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LT Col Deskins

Cornell AFROTC May 84
AD Oct 84
Controllers School 20 weeks
NW AE new WADS 3 years
WC SD XO
1988 → W Lapons School Instructor
↳ 91 Special Projects
ENC WD Program
31 Jan
left 1995 → 1 Feb NY ANG
WD
SD
MCC Aug 96 → Ex & Anal Sheep

Dept to Mass in CDX
Aug 98 C Flight Commander
Aug 00 ADOC
MCC Instructor & Evaluator on of '97
Chief of
Aircraft control & Warning
ACW Officer - Battle Staff Position

Coord w AWACS
air control squadron
radar picture w/in NEADS
Tanker Coordination

Flight Cdr 30 people

FO → DO/BC

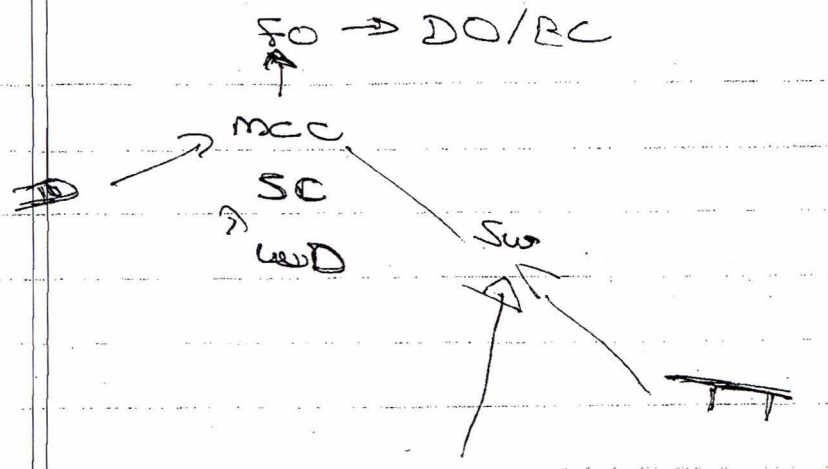
MCC

SC

WD

Sw

TT



Data Q Monitor Validity of a Track

come to work

→ for the exercise

going thru Spins

2d day of the Exercise

Vigilant Exercise

LT Col Cleveland chief CVX

capture lessons learned

This was a request

She called

Maj Don Arias

→ there was

we thought

~~Who was Battle Cab~~

~~Langley~~

~~Tension~~

~~AFIO~~

~~Exercise~~

~~Hijacking~~

Shootdown

~~Exercises~~

~~Shootdown~~

Tapes Blaney

~~Folders~~

~~Notes fm Battle Cab~~

Battle Staff Coordinator

Cindy Rutherford

Army Taylor

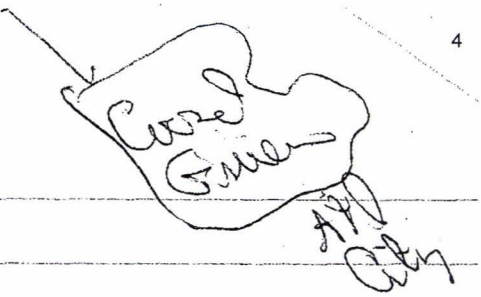
Exercises

L. L. files back to 1999

NORAD asking for a new document request

Mr Bill Palmer J33

Cord Green
APD City



1/21/04 Deskins

1. We Were Blind
2. Cooper Call 0838 + over lapping calls
3. ACWO Duties
4. Exercise
5. Anything new?

- it was unusual for the HJ notice to come in via WD instead of FD side

Lt-Col. Deskins

- ☐ Exercises involving NCR?
- ☐ Exercises w/ actual coord from FAA? (Centus, TRACON HQ)
- ☐ Any AAR?

"We were blind"

- Exercise Shop (CVX)
  - pre-9/11
  - Aug 96 - Apr. 98
  - design exercises for both NEADs + NORAD.
  - NEADS Intell (Strat) supported
  - Exercises (derelict A/C or biological agents - no specific crashing into bldgs)
- Went ~~into~~ to conferences rep. NEADS
  - ↳ wanted

- Don't specifically recall scenario, but sounds familiar.

- Simulation Cell

Deskins con't

- Crew exercise
- Battle Staff (CVX)

Exercise Director –

Exercise Dir. @ other gim cells (ie CONR, WADS)

- Col. MAR director of Exer CVX Hawaii when Deskins left

1 - Dir / Col. Speicher / Lt. Col Cleveland

1 - Desk / Naspany – / Capt Bishop (Maj. now)

2 - enlisted

2 - cand. officers

still here

pg. 75 DRM1 DAT2 Ch3 MCC TC

1527 mode 3 "93 right?" "Yep"

93 Mode 3 #1527 9:38 / 40 timeframe

89 Mode 3 #1304 1989 / UA 93

Cross near one another

@ 9:40 pass

93 Eastb.

89 turning N

- PT Article:

pg. 10 claims that pre 9-11 stand. was 5 min to airborne

pg. 10 Gen E: 2000 : 425 intercepts, 129 scrambles

- ☐ How many minutes did these scrambles take?

pg. 11 "about 8:20" ZBW decides 11 ⇒ prob. HJ

- * doesn't notify NEADS / NORAD
- ☐ True? why?

pg. 11 "We have some planes" = 8:24:38

- 8:25 FAA ZBW notifies other FAA facilities
- ☐ True? NORAD not notified - why?
- ☐ NEADS notified @ 8:40 (in 9/18 press release) - True?
  - * 15 min!

10/30/03 Dawn Deskins

- Weapons Controller ✓
- Senior Director ✓
- Executive Officer ✓
- Instructor at Tyndal ✓
- Left Air Force 1/31/95 - To Active Duty ANG - 1995
- NEADS - Weapons Director ✓
  Senior Director ✓
  MCC ✓
- 8/96 - left to work in exercise and analysis shop (CUX) - became an MCC evaluator
- 1998 - Flight Commander in Operations
- 2000 - She became ADOC for the SOCC
  "Asst." DOC
  responsible for the SOCC floor
- ~~8~~ 2001 - ~~She~~

- On 9/11 → She was the AC WO — Aircraft Control and Warning officer.
  ↓
  This Battlestaff position was filled on 9/11 b/c of the exercise

- She never held surveillance ~~or~~ (AST) or Identification qualifications.

- The Weapons Director reports to the SD.

- the SD reports TO MCC

- MCC TO FO in Battle Cab

- the FO → TO the BC.

- The DO and BC coordinate with Naval. and Cork.

- (AST) Surveillance and Identification Positions Coordinate with the MCC.

- the TT+S report to the AST.

- DQM Position = Data Quality monitor responsible for validity of a radar track. - reports to AST.
- She is not Surveillance.

- CUX = Exercise shop → they designed the exercise and evaluate the response to the exercise - for lessons learned.
- Chief of CUX on 9/11 → Lt. Col. Cleveland.

- Sgt. Powell called her to come to ops floor because she was a qualified NCC and was available at the time.

- the 2BW Call came in to the SD scope.

- She asked 2BW (Cooper) for a Lat./Lon. position.
- She wrote it down on the plexiglass and looked for A1C and could not find the target.

[redacted]

- On 9/11 → their radar could not see the aircraft.
  ↓
- They did have radar coverage of that N.Y. area.

- ~~They~~ She doesn't know the

- "Z" Point → a Zero Velocity track that acts as a reference point on a scope.

- the higher the altitude → the better the NEADS radar coverage.

- NEADS did not have good low radar coverage over the N.Y.C. area and other Inland areas.

- She briefed maj. Fox and maj. Nasypany.

- She went to BC to brief Col. Mann.

- the SD position executes the scramble order.

- ~~AC~~ BC man issued the scramble order.
- She does not recall if man told the NCC ~~[redacted]~~ directly or thru her.
- She then moved to a position/role to support Col. Mann.
- She is at the AC & WO scope trying to gain situational awareness for Col. Mann.
- She monitored the NCC position
- She called the PR office at CONR b/c she was the alternate PR officer at work on 9/12. major Dan Arias
- She told Arias Mon A/C but WTC and they thought it was AAL 11.
- She did not automatically conclude AAL 11 but WTC.

— She knows she spoke to Maj. Arias before the second tower was hit.

— She was in the BC when AAL 77 hit the pentagon.

— Someone said AAL flt. It was still airborne.

— 9/11 — the acting FO was ~~Col. Sander~~ major Carle Ian Sanderson

— 9/11 → the acting DO Lt. Col. Kupecz ~~Cand~~ Canadian forces

— 9/11 → the vigilant Guardian exercise did start.

— 9/10 → they exercised Vigilant Guardian

— Lt. Col. Kupecz is in Colorado Springs today.

— She doesn't recall doing a joint FAA / NEADS hijack exercise pre 9-11.

- Pre 9-11 → they practiced hijack exercises.

- Hijack scenarios:
  ① Coming from overseas

- She never designed ~~a~~ a hijack exercise involving a shoot down decision.

- Course Deviation - typical hijack scenario.

- Does not recall scenario whereby someone other than the pilot flying the A/C.

- ~~They used military~~
- The hijacks were geared more towards simulated exercises and not the use of live A/C.

- On 9/11 - Sgt Fuscillo designed hijack exercises and other exercises.

— When CONR and NORAD ~~are~~ plan exercises, and are involved in hijack exercise planning, there are planning Conferences held in Colorado or Florida or other locations.

— there is Intel. representation at the planning Conferences.

— Any formal exercise has an after action report.

— Each Flight (e.g. Alpha, ~~BETA~~, BRAVO, etc) usually had at least 2-3 MCC people.

— Lt. Col. Daniels was most likely the FO on 9-11.

— A reduction of NEADS assets occurred after the fall of the Wall and during the Cold War era.

— the Atlantic City Unit (177th) at some point pre 9-11 no longer had an alert Commitment.

Lessons learned

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