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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

CAPTAIN WALLACE MORAN, FIRST OFFICER BILL BROULE,
FLIGHT ENGINEER ALBERT MUNDO, PATRICIA MARKER, DIETER RUFF,
STEVEN KORNMAN, MANFRIED BRUSSELER, SHEILA MAC ARTHUR,
ROSALIE JACOB, ELAINE COLEMAN, TRUDY LIZEWSKI,
GABRIELLE SULLIVAN, AND EDEN HORN SARGEANT

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On July 22, 1997, a group interview was held with the crew of TWA flight 881. On July 17, this crew brought the accident aircraft from Athens, Greece, to New York. This interview was conducted by the operations group which at the time was restricted by the FBI to not taking notes or recording the interview. The witness group chairman was NTSB official Norman F. Wiemeyer. The FBI agent in attendance was Thomas G. Barden, who took all notes and created the FD-302 FBI document which is the written record of the interview.

The flight deck crew was Captain Wallace Moran, First Officer Bill Broule, and Flight Engineer Albert Mundo.

The flight attendants were:

Patricia Marker
Dieter Ruff
Steven Kornman
Manfried Brusseler
Sheila MacArthur
Rosalie Jacob
Elaine Coleman
Trudy Lizewski
Gabrielle Sullivan
Eden Horn Sargeant

The flight deck crew said the flight and operation of the aircraft was normal. They had a slight, short duration overtemp on all engine egt (exhaust gas temperature) limits during takeoff which, according to the flight engineer is not unusual in a heavy aircraft departing Athens in the summer. (The overtemp was reported and the engines inspected on arrival at JFK). The flight engineer also said they dispatched with fuel in the center fuel tank. This fuel was burned in accordance with procedures and after the tank was empty he did not note any migration of fuel back into the tank nor did he note any abnormalities with any fuel boost pump or with the pump which removes migrating fuel from the center tank. The crew said the takeoff from Athens was smooth as was the landing at JFK.

The cabin crew recalled there were a large number of Bosnian refugees located in zone E and the consensus of the flight attendants was that these people were "unruly and annoying".

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The flight attendants reported some blocked drains in galley sinks L-2 and R-2. These were examined by maintenance persons on arrival at JFK. They also said a carpet cover was missing from door R-1.

One flight attendant, Sheila MacArthur, took pictures while on the ground in Athens prior to departure. These pictures were given to the FBI. They provided no evidence of any abnormality.