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2/4/04 Interview with Colonel Alan Scott

I.) Career Background

- 1970 - Entered Air Force
- 11 yrs in Air Δ business incl. tour of NORAD
- Flew F-106 (11 yrs)
- 1981 flew F-16's
- 1981 - Went into General Air Δ area.
- Tour of Korea
- Stand-Eval. business related to F-16
- Took his Squadron to Desert Shield
- Flew in Desert Storm I in Iraq
- Former Vice-Cmdr. of CONR
- Retired June 2000
- Came back to CONR as DOD Civilian Contractor

— 11/29/03 — he became a Civil Servant

R — Heavy background in Operations

9:16 UAL 93 notice Tail # transponder on from 9:16 - 9:40 ↓ Did it strike him that fighters were intercepted UAL 93.

II.)

1999 — he was on active duty and Vice-Cmdr of CONR. when he participated in RAM Study.

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— People — Air Force believed NORAD was on a sunset mission. —

— 6/1/98 — he arrived at CONR.

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— Arnold gave him a copy of AF Command recommendation TO close down first AF/Norad.

— RAM Study → Is this a sunset mission or is it not?

— if not, how do we close down and re-apportion resources.

— DoD — high priority is TO defend Homeland

— Focus of U.S. Air Force in 1980's and 1990's was outside U.S. b/c Soviets were seen as less and less of a threat.

- Terrorism had not yet become a growing concern.
- 1998 - @ CONR put Osama B.L. on its cover.
- No Intel. person on RAM Team.
- Scott believed the biggest threat to U.S. was a poor man's cruise missile coming from off shore. (1)
- JBEC - can consolidate various radar data into 1 picture → can help thwart missile attack on us
- They talked about asymetric threats (e.g. ultra light planes, ~~drug~~ & light planes w/ drugs, etc.)
- Langley was stood down as an Alert Site at same time prior to 9-11.
- Why not use Andrews as an alert site instead of L.F.I?
- Scott's opinion - 1980's D.C. political mindset

was that it sends a bad public message to have armed fighters on alert in Wash. D.C

— Pre 9-11 → no Air Force exercises to protect D.C area / fly CAPS over D.C. → political climate would not allow it. —

— ~~FAA~~ D.C. was a safe haven for commerce through the air prior to 9-11., (high density ~~traffic~~ commercial)

— Scott's opinion re: threat pre 9-11 of Aircraft being used as Weapons.

— ~~4~~ (e.g. → NORAD) exercised scenario with ~~high~~ hijacked A/C loaded with chem / bio weapons).

— He says they never exercised a ~~suicide attack~~ w/ a Aircraft while he was on active duty. (Pre June 2001)

— Pre 9-11 exercises that contemplated terrorists crashing A/C into U.S. involved an escalation of events whereby

the initial intent was not to crash the A/C.

- Pre 9-11 No use of military A/C against Commercial Aircraft.
  JCCT Instruction — attachment A or Enclosure A.

III) — NORAD'S Efforts To re-Construct the Events of 9-11 with Dr. Finkelman

— Gen. Eberhart visited CONR POST 9-11 w/ reconstructed Radar tracks of 4 hijacked A/C.

— He found out recently, last 2-3 wks that NORAD did an after-Action Report re: 9-11

— NORAD may have run a 9-11 re-Construction under NORAD'S Current Posture.

— Efforts at CONR / NEADS level TO re-Construct events of 9-11.

Scott used those for May 2003 brief.

— NEADS → ① had 84th Rades Squadron perform a radar analysis
② Official NORAD timeline — released about 1 week after 9-11)

(3) NEADS slides / timeline

— He disavows title of "timeline expert" given to him by McKinley at May hrg.

Went from 14 to 400 aircraft in 14 hrs on 9-11

— He loves working with Powerpoint.

(A) He wanted to understand how the attacks went down.

(B) He knew they were going to have to explain it.

* — He does not know who at NEADS took the lead in re-constructing events of 9-11.

— NEADS sent a bare bones brief to Gen. Arnold / CONR. HQ.

Scott thinks he gave this report to NORAD

— Mid / late October 2001 →
Scott prepared Power Point / Slide Briefing marked "Operation NOBLE EAGLE" "Air War Over America"

the times on this Brief came from NEADS Briefing — (given to Gen. Arnold)

He had no reason to doubt timeline information given to him by NEADS.

* — He understands that NORAD is revising its timeline. **

— He does not recall any post 9-11 directive from NORAD TO perform an after-action report.

* — He "never reviewed the logs." (He never reviewed the NEADS logs.)

— There was an effort TO ~~Square~~ Square NEADS Brief/timeline with the 9/18/01 NORAD timeline.

— He learned that NEADS recorded the floor after the 9-11 Commission requested its recordings.

— He never saw the ~~the~~ "Cheri Bott" Graphical 9-11 Analysis: NORAD Response"

— He had no involvement in preparation of 9/18/01 NORAD timeline.
↳ He only rec'd timeline.

— He was aware of Leslie Filson Book "Air War over America" - Released in 9/2003

— Filson book project started in approx. 9/2002.

- 1st Air Force never had a historian pre 9-11.
- He wrote Introduction of Felson book.
- He was a subject matter expert on the "Core hood" aspect of the book.
- He spent the most time on the "timeline of 9-11" at CONR.
- He had some conversations w/ Col. Marr re: timeline of 9-11.
- He did not review CONR chat logs prior to May Commission hearing.

Review of Col. Scott's May 2003 testimony

- He says he may have pulled certain times on the timeline TO the Commission from the Internet.
- He did not seek info from FAA itself for 5/03 timeline. → He may have referenced FAA Web sites.

— Gen. McKinley asked him to give timeline briefing 48 hrs before 5/03 hrg.

— 8:20 AM. — Scott says AAL 11 transponder off ~~special channel~~ and he "gleaned this from FAA Response."

— Gen McKinley felt like the Scott briefing "answered the mail".

— He gave the Noble Eagle briefing dozens of times pre 5/03.

— He says at 9:09 A.M. all CONR alert sites (7) went to battle stations.

— middle of October 2001 → he received NEADS Briefing from NEADS.

Col. Scott

- 1970 ent.
- N. HQ tour / 11 yrs Air Def.

Operating
- F-106 / F-16 (81)
- Korea

- F-16 Commander / Just Cause / Des. Shield
- Prof Air War College

Doctrine
- Vice Cmd. AF Doctrine Centry

→ last 2 yrs Tyndall (PC hometown)

Dir. of Ops June 1998
Vice Comm. 1st AF - RAM Team
Retired June 2000
next week DoD consultant / Gen. A.

9/11 → DoD contractor
Nov 29, 2003 → Civil Service Job.

"Special Projects" for Gen. A.
· OPS, Doctrine

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o Arch. + Comm links

- 98 1st Package AF Command plan to close 1 AF
↳ Gen A not consulted about it

☆ o Intel on RAM? not really
Analyt. efforts — CM, LR Bombers

External { "Defending Homeland highest priority for DOD"
- UBL on slide in 1998

VO
Falcon Virgo

"Most like threat = poor man's cruise
missile carry offshore"

☆ - often Asymm.
- Ultra lights / General Aviation
- UAV

• CPX → ROE
GAviat in CONUS exercises
↳ ID shortfalls in Detecting (FAA coord)

* Langley site had to be fought for
~~CINC~~ JCC Instruction: 36101?
Attachment / Enclosure A
↳ no use of mil. A/L against COMAIR!

☆ - "Resource Starved Mission" } re ↑ tech.
"Struggling to stay alive" } to see / FAA

Reconstruction
- NORAD Ernhart visit ~~few weeks post~~ Post. 9/11
  - computer regeneration of the flights w/ recon.

☆ - "Norad AAR recently done"
  ↳ HQ did one in last few months 9/11 recreation w/ our current posture

☆ ☆ W/in the month following 9/11
- ~~NEADs~~ Used 2 Sources
  ① RADES (84th)
  ② Official NORAD timeline (major events)
  ③ NEADs slides / timeline
  ↳ "bare bones" brief that was sent to HQ
  HQ sent it to NEADs.
  ☆ we have this. Rades slides.

☆ Timelines on 1st scott brief came from the orig. NEADS briefing.
1st SS brief
- Orig. going to selective Mil.
  ↳ DV visits

- OP tempo prevented normal AAR process
↳ usually 30 day hot Wash

☆ Qualitative Assessments included w/
* positive comments, opinions of scotty.

* - I may reviewed the logs.

- Sept 18th Press Release + NEADS orig brief.

- Knew of tapes / Dict. system
  ↳

- AWOA
  Sept 03
  → ~~[illegible]~~ 1 yr in works

- SS big thinker of AWOA
- worked alot w/ Maj. Arias.

~~909~~

~~925~~

☒ Why not include the 0843 notification of 11J

☒ Why switch 0924 L. scramb on 93 (1st)
↓
L scramb. on 77 (MAY)
+
test.

"I transferred the #1 Brief directly to the May timeline"

☒ 0924 Scott Statement discrep.
puts impression that 77 = Langley Sc

☒ 0916 FAA notify. on Poss HJ 93
↳ NO Scramble?
Arnold statements that launch was on 93!

"Used Internet, reputable websites"
"Considered NORAD to have best, latest info"

* 48hrs prior to May 23 hearing
Gen. Mck asked

* When did SS get NEADS brief + timeline
don't recall

↳ . . . 2-3 wks after
early Oct. / middle Oct.

① Intell

② Exercises

Chief of Ex.
Lt Col.
Live — Sim
maj

Del Toro
- Dep Dir. Intell
- Tyndl. 9 yrs
- stnl. Analyst

Millovich
Chief of Live Exercises
↳ Dir. of IG Exerc.
WADS → 96 -
• Air Battle Manager
WADS on 9/11
↳ WD
SD quaki.

- Scenarios written @ NORAD
fm
- train objectives → drive scenarios

Analyzer = NORAD AV = annual event pre-9/11
Virgo = live fly

- pre 9/11 Intel Shop @ COMP
↳ = 6 people ars o
NOT Analysts, "we were current Intel. Briefers."

if not in a finished product we didn't get it or create it
↳ Consumer.

Scott 2/4

10:07:24 Balto reporting a/c over the WTI

1970 11 yrs AD incl NORAD Tour
→ 1981 Visition F16 - G Purpose - Korea - HQ TAC
→ operation JUST CAUSE & DS/DS
→ War College
→ Tyndall
→ Professor AWC
→ AF Doctrine Center
→ last 2 years
DO 1AFF
June
VCO June 00
retired

DoD Contractor

until NOV 29 2002
→ Civil Servant

① Transcription → AIR INC

JUN 00
↓
NOV 02

Jun 1 1998 Package to close 1FF
Gen Arnold put together a neutral team [RAM]
Is a mission a sunset mission?
If so how do we divest?

"Home game" "Away game"
ergo "French Foreign Legion" mentality

Put OBL on briefing slides in 1998
Hart Rudman Commission
RAM team recognized . WTC I
· Sarin Tokyo
· OKC
doesn't recall Intel member on RAM
or an Intel insert
"asymmetric". was biggest threat
most likely threat, poor man's
cruise missile from offshore

asymmetric
· light plane Mexico to Chicago
· advent of GPS
Exercises
intended to exercise levels of ROE

High-Low-High Fighter Profile
Gap in S cal
" " Mexico border
General Arnold didn't like the 7 sites
Langley wasn't on initial list of 7
Q is, what was

Opinion 80's thought of armed a/c in DC
was untenable
Spoke to philosophy of
"air commerce" & DC CAP

Exercise Scenarios

Sim →

Never exercised suicide a/c while he was AD

Not a point event issue, focus on macro level, political

Default was NORAD timeline

NORAD Reconstruction

A few weeks after
Gen Eberhart brought a briefing team
Dr Finkleman early 2002

NEADS level
They did one of two
- 84th RADES analysis
- OFFICIAL NORAD TIMELINE
PUBLIC AFFAIRS [redacted]

(*) NORAD ~~Dr~~ Revising timeline
He accepted dates as
given to him by NEAD
Sector

Scott

~~0909~~

~~0924~~

- 0916 "FAA reports poss HJ UA93" UA175 ?
  1. To whom?
  2. Where does this come from? "united tail # N612UA/75 20B/"

- 0924 "FAA reports possible HJ AA77"
  1. True, to whom?
  2. Source? "American Airlines # N334AA hijacked" AA11

- 0924 "Langley F-16's scrambled on AA77"
  * in testimony is immed. juxt. to FAA notice of poss HJ 77.
  * Leaves False Impression

- 0925 "AA77 reported headed toward D.C"
  1. Source? mcc/t "Hijack AA FLT headed to Wash D.C."
  2. to whom?
  * cone chat log says it is AA11 headed tow. D.C.

- 0927 "Boston FAA reports 5th A/C missing (Delta89
  1. Source? ~~review tapes?~~ - MCC/T log
  2. we see 1st NEADs floor report on D1989 as ' 0941
  * in fact, 5th unk. is @ attn 1000 + event. det. to be a Canadian A/C

- 0934 "FAA unable to locate AA77" - matrix
  "..., trough chat, ..."
  1. which Chat? Accurate?
  also in MCC/T @ 0934 (.334)

was a 9:32 call from ZDC to ID Section (Ch. 4 Shelly vation)

- 0941 "FAA reports D1989 poss HJ"

* yes, totally accurate / ± / only ~~achieved by reviewing the tapes~~?

Miles 1. Is this in ANY log? Yes, MCC/T (1341)

- 0945 "B089 Forward told" → MCC/T log

- 0947 "Delta 89 lands in Cleveland" - matrix

"9:47 is when Delta 1989 clears the system by landing in cleveland. So he's not a hijack." - testimony

"Delta89 will land in Cleveland (possible)"

1. Did you review log?

Miles 2. When does 1989 land? ~~1010~~ 1011

3. Did you review radar data re 1989?

- 1007 "FAA reports bomb onboard UA 93"

* yes, totally accurate

~~1. only achieved by reviewing the tapes~~?

Miles 2. Is this in ANY log? Yes MCC/T

3. Do/did you see in conversations immed. following this (same time) that Flora is unable to find UA 93?!

~~- 1015~~

* pg. 37 bottom

- 1015 "UA 93 reported crashed"

* yes, totally accurate

Miles ~~1. In any log? Yes~~ MCC/T

- Mr. Hamilton's L. Of Q. on why they didn't put into their timeline the Pres./VP Authority to shoot down a comm a/c.

Ldr: "Why would that not be in your timeline?"
Gen A: "I don't know when that happened."

* Chat Log Time 10:31

* Not in MCC/T Log

☆ Scott knows frm. 1. MCC of Ch 2
2. Chat log(s)
- conf DCO chat 10:31

☐ - L. of Q. on SSgt James D Tollack