOUS REQUEST #54  
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: PRIORITY

Date: 10/25/2001

To: Counterterrorism

Attn:

Investigative Services

Attn:

Riyadh

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From: Riyadh

Contact:

9/11 Law Enforcement Privacy

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Case ID #: 265A-NY-280350 (Pending)

Title: PENTTBOM  
MAJOR CASE 182

Synopsis: To provide information regarding the identification process utilized to positively identify Al-Shehhi and Al-Hamadi.

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Reference is made to an EC from CTD/ITOS/UBLU, dated 10/5/2001 and received by hand delivery at Abu Dhabi on 10/20/2001.

Details: In the above referenced communication, FBI Headquarters, at the direction of Director Mueller, mandated that photographs of the hijackers be shown to family members as a means of positive identification. This had been accomplished by United Arab Emirate (UAE) authorities, prior to the 10/2/2001 arrival of FBI personnel at Abu Dhabi.

G On 10/24/2001, during a regularly scheduled liaison meeting, the FBI requested a detailed account as to how UAE citizens Marwan Al-Shehhi and Fayez Ahmed were positively identified as hijackers. The FBI received a detailed briefing by [REDACTED] regarding the process that ultimately identified Marwan Yousef Muhammad Rashid Lakrab Al-Shehhi and Fayez Rashid Akmed Hassan Al-Qadi Al-Hamadi (AKA Fayez Ahmed) as the two Emirati citizens who took part in the 9/11 attacks. Both hijackers had extensive official UAE files - Al-Shehhi due to his UAE military connection and Al-Hamadi due to his having been an Immigration officer. The official records of both men contained detailed information

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and photographs, which were compared to those provided by the U.S. Government.

G In addition, [REDACTED] did show the U.S. provided photograph of Al-Shehhi to his brother, a retired UAE police officer, who verified his identity. A U.S. provided photograph of Al-Hamadi was shown to his wife, who confirmed that the photo depicted her husband.

The UAE leadership, as well as individual law enforcement and intelligence officers, have expressed their absolute horror and anger that not only one, but two UAE citizens were involved in the 9/11 attacks. It is with an extremely high degree of certainty that Legal Attache [REDACTED] assisting the Legal Attache Office Riyadh at the UAE, opines that these two hijackers have been positively identified by the UAE leadership to be the same two individuals that FBI investigation has identified. If there were any alternative, then the UAE Government would have seized the opportunity to deny or refute any involvement by an Emirati in the 9/11 attacks.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

**Precedence:** IMMEDIATE

**Date:** 11/20/2001

**To:** Counterterrorism  
Investigative Services  
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New York  
Washington Field

**Attn:** AD Dale Watson

**From:** Riyadh  
Legat  
**Contact:** SA

**Approved By:**

**Drafted By:**

**Case ID #:** 265A-NY-280350-RY (Pending)

**Title:** PENTTBOM;  
MAJOR CASE #182

**Synopsis:** Riyadh covered Major Case 182 main file lead numbered 21472.

**Reference:** 265A-NY-280350 Serial 21472  
265A-NY-280350 Serial 19726

**Details:** FBI Director Robert Mueller personally requested that host countries display FBI obtained photographs of the suspected September 11, 2001 hijackers to family members, personal acquaintances, friends, employment associates and other individuals who may be able to assist in ascertaining the true identity of the individual hijackers.

Legat Riyadh provided the photographs to [REDACTED] along with the above request. FBI Emirate Forward Element (EFE) in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE), provided the photographs to [REDACTED]

The following is a summary of the identification efforts of [REDACTED]

MARWAN ALSHEHHI (Flight 175), U.S. provided photograph was verified as ALSHEHHI by his brother, a retired UAE police officer.

FAYEZ AHMED (Flight 175), U.S. provided photograph was verified as AHMED by his wife.

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AHMED ALGHAMDI (Flight 175), U.S. provided photograph was verified as AHMED ALGHAMDI by his father.

HAMZA ALGHAMDI (Flight 175, U.S. provided photograph was verified as HAMZA ALGHAMDI by his father.

MOHAND ALSHEHRI (Flight 175), U.S. provided photograph was shown to his father who confirmed that the general features of the individual in the photo are those of his son MOHAND.

WALEED M. ALSHEHRI and WAIL M. ALSHEHRI (Flight 11), U.S. provided photographs were verified as WALEED AND WAIL ALSHEHRI by their brother, [REDACTED]

ABDULA ALOMARI (Flight 11), U.S. provided photograph was verified as ALOMARI by his father.

SATAM AL SUQAMI (Flight 11), U.S. provided photograph was verified as AL SUQAMI by family members (NFI).

AHMED ALNAMI (Flight 93), U.S. provided photograph of ALNAMI was shown to his father who confirmed that the main features of the individual in the photo are that of his son AHMED. However, he noticed that his son looked heavier than usual in the photo.

AHMED ALHAZNAWI (Flight 93), U.S. provided photograph was verified as ALHAZNAWI by his brother.

SAEED ALGHAMDI (Flight 93), U.S. provided photograph was verified as SAEED ALGHAMDI by his brother.

NAWAF ALHAZMI and SALEM ALHAZMI (Flight 77), U.S. provided photographs were verified as NAWAF and SALEM ALHAZMI by family members (NFI).

MAJED MOQED (Flight 77), U.S. provided photograph was verified as MAJED MOQED by his father and brothers.

HANI HANJOUR (Flight 77), U.S. provided photograph was verified as HANI HANJOUR by his brother.

KHALID ALMIHDHAR (Flight 77), U.S. provided photograph was verified as KHALID ALMIHDHAR by his brother.

Riyadh considers main file lead number 21472 covered.



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