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**INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT  
NYANG SGT. CRAIG JOHNSON  
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BEFORE THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD  
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CRAIG JOHNSON. :  
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TAPE TRANSCRIPTION

The above entitled matter came on for interview pursuant to notice before NORM WIEMEYER, NTSB Official, at the New York Air National Facilities in Westhampton Beach, New York, on January 13, 1997.

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APPEARANCES:

NORM WIEMEYER

NTSB Official

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CRAIG JOHNSON/Para-rescueman, New York Air National

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## 1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 MR. WIEMEYER: Okay. This is an interview  
3 conducted at the Air National Guard facilities at the  
4 New York Air National Guard. The date today is the  
5 13th of January, 1997.

6 Would you please state your full name and  
7 spell your last name?

8 MR. JOHNSON: Craig C. Johnson,  
9 J-O-H-N-S-O-N.

10 MR. WIEMEYER: And could you give us a local  
11 address, please?

12 MR. JOHNSON: 286 Dayton Avenue, Manorville,  
13 New York, 11949.

14 MR. WIEMEYER: And what is your occupation  
15 with the Air National Guard?

16 MR. JOHNSON: I'm a para-rescueman.

17 MR. WIEMEYER: And what is your civilian  
18 occupation?

19 MR. JOHNSON: I'm a full-time para-rescueman  
20 with the Air National Guard.

21 MR. WIEMEYER: Okay. Thank you.

22 What was your exposure to the accident  
23 involving TWA Flight 800?

24 MR. JOHNSON: On the night of the accident of  
25 TWA Flight 800 I was doing a parachute drop here on the

1 base at Suffolk -- Suffolk County Airport. And I was  
2 loading my parachute gear after the jump into the  
3 flatbed truck. And as I reached up to close the top of  
4 the truck I saw an object in the sky.

5 MR. WIEMEYER: Could you describe that --  
6 what you viewed?

7 MR. JOHNSON: I saw -- I saw an orange-  
8 reddish circle-like object rapidly descending out of  
9 the sky, for approximately six to seven seconds. And  
10 at -- and it -- and then it -- then it blew up into a  
11 fireball of flames and smoke, and then it -- it fell --  
12 fell out of sight.

13 MR. WIEMEYER: At that time that you  
14 witnessed this did you have any idea what you were  
15 viewing?

16 MR. JOHNSON: No. Until -- until I saw the  
17 fireball explosion -- at that point I knew that it --  
18 it had to be an airplane. But prior to that, what I  
19 had seen falling out of the sky, I knew it was moving  
20 too fast to be -- to be an airplane. And I didn't know  
21 what it was at first.

22 MR. WIEMEYER: Okay. The object that you  
23 first saw falling out of the sky prior to the fireball,  
24 could you give as detailed -- some more detail on that?

25 MR. JOHNSON: It -- to me -- what it looked

1       like to me at first -- because it'd shocked me. I'd  
2       never seen anything like it before. It -- it just  
3       looked like a red -- a circle dime -- a dime -- a  
4       reddish-orange dime falling out of the sky at such a  
5       rapid descent that I knew -- well, I had felt that  
6       whatever it was it -- it -- if it was normal -- it  
7       was -- if it was an airplane it was in -- it was in  
8       serious trouble. Or I thought it might've been a  
9       meteor, or something, coming down.

10                That's -- my first -- first thought I said,  
11       that's got to be some kind of meteor coming out of  
12       the -- coming out of the sky.

13                MR. WIEMEYER: Okay. Did you see any streaks  
14       through the sky, or anything like that, prior to that  
15       event? Or was that flash was the first event that you  
16       saw?

17                MR. JOHNSON: No. From -- from what I recall  
18       -- and I watched this thing for a good five or six,  
19       seven seconds. I saw no -- I saw no flashes, or -- or  
20       anything that I could tell was going -- coming from the  
21       ground up. What I saw the whole time was coming from  
22       the -- from -- from altitude high up rapidly descending  
23       down.

24                MR. WIEMEYER: Okay. From the time that you  
25       first noticed something and directed your attention to

1 it, did the object move horizontally at all? Or did it  
2 go vertical right away?

3 MR. JOHNSON: The -- the object was -- was --  
4 was falling down from -- a clock position, it -- it  
5 would be from about a -- about a 3:00 o'clock position  
6 heading towards a 7:00 -- 6:30, 7:00 o'clock position  
7 coming out of the sky.

8 MR. WIEMEYER: Well, would it have been  
9 travelling in --

10 MR. JOHNSON: From right to left. And from I  
11 was watching it it was definitely from -- it was coming  
12 from west to east.

13 MR. WIEMEYER: Okay. Have any ideas,  
14 interpretation, of distance and altitude from where you  
15 were located?

16 MR. JOHNSON: In my first report I think I  
17 reported it I thought around 10,000 feet altitude.  
18 Because --

19 MR. WIEMEYER: And you were located here on  
20 the airport?

21 MR. JOHNSON: I was here on the airport. And  
22 we do parachute jumps at 10,000 feet, 9,000 feet,  
23 13,000 feet; as low as 1,500 feet. And I think I've  
24 got a pretty good -- pretty good -- I'm a pretty good  
25 judge of altitude when I'm -- when I can see something

1 because of jumping and pulling ground party, and that.

2 And I thought it was -- I -- when it first --  
3 when the report first came out they said the object --  
4 I think they said it exploded at, you know, a very low  
5 altitude. And I knew that what I was seeing was coming  
6 from nine, 10,000 feet. And blow -- and when it blew  
7 up I thought -- my report was it was about -- I don't  
8 know anywhere from I think at two to 3,000 feet when it  
9 -- when I saw the fireball explosion.

10 MR. WIEMEYER: Okay.

11 MR. JOHNSON: 1,500.

12 MR. WIEMEYER: When you saw this thing, right  
13 at the initial stages --

14 MR. JOHNSON: Right.

15 MR. WIEMEYER: -- and your attention was  
16 attracted to that area, did you see anything else out  
17 on the peripheral that attracted your attention in  
18 addition to that, once you looked into that part of the  
19 sky?

20 MR. JOHNSON: Not that I can honestly recall.  
21 Because this -- this object that I spotted caught my  
22 attention because I'd never seen anything like it  
23 before.

24 Possibly in the very, very instance that I  
25 saw it in the beginning I might -- I might have seen

1 something else, other than that object coming down to  
2 the explosion. And -- and I had told this to the FBI  
3 guys. I said, you know -- you know, there was a reason  
4 why I had looked up in the sky. You know, I didn't all  
5 of sudden just kind of notice a red -- I don't think I  
6 did. I think I noticed, you know, maybe something else  
7 prior to that. But --

8 MR. WIEMEYER: You don't really have a --

9 MR. JOHNSON: But I can't really bring it  
10 back out of my -- out of my mind.

11 MR. WIEMEYER: Okay. Could --

12 MR. JOHNSON: But I --

13 MR. WIEMEYER: -- it have been the sun or  
14 something -- a reflection off of an --

15 MR. JOHNSON: No.

16 MR. WIEMEYER: -- airplane, or anything like  
17 that?

18 MR. JOHNSON: No. It -- no. I knew that  
19 that object that I saw when it exploded I knew that was  
20 an airplane. And I knew I'd watched it for five or six  
21 seconds before it broke. I knew at that point that was  
22 an airplane.

23 I ran back here. I told our Ops people that  
24 an airplane had just exploded. And then I went out on  
25 a helicopter and did some -- and did searching for the

1 wreckage and the bodies.

2 MR. WIEMEYER: Okay. When you -- you got the  
3 point in the sequence where the big fireball appeared.  
4 Did you watch it all the way to the surface? Or did it  
5 disappear from sight before it hit the surface?  
6 What --

7 MR. JOHNSON: Well --

8 MR. WIEMEYER: -- what transpired there?

9 MR. JOHNSON: It -- it exploded in -- like, a  
10 mushroom type of -- left/right type of thing, and just  
11 floated down. And from where I was standing on the  
12 drop zone, which is -- I think it's maybe a mile from  
13 here. I think total distance I think was only, like,  
14 16 miles from the actual spot that it landed in the  
15 ocean and from where I was.

16 I did -- I watched it come down into the  
17 ground, but I didn't know whether it was way out in the  
18 ocean, or it -- maybe on the horizon. I -- I couldn't  
19 really tell. I couldn't tell. I -- I knew it was far  
20 away. But the distance I -- I didn't -- I didn't know.  
21 I mean, I watched 'til I couldn't see anymore. I  
22 watched it descend 'til I couldn't see anymore. Then I  
23 looked at my two friends.

24 And at first when I saw it before it  
25 exploded, I looked at them and I said, hey, do you see

1        what I see? 'Cause I was wanting to make sure that I  
2        wasn't seeing something that nobody else was seeing it.  
3        By the time I got their attention to look up where I  
4        was looking, that's when it exploded. So, they didn't  
5        actually watch it from a vantage point until it  
6        exploded -- like -- like I had seen.

7                MR. WIEMEYER: Okay. I -- I'd like, if you  
8        can, compare the size of the fireball --

9                MR. JOHNSON: That's --

10               MR. WIEMEYER: -- to what occurred first to  
11        attract your attention?

12               MR. JOHNSON: The size of the fireball  
13        compared to the object? I would say the object in  
14        proportion it would be the size of a dime, rapidly  
15        descending out of the sky. And the -- and the -- and  
16        the fireball was -- the fireball was -- okay. How  
17        would I explain?

18                (Pause)

19               MR. WIEMEYER: Compared to the size of -- a  
20        dime compared to the size of a softball? Or something  
21        larger than that?

22               MR. JOHNSON: No, much --

23               MR. WIEMEYER: A basketball?

24               MR. JOHNSON: -- much larger. Much larger  
25        than a basketball. Much larger than a -- I would say

1 it was about -- maybe the size of a weather balloon.  
2 Like, if you -- if you put your hands together and make  
3 a circle like this, it was probably about that big  
4 (demonstrates with his hands). It was tremendous.

5 MR. WIEMEYER: Okay. Craig is -- this is an  
6 editorial comment. Craig is circling his arms over his  
7 head and showing a circular area of approximately 20  
8 inches across. Okay.

9 And, again, so I have this very clearly,  
10 would you describe the color of what you saw initially  
11 and the color of the fireball, and any differences in  
12 both color and pattern, that you observed.

13 MR. JOHNSON: The -- what I -- what I say is  
14 the fireball, it was red and orange. But it was  
15 intact. It -- you know, the -- there was no -- there  
16 was no, like -- it was sort of a -- sort of like a  
17 circle. It wasn't flaring or fluttering, or anything  
18 like that. It was constant.

19 It was -- the object was constant until it  
20 exploded. And when it exploded it -- it looked to me  
21 -- it was, like, just bright and white, sort of.

22 MR. WIEMEYER: Okay. Subsequent to this you  
23 said you went out to the site. Describe what -- that  
24 sequence of events for me.

25 MR. JOHNSON: The helicopter came back in and

1 picked us up. They were out there already. It started  
2 to get -- now it's starting to get dark.

3 I got all my rescue gear together and I got  
4 another friend of mine. And we went back out. And  
5 when -- as we were going out the whole site was -- the  
6 ocean was just on fire, like you saw on the news. And  
7 there was debris everywhere.

8 And our flight had on night vision goggles.  
9 So, we were searching -- we were searching off from the  
10 burning wreckage, where everybody seemed to, like,  
11 clatter about. And there was all kinds of debris in  
12 the water. A lot of little small debris and -- and --  
13 and a lot of -- a lot of bodies.

14 And we were -- we were marking bodies with  
15 chem lights. And trying to get the Coast Guard to come  
16 over and pick these people up. And everybody seemed to  
17 be concentrating on the burning area. And it took us  
18 -- it took us, actually, a while to get them to come  
19 over and at least pick up some of these bodies that we  
20 were -- we were spotting.

21 Now, the crew at that time was on night  
22 vision goggles. And myself and Shawn Brady [phonetic  
23 sp.] were the rescuers. So, when it got dark, you  
24 know, they were -- the crew -- the engineers were  
25 spotting the bodies and we were throwing the chem

1 lights. So, when it got dark we couldn't -- we  
2 weren't -- we weren't seeing any -- anything, you know,  
3 out there under -- at -- in the night, 'cause we  
4 weren't on night vision goggles. The crew was.

5 MR. WIEMEYER: Of course, you didn't light up  
6 there or anything 'cause they were using night vision  
7 goggles to spot the --

8 MR. JOHNSON: They were using night vision  
9 goggles. When they spotted bodies we threw chem lights  
10 out to -- to mark them 'cause by -- by this time it was  
11 dark. It was pitch black out.

12 MR. WIEMEYER: Do you normally wear night  
13 vision goggles in a situation like that?

14 MR. JOHNSON: When we're called out to go for  
15 a rescue situation that night, and as fast as what we  
16 did, and we knew, you know, that we were getting out  
17 there in a hurry, it's -- wasn't necessary for us to be  
18 on night vision goggles.

19 A rescue -- we weren't going to go in the  
20 water. WE can't -- we can't -- we cannot -- we can't  
21 leave the helicopter with -- with night vision goggles  
22 on. So --

23 MR. WIEMEYER: Oh, I understand. There  
24 wasn't any of the bodies that you or the crew spotted  
25 that there was any indication that you needed to leave

1 the helicopter --

2 MR. JOHNSON: No. None whatsoever.

3 MR. WIEMEYER: -- in the water?

4 MR. JOHNSON: None whatsoever. From that --  
5 from that site I knew were were going out there to mark  
6 -- mark whatever we could see. Because from the  
7 altitude of the explosion and from the -- the speed of  
8 it prior to the explosion, I knew that nobody --  
9 there's no way anybody could've survived that.

10 MR. WIEMEYER: On the floating bodies, what  
11 was the general condition of the bodies that you  
12 observed?

13 MR. JOHNSON: They from -- it -- they had  
14 varied from listening to Dennis -- he was on night  
15 vision goggles -- say there was an engineer and a PJ on  
16 the right side of the helicopter, and a PJ on the left  
17 side of the helicopter. With the doors open we could  
18 see an object and then the -- the guys on the night  
19 vision goggles would say, oh, there's another body. Or  
20 that one doesn't have a head. Or, you know, that one's  
21 missing a this and that.

22 So, we knew they were -- some disfigured.  
23 Some -- some were intact.

24 MR. WIEMEYER: But there was only fire in  
25 that area?

1           MR. JOHNSON: No, in the area where we were  
2           -- we had spotted, most of -- a lot -- I would think a  
3           lot of the -- the bodies -- initial bodies that we  
4           spotted right away, they were away from the -- away  
5           from the burning wreckage.

6           MR. WIEMEYER: If -- is your recall  
7           sufficient at this point in time -- and I realize that  
8           a great deal of time has passed -- could you draw me a  
9           rough diagram of location of these things, in  
10          relationship to each other? Would you feel comfortable  
11          doing that?

12          MR. JOHNSON: No, I think -- I think that --  
13          I think that the -- the pilot and the co-pilot would --  
14          would be better off doing that for you.

15          MR. WIEMEYER: Okay.

16          MR. JOHNSON: Because they were doing the  
17          actual flying. And from the -- from the site. From  
18          the fire site.

19                 From the fire site the drift to me was  
20          definitely head -- it was going west. The drift was  
21          moving west. The pieces -- the bodies that we had  
22          spotted, I -- I believe they were heading -- headed  
23          west --

24          MR. WIEMEYER: Okay.

25          MR. JOHNSON: -- of the -- the wreckage.

1 And --

2 MR. WIEMEYER: And to regress all the way  
3 back to the beginning for just a moment -- I want to  
4 fill in some light and weather information.

5 What were the light conditions at the time  
6 that you first examined the place that you witnessed?

7 MR. JOHNSON: It was -- it was -- I would say  
8 it was maybe a half an hour before dusk-type oper --  
9 you know, before the sun -- the sun went down. You  
10 know.

11 MR. WIEMEYER: Okay. What were the  
12 visibility from this thing?

13 MR. JOHNSON: The visibility was clear. Very  
14 clear.

15 MR. WIEMEYER: Okay. Clouds?

16 MR. JOHNSON: No. There was -- it was a  
17 beautiful clear day, clear night. You know, prior to  
18 night it was. It wasn't even night.

19 MR. WIEMEYER: Okay. Okay. Go on. Once you  
20 got out in the area?

21 MR. JOHNSON: The search area?

22 MR. WIEMEYER: The search area the crewman  
23 and the pilots were spotting things.

24 MR. JOHNSON: Right.

25 MR. WIEMEYER: And your purpose then was to?

1           MR. JOHNSON: My purpose was if there was any  
2 survivors I was going to down the -- jump in the water.

3           MR. WIEMEYER: Okay.

4           MR. JOHNSON: I had my wet suit on, my full  
5 wet gear on. I was going to go pull somebody up.

6           Knowing that there wasn't anybody out there  
7 my secondary job would be to help spot and find people  
8 so I could -- people can recover them later on. So --

9           MR. WIEMEYER: How long did you guys stay out  
10 there?

11          MR. JOHNSON: We were out there for an hour  
12 and a half to two hours, is what I recollect. We  
13 would've stayed out longer, but they told us they  
14 didn't want us in the area anymore because we were the  
15 only crew on night vision goggles. And -- and -- and  
16 the Coast Guard felt, for what -- you know, whatever  
17 reasons they felt which, you know, totally blow my mind  
18 to begin with, was that we were -- we were more of a  
19 hazard in the search area than they were, although we  
20 could see things that nobody else could see away from  
21 the burning -- from the burning ocean.

22          So, you know, I don't know how -- you know,  
23 that didn't make sense to me having -- having all --  
24 having us on night vision goggles and spotting -- I  
25 actually think they were annoyed that we were -- we

1 were spotting, you know, people in the water and that  
2 -- and that -- and that we were asking them to come and  
3 recover them. And I think that annoyed them.

4 MR. WIEMEYER: Okay. Were you on the ICS and  
5 radio? Did you have headphones on?

6 MR. JOHNSON: Yes.

7 MR. WIEMEYER: So you could hear what was  
8 going on?

9 MR. JOHNSON: Right.

10 MR. WIEMEYER: Did you hear other aircraft in  
11 the area talking to either the 130 or the helicopter?  
12 Or --

13 MR. JOHNSON: No, I was just concerned with  
14 our inter-crew and other flying objects around us. You  
15 know, that's another one of -- scanning was another one  
16 of my jobs, and making sure we weren't going to run  
17 into -- into another airplane -- as I'm looking down  
18 also.

19 MR. WIEMEYER: And you stayed out there about  
20 how long?

21 MR. JOHNSON: On the hell -- we were out  
22 there for, I would say, an hour and 45 minutes to two  
23 hours.

24 MR. WIEMEYER: And then you came back --

25 MR. JOHNSON: Came back --

1 MR. WIEMEYER: -- here?

2 MR. JOHNSON: -- here. And --

3 MR. WIEMEYER: Did you launch a second time?

4 MR. JOHNSON: No. No. We never launched  
5 again after that. For whatever reason? I have no  
6 idea. We have the -- the crew. We have -- we have  
7 night vision goggles. At that time we could've all  
8 goggled up and went back out again.

9 MR. WIEMEYER: Are you changing the issue now  
10 -- you're just going --

11 MR. JOHNSON: Yes.

12 MR. WIEMEYER: -- off?

13 MR. JOHNSON: Yes.

14 MR. WIEMEYER: Okay. What kind of a debrief  
15 did you go through and with whom, after your arrival  
16 back here?

17 MR. JOHNSON: After my arrival back here,  
18 being that I knew that I had seen the -- the accident  
19 prior to the explosion, which I -- I felt most people  
20 would've just seen the big fireball explosion, and then  
21 looked up and said, wow, what was that?

22 Knowing that I had seen it prior to it  
23 exploding, I felt that I should sit down and write down  
24 and my exact recollection of what happened that night,  
25 so that it could be useful in any later on

1 investigation that -- that might be --

2 MR. WIEMEYER: When did you talk to the  
3 person from the FAA?

4 MR. JOHNSON: That was Col. Chuck Stevey.  
5 He's a C-130 pilot here.

6 And immediately after I landed I -- well,  
7 maybe 45 minutes, after we did everybody else's  
8 interviews. WE sat down -- sat down with him. From an  
9 FAA standpoint he asked me questions. And asked me  
10 pretty much the same things that you're asking me right  
11 now, but it was a lot clearer that night.

12 And I drew a little map and, you know, showed  
13 him exact -- exact where -- where from where I was and  
14 where I thought everything, you know, had occurred.

15 MR. WIEMEYER: Okay. When was your first  
16 contact with the FBI, then?

17 MR. JOHNSON: My first contact with the FBI  
18 did not come 'til days -- days into the -- into the  
19 investigation and the whole hoopla with the reporters  
20 and -- and everything else.

21 MR. WIEMEYER: Have you made public  
22 appearances in --

23 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, I went out to the Coast  
24 Guard station and told a few of the reporters out there  
25 exactly what I -- what I told you. They had -- they

1        were trying to ask me about objects coming from the  
2        ground, and all that. And I told them, no, in my  
3        opinion, you know, what I had seen was that airplane  
4        coming from -- out to descending down to an explosion,  
5        fireball. And that's what I know I had seen. I was  
6        absolutely positively seen that is what I saw.

7                MR. WIEMEYER: And you think what probably  
8        attracted your attention was that initial flash of  
9        light, whatever that was?

10               MR. JOHNSON: Whatever -- yes. It -- for --  
11        For me to look up into the big blue sky and see this  
12        object, you know, and watch it for as long as I did --  
13        I know I just didn't, like, look up there and all of  
14        sudden it came out of nowhere, because -- because I  
15        thought -- the altitude that I first spotted I -- I was  
16        saying it had to be nine, 10,000 feet.

17               MR. WIEMEYER: Is it possible in reviewing  
18        this in your mind that the object that you viewed  
19        initially was not the air -- was not the same object  
20        that created the large fireball?

21               MR. JOHNSON: No. No --

22               MR. WIEMEYER: They were both --

23               MR. JOHNSON: Absolutely --

24               MR. WIEMEYER: -- one and the same?

25               MR. JOHNSON: -- positive. I made that

1 statement, you know, initially also. That the  
2 explosion came from -- and this is what I told the FBI  
3 guys, too. That explosion came from the object that I  
4 had seen coming down out of the sky. Without a doubt  
5 in my mind, it -- it -- it originated from the falling  
6 object. The explosion originated from the falling  
7 object. I know that for a fact.

8 MR. WIEMEYER: Okay. Is there anything else  
9 that you want to add that I haven't asked?

10 MR. WIEMEYER: No, except the fact that I --  
11 I felt like -- you know, all of us we had the first  
12 helicopter on-scene there; we had the first C-130 on-  
13 scene. We had, you know, look -- trained military guys  
14 who were trained at jumping at altitude, knowing  
15 altitude and knowing all this other stuff, and it  
16 seemed like I was frustrated here because I felt like I  
17 had a lot more to offer to the investigation.

18 And it just seemed too -- too -- too late.  
19 And if it wasn't for our own people coming together and  
20 saying, we gotta write down what we saw 'cause it might  
21 help later on, I felt a lot of the information would've  
22 been lost totally, which is in my mind -- you know, if  
23 you've got -- the first people on-scene, whether it's a  
24 plane or a helicopter, you know, those people need to  
25 be sat with immediately following with the right

1 officials -- whether it be, you know, this -- you guys,  
2 or the FBI, or whoever it might be.

3 MR. WIEMEYER: Okay.

4 MR. JOHNSON: Or everybody. Nobody should  
5 have one -- one crack at them when we're only going to  
6 to -- you know, use you. Everybody who's involved in  
7 an investigation -- especially one with the magnitude  
8 that this one.

9 You know, I knew there was a plane that  
10 exploded out there. But I had no idea that it was a --  
11 you know, a big airliner with that many people on it.

12 MR. WIEMEYER: When did you become aware that  
13 it was a 747 that --

14 MR. WIEMEYER: When the --

15 MR. WIEMEYER: -- here?

16 MR. JOHNSON: -- helicopter came back to me  
17 up and they had been out there already searching prior  
18 to it getting dark -- prior -- 'cause they -- they came  
19 back to get us in case there was any survivors. They  
20 came back and said we think that this was a TWA from --  
21 from the Tower saying that a TWA airplane had vanished.  
22 So, we think that this was a very large airplane.

23 And then when we were out there with the fire  
24 and the pieces and the bodies, we knew that there was  
25 -- this was a big airliner. You know. From the size

1 of the explosion I -- I figured it had to be something  
2 big. But not -- for once I -- I didn't think for once  
3 in my mind that, you know, it was going to be as big as  
4 what it was and as many people involved.

5 MR. WIEMEYER: Okay. If you don't have  
6 anything else, I think that will conclude the  
7 interview.

8 (Whereupon, the interview was concluded [no  
9 time noted.]  
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