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Investigative Summary

UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT #175
BOEING 767

7:58 AM DEPARTED BOSTON FOR LOS ANGELES
CRASHED INTO THE SOUTH TOWER OF THE WORLD
TRADE CENTER AT 9:05 AM

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(LES) On September 11, 2001, the Pentagon and World Trade Center complexes were targets of a series of attacks coordinated, financed and executed by Al Qaeda, the terrorist network lead by Usama Bin Laden.

(LES) As part of the attacks, United Airlines Flight #175 (bound for Los Angeles, California from Boston, Massachusetts) was hijacked shortly after takeoff by five individuals who then crashed the plane into the South Tower of the World Trade Center complex resulting in significant loss of life and property. Subsequent investigation by intelligence and law enforcement entities has determined that the five individuals directly responsible for executing this part of the attack on behalf of Al Qaeda were Marwan Alshehhi, Fayez Ahmed, Ahmed Alghamdi, Hamza Alghamdi and Mohand Alshehri. A brief synopsis of their conspiracy as well as biographical data for each hijacker appears below.

(LES) In 1996, Marwan Alshehhi became a Sergeant in the UAE Armed Forces and was sent to Germany for technical studies. In 1996 or 1997, Alshehhi terminated his studies, left the UAE Armed Forces, and began to associate with extremist elements in Germany. During 1997 and 1998, he studied German at the University of Bonn, then electrical engineering at the Technical University of Hamburg-Harburg (TUHH). This was at approximately the same time that Mohamed Atta (#11) attended TUHH, and Ziad Jarrah (#93) studied aviation mechanics at the Fachhochschule (an advanced technical school), also in Hamburg, Germany. Thereafter, Alshehhi returned to Bonn, living in a student residence for the first half of 1999.

(LES) In the fall of 1999, Alshehhi, using the alias "Abu Abdullah," stayed at Usama Bin Ladin's guest house in Qandahar, Afghanistan while awaiting transportation to Pakistan for medical treatment. At the end of the year, he claimed he lost his UAE passport and applied for a replacement, receiving same on January 2, 2000. After being issued the new passport, Alshehhi immediately left for Germany but returned later that month to be issued a 10-year, multiple entry B1/B2 visa at the United States Consulate in Dubai, UAE.

(LES) Alshehhi entered the United States on May 29, 2000 at Newark, New Jersey. Shortly after his arrival, he flew to Norman, Oklahoma with Mohamed Atta (Flight #11) to visit the Airman Flight School. The two stayed in Oklahoma from July 2, 2000 through either July 3 or 5, 2000. On July 7, 2000, Alshehhi and Atta opened a joint bank account in Venice, Florida with a \$7,000 deposit, and on July 18, 2000, began flight training at Huffman Aviation in Venice. The next day, Isam Mansour wired \$9,985 to the Atta/Alshehhi account from the UAE Exchange Centre. Mansour also wired \$9,485

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through the Centre to this account on August 7, 2000. An additional \$19,985 was sent to the account from (FNU) Ali through the UAE Exchange Centre on August 30, 2000, and on September 18, 2000, \$69,985 was wired to the account from "Hani" of Fawar Trading through the UAE Exchange Centre. These deposits totaled \$116,440.

(LES) In September 2000, Alshehhi and Atta continued their flight training at Jones Aviation in Sarasota, Florida, and a month later, the two failed their State I flight lesson. On December 23, 2000, Alshehhi flew to the UAE then left the same day for Germany. He returned to the United States and trained with Atta on December 29 or 30, 2000 on a Boeing 727 simulator at Simcenter at the Opa-Loca Airport. Both men requested training on "executing turns and approaches" but not on other training normally associated with the simulation course. The two performed flight checks at the Advanced Aviation Flight Training at Gwinnett Airport in Lawrenceville, Georgia on January 13 and 31, 2001, and on February 6, 2001.

(LES) In February 2001, Atta and Alshehhi traveled to Virginia Beach, Virginia and opened a mailbox account on February 20, 2001 at a Mail Depot in Norfolk, Virginia. The account was subsequently closed on April 4, 2001. On April 12, 2001, Alshehhi was issued a Florida driver's license, and six days later, traveled from the United States to Egypt, via Amsterdam. While in Egypt, Alshehhi met with Atta's family and obtained Atta's international driver's permit and money from Atta's father. On May 2, 2001, Alshehhi left Egypt for the United States, via Amsterdam, and arrived in the United States on May 5, 2001 at Miami, Florida.

(LES) Ahmed Alghamdi, a Saudi Arabian, was issued a visa to come to the United States in September 2000. He arrived in Washington, D.C. from London, England on May 2, 2001 after departing the UAE that same day. Majed Moqed (#77) was on the same flight, and both Alghamdi and Moqed indicated they were carrying in excess of \$10,000 in foreign or United States currency.

(LES) On May 24, 2001, Alshehhi traveled from New York, New York to Las Vegas, Nevada via San Francisco, California. While in Las Vegas, he rented two cars from two companies, turning the first car back in after just one day. He departed Las Vegas on May 27, 2001, again traveling through San Francisco on his way back to New York, New York.

(LES) Hamza Alghamdi, Mohand Alshehri, and Ahmed Alnami arrived in Miami, Florida on May 28, 2001 from Dubai, UAE via London, England. On June 1, 2001, Hamza Alghamdi opened a bank account at SunTrust Bank in Hollywood, Florida with a \$3,000 deposit in the form of a Visa International travelers' check from Bahrain. Six days later, an unknown individual deposited an additional \$3,000 into the account in the same manner. On June 26, 2001, an unknown individual deposited \$1,000 into the account.

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(LES) On June 27, Fayez Banihammad of the UAE arrived in the United States at Orlando, two days after opening a checking and savings account at the Standard Chartered Bank (SCB) in Dubai, UAE, and depositing the equivalent of \$14,000 into the checking account and the equivalent of \$15,530 into the savings account. Banihammad also received a debit card for use on these accounts. Saeed Alghamdi (#93) arrived in the United States on the same flight as Banihammad.

(LES) Ahmed Alghamdi used \$100 cash to open a Dime Savings Bank account in Morris Plains, New Jersey on July 9, 2001, and on August 1, 2001, \$3,000 in cash was deposited into this account. The next day, Ahmed Alghamdi, with the assistance of Victor Flores-Lopez, obtained an ID in Virginia, then flew with Abdulaziz Alomari (#11) from Newark, New Jersey to Miami, Florida via Atlanta, Georgia on AirTran.

(LES) On July 27, 2001, Alshehhi purchased an airline ticket from San Francisco, California to Miami, Florida with a connection in Las Vegas, Nevada. From August 26 through September 10, 2001, he stayed in Deerfield Beach, Florida at a hotel with 2 other unknown males. On August 26, 2001, Alshehhi purchased his ticket for United Airlines flight #175 at the Miami International Airport. He was accompanied to the ticket counter by an unidentified Middle Eastern individual (NFI). The next day, Mohand Alshehri and Fayez Banihammad bought two one-way first class tickets for United Airlines flight #175. The tickets, which cost \$4464.50, were purchased with Banihammad's Visa card. Hamza Alghamdi purchased his United Airlines flight #175 on August 29, 2001. He also purchased an e-ticket for United Airlines Flight #7950, flying from Los Angeles to San Francisco. Hamza Alghamdi's credit card was used on August 30, 2001 to purchase a business class e-ticket for Ahmed Alghamdi for United Airlines flight #175. On September 4, 2001, Hamza Alghamdi purchased two one-way tickets for himself and Ahmed Alghamdi to fly AirTran from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida to Boston, Massachusetts on September 7, 2001.

(LES) On September 5, 2001, Atta (#11) and Alshehhi booked airline flights at a travel agency in Boca Raton, Florida. Atta booked a US Airways flight from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida to Baltimore/Washington International Airport, flying on September 7, and Alshehhi booked a reservation on Delta Airlines from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida to Boston, Massachusetts on September 9, 2001. Also on September 5, 2001, Alshehri and Banihammad made their reservations to travel from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida to Boston, Massachusetts on AirTran, a trip which took place on September 8, 2001.

(LES) Once in Boston, the hijackers stayed in their established groups, lodging in different hotels. Hamza and Ahmed Alghamdi stayed at the Charles Hotel. On September 8, 2001, the two checked out of the Charles Hotel and moved to the Days Hotel in Boston. Alshehri, Banihammad, and Alshehhi stayed at the Milner Hotel. On September 9, 2001, Mohamed Atta (#11) also checked into the Milner Hotel, staying that night. On September 10, 2001, Alshehhi wired \$5,400 to Mustafa Ahmed in the UAE. Atta had also wired

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Ahmed several transfers totaling \$8,000 two days earlier.

(LES) Early in the morning on September 11, 2001, Hamza Alghamdi checked out of the Days Hotel. About 15 minutes prior to checkout, another man identified by the hotel manager as Ahmed Alghamdi exited the hotel. The two apparently took a taxi to the airport. Banihammad and Alshehri checked out of the Milner Hotel, and drove a rental car to the airport. Alshehhi, who received a cell phone call from Ziad Jarrah (#93) in the morning, also arrived at the airport. United Airlines flight #175 departed Boston's Logan Airport at 7:58, bound for Los Angeles, California and crashed into the South Tower of the World Trade Center at 9:05 a.m. causing significant loss of life and property.

The following materials represent summary information about the Flight #175 hijackers and their activities. Recipients are advised to forward information relevant to these individuals to members of the PENTTBOM Investigative Team listed.

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