

# NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Office of Aviation Safety  
Washington, D.C. 20594

July 31, 2000

## Human Performance

### Human Performance Group Chairman's Factual Report

#### ADDENDUM # 3

##### A. ACCIDENT

Operator: EgyptAir (Flight 990)  
Location: Near Nantucket, MA  
Date: October 31, 1999  
Time: 0150 eastern standard time  
Aircraft: Boeing 767-366ER, SU-GAP  
NTSB Number: DCA-00-MA-006

##### B. ADDENDA

Enclosed in this addendum are thirty-three (33) Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) form FD-302 interview reports and two (2) accompanying letters. These interview reports were provided to the NTSB at various times during the investigation in response to the NTSB's request for any and all information regarding the background and 72-hour history of the EgyptAir flight 990 flight crew. These interview reports were received by the NTSB with redactions made by the FBI to protect the privacy interests of the persons interviewed.

Submitted By:

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for Bartholomew Elias, Ph.D.  
Human Performance Investigator

Date July 31 00

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[REDACTED] date of birth [REDACTED] was interviewed at the Pennsylvania Hotel, located at 401 7th Avenue, NY, NY. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, [REDACTED] provided the following information:

[REDACTED] is current employed as the Front Office Manager for the Pennsylvania Hotel. [REDACTED] stated that part of his employment duties include receiving reports from the Security Director at the hotel concerning incidents involving guests. [REDACTED] confirmed he would also be the individual who received security complaints concerning EgyptAir staff.

[REDACTED] was verbally contacted approximately three (3) times by Security Director BILL LYE about incidents involving GAMIL ELBATOUTY. [REDACTED] believed these incidents occurred during the last year but was unsure of the exact time frame. [REDACTED] stated that all the incidents involved alleged sexual impropriety. However, [REDACTED] was unable to recall the exact specifics of the incidents and did not recall any written documents being given to him or prepared by him. [REDACTED] stated that any incident reports prepared would remain in the custody of Security Director BILL LYE who maintains a complaint file.

[REDACTED] stated that to the best of his knowledge EgyptAir was never contacted in writing by the Hotel Pennsylvania concerning ELBATOUTY's behavior. However, [REDACTED] did recall one (1) telephone conversation he had with an EgyptAir employee named [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] received this call from [REDACTED] regarding an incident involving ELBATOUTY approximately four (4) months ago. During this incident, ELBATOUTY had been questioned by the Hotel Pennsylvania Security after he was suspected of having exposed himself to some female guests in the hotel. In response, ELBATOUTY contacted [REDACTED] at EgyptAir and complained about the hotel's treatment of him. [REDACTED] believed that ELBATOUTY was present in the room with [REDACTED] when she called [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] called [REDACTED] and asked why the Hotel Pennsylvania

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was harassing one of their pilots. [REDACTED] responded that the hotel was not harassing ELBATOUTY but was instead simply investigating an incident involving ELBATOUTY. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that ELBATOUTY was an outstanding pilot of good moral character. Moreover, she noted that ELBATOUTY was scheduled to retire in approximately four (4) more months and requested that the hotel leave ELBATOUTY alone. [REDACTED] did not believe any documentation was prepared concerning this conversation nor could he recall any additional contact with EgyptAir regarding ELBATOUTY. [REDACTED] did not believe any actions were taken by the hotel against ELBATOUTY.

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On November 17, 1999, SA David Walker (FBI/JTTF) and SA James M. Murray (USSS/JTTF) met with and interviewed [REDACTED] at the Hotel Pennsylvania, 401 Seventh Avenue, New York, NY. After he was advised as to the identities of the interviewing agents and the purpose of this interview, [REDACTED] voluntarily provided the following information:

NAME : [REDACTED]  
 AKA : [REDACTED]  
 DPOB : [REDACTED]  
 Address : [REDACTED]  
 Telephone : [REDACTED]  
 Current  
 Employment : Security Officer,  
 Hotel Pennsylvania  
 New York, NY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] explained that he has been employed as a security officer at the Hotel Pennsylvania [REDACTED]. Throughout his employment there, [REDACTED] has worked the third shift (1600-2400) as a House Security Officer.

During that time, [REDACTED] and other Hotel Pennsylvania security officers had repeated dealings with an Egypt Air crew member and Hotel Pennsylvania guest named EL BATOUTY due to his questionable behavior and misconduct.

In particular, [REDACTED] related two (2) incidents concerning EL BATOUTY that he had direct knowledge of:

In the first instance, two (2) teenage females contacted hotel security and reported that a middle-aged man, who had been following them in the hotel, later exposed himself through a hotel window. Further investigation by hotel security officers revealed that the middle-aged man was more than likely EL BATOUTY. Security Officers determined that EL BATOUTY had apparently followed these females from the lobby up to their

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room, obtained the room number and then proceed back to his own room. [REDACTED] noted that the windows of each room faced each other across a courtyard.

According to the female complainants, EL BATOUTY telephoned their room and told them to look out their window. When the females did so, they claimed that they saw a man exposed from the waist down, through a window with a curtain half-drawn.

According to [REDACTED], security officers determined that the room in question was registered to EL BATOUTY, however, when they questioned him about the incident EL BATOUTY denied all knowledge. [REDACTED] could not recall if an incident report was prepared concerning this matter.

Concerning the second instance, [REDACTED] remembered receiving reports that EL BATOUTY was harassing female members of the Hotel Pennsylvania housekeeping staff. Specifically, [REDACTED] told interviewing agents EL BATOUTY was suspected of trying to lure female housekeepers into his room, at which point he would offer them wine, chocolate or money in exchange for sex. While [REDACTED] could not recall writing incident reports concerning this matter himself, he was confident that someone else in the security department would have done so.

[REDACTED] described EL BATOUTY as a introverted, loner who always hung around the hotel lobby, overtly leering at women. [REDACTED] noted that the only time EL BATOUTY did not exhibit that type of behavior was in April/1999, when the Egypt Air crew member brought his wife and daughter with him to New York.

In regards to other Egypt Air crew members, [REDACTED] reported that he knew of nothing unusual or suspicious regarding their activities in and around the hotel. Moreover, [REDACTED] could not recall any other Egypt Air crew member being the subject of a complaint to the security department.

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[REDACTED], [REDACTED], residing at [REDACTED], was interviewed at the Pennsylvania Hotel, located at 401 7th Avenue, NY, NY. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, [REDACTED] provided the following information:

[REDACTED] is currently employed as a security guard at the Pennsylvania Hotel during the four (4) PM to twelve (12) AM shift. [REDACTED] has been employed as a security guard at the Pennsylvania Hotel for approximately [REDACTED] and noted that he was aware of only one (1) individual from EGYPTAIR who security had encountered. [REDACTED] stated that this individual was named GAMIL ELBATOUTY and confirmed that this was the individual that he had recently seen on the television news regarding the crash of EgyptAir 990.

[REDACTED] stated that ELBATOUTY was a constant problem at the hotel and was not surprised to see on television that he may have been involved in the crash of EgyptAir 990. [REDACTED] recalled that complaints had been filed against ELBATOUTY on at least a couple occasions alleging that ELBATOUTY was stalking female guests. [REDACTED] questioned ELBATOUTY regarding these incidents but ELBATOUTY repeated stated he did not do anything. [REDACTED] believed incident reports were created documenting these events. These reports would have been forwarded to the Security Director, who maintains a complaint file.

[REDACTED] was also able to recall several incidents in which he believes ELBATOUTY exposed himself to some female guests. During these incidents, security would received complaints from female guests alleging that a male was exposing himself and masturbating while looking out the window at them. Security (to include [REDACTED]) would respond to the floor the alleged conduct was occurring on and would always find ELBATOUTY on the floor. However, Security was never able to catch ELBATOUTY in the act. When questioned on the above conduct, ELBATOUTY would always repeatedly claim his innocence and deny

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any knowledge. Moreover, [REDACTED] often witness ELBATOUTY leering at a male guest while his hands were hidden in his pockets ([REDACTED] believed that ELBATOUTY may have been masturbating).

[REDACTED] also heard that ELBATOUTY was harassing the housekeeping staff. [REDACTED] had been approached on several occasions by a Pennsylvania Hotel maid named [REDACTED]. During these conversations, [REDACTED] stated that ELBATOUTY had repeatedly tried to lure her into his hotel room and constantly followed her around the hotel. [REDACTED] was unsure of what, if any, actions were taken against ELBATOUTY and was unsure if any incident reports were created.

[REDACTED] stated that he never witnessed ELBATOUTY in an obvious intoxicated state and noted he often kept to himself in the hotel. [REDACTED] described ELBATOUTY as "vicious" in nature and believed that ELBATOUTY was a tragedy waiting to happen. [REDACTED] added that he always paid special attention to watch ELBATOUTY while he was in the hotel and was afraid he might attack a female when security was not around.



[REDACTED] appeared on floors [REDACTED] ELBATOUTY wa

[REDACTED] responded to a second (2) incident involving ELBATOUTY a few months after the above incident. During this incident, security received a complaint from a female guest and her male significant other. This female alleged that ELBATOUTY was sitting down by the elevator and began to follow her through the hotel. ELBATOUTY then got on the elevator with the female and followed her to her room. [REDACTED] was unable to recall the exact specifics of the incident but believed that ELBATOUTY may have lurked outside the female's room for some time after she entered the room. After drafting an incident report, [REDACTED] approached ELBATOUTY and questioned him about his actions. ELBATOUTY immediately apologized for the incident and chalked it up to a big misunderstanding. [REDACTED] confirmed that an incident report was drafted on the above complaint. [REDACTED] stated that this report would have been forwarded to the Security Director, who maintains an incident report file. [REDACTED] was unsure of what, if any, actions were taken by the hotel or EgyptAir.

The third incident regarding ELBATOUTY that [REDACTED] was aware of involved alleged harassment of the housekeeping staff. [REDACTED] had heard that several members of the housekeeping staff had been repeatedly followed by ELBATOUTY. Moreover, ELBATOUTY would often call the housekeeping office and request maids come to his room at unusual hours. [REDACTED] was unsure of what actions, if any, were taken against ELBATOUTY but believed some incident reports were created. Moreover, [REDACTED] recalled that a Polaroid photograph may have been taken of ELBATOUTY and retained as part of the incident reports.

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] was advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the purpose of the interview. [REDACTED] then furnished the following information:

[REDACTED] is a [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]. From March 1974 to January 1979 he worked for EgyptAir in Egypt. In 1979, he emigrated to the U.S. [REDACTED] is divorced and has three children.

[REDACTED] first met Gamil EL-BATOTY on 03/27/1999 at a birthday party at Mohsen HAMZA'S house (a cousin to [REDACTED] in Santa Monica, California. EL-BATOTY's wife and Mohsen HAMZA's wife's mother are cousins. Mohsen HAMZA, a neurologist, and his younger brother Mansour HAMZA, are both medical doctors.

Most marriages in Egypt are arranged. [REDACTED] told EL-BATOTY that he was interested in finding an Egyptian wife. EL-BATOTY had a friend in Egypt, Dr. Ahmed MOGHN (PHD), who had a female neighbor who was interested in finding a husband. EL-BATOTY invited [REDACTED] to Egypt to confer with MOGHN and see if [REDACTED] and MOGHN's female neighbor would be compatible. On 08/31/1999, [REDACTED] flew to Cairo, Egypt, for this purpose. [REDACTED] returned to the U.S. on 09/25/1999. During this period, [REDACTED] accompanied by his fifteen year old nephew [REDACTED] from Cairo who acted as a driver/guide, met with EL-BATOTY once (at MOGHN's residence) and exchanged a few phone calls with him.

While at MOGHN's residence, [REDACTED] noticed that EL-BATOTY seemed "really down, not upbeat" like he usually acted. [REDACTED] felt EL-BATOTY was not himself. EL-BATOTY questioned why [REDACTED] wanted to get married again. This seemed odd to [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] repeatedly urged the FBI to interview MOGHN. MOGHN is a retired Egyptian Army general who has previously lived in Australia but now resides in Heliopolis, an affluent suburb of Cairo. EL-BATOTY told [REDACTED] that he (EL-BATOTY) spent much of his free time in Egypt with MOGHN. EL-BATOTY and MOGHN were very close. HAMZA believes MOGHN could provide answers regarding EL-

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BATOTY's demeanor.

Either the day of or day before [REDACTED] arrival in Egypt, there was an attempt on Egypt's President Hosni MUBARAK's life. [REDACTED] BATOTY and MOGHN discussed this event though BATOTY and MOGHN did not really want to talk much about it around [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] did not believe this was unusual since it was a sensitive subject and [REDACTED] was not close to MOGHN. [REDACTED] was not aware of any strong political views by either EL-BATOTY or MOGHN.

After returning from Egypt on 09/25/1999, [REDACTED] may have exchanged a few phone calls with EL-BATOTY; however, after finding a fiancée here in the U.S. he did not pursue his search for a wife in Egypt.

On 10/31/1999, after hearing of the loss of EgyptAir Flight 990 on the news, [REDACTED] tried to call EL-BATOTY's (Cairo phone: 245-5659) wife but could not reach her. He then called his cousin [REDACTED] to find out if EL-BATOTY was on that flight. [REDACTED] later confirmed that EL-BATOTY had been on the flight.

On or about 11/17/1999, [REDACTED] current fiancée told [REDACTED] that EL-BATOTY was being implicated in the media. [REDACTED] is not sure whether EL-BATOTY is responsible for the loss of Flight 990, or not.

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[REDACTED] was interviewed at [REDACTED] place of employment, the Hotel Pennsylvania, 401 7th Avenue, New York, NY, telephone (212)502-8172. [REDACTED] provided the following information:

[REDACTED] who has been interviewed on two previous occasions by investigators from the New York FBI office, advised [REDACTED] has been employed at the hotel for the [REDACTED]. As [REDACTED] speaks fluent Arabic [REDACTED] is assigned to the airline check-in desk. [REDACTED] assists airline employees, including pilots, as they arrive and depart the hotel. [REDACTED] also assists with their needs while staying at the hotel. Egypt Air (EA) employees have been staying at the hotel during layovers in New York City for the past three years. Over the three years [REDACTED] has developed friendships with many of the EA pilots.

[REDACTED] was familiar with EA pilot Gamil El Batouty. [REDACTED] does recall that he was involved in at least one incident wherein he was questioned by hotel security. [REDACTED] was advised of the incident by co-workers upon her arrival at work the following morning after the incident. The incident took place several weeks prior to the crash of EA Flight 990. El Batouty was observed on several different floors of the hotel listening through hotel room doors. It was also alleged El Batouty had followed a female guest of the hotel to her room and was observed listening at the door to her room.

[REDACTED] recalls speaking to El Batouty the day following his being questioned by hotel security concerning this incident. He advised [REDACTED] he had been intoxicated the previous evening. He had met a woman in the hotel lobby after having drinks in his hotel room alone. After meeting the female hotel guest El Batouty returned to his hotel room to retrieve a bottle of wine and attempted to locate the woman's room. He alleged to [REDACTED] that he could not locate her room and searched the hallways of the hotel listening for her voice through various hotel room doors. It was at that time he was confronted by hotel security. [REDACTED] recalls El Batouty telling her "I think I may be in

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[REDACTED] trouble". He stated he was going to go see [REDACTED] at the EA office in Manhattan, NY to ask [REDACTED] help with the situation.

[REDACTED] further recalls receiving a telephone call at the airline desk that same day from [REDACTED] Front Office Manager, also spoke to [REDACTED]. El Batouty was with [REDACTED] at the EA office when she placed the call. [REDACTED] inquired as to why hotel security was picking on El Batouty for no reason. [REDACTED] recalls responding to [REDACTED] "you know how he is". Bhoudagian stated that [REDACTED] was not aware of "how he is". [REDACTED] does not recall discussing the details of the incident with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] does remember advising her that El Batouty was retiring in a month or two therefore the problem would go away.

[REDACTED] did discuss the incident earlier the same day with [REDACTED]. He advised [REDACTED] that the hotel was considering banning El Batouty from staying at the hotel. [REDACTED] repeated to him that El Batouty was retiring soon and in [REDACTED] opinion he (El Batouty) was harmless. El Batouty was not barred from the hotel. [REDACTED] does not believe any formal complaint was written and forwarded to the EA office concerning El Batouty's behavior. [REDACTED] further stated [REDACTED] is not aware of anyone blocking or attempting to block a complaint filed against El Batouty by hotel staff.

[REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] was also familiar with EA Chief Pilot Hussein Roushdy. [REDACTED] was aware that he was not scheduled to return to Cairo on Fl 990 the night of the crash. [REDACTED] was not aware of why the schedule was changed and he departed on that evening.

[REDACTED] does recall being approached by Roushdy the day following the incident involving El Batouty and hotel security. He advised [REDACTED] that El Batouty had been avoiding him all day. He was aware of the details of the incident but appeared concerned as to why El Batouty was avoiding him. [REDACTED] advised Roushdy that El Batouty was most likely embarrassed about what occurred and did not want to discuss it with him.

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[REDACTED] advised that Captain Hussein Roushdy was the senior pilot and commanded respect from the other EA pilots. The other pilots "listened" when Roushdy talked to them. [REDACTED] believes El Batouty, besides being embarrassed by the incident, may have been somewhat fearful of Roushdy's reaction to his being questioned by hotel security regarding his alleged inappropriate behavior.

[REDACTED] did not discuss El Batouty's conduct with Captain Roushdy at any other time. From the time of the incident, which occurred several weeks before the crash of FL 990, [REDACTED] does not recall El Batouty having any additional contact with hotel security concerning his behavior.

[REDACTED] was not aware of any dissension between any of the EA pilots. As far as [REDACTED] was aware, El Batouty had a friendly relationship with all of his fellow pilots and co-workers.

Further, [REDACTED] was not aware of a meeting which may have taken place between Captain Roushdy, Gamil El Batouty, and possibly other EA pilots, concerning El Batouty's conduct while staying at the Hotel Pennsylvania.

[REDACTED] is familiar with EA pilot Mohammed Badrawy. [REDACTED] does not believe he has returned to stay at the hotel since the crash of EA Flight 990.

[REDACTED] is not familiar with EA pilots Captain Wegden Fadeel or Captain Hanafy Hamdy.

[REDACTED] advised that since the crash of Flight 990 EA employees and pilots have not spoke of the crash to her. [REDACTED] has not overheard them discussing the tragedy among themselves. [REDACTED] stated that within the hotel it is as if the crash never occurred.

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[REDACTED] was interviewed at the EgyptAir New York Corporate Office, located at 720 5th Avenue, NYC, NY, telephone number [REDACTED]. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, [REDACTED] provided the following information:

[REDACTED] has been employed at EgyptAir for approximately twenty (20) years and is current involved in handling the EgyptAir crews' hotel arrangements in NYC. [REDACTED] stated that currently the EgyptAir crews are housed at the Hotel Pennsylvania (hereinafter Pennsylvania) while laying over in NYC. [REDACTED] described the accommodation at the Hotel Pennsylvania as less than ideal and noted the crews had expressed some dissatisfaction with the Pennsylvania. [REDACTED] noted that in other EgyptAir cities, EgyptAir was able to utilize respected national chains like the Sheraton or the Hilton. Unfortunately, due to the hotel shortage in NYC, EgyptAir was forced to contract with the Pennsylvania. [REDACTED] was unsure of the exact specifics of the EgyptAir-Pennsylvania Hotel contract but described it as "significant" and believed EgyptAir reserved approximately fifty (50) rooms per night at \$110 per room.

[REDACTED] stated that she often received complaints from the EgyptAir crew concerning the Pennsylvania and conversely, handled complaints from the Pennsylvania concerning EgyptAir employees' behavior. The vast majority of these complaints concerned the quality and availability of room assignments. [REDACTED] noted that EgyptAir employees often try to get upgraded to suites and have engaged in arguments with the Pennsylvania staff when this is not possible. In response, the Pennsylvania Front Office has often called the EgyptAir Executive Offices to complain about the EgyptAir crews' treatment of the Pennsylvania's staff.

[REDACTED] confirmed that she had received a complaint from GAMMI ELBATOUTY concerning his treatment at the Pennsylvania. Approximately six (6) months ago, ELBATOUTY

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approached [REDACTED] and told her that the Pennsylvania was harassing him for no reason. ELBATOUTY said he had been visiting an EgyptAir employee on another floor when he was questioned by security. In response, [REDACTED] telephoned [REDACTED] at the Hotel Pennsylvania. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that ELBATOUTY had been seen wandering the floors by security. However, [REDACTED] expressly stated that [REDACTED] never mentioned that ELBATOUTY was suspected of exposing himself and noted that any specific improper conduct on the part of ELBATOUTY was not provided by [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was unaware of any allegations of sexual misconduct involving ELBATOUTY at the Pennsylvania and found such allegations to be "unbelievable."

[REDACTED] characterized her relationship with ELBATOUTY as friendly and noted that he would often visit the EgyptAir corporate offices. During these visits ELBATOUTY would get a cup of coffee and spend time socializing with people in the office. [REDACTED] described ELBATOUTY as a pleasant individual who was always willing to work. Moreover, [REDACTED] believed ELBATOUTY was extremely "nice" and a dedicated family man. [REDACTED] was unaware of any negative information regarding ELBATOUTY.

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[REDACTED] was interviewed at the Pennsylvania Hotel, located at 401 7th Avenue, NY, NY. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, [REDACTED] provided the following information:

[REDACTED] is current employed as the nighttime housekeeping manager for the Pennsylvania Hotel. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] duties include supervising the cleaning and stocking of the hotel rooms and adjacent areas. [REDACTED] stated that part of this supervision would have included overseeing the cleaning of the Egyptair crew area as well as their hotel rooms.

[REDACTED] described the Egyptair staff as an overall nice crew but noted that at times they could be demanding. [REDACTED] stated that she was familiar with one member of the Egyptair crew who had harassed members of her housecleaning staff on multiple occasions. [REDACTED] identified this individual as GAMIL ELBATOUTY.

[REDACTED] stated that ELBATOUTY would often call the housekeeping department at unusual hours and request his room be cleaned. On these occasions, the housekeeping staff would often send two (2) maids since none of the women wanted to be alone with him. [REDACTED] noted that ELBATOUTY would often contact the housecleaning department and specifically request a particular maid named [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], telephone number [REDACTED], clean his room. [REDACTED] recalled [REDACTED] complaining about ELBATOUTY's behavior during these encounters. [REDACTED] would say things like he is "annoying me" and actually went so far as to make multiple complaints to security. [REDACTED] believed that ELBATOUTY had offered [REDACTED] gifts to include wine, etc.. in an effort to lure [REDACTED] into his room.

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] had complained to [REDACTED] on the night before the crash of Egyptair 990 (October 30, 1999) that ELBATOUTY had offered [REDACTED] \$100 if she would go into his room with him. [REDACTED] was extremely upset by this question and

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immediately refused.

Prior to leaving, SA Walker and SA Rhody were able to review the housekeeping itinere for October 30, 1999. According to this itinere [REDACTED] was scheduled to clean room 912A which was the room that ELBATOUTY was staying in.

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Date of transcription 02/18/00

[REDACTED] front office manager, New York's Hotel Pennsylvania, 401 7th Avenue & 33rd Street, New York, New York 10001-2062, telephone number (212)502-8128, was interviewed at his aforementioned work address. After being advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, [REDACTED] provided the following information:

[REDACTED] stated that he [REDACTED] knew of a Hotel Pennsylvania complaint regarding EgyptAir (EA) First Officer GAMIL EL BATOUTY (herein referred to as BATOUTY) which accused BATOUTY of either "peeping into rooms" or "bothering maids." [REDACTED] recalled that he [REDACTED] spoke with an EA employee named [REDACTED] (sp) who asked [REDACTED] why the Hotel Pennsylvania was "harassing" BATOUTY. [REDACTED] offered that evidently, BATOUTY had gone to [REDACTED] (sp) because when [REDACTED] spoke with [REDACTED] on the telephone, [REDACTED] had BATOUTY in her [REDACTED] office.

When asked if he [REDACTED] knew of any Hotel Pennsylvania complaints directed towards any EA employees which were blocked or stopped by any other EA employee(s) from coming to EA management's attention, [REDACTED] responded "no."

[REDACTED] stated that he [REDACTED] did not know EA Captain ROUSHDY.

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SA James D. Rhody

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/22/1999

[REDACTED] was interviewed at the Radisson Huntley Hotel, 1111 Second Street, Santa Monica, California. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, [REDACTED] provided the following information:

[REDACTED] was questioned about how he knew Gameel El Batouty. [REDACTED] has known El Batouty since 1991 when he invited him over for dinner. [REDACTED] had invited Captain Nour, who was a long time friend of [REDACTED] over for dinner and El Batouty was invited as a courtesy. They had been friends since that time.

El Batouty was described as a calm and collected person. [REDACTED] stated that El Batouty dealt with problems in a calm manner, giving an example of how he calmed an upset passenger at a departure gate on a previous flight.

[REDACTED] stated that El Batouty loved his daughter. [REDACTED] had been invited to go to Disneyland with El Batouty and his wife and daughter in September or October of 1998. [REDACTED] had constant contact with El Batouty when he visited Los Angeles, California as he would call him almost every time.

El Batouty had no financial problems that [REDACTED] was aware of and said that he had dreams for his family like everyone else did. El Batouty wanted to purchase things for his family and especially wanted to buy a house for his son who is a police officer in Egypt. El Batouty already had two homes in Egypt. El Batouty was not close to the poverty level, and being a pilot is a top paid profession in Egypt, excluding business professionals.

[REDACTED] was unaware of the specific illness that El Batouty's daughter had, but knew that she had seen a Doctor [REDACTED] (unsure of spelling) at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Medical Center. They were introduced to Doctor [REDACTED] by Dr. Hanza, who is a family relative. [REDACTED] thought that Doctor

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[REDACTED] was a Neurologist. Hanza's wife is related to El Batouty's wife.

El Batouty's daughter was last treated January of 1999 and was here for one week. [REDACTED] knew that El Batouty had good insurance that covered his family world-wide. Muslims do not typically have life insurance and having this type of insurance could be perceived as a cultural insult. Muslims believed it would invite death. Any insurance that El Batouty had would be minimal.

The prayer of "Give all my faith and trust to God" conflicts with someone intending to take their own life. This type of prayer is a positive prayer.

[REDACTED] died in a plane crash in 1972 while employed as an Egypt Air pilot.

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] was interviewed at her place of employment, the Double Tree Guest Suites at 1707 Fourth Street, Santa Monica, California 90401, telephone number (310)395-3332. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the interview, she provided the following information:

[REDACTED] is a [REDACTED] at the Double Tree Guest Suites and has been employed there for approximately [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] typically works [REDACTED] from 6:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. [REDACTED] regularly checks in and checks out the EgyptAir flight crews which stay at the Double Tree. [REDACTED] recognized GAMFEL EL-BATOUTY from a copy of a photograph and recalled that EL-BATOUTY had stayed at the Double Tree as a flight crew member approximately four or five times. [REDACTED] recalls checking in EL-BATOUTY on 10/23/1999.

EL-BATOUTY frequently spoke with [REDACTED] because he, and other flight crew members, recognized [REDACTED] first name as Arabic in origin. EL-BATOUTY was always friendly and presented a happy demeanor. When checking in on 10/23/1999, EL-BATOUTY approached the front desk with approximately two other flight crew members. EL-BATOUTY and these associates were jovial, and the associates commented that EL-BATOUTY was retiring soon and that the current visit may be his last visit to Los Angeles with EgyptAir. The associates requested that EL-BATOUTY be given a "good room."

Neither EL-BATOUTY nor any EgyptAir flight crew members ever caused problems at the Double Tree. Occasionally, a flight crew member would request an upgrade to a nicer room than is contracted for under the agreement between the Double Tree and EgyptAir. To the best of RICHARDS' recollection, EL-BATOUTY did not frequent the hotel bar and did not have guests visit him at the hotel.

[REDACTED] checked out [REDACTED] flight crew member on 10/28/1999 but does not specifically recall checking out EL-

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EL-BATOUTY. \_\_\_\_\_ is willing to identify photographs of crew members who were friendly with EL-BATOUTY.

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[REDACTED] driver's license number [REDACTED], was interviewed at [REDACTED] place of employment, Radisson Huntley Hotel, 1111 Second Street, Santa Monica, California, 90403. [REDACTED] is employed as a [REDACTED] at the hotel. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, [REDACTED] provided the following information:

[REDACTED] was contacted by agents because somebody unknown had used [REDACTED] name and called the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Los Angeles Division requesting to be interviewed in reference to the Egypt Air 990 crash. [REDACTED] was contacted by telephone and denied calling the FBI, but [REDACTED] gave consent to have an interview at his employment address.

[REDACTED] is a member of the Islamic Center of Southern California located at Vermont and Wilshire Boulevard. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] never called the FBI for an interview but had been contacted by several news agencies due to [REDACTED] friendship with the co-pilot, Gameel El Batouty.

[REDACTED] had dinner with El Batouty on the Tuesday and Wednesday prior to the plane crash. El Batouty came over to [REDACTED] on Tuesday night, 10/26/1999, at 5:30 p.m. and left at 11:00 p.m. On Wednesday night, 10/27/1999, El Batouty again [REDACTED] for dinner from 5:30 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. The last time that [REDACTED] talked to El Batouty was Thursday, 10/28/1999, around 10:30 a.m. The conversation was described as normal.

[REDACTED] had known El Batouty since the late 1980's when Egypt Air first started flying to Los Angeles, California. The flight crews stayed at the Radisson Hotel that first year. [REDACTED] has maintained a close friendship with El Batouty since that time.

In July of 1999, [REDACTED] had a niece on the plane flown by El Batouty. The plane had arrived early and El Batouty took

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care of [REDACTED] niece. [REDACTED] has visited El Batouty at his home in Egypt, giving a 1994 date that they [REDACTED] had dinner together.

El Batouty was described as a good pilot. He was a teacher in the Egyptian Air Force prior to working for Egypt Air.

When El Batouty visited [REDACTED], no problems were ever discussed as this would not be normal in Egyptian culture. El Batouty was described as a pleasant person constantly telling jokes. His son had just graduated from a police academy in Egypt. El Batouty was a Muslim.

[REDACTED] had El Batouty over to [REDACTED] often, and [REDACTED] discussed how [REDACTED] had Captain Habashi [REDACTED] 2 1/2 months ago when he was with El Batouty. The conversation on that date was normal.

El Batouty's daughter has Lupis and is getting treated in Egypt. This did not discourage him. He loved to travel and buy things for his family. He traveled all over the world. El Batouty was well paid compared to the average Egyptian.

[REDACTED] described Muslim prayers that appear on the television monitors prior to take-off. The messages describe how God gave man the ability to fly and how it is useful in society.

The name of El Batouty's daughter is Jeannette. El Batouty has brought his wife and daughter to Los Angeles on previous occasions. [REDACTED] remembered a 1998 date and one after that where his daughter came to Los Angeles for diagnosis. His daughter's primary care is in Egypt, and she was brought to Los Angeles for a second opinion to verify that the treatment in Egypt was proper. His wife was described as loving of El Batouty.

A rumor of El Batouty's family being in Los Angeles was asked. [REDACTED] stated that if the family was in Los Angeles, he would know about it. [REDACTED] would be shocked if El Batouty's wife was in Los Angeles, and he did not know about it.

[REDACTED] had called Providence Island looking for El Batouty's wife and son Emr after the crash. [REDACTED] had called the Double Tree Hotel and was not successful in contacting El Batouty's family. When [REDACTED] called the hotel, [REDACTED] asked for any Egyptian name and contacted Mohamed El Badrawi who is a Captain of a 777 for Egypt Air. [REDACTED] called El Badrawi and wanted him to get in touch

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with El Batouty's wife, Umayma. This was on the Tuesday after the crash. El Badrawi did not call [REDACTED] back right away. Later, El Badrawi called [REDACTED] back, but El Batouty's wife had left the United States on the Thursday after the crash with her son. She was back in Egypt on Friday.

[REDACTED] again stated that [REDACTED] would know if El Batouty's family was back in Los Angeles. She had called [REDACTED] last week on Thursday from Cairo, Egypt. She had called [REDACTED] using a cellular phone.

[REDACTED] says that the medical records of El Batouty's daughter was in the briefcase that he was carrying when the plane crashed. Umayma El Batouty is still interested in bringing the daughter to the United States for treatment for her disease. The family had been seeking advice from Doctor Hanza. Additionally, Doctor Hanza knows doctors at the University of California, Los Angeles Medical Center who can assist El Batouty's daughter.

When the crash occurred, the news media went to the Islamic Center of Southern California looking for individuals who may have known El Batouty. At the center, NBC news representative Belal Khatib found Doctor Hanza and was given [REDACTED] name.

Belal Khatib was persistent in trying to interview [REDACTED] about [REDACTED] friendship with El Batouty. [REDACTED] finally gave an interview to Khatib which lasted about 10 minutes, but [REDACTED] was upset because the news only played the part where [REDACTED] was crying over [REDACTED] friend's death. This interview was done in [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] described El Batouty as not being depressed and looking forward to retirement. [REDACTED] did not know of any insurance coverage that El Batouty had obtained, but [REDACTED] was aware that Egypt Air provided coverage for the daughter. [REDACTED] stated this because the rumor in Egypt was that she did not have any medical coverage.

El Batouty was at the highest pay scale and had the advantage of his family flying for free. He had no financial troubles. His behavior with [REDACTED] was normal. They never talked politics or religion with each other. El Batouty was a Muslim, but he was not a religious fanatic. El Batouty has three sons and two daughters.

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El Batouty's home telephone number is [REDACTED] which he had readily available. [REDACTED] received a phone call from the Chief Pilot of Egypt Air, Hatem Roshdy, who was in London, England as the interview concluded.

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MEDHAT HAMED ELKADDAH, Captain, Egypt Air, date of birth 11/13/1948, was interviewed at the Pennsylvania Hotel, 401 7th Avenue, New York, New York. Present at this interview were Special Agent [REDACTED] and Detective [REDACTED] both of the FBI-NYPD Joint Terrorist Task Force, and Detective [REDACTED] of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. ELKADDAH was advised of the identities of the interviewing agent and Detectives and of the nature of the interview. The following information details the outcome of this interview.

ELKADDAH arrived at the Pennsylvania Hotel at approximately 9:00am on Thursday 11/11/1999. SA [REDACTED] met ELKADDAH in the lobby of the hotel as he arrived from John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFKIA). ELKADDAH was cordial and receptive when SA [REDACTED] requested some of his time to discuss issues surrounding the crash of Egypt Air (EA) Flight 990. SA [REDACTED] and a hotel security representative escorted ELKADDAH to his room so that he could put down his luggage. ELKADDAH agreed to meet with SA [REDACTED], DET. [REDACTED], and DET. [REDACTED] in [REDACTED]. No hotel representatives were present at this meeting.

ELKADDAH, although tired from being in the air for 13 hours, was personable and gregarious towards the interviewers. ELKADDAH was specifically asked about statements he made to representatives of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) while being interviewed on Tuesday 11/02/1999. These statements indicated that ELKADDAH received a sum of money from EA First Officer (FO) El BATOTY, who was a crew member on EA Flight 990 which departed JFKIA on 10/30/1999. ELKADDAH explained that the money in question was only \$35 (U.S. currency). This was money that El BATOTY had received from EA for food. ELKADDAH added that this is the normal sum of money which EA gives it flight crews to purchase food when there is any sort of delay in departure. ELKADDAH was questioned about the relationship of the money that he received from El BATOTY to the supposed statement by El BATOTY that "if anything should happen to me give the money to my son". On this issue ELKADDAH

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explained that he did not want to accept the \$35 only because it is his nature to not hold other people's money. ELKADDAH believes that El BATOTY made this statement "in passing" because of the repeated attempts by him (ELKADDAH) to refuse the money. El BATOTY had to approach ELKADDAH and physically hand him the money. ELKADDAH did not think much of this at the time and in a somewhat joking manner made reference to El BATOTY's wife controlling his finances thus making him (ELKADDAH) feel that perhaps El BATOTY wanted to keep this money for himself. ELKADDAH stated that this interaction with El BATOTY was their last conversation.

ELKADDAH was asked to explain the issue of El BATOTY having some sort of premonition that something bad was going to happen to him. ELKADDAH explained that El BATOTY never stated this fact to him but this was something that he (ELKADDAH) was just wondering about while mourning the loss of his friend. ELKADDAH added that while thinking about the death of his friend he "naturally" began to wonder if El BATOTY had any foresight, or premonitions, about something happening. According to ELKADDAH he was just trying to think to himself of what El BATOTY may have been thinking, feeling, etc. ELKADDAH reiterated that this was just something that he was "thinking" about since his friend's death.

At this point the interviewing agents began to query ELKADDAH to obtain some background information on El BATOTY. ELKADDAH was receptive to this line of questioning and provided the following information:

ELKADDAH stated that he and El BATOTY had been friends since 1965 and that their families were originally from the same state in Egypt. El BATOTY was the son of a Mayor of a city outside Cairo. Growing up ELKADDAH thinks that El BATOTY may have been somewhat of a spoiled child because his family had money. Eventually El BATOTY became a flight instructor and someone who would eventually train most of the current EA Captains. However El BATOTY himself never got higher than the FO position because he did not have enough ATP's (ph) or ATD's (ph) to make Captain. El BATOTY was 59 years old and was going to

retire in February 2000 and move to a farm outside Cairo. ELKADDAH added that international law dictates that you can not fly commercially after age 60. El BATOTY was married with five children, three sons and two daughters. ELKADDAH spoke specifically of one of El BATOTY's sons who was going to be a Police Officer in Cairo. Apparently El BATOTY spent a lot of money on this son because he wanted him to have a good appearance. ELKADDAH stated El BATOTY's other son is in college and that of El BATOTY's two daughters, one is married with a family and one is twelve years old and has what ELKADDAH could only best describe as "red mercury poisoning". ELKADDAH added that El BATOTY had taken this daughter to a Los Angeles hospital last year for some treatment. ELKADDAH could not provide any more details on El BATOTY's family. According to ELKADDAH, El BATOTY earned \$2,000 (U.S. currency) a month as a FO while he ELKADDAH, earned \$4,000 to \$5,000 (U.S. currency) a month as a Captain. ELKADDAH maintained that El BATOTY only had the type of financial problems that anyone else would have with five children and related expenses. ELKADDAH did recall that around 10/17/1999 he and El BATOTY went to a Sears store near Hoboken, New Jersey where he used his VISA to purchase a car tire for himself and El BATOTY. ELKADDAH willingly displayed his VISA card for SA [REDACTED] and offered to allow SA [REDACTED] to copy the number. ELKADDAH's VISA card number was [REDACTED] and it expires in [REDACTED]. According to ELKADDAH the cost of the tires was over \$100 (U.S. currency).

ELKADDAH remembered that while at the Pennsylvania Hotel on Saturday 10/30/1999 he telephoned El BATOTY, who arrived at the hotel after flying as a passenger from Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) to JFKIA on another flight. ELKADDAH had just flown in as the take off and landing Captain of Flight 989 from Cairo to JFKIA (which was diverted to Newark International Airport due to fog at JFKIA). ELKADDAH had to leave a message for El BATOTY to see if he wanted to go back to Sears because El BATOTY was not in his room. Later that night El BATOTY telephoned ELKADDAH and said that he had been out earlier. El BATOTY was scheduled to be the FO of the "cruise" crew for EA Flight 990 departing JFKIA later that evening for Cairo. While still at the hotel ELKADDAH and El BATOTY spent some time

together in a lounge before El BATOTY returned to his room to get his luggage together. When El BATOTY telephoned ELKADDAH from his room to talk some more ELKADDAH told him that he had some "sweets" (candy) and to come and get some. El BATOTY declined this offer. A short while later while he was checking out of the hotel El BATOTY telephoned ELKADDAH to try and get him (ELKADDAH) to take his \$35 food money. Eventually ELKADDAH met with El BATOTY before El BATOTY's departure from the hotel. This final meeting was where El BATOTY handed ELKADDAH the money and made the statement about giving it to his son if something happened.

ELKADDAH could only add that El BATOTY was a man with a sense of humor and no health problems. ELKADDAH claimed that El BATOTY was not on any medications and was a strong man. However in thinking back ELKADDAH at times had a feeling that El BATOTY was somewhat quiet lately and thought at times that something may have been on his mind. El BATOTY never mentioned to ELKADDAH that anything was wrong or that something was troubling him. ELKADDAH stated that he believed that El BATOTY's family would receive \$240,000 (U.S. currency) due to El BATOTY's death. ELKADDAH in no way believes that El BATOTY had anything to do with deliberately causing EA Flight 990 to crash.

ELKADDAH was then asked to offer an opinion as to what may have happened to EA Flight 990. As best he could in English ELKADDAH stated that he believed that a "runaway stabilizer" could have been at fault. When asked to explain ELKADDAH provided that at 33,000 feet, if there was a problem with a runaway stabilizer, this could have contributed to either the Automatic Pilot (AP) disengaging mechanically, or the pilots having to "rough handle" the controls thus causing the AP to be disengaged by the pilots. At any rate this could have caused the nose of the aircraft to drop. ELKADDAH asserted that if the pilot(s) reactions were not quick enough they would lose control of the aircraft. Consequently as the aircraft's nose dropped its speed would increase and it would take a strong and quick-thinking man to regain control. ELKADDAH claimed that if the pilot(s) were able to gain control by reducing speed and bringing the nose up it could be possible to bring the nose up to far and, due to lack of speed, stall the aircraft. ELKADDAH stated that

the aircraft would then descend into the ocean. ELKADDAH claims that this type of scenario would be captured on the aircraft's data recorder. ELKADDAH has never seen this problem on a 767 but remembers it happening when he flew the 737 200 series.

ELKADDAH claims that he did not inform the first individuals that interviewed him of the El BATOTY issue because of fatigue and the upsetting events that had taken place. ELKADDAH claimed that he had been awake since 3:30am on 10/31/1999 and received a call around 5:00am from another EA pilot at the hotel informing him that they had lost an aircraft. By 6:00am ELKADDAH and the rest of the crew at the hotel went to JFKIA before returning to the hotel later that day. ELKADDAH stated that after arriving back at the hotel on that Sunday afternoon he slept for a while before hotel employees informed him around 4:30pm that people from the FBI were there to speak to him.

ELKADDAH subsequently stated that he offered all that he could think of with regards to the issues surround El BATOTY and the aircraft. At that point the interview ended cordially.



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Honorable James Hall  
Chairman  
National Transportation Safety Board  
490 L'Enfant Plaza  
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Re: Egyptair 990

Dear Chairman Hall,

Enclosed for the use of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) are redacted copies of 10 FD-302s of interviews conducted by the FBI at the Pennsylvania Hotel regarding First Officer El-Batouty. As discussed today in a conversation between Mr. Daniel Campbell, Managing Director, NTSB and James Roth, Chief Counsel, FBI, New York the FBI has redacted the names, addresses and information that may tend to identify the subjects of the interview. We request that NTSB not disclose these documents outside of the NTSB without further discussion and approval of the FBI.

This office would greatly appreciate it if your office could expedite our prior requests for NTSB reports regarding First Officer El-Batouty.

If you have any further questions regarding these documents, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Lewis D. Schiliro  
Assistant Director in Charge

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On Tuesday, November 16, 1999, Investigator DOMINICK A. MAGRO of the New York State Police (NYSP) and Special Agent THOMAS J. GALLAGHER of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF), assigned to the Joint Terrorist Task Force, interviewed [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] at [REDACTED] residence. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing investigators and the reason for the interview, [REDACTED] stated the following.

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] is employed as a [REDACTED] at the Pennsylvania Hotel, 401 7th Avenue, New York, New York 10001, and has been employed by the hotel for the last thirteen years.

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] responsibility as a [REDACTED] at the hotel and to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised the investigators that [REDACTED] is working the p.m. shift (9:00 p.m. to 4:30 a.m.) and has been assigned to it since September of 1998. [REDACTED] further stated that [REDACTED] was working the 9:00pm to 4:30am shift on October 30, 1999.

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] arrived at work and received [REDACTED] assignment from [REDACTED] supervisor, [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was assigned to [REDACTED] and that [REDACTED] would normally [REDACTED] but the hotel was busy that evening. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] was aware that certain rooms had guests who were checking out at midnight. Of those rooms, Room 912A and Room 1152 were to be occupied by new guests at 12:30 a.m. [REDACTED] further advised that [REDACTED] was aware that members of Egypt Air crew occupied the following rooms: 1152 (hotel records indicate Egypt Air crew member ADEL ANWAR as the guest in this room), 912A (hotel records indicate Egypt Air crew member ELBATOTY as being the guest in this room) and 1021A (hotel records indicate Egypt Air crew member RAAFAT SAMY as being the guest in this room), and were expected to check out of their rooms by 12 midnight.

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[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] Room 1152 at approximately 12:00 a.m. on October 31, 1999. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] knocked on the door and that the guest had answered the door and informed [REDACTED] that he would be departing the room momentarily. [REDACTED] stated that the guest left the room for a few minutes and [REDACTED] waited for him to return before entering his room. Upon his return, the guest took his luggage and said goodbye to [REDACTED] to which [REDACTED] responded, have a safe trip. [REDACTED] further advised that the hotel guest was wearing an Egypt Air crew uniform and that [REDACTED] recognized him as being an Egypt Air crew member but did not know him by name. [REDACTED] also stated that [REDACTED] never had any problems with this individual. [REDACTED] further commented that the room was messy but that there was nothing unusual or out of the ordinary about the room.

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] Room 912A at approximately 12:15 a.m. on October 31, 1999, which was one of the rooms which was to be reoccupied at 12:30 a.m. [REDACTED] stated that when [REDACTED] entered the room the guest had already left and that there was nothing unusual and nothing out of the ordinary about the room except for the fact that in one of the dresser drawers there were packets of mustard and mayonnaise. [REDACTED] stated that it was less messy than Room 1152.

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] knew the identity of the guest in Room 912A because [REDACTED] saw him on Friday evening, October 29, 1999, at approximately 9:00 p.m. as he was standing next to Rooms 901A and 903A and subsequently saw him enter his room, 912A. [REDACTED] stated that the guest then came out of his room and motioned to [REDACTED] to come here and whispered to [REDACTED] "I'll give you \$100 if you just come to my room." [REDACTED] responded by saying "I am not here for that. I'm here to work, just leave me alone." [REDACTED] stated that he went into his room and that [REDACTED] did not see him for the rest of that night.

[REDACTED] advised investigators that [REDACTED] was aware that the guest in Room 912A was an Egypt Air crew member, and that he had previously identified himself to [REDACTED] as HALI (ph) sometime back in September of 1998 when [REDACTED] first started working the p.m. shift. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] would see this individual in the

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hotel approximately every two weeks. [REDACTED] stated that on several occasions this individual stated that he liked [REDACTED] and would request that she come into his room. [REDACTED] also stated that at times he would offer her gifts, such as wine in small bottles, for her to come into his room. [REDACTED] advised that this occurred approximately twenty times since September 1998. [REDACTED] stated that as time went on, this individual became a nuisance and [REDACTED] reported the incidents to hotel security. [REDACTED] stated that on one occasion this individual had called housekeeping to have his room cleaned. [REDACTED] entered his room and observed the television being on and that the individual was not in the room. [REDACTED] stated as she was cleaning up his room, the individual entered the room and as [REDACTED] finished and was attempting to leave, the individual grabbed [REDACTED] by the shoulder in an attempt to keep [REDACTED] in the room. [REDACTED] left the room without further incident and stated that this was the only time he ever put his hands on [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised investigators that she had advised hotel security, namely [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] regarding these incidents.

[REDACTED] further advised that this individual would frequently wander around the floors of the hotel, sometimes just dressed in pajamas, possibly visiting other members of Egypt Air crew who were guests at the hotel. [REDACTED] stated that she believes that hotel security had contacted this individual regarding his behavior towards her and his wandering around the floors of the hotel. [REDACTED] further advised that she believed that representatives of the Hotel Pennsylvania spoke to him regarding this matter but that even after this, he continued to approach [REDACTED] in this manner. [REDACTED] stated that he would always whisper or speak in a low voice while stating his intentions. [REDACTED] also stated that each time she rejected his offer to come to his room, he would walk away with his head down in shame. [REDACTED] stated that she was not aware if this individual behaved this way with other housekeepers. [REDACTED] stated that this individual never forced [REDACTED] and was not aware of any other housekeepers who were forced, to do anything of this nature. [REDACTED] also stated that she never knew this individual to drink alcohol and that she never smelled alcohol on his breath.

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[REDACTED] also advised investigators of the following information. [REDACTED] stated that on one occasion this individual had entered into Room 1648, which [REDACTED] believed that the individual was looking for [REDACTED] in the hotel and may have found [REDACTED] because of the fact that [REDACTED] had [REDACTED] identification number on it. [REDACTED] also stated that a fellow worker, [REDACTED] who works with [REDACTED] on the 9th floor, told [REDACTED] that this individual would put his ear to the doors of hotel's guests' rooms.

[REDACTED] provided the following information in response to being asked if [REDACTED] ever observed this individual with others. [REDACTED] stated that on one occasion, possibly April of 1999, [REDACTED] observed this individual with a young girl about the age of 11 or 12 years old, whom he introduced to [REDACTED] as his daughter. [REDACTED] further advised that [REDACTED] never saw him with other individuals. [REDACTED] was asked if [REDACTED] was aware of any interests or activities that this individual might have. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was not aware of any interests or activities and that [REDACTED] would usually observe him wandering around the halls of the hotel. [REDACTED] was asked specifically if [REDACTED] ever observed any reading material such as books, newspapers or magazines in his room. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was not aware of any of these items.

[REDACTED] was provided with a copy of an Egypt Air photo ID of GAMIL H. ELBATOUTY, Pilot, ID # 411, expires 12/2002, at which time [REDACTED] positively identified the person in the photograph as being the guest in Room 912A.

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] Room 1021A at [REDACTED] approximately 12:30 to 12:45 a.m. on October 31, 1999. [REDACTED] stated that when [REDACTED] arrived at the room, the room was not occupied but [REDACTED] was aware that an Egypt Air crew member, whose identity was unknown to [REDACTED] had occupied the room. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] observed four empty Heineken beer bottles (45-ounce size) on the window sill and another three empty beer bottles (45-ounce, unknown brand) on the dresser in the room. [REDACTED] also observed an ashtray overfilled with cigarette butts. [REDACTED] did not observe anything else unusual or out of the ordinary with respect to that room.

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[REDACTED] advised the investigators that [REDACTED] never observed the individual known to [REDACTED] as HALI (ph) demonstrate any other forms of strange behavior. [REDACTED] also stated that [REDACTED] believed this individual was sex-craved and had a problem. [REDACTED] finished this interview by stating that [REDACTED] felt that [REDACTED] had been constantly harassed by this individual. [REDACTED] was unable to provide any further information.

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[REDACTED] Hotel Pennsylvania, 401 7th Avenue, New York, New York, was interviewed at [REDACTED] place of employment on 11-16-99. [REDACTED] provided the following information:

[REDACTED] has been employed at the Hotel Pennsylvania as the [REDACTED] for the past one year.

[REDACTED] asked by interviewing agents if [REDACTED] had any contact with any members of the flight crew of Egyptian Air. [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] was familiar with at least two incidents involving Egypt Air pilot Gamil Elbatouty. The first time [REDACTED] became aware of Elbatouty was during early summer of 1999. [REDACTED] received a telephone call from the husband of hotel employee [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is employed [REDACTED] at the hotel and works a [REDACTED] shift. [REDACTED] whose name [REDACTED] could not recall, was very upset. He advised he had just received a call from [REDACTED] at work who advised him [REDACTED] had been *she* constantly harassed by a hotel guest. [REDACTED] threatened a lawsuits against the hotel if the sexual harrasement did not stop. After receiving the call [REDACTED] immediately contacted [REDACTED] who was still working *her* shift at the hotel. [REDACTED] brought [REDACTED] to his office. [REDACTED] began to cry stating an Egypt Air pilot was constantly offering [REDACTED] gifts and money to enter *his* hotel room. [REDACTED] identified the pilot as Gamil Elbatouty. [REDACTED] *she* advised that Elbatouty would follow [REDACTED] from floor to floor while *she* [REDACTED] was working attempting to convince her to accompany him to his room. [REDACTED] believed he may have made similar advances to other maids. [REDACTED] did not confront Elbatouty at that time nor did he make a written record. [REDACTED] did advise [REDACTED] of the incident. [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] would write a letter to Elbatouty's employer, Egypt Air, and advise them of his conduct. The letter would also advise Egypt Air that if Elabatouty continued to harrass [REDACTED] would be barred from staying at the hotel. [REDACTED] recalls asking [REDACTED] few days after the incident if he had sent the letter to Egypt Air. [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] that he did send a letter to Egypt Air via facsimile.

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The next time [REDACTED] recalls contact with Elbatouty was August 23, 1999 at approximately midnight. At that time [REDACTED] was contacted by hotel [REDACTED]. He advised he had just seen Elbatouty on the sixth floor of the hotel. Elbatouty had just followed an Asian couple to their room and was listening through their hotel door. [REDACTED] had recognized Elbatouty because hotel security officers had pointed him out to him as the Egypt Air pilot who had been harrassing and stalking hotel maids. [REDACTED] immediately went to the sixth floor. Upon arriving at the sixth floor [REDACTED] observed Elbatouty entering the elevator. [REDACTED] searched for Elbatouty and then returned to his office. A few moments later Elbatouty returned to the hotel lobby where he was recognized by [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] Elbatouty to the security office. [REDACTED] questioned Elbatouty as to why he was on the sixth floor. He replied he was visiting friends on the floor. [REDACTED] asked if his friends worked for Egypt Air to which Elbatouty answered in the affirmative. [REDACTED] then advised him that there were no Egypt Air employees staying on the sixth floor. [REDACTED] then asked Elbatouty as to why he was listening through the door of the sixth floor room. Elbatouty replied that he had friends staying in that room. [REDACTED] advised him that the people in the room did not know him. [REDACTED] then advised Elbatouty that his employer was aware of his actions. He further advised him that if he was observed on any other floor in the hotel but his own that he would be ejected from the hotel. Elbatouty seemed somewhat nervous but not overly concerned with the situation. A written report was made of the incident. A copy of which was provided to interviewing agents on 11-15-99 by [REDACTED] Hotel Pennsylvania.

[REDACTED] heard nothing further concerning Elbatouty until 10-31-99, when he learned of the crash of flight 990. Employees of the hotel knew of the crash and were discussing it with each other. [REDACTED] stated he was advised by [REDACTED] that he had discussed the crash with hotel [REDACTED]. During the conversation [REDACTED] advised him that on the evening prior to the crash, 10-30-99, Elbatouty had offered her one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to enter his room. [REDACTED] refused his request.

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On Monday, November 15, 1999, Investigator Dominick A. Macro of the New York State Police, assigned to the Joint Terrorist Task Force, telephonically contacted [REDACTED] of [REDACTED].

After being advised of the identity of the interviewing investigator and the reason for the interview, [REDACTED] stated the following.

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was presently employed as a [REDACTED] at the Pennsylvania Hotel, 401 7th Avenue, New York, New York 10001, and has been employed there for the last [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] stated that her responsibility as a [REDACTED] at the hotel. [REDACTED] further stated that [REDACTED] was working the 9:00pm to 4:30am shift on October 30, 1999.

[REDACTED] provided the following information in response to being asked if [REDACTED] recalled [REDACTED] Room # 912A ( Hotel records indicate Egypt Air crew member ELBATOTY as being the guest in room # 912A) on the evening of October 30, 1999. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] did clean room # 912A at approximately 12:15am on 10/31/99 and did not notice anything unusual or out of the ordinary regarding the room. [REDACTED] further stated that [REDACTED] knew the person who was occupying room # 912 A because [REDACTED] observed him enter his room on 10/29/99, as she was cleaning other rooms on the ninth floor. [REDACTED] did not clean room # 912A on 10/29/99. [REDACTED] identified the person who occupied room # 912A as an Egypt Air crew member whom she had seen before and on previous meetings identified himself to her as [REDACTED]). [REDACTED] further stated that on 10/29/99 [REDACTED] spoke to her and offered her \$100.00 to come into his room. [REDACTED] stated she told [REDACTED] "[REDACTED] was not here for that and [REDACTED] was there to work". [REDACTED] also advised that [REDACTED] mentioned the incident to security supervisor [REDACTED], but was not sure if a report of the incident was filed.

[REDACTED] further advised that ALI had harassed her, as well as other [REDACTED] on previous occasions when he was a guest at the hotel, and believes the incidents were reported to security at the hotel. On other occasions [REDACTED]

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observed ALI walking through the hallways of the hotel wearing pajamas without any underwear. [REDACTED] was unable to furnish any further information regarding ALI and the room that he occupied, # 912 A, on 10/29/99 and 10/30/99.

[REDACTED] provided the following information in response to being asked if she recalled cleaning room # 1021 A (Hotel records indicate Egypt Air crew member RAAFAT SAMY as the guest in room # 1021 A) on the evening of October 30, 1999. [REDACTED] stated that she did [REDACTED] room # 1021 A at approximately 12:30am on October 31, 1999 and advised of the following. [REDACTED] stated that she did observe four empty beer bottles on the window and three empty beer bottles on the dresser in the room. [REDACTED] also advised that she did not [REDACTED] room #1021 A on 10/29/99. [REDACTED] further stated that she did not observe the guest in room # 1021 A and therefore was not aware of the identity of the guest who occupied the room. [REDACTED] further advised that she did not notice anything else unusual or out of the ordinary in room #1021A.

[REDACTED] provided the following information in response to being asked if she recalled [REDACTED] room # 1152 (HOTEL records indicate Egypt Air crew member ADEL ANWAR as the guest in room # 1152) on the evening of October 30, 1999. [REDACTED] stated that she did clean room # 1152 at approximately 12:00am on 10/31/99 and did not notice anything unusual or out of the ordinary regarding the room. [REDACTED] further stated that the occupant of the room, whom [REDACTED] recognized as being an Egypt Air crew member who [REDACTED] did not know by name, told her that he would be back in a few minutes to pick up his luggage. [REDACTED] stated that the occupant did leave the room as she began cleaning it, but returned within five minutes. The occupant took his luggage and left the room without incident. [REDACTED] was unable to furnish any further information regarding the occupant of room # 1152 and anything unusual or out of the ordinary regarding the room.

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[REDACTED] was interviewed at the Pennsylvania Hotel, located at 401 7th Avenue, NY, NY. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, [REDACTED] provided the following information:

[REDACTED] is employed as a [REDACTED] at the Pennsylvania Hotel and has worked in such a capacity for approximately three (3) years. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] employment duties at the Pennsylvania include [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] noted that during the course of [REDACTED] employment, [REDACTED] often saw individuals that [REDACTED] believed were flight crew for Egyptair. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] never had any personal contact with any of the Egyptair personnel.

[REDACTED] stated that there was one member of the Egyptair flight crew who [REDACTED] had heard repeated rumors about. Moreover, this individual had been pointed out to [REDACTED] by a fellow employee at the hotel. [REDACTED] had heard that this individual was a pervert and often stalked female guests and female employees. In addition, [REDACTED] heard this individual had offered some female members of the housekeeping staff money in exchange for sex. [REDACTED] recalled security speaking with [REDACTED] about this individual and cautioning the female employees about this man. [REDACTED] was unable to recall the individual's name but stated that [REDACTED] would recognize the man if [REDACTED] saw a picture of him. SA Walker then produced a photocopy of the employee identification badge for GAMIL H. ELBATOUTY. Upon viewing the above photocopy, [REDACTED] confirmed that this was the individual [REDACTED] had heard the rumors about and had been cautioned about "by security.

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] personally witnessed ELBATOUTY engaging in unusual behavior around August of 1999. [REDACTED] stated that one night at approximately 1:00 AM, [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] to a patron's room on the 6th Floor. [REDACTED] noticed ELBATOUTY milling around the floor. [REDACTED] stated while he was still on the floor, a white male and Asian female, who [REDACTED] assumed to be a couple, walked down the sixth

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floor hallway and entered their room. [REDACTED] then witnessed ELBATOUTY follow the couple to their room and put his head against the door in an effort to hear what was going on in the room. After viewing this behavior, [REDACTED] immediately exited the floor and went to the security desk at the main lobby. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] told the security officer present at the time that "the Egyptian is back again" and described what [REDACTED] witnessed. [REDACTED] was unsure what happened to ELBATOUTY but noted that [REDACTED] did see him walking through the lobby later that night. [REDACTED] did not believe that ELBATOUTY was intoxicated during this event and had never witnessed ELBATOUTY in an intoxicated state.

[REDACTED] described ELBATOUTY as a "sick" individual. Moreover, [REDACTED] believed that ELBATOUTY was a "mean" spirited man and often noticed him leering at passing females. [REDACTED] characterized ELBATOUTY as a loner and stated that ELBATOUTY appeared "odd."

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[REDACTED] residing at [REDACTED] was interviewed at the Pennsylvania Hotel, located at 401 7th Avenue, NY, NY. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, [REDACTED] provided the following information:

[REDACTED] is currently employed as [REDACTED] at the Pennsylvania Hotel during the [REDACTED] shift. [REDACTED] has been employed as [REDACTED] at the Pennsylvania for approximately [REDACTED] and noted that [REDACTED] was aware of only one (1) individual from EGYPTAIR who security had encountered. [REDACTED] stated that this individual was named GAMIL ELBATOUTY and visual confirmed that a photocopy of ELBATOUTY's Egyptair identification badge was the individual he was referring to.

[REDACTED] noted that [REDACTED] had witnessed ELBATOUTY engaged in what [REDACTED] believed to be indecent behavior on only one occasion. During this occasion, [REDACTED] was letting a patron in her room on the 8th floor when [REDACTED] witnessed ELBATOUTY leaning against an adjacent room's door with his ear to the door. [REDACTED] approached ELBATOUTY and asked him whether this was his room. ELBATOUTY responded that it was not his room but that he was looking for a friends' room on the floor.

ELBATOUTY then exited the 8th floor and [REDACTED] followed him to his room on the 11th floor (room 1121). [REDACTED] then waited outside ELBATOUTY's room until he left his room and went to the 6th floor. [REDACTED] lost ELBATOUTY on the 6th floor but noted that he was later questioned that same night in the security area.

[REDACTED] stated that ELBATOUTY was notorious within the security department of the hotel and was a constant source of concern. While [REDACTED] had never actually witnessed ELBATOUTY prior to this incident, he had heard that ELBATOUTY often propositioned the housekeeping staff and stalked women he saw in the lobby. [REDACTED] was unsure of what, if any, disciplinary measures were sanctioned against ELBATOUTY.

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[REDACTED] residing at [REDACTED] was interviewed at the Pennsylvania Hotel, located at 401 7th Avenue, NY, NY. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, [REDACTED] provided the following information:

[REDACTED] is currently employed as [REDACTED] at the Pennsylvania Hotel [REDACTED] has been employed as [REDACTED] at the Pennsylvania for approximately [REDACTED] and noted that he was aware of only one (1) individual from EGYPTAIR who security had encountered. [REDACTED] stated that this individual was named GAMIL ELBATOUTY and visual confirmed that a photocopy of ELBATOUTY's Egyptair identification badge was the individual he was referring to.

[REDACTED] stated that there had been several complaints from [REDACTED] concerning ELBATOUTY. According to [REDACTED] ELBATOUTY was constantly following her around and harrassing her [REDACTED] During these encounters, ELBATOUTY would offer [REDACTED] wine, chocolate, and other gifts in an effort to get her alone. In addition, on multiple occasions, ELBATOUTY would call [REDACTED] and specifically request [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated that on the night prior to the EGYPTAIR crash, [REDACTED] had told him that she had been approached by ELBATOUTY and offered \$100 to go to ELBATOUTY's room with him.

[REDACTED] stated that on several occasions he witnessed ELBATOUTY following female guests around the hotel. On many of these occasions, ELBATOUTY would stake out the lobby area and wait for females to pass by in route to the elevators. ELBATOUTY would then follow these females into the elevator and watch them enter their rooms. ELBATOUTY would then often lurk outside their doors in an attempt to spy on the women. [REDACTED] stated whenever he visited a floor that ELBATOUTY was on, ELBATOUTY immediately exited the floor.

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[REDACTED] confirmed that on one occasion, he and [REDACTED] confronted ELBATOUTY. On this night, security had received a report from one of the bell hops that ELBATOUTY was attempting to spy on some guests on the 6th floor. In response, security dispatched [REDACTED] to intercept ELBATOUTY. However, soon after [REDACTED] left, [REDACTED] saw ELBATOUTY walking through the lobby. [REDACTED] approached ELBATOUTY and asked him to step into the security area.

Once in the security area, ELBATOUTY was asked to produce some identification (he subsequently produced his Egyptair identification badge which was photocopied by security) and questioned as to what he was doing on the sixth floor. ELBATOUTY stated that members of the Egyptair flight crew were on the sixth floor and he was trying to find them. However, after checking hotel records, it was confirmed that no members of the Egyptair staff had rooms on the sixth. Throughout security's questioning, ELBATOUTY was unable to provide explanations for his conduct and appeared visually amused by the whole situation. In fact, [REDACTED] stated that ELBATOUTY continued to smile and laugh during much of their questioning. ELBATOUTY was told that his conduct was going to be reported to Egyptair and was subsequently released.

[REDACTED] stated that a full incident report was provided to [REDACTED] is employed in the [REDACTED] and told security that he was faxing a letter documenting ELBATOUTY's conduct to Egyptair. [REDACTED] never actually saw [REDACTED] letter and was unsure of what, if any, disciplinary measures were taken by Egyptair.

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[REDACTED]  
 was interviewed at [REDACTED] place of employment, the Hotel Pennsylvania, 401 7th Avenue, New York, NY, telephone number [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] provided the following information:

[REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] has been employed at the Hotel Pennsylvania for the past five years. Prior to that time [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED]

Upon [REDACTED] employment at the Hotel Pennsylvania [REDACTED] was assigned to the airline check-in desk where [REDACTED] duties included assisting airline employees as they arrived and departed the hotel. [REDACTED] believed that there are currently nine different airlines who have a contractual relationship with the hotel. Those airlines include Egypt Air. [REDACTED] advised that Egypt Air employees have been staying at the hotel during layovers in New York City for approximately the last three years. As [REDACTED] is the only employee assigned to the airline check-in desk [REDACTED] routinely assists the employees and flight crews of Egypt Air when they arrive at the hotel.

During the past three years [REDACTED] has developed friendships with several of the Egypt Air flight crew members who were on flight 990 when it crashed. The flight crew member with whom [REDACTED] developed the closest relationship was Farouk Taman. Farouk had introduced [REDACTED] to his wife on two occasions when she accompanied him to New York. Also, he had talked of his family on many occasions with [REDACTED] and was aware of [REDACTED]. Farouk mentioned to [REDACTED] that he had a close male friend who

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resided in New York and offered to introduce [REDACTED] to him. [REDACTED] agreed and Farouk introduced [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that Farouk was a quiet, kind man who loved his family. As far as she is aware he had no personal problems and never appeared depressed. Farouk was a very religious person but did not appear radical or extremist in any way.

[REDACTED] was also a friend of Abdel Anwar. [REDACTED] was particularly distraught by his death as they had spoken on the afternoon of 10-30-99 prior to the ill-fated flight. Anwar was extremely excited about his upcoming marriage in Cairo the following week. He advised [REDACTED] he was bringing his new wife to New York with him upon his return the next Saturday. [REDACTED] further stated that Anwar was a quiet person of very kind nature.

[REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] was also familiar with Egypt Air pilot Gamil El Batoty. [REDACTED] described him as a "Bullshitter" who routinely asked [REDACTED] to upgrade his room at the hotel. [REDACTED] referred to him as "Tooty" when [REDACTED] spoke to him. [REDACTED] was not aware of him being addressed by any other nicknames by the other flight crew members. They most often called him by his first name of Gamil. [REDACTED] recalls that El Batoty usually did not accompany his colleagues on shopping or sightseeing trips. [REDACTED] described him as "too cheap" to spend the money. [REDACTED] liked El Batoty but described him as a "dirty old man", although he never said anything inappropriate to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that during most days he sat in the hotel lobby for hours looking at the woman who entered the hotel. El Batoty, like most of the Egypt Air flight crew, drank alcoholic beverages on occasion. They did not frequent bars or clubs but socialized in their rooms. El Batoty would have a few drinks in his room and return to the hotel lobby to "people watch". [REDACTED] further described El Batoty as "harmless" with a good sense of humor. On occasion El Batoty may have approached female hotel guests in the lobby attempting to obtain their company for the evening. [REDACTED] does not believe El Batoty was ever successful in obtaining a date for the evening.

[REDACTED] recalled on one occasion several weeks ago upon [REDACTED] arrival for work that [REDACTED] was advised by co-workers that El

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Batoty had been involved in an incident the previous night wherein he was questioned by hotel security. El Batoty had allegedly been observed on several floors of the hotel listening through hotel room doors. [REDACTED] was further advised that the hotel was considering barring him from the hotel for his behavior.

The day following the incident involving El Batoty [REDACTED] spoke to him as [REDACTED] has on numerous occasions. During their conversation [REDACTED] asked him what had happened the previous night at the hotel. El Batoty advised [REDACTED] that last evening he came to the hotel lobby after having drinks in his room. While in the lobby he met a woman of Chinese or Japanese decent. The woman furnished El Batoty with her room number. [REDACTED] is unsure if El Batoty advised [REDACTED] if the woman invited him to her room. El Batoty admitted to [REDACTED] that he was intoxicated that evening. He stated he returned to his room to retrieve a bottle of wine and then attempted to locate the woman's room. El Batoty advised [REDACTED] that he could not remember her room number or on which floor she was located. He stated that he then searched the hotel for her room, walking down several hotel hallways and listening for her voice. He was searching for her room when he was approached by hotel security. [REDACTED] admonished El Batoty for his actions and asked him "what if your wife found out". He reiterated that he was intoxicated at the time.

[REDACTED] was not positive but thought [REDACTED] recalled one other incident involving El Batoty where his actions were deemed inappropriate by hotel security. [REDACTED] was unable to provide any additional information regarding a possible second incident.

[REDACTED] further stated that El Batoty has a daughter approximately twelve years of age who suffers from cancer. [REDACTED] did not recall the type of cancer or the girl's prognosis. [REDACTED] most recently spoke to El Batoty about his daughter approximately two weeks prior to the crash of flight 990. He was always sad when speaking of his daughter and her illness but did not appear to be overly distraught. He did mention that his daughter's doctor was located in Los Angeles, California and he would soon be taking her back to Los Angeles to see her doctor.

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[REDACTED] further stated that [REDACTED] believed El Batoty to be a religious person who was like "a kid in a candy store" when in New York City. He, as well as the other Egyptians, were not accustomed to seeing women in shorts and other revealing clothing. [REDACTED] repeated that [REDACTED] liked El Batoty and believed he was a harmless "dirty old man". [REDACTED] advised that El Batoty never appeared extremist or radical in any way. He never spoke of suicide or made statements which [REDACTED] would consider self-destructive or threatening in nature. [REDACTED] does not believe that El Batoty was capable of intentionally causing the crash of flight 990.

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] was also familiar with and considered [REDACTED] a friend of El Habashy. [REDACTED] described him as being very quiet and an extremely nice person. He was known to his fellow pilots as a no nonsense captain who followed the rules explicitly. [REDACTED] was not aware of any personal problems he may have had. [REDACTED] had met his wife on at least one occasion and knew him to be a loving family man.

[REDACTED] volunteered that [REDACTED] was aware that Abdel Anware and El Habasha should have been the only members of the flight crew in the cockpit at the time of the crash. [REDACTED] was adamant that Habashy would not have consented to or have willingly allowed El Batoty or another personnel to enter the cockpit until their scheduled time.

[REDACTED] was familiar by sight with the other members of the flight crew of flight 990. [REDACTED] would greet them by name but had no knowledge of the details of the personal lives.

[REDACTED] was visibly distraught over the loss of [REDACTED] friends in the crash of flight 990. [REDACTED] expressed a strong desire to learn the cause of the accident. [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] would contact the interviewing agents if [REDACTED] recalled or learned of any additional information which might assist in the investigation.

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On 11-15-99, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], Hotel Pennsylvania, 401 7th Avenue, New York, New York, was interviewed at [REDACTED] office. [REDACTED] provided the following information:

[REDACTED] advised he had searched hotel security records for any incident reports involving Gamil Elbatouty, Egypt Air employee and frequent guest at the hotel. [REDACTED] stated he had located one report involving Elbatouty which was dated 8-23-99. The report concerned Elbatouty being observed following hotel guests to their room and subsequently being observed listening through the door of the hotel room.

[REDACTED] made available a copy of the report to interviewing agents. A copy of which is attached hereto.

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by SA James D. Rhody  
SA David Walker

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At TPO while patrolling floors this writer came across a Patron walking around the 13<sup>th</sup> fl. and listening. At 0020 Pm 1367. This writer approach guest and requested to see his key. Guest showed me his key. He is staying in Rm 1222 Egypt Air. Patron Mr. GAMIL H. ELBA touty. This writer informed guest that he was on the wrong floor. Mr. ELBA touty then took the elevator to main lobby. At 0030 [REDACTED] reported to Central about Patron following guest to Rm 666. A description of Mr. ELBA touty was given to this writer. 6<sup>th</sup> fl. was search but subject was not found. 0050 this writer spotted subject on the 12<sup>th</sup> fl. walking around, when he saw me this writer he went inside his room. At 0055 subject heard guest from Rm 1223 trying to open door, he open his door and started walking to her, but he then saw me and starts

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walking toward me, and then took elevator to 6<sup>th</sup> floor then walked up to 7<sup>th</sup> fl. That were I lost him. maid on the 6<sup>th</sup> fl. & 7<sup>th</sup> fl. both came me the same description of subject and further stated that he was sneaking around these working areas. also MR. ELBatauty was spotted in the lobby by [redacted] & [redacted] and escorted to security office where he was questioned about his roaming around the guest floors. His reply was he has friends all over. MR ELBatauty was warned to stay off the floor except his owned. A photo copy of subject I.D taken.

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جميل حلمد ابراهيم الليطوطي  
GAMIL HELBATOUTY

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/13/99

On 11/13/99 [REDACTED] of the Pennsylvania Hotel, 401 7th Ave, NY, NY, 212-736-5000 [REDACTED] was interviewed at the Hotel, regarding hotel employees who may have information about the crew of EgyptAir Flight 990. Present were SAs Luizzi, Murray, Nygaard, Walker and Detectives Calimine and Magro, along with SA Grathwohl. After being advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the purpose of the interview, [REDACTED] provided the following information:

[REDACTED] is [REDACTED] which services the nine airlines which have contracts with the hotel. [REDACTED] estimated that at any given time between 350 and 500 of the hotel's 1704 rooms are reserved for the use of these airlines and that 40-60 EgyptAir employees are at the hotel during any given week, often for four or five days at a time, due to the airline's semi weekly schedule.

[REDACTED] knows many of the EgyptAir crew personnel who stay at the hotel by name and face but was friendly with only one, EL HABASHY. He knew HABASHY as extremely friendly to the hotel's employees and a devoted family man. [REDACTED] could offer no information on HABASHY or any of the other crew personnel except for rumors that another crew member, EL BATOTY had been involved in several incidents of a sexual nature at the hotel. He referred investigators to Hotel Security for further information.

[REDACTED] provided three names of hotel personnel who had interacted with the crew on or around October 30, 1999 or who did so on a regular basis and who could offer information as to their habits. The first two, [REDACTED] had checked the crew out and moved their baggage on 10/30 on their way to JFK to board Flight 990. The third, [REDACTED] is a [REDACTED] at the hotel who was friendly and popular with EgyptAir personnel due to her knowledge of the [REDACTED] provided contact information for all three (none were on duty at the time of the interview).

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[REDACTED] related that the hotel is divided into sectors and that Housekeeping and other personnel like Engineering and Security frequently worked the same sectors and areas regularly. The hotel does not offer room service. He referred investigators to Housekeeping Supervision for further information.

[REDACTED] also provided investigators with phone records for the hotel stays of eighteen crew members on Flight 990 who stayed at the hotel at various times between October 23 and October 30. Hotel phone records reflect only outgoing calls. [REDACTED] was cooperative and helpful and promised to contact investigators with any further information.

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[REDACTED] residing at [REDACTED] was interviewed at the Pennsylvania Hotel, located at 401 7th Avenue, NY, NY. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, [REDACTED] provided the following information:

[REDACTED] is current employed as the [REDACTED] for the [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] duties include [REDACTED] and adjacent areas. [REDACTED] stated that part of this [REDACTED] would have included [REDACTED] of the Egyptair crew area as well as their hotel rooms.

[REDACTED] described the Egyptair staff as an overall nice crew but noted that at times they could be demanding. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was familiar with one member of the Egyptair crew who had harassed members of [REDACTED] housecleaning staff on multiple occasions. [REDACTED] identified this individual as GAMIL ELBATOUTY.

[REDACTED] stated that ELBATOUTY would often call the housekeeping department at unusual hours and request his room be cleaned. On these occasions, the housekeeping staff would often send two (2) maids since none of the women wanted to be alone with him. [REDACTED] noted that ELBATOUTY would often contact the housecleaning department and specifically request a particular maid named [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] clean his room. [REDACTED] recalled [REDACTED] complaining about ELBATOUTY's behavior during these encounters. [REDACTED] would say things like he is "annoying me" and actually went so far as to make multiple complaints to security. [REDACTED] believed that ELBATOUTY had offered [REDACTED] gifts to include wine, etc.. in an effort to lure [REDACTED] into his room.

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] had complained to [REDACTED] on the night before the crash of Egyptair 990 (October 30, 1999) that ELBATOUTY had offered [REDACTED] \$100 if she would go into his room with him. [REDACTED] was extremely upset by this question and

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immediately refused.

Prior to leaving, SA Walker and SA Rhody were able to review the housekeeping itinere for October 30, 1999. According to this itinere, [REDACTED] was scheduled to clean room 912A which was the room that ELBATOUTY was staying in.

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Washington, D. C. 20535-0001

BY HAND DELIVERY

July 13, 2000

Honorable James Hall  
Chairman  
National Transportation Safety Board  
490 L'Enfant Plaza  
Washington, D.C. 20594-2000

Re: Egypt Air 990

Dear Chairman Hall:

Dr. Bernard Loeb, Chief of Aviation Safety, National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), requested that the FBI forward any remaining FBI interview reports (FD-302) to the NTSB that specifically pertain to Egypt Air First Officer, Gamil El-Batouty. The enclosed documents are redacted copies of ten (10) FD-302s which document interviews conducted by the FBI pertaining to El-Batouty. The minimal redactions have been taken to protect privacy interests, and do not detract from the substance of the FD-302s.

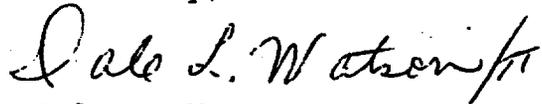
Due to the extraordinary level of cooperation between the FBI and NTSB in the Egypt Air investigation, the FBI has already provided the NTSB with copies of FD-302s which document in our investigative files other pertinent interviews conducted in connection with its investigation. To date, the FBI has provided NTSB with copies of twenty-nine (29) FD-302s, and in combination with the enclosed, the total number of FD-302s provided to the NTSB is thirty-nine (39). As you know, the substance of the FD-302s and substantial other information has previously been provided to NTSB.

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Honorable James Hall

The FD-302s are being provided to NTSB to assist NTSB in documenting its findings. Future matters pertaining to the provision of FD-302s will be decided on a case by case basis. The NTSB can utilize the enclosed, redacted FD-302s in any manner deemed necessary. However, it is requested that those FD-302s pertaining to the interviews of Egypt Air Captain Hanafy Mahmoud Hamdy not be disclosed outside of the NTSB, as he did not provide any information concerning the cause of the Egypt Air 990 disaster, but did provide other unrelated information which raises significant privacy concerns.

Sincerely,



Dale L. Watson  
Assistant Director  
Counterterrorism Division

Enclosures

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On Friday, December 3, 1999, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] at his residence [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] After properly identifying ourselves and informing him of the nature of the interview, [REDACTED] provided the following information:

[REDACTED] was questioned [REDACTED]

In the [REDACTED] is referred to as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as saying that Al-Batouti was disappointed because he was not promoted to pilot. [REDACTED] stated he was misquoted by Judy Miller, an employee of [REDACTED] and who [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] then told us what he actually said was "if he was in a job for a long time and was not promoted, he would be disappointed" meaning him not Al-Batouti.

[REDACTED] stated that the last time he had contact with Gamil Al-Batouti was approximately 6 months ago. He stated that Al-Batouti, Mohamed Hason (another Egypt Air co-pilot) and himself had gone clothes shopping in Midtown Manhattan. He stated they had gone to a store called "Elashmawy Clothing" located in the back of the Empire State Building on the first floor. He further stated that the owners of "Elashamwy Clothing" also own two other stores located in Manhattan. Both stores are located in downtown Manhattan, first one is located on Broadway and Chambers and the other is located on Church and Chambers Street. [REDACTED] recalls it being a Thursday when the three had gone on this shopping trip.

[REDACTED] further stated that when ever his friends would come into New York he would take them to the Roosevelt Field Mall area and dine in fancy restaurants such as the Ponedrosa and Pizza Hut. He further stated that he had on occasion taken Al-Batouti there.

[REDACTED] then stated that a good friend of his

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Mustafa El Fioumy, who grew up with [REDACTED], informed him that he believed Al-Batouti did not have enough time to become a Captain. [REDACTED] further stated that the pilots of Egypt Air are very good because they have training every 6 months. [REDACTED] then stated that he hasn't seen Mustafa in about 4 years or so but was scheduled to return to the States soon. [REDACTED] then stated that back when Mustafa did come into New York, he would stay at the Sheraton-Hilton before going to Hotel Pennsylvania. [REDACTED] stated that when Mustafa comes into New York, he will call us.

[REDACTED] stated that he was told by Mustafa that on long flights they would have two teams. One team would rest while the other would take off, then half way into the flight they would switch and the other team would take over and land the plane. He further stated that Egypt Air was one of the better airlines traveling to Egypt. He stated that they were more generous with their food and drinks and had a good reputation for handling airline disasters. He referred to a flight traveling to Thailand where there was ice or oil on the runway and one of the wings broke off. He stated that the crew handled the emergency and there were no casualties.

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 Education:  
 Address:  
 SSN:  
 DL:  
 Employed:

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interviewed [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] at Los Angeles International Airport in Los Angeles, California. After being advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the purpose of the interview, [REDACTED] provided the following information:

[REDACTED] knew Gameel El-Batoty, co-pilot of Egypt Air Flight 990. He met Batoty through another Egypt Air pilot approximately six years ago. [REDACTED] does not recall the name of the pilot who introduced him to Batoty, but stated that he and this individual [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] described his relationship with Batoty as casual. [REDACTED] would run into Batoty on occasion when dropping off relatives at the Egypt Air terminal in Los Angeles International Airport. [REDACTED] and Batoty engaged in "small talk" while [REDACTED] relatives made preparations to check in. Over the last three months [REDACTED] saw Batoty at the airport on two or three occasions while dropping off his children and other family members who were flying to Egypt aboard Egypt Air. By chance, Batoty was the flight pilot each time.

The last time [REDACTED] saw Batoty was early October 1999. Batoty told [REDACTED] that he was very happy with his career and family. According to [REDACTED], Batoty was very friendly and seemed to be a devoted family man. Although Batoty never provided intimate details about his family to [REDACTED], [REDACTED] did know that Batoty's youngest daughter was ill. [REDACTED] heard this news through the Islamic Center in Los Angeles. [REDACTED] does not remember who told him about the child's condition. It was [REDACTED] understanding that Batoty was planning to bring his daughter to the United States for medical treatment.

[REDACTED] saw Batoty at the Islamic Center on several occasions. He and Batoty always had friendly conversations. Batoty was not involved in politics and did not engage in conversations centered around political issues. There was no

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indication that Batoty was having financial or emotional problems. Batoty told [REDACTED] that he was planning to retire from Egypt Air soon. [REDACTED] stated that Batoty would never consider committing suicide because it would be against his Islamic faith and contradictory to the religious statement Batoty made before the airline crashed. [REDACTED] does not know the names of other individuals Batoty associated with at the Islamic Center. Batoty and [REDACTED] did not socialize outside the Islamic Center. [REDACTED] described Batoty as an overall "normal" person.

[REDACTED] stated that he will be flying to Egypt that day and returning after two or three weeks. He can be contacted again upon his return. He may be reached in [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] was interviewed at [REDACTED] place of employment, the Doubletree Guest Suites, 1707 Fourth Street, Santa Monica, California. After being advised of the identity of the agents, and the nature of the interview, [REDACTED] provided the following information.

[REDACTED] works is a housekeeper at the Doubletree Guest Suites. After being shown a photograph of Gameel El Batouty by interviewing agents, [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was familiar with the individual in the photograph. On 10/30/99, [REDACTED] was working. [REDACTED] knocked on room 539, and announced [REDACTED] as "housekeeping". El Batouty opened the door, and was on the phone. He appeared irritated, and after seeing who had knocked on his door, he slammed the door.

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[REDACTED] employed for the past 11 years as a [REDACTED], located inside the PENNSYLVANIA HOTEL, 401 7th Avenue and 33rd Street, New York, New York, [REDACTED] was interviewed at his place of employment. After being advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the purpose of the interview, [REDACTED] supplied the following information:

The Egyptian Air Crews have been staying in the PENNSYLVANIA HOTEL for about two years. Most of the aircrew on Egypt Air flight 990 were known by face only. "Hellos and goodbys" were all that were exchanged between [REDACTED] and many of the Egypt Air crews.

Some of the Egypt Air crews would bring newspapers to [REDACTED] from Egypt when they stayed at the hotel.

[REDACTED] said that Captain EL HABASHY as well as Captain RAOUF NOURDELIN were both "nice, normal, guys". HABASHY had a big family with five kids and was a very experienced pilot. Captain HATEM ROUSHDY had been known for three years, was also a "nice guy".

First Officer ADEL ANWAR ate lunch and drank tea with [REDACTED] at around 2:15 before checking out of the hotel on October 31st. ANWAR mentioned that he was getting married once he returned to Egypt and would be bringing his new wife to the United States and would see [REDACTED] the following Saturday.

[REDACTED] had known First Officer HESHAM FAROUK for one and a half years. FAROUK had a friend in Patterson, New Jersey. WASEF and FAROUK were good friends and FAROUK's children had stayed at [REDACTED] home on one occasion last summer.

[REDACTED] noted that there was nothing abnormal about any of the crew members at anytime during their last stay at the

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by [REDACTED]

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hotel or at any previous stay. [REDACTED] mentioned that is was  
against the Islamic religions to take ones life.

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[REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], Eamon Doran Restaurant, 136 West 33rd Street, New York, New York, was interviewed at his aforementioned work address. After being advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, [REDACTED] provided the following information:

[REDACTED] stated that he had been interviewed by the FBI on an earlier occasion regarding the crash of EgyptAir Flight 990. [REDACTED] said that he had spoken to the press re EgyptAir and the air crew who were killed and felt that his words were taken out of context. [REDACTED] offered that "t'cat allah" (ph), a statement uttered by Muslims, is used quite often to express such sentiments as appreciation for meals - among other things. In addition, [REDACTED] said that generally, Egyptian men love women and are able to have more than one (1) wife. [REDACTED] did not seem to understand why the media was portraying GAMIL EL BATOUTY as a person who may have bothered or harassed women.

[REDACTED] said that he had known AHMED AL-HABASHI and GAMIL EL BATOUTY for approximately three (3) years. [REDACTED] described AL-HABASHI as being an "in charge" person who would not leave the cockpit for any significant period of time. [REDACTED] said that when EgyptAir crew members stayed at the Hotel Pennsylvania in New York City, they often went shopping or stayed in the hotel's airline lounge. [REDACTED] stated that said crew members were not spenders, did not go to bars, and did not explore the general New York area to take in sites. [REDACTED] was not aware of any EgyptAir crew members visiting a doctor or medical facility while in New York. The only exception to this was when an EgyptAir crew member's hand was caught in a door. In this situation, [REDACTED] did not know where this crew member may have obtained medical attention.

[REDACTED] stated that he knew EL BATOUTY to say "hi" to, and characterized EL BATOUTY as "normal, and not an extremist or fanatic." [REDACTED] added that on 10/30/99, he was walking into Eamon Doran Restaurant at approximately 11:00 AM, when he [REDACTED]

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observed EL BATOUTY talking on the telephone at a bank of pay telephones located next to the Hotel Pennsylvania entrance to Eamon Doran. [REDACTED] stated that he did not know which telephone EL BATOUTY used. Before entering Eamon Doran Restaurant on 10/30/99, [REDACTED] said that he asked EL BATOUTY if he (EL BATOUTY) wanted to have some coffee. According to [REDACTED] EL BATOUTY said that he could not and stated that he (EL BATOUTY) had some shopping to do. Before [REDACTED] left EL BATOUTY, [REDACTED] said that EL BATOUTY asked him [REDACTED] if he [REDACTED] needed anything from Egypt.

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Date of transcription 11/22/1999

[REDACTED], telephone number [REDACTED] was interviewed at [REDACTED] place of employment, the Double Tree Hotel, 1707 4th Street, Santa Monica, California. [REDACTED] is employed as a [REDACTED] at the hotel. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, [REDACTED] provided the following information:

[REDACTED] is responsible for the Egypt Air account at the Double Tree Hotel. El Batouty and the pilot had always received ocean-view rooms as this is written in the contract. If there is a third pilot, then an ocean-view room is given out depending on availability. [REDACTED] remembers El-Batouty as [REDACTED] dealt with him right after the Double Tree acquired the contract with Egypt Air in July of 1999.

El Batouty came into the hotel with other flight crew members in July and was upset because their rooms were not ready. All of the crew members were upset. El Batouty did not want to talk to [REDACTED] because [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] [REDACTED] would not tolerate this behavior and handled the problem with El-Batouty. El Batouty had been very demanding at that time, as he wanted his room right away.

El Batouty was cordial with [REDACTED] after this first encounter, and later became more friendly with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] commonly asked how his kids were and shook hands with him. The last time that [REDACTED] saw him was on 10/28/1999 or 10/29/1999.

[REDACTED] was shown a recent picture of El Batouty to refresh [REDACTED] memory of any contact that [REDACTED] may have had with him. [REDACTED] provided telephone records, log sheets, and room receipts for every time El Batouty stayed at the Double Tree since July of 1999. The dates of his stays are as follows:

07/08/1999 to 07/10/1999  
07/31/1999 to 08/05/1999  
08/19/1999 to 08/21/1999  
08/26/1999 to 08/28/1999  
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Date of transcription 12/06/99

On December 3, 1999, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] met with and interviewed [REDACTED].

After he was advised as to the identities of the interviewing agents and the purpose of this interview, [REDACTED] voluntarily provided the following information:

NAME : [REDACTED]  
 DPOB : [REDACTED]  
 SSAN : [REDACTED]  
 Address : [REDACTED]  
 Telephone : [REDACTED]  
 Occupation : [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (herein referred to as [REDACTED]) told investigators that he had met Egypt Air pilot, GAMIL EL BATOUTY, approximately three (3) years ago. [REDACTED] explained that his [REDACTED], [REDACTED], who is a Boeing 747 pilot for Egypt Air, had introduced him to GAMIL EL BATOUTY (herein referred to as EL BATOUTY) during a trip to New York in the mid-1990's.

[REDACTED] stated that his relationship with EL BATOUTY was purely social, and that he never treated him or provided him with psychiatric or medical care. [REDACTED] further indicated that he neither wrote any prescriptions for, nor provided any medication to EL-BATOUTY. Moreover, [REDACTED] stated that he never met with EL-BATOUTY for the purpose a professional consultation.

[REDACTED] described EL BATOUTY as a positive, light-hearted person, with a good sense of humor. He further stated that he considered EL BATOUTY a friend of the [REDACTED] family.

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According to [REDACTED], EL BATOUTY would contact him while laying over in New York. Occasionally, [REDACTED] would meet up with him for dinner at restaurants in Manhattan, Hoboken, NJ or Weehawken, NJ. At other times, [REDACTED] would meet EL BATOUTY and his fellow pilots at various New York City clubs, although he could not recall the names of these clubs.

Earlier in 1999, EL BATOUTY made a trip to [REDACTED] residence to pay his condolences after one of the [REDACTED] sons was killed in an automobile accident. At other times, [REDACTED] would send a livery car to bring EL BATOUTY to Northern New Jersey where he would meet with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] family.

During the course of his friendship with EL-BATOUTY, [REDACTED] met and became familiar with several other Egypt Air pilots. He provided the last names of two (2) of these individuals: Captain (FNU) YUSRI and Captain (FNU) EL BADRAWIE. While [REDACTED] claimed he was not comfortable providing their contact information at this time, he agreed to contact both of these individuals in an effort to arrange an interview with each pilot in the future.

It should be noted that, while EL BATOUTY never discussed his own medical or psychological health with [REDACTED], the pilot did occasionally speak to the [REDACTED] about his daughter's poor health.

According to [REDACTED], EL BATOUTY's pre-teenage daughter suffers from a condition called "disseminated lupus." [REDACTED] explained that he tried to help EL BATOUTY's family by locating prescription drugs at wholesale prices here in the United States. [REDACTED] related that although her condition could be fatal, overall, EL BATOUTY seemed pleased with his daughter's improving health as of late.

[REDACTED] insisted that GAMIL EL BATOUTY gave no indication that he suffered from depression or had suicidal tendencies. Concerning EL BATOUTY's supposed references to God yielded by the Egypt Air flight 990 (EA990) cockpit voice

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recorder, \_\_\_\_\_ viewed this as a common Muslim custom. \_\_\_\_\_ likened it to the Judeo-Christian concept of "In God We Trust", "...the Good Lord willing", or the customary tiding of "May God Bless you and keep you..." In sum, \_\_\_\_\_ described EL BATOUTY's alleged statements as a normal prayer that Muslims may offer before beginning a trip or starting a task.

According to \_\_\_\_\_, EL BATOUTY was in no way a religious fanatic, and noted that he occasionally enjoyed a glass of wine when they were out together socially. Moreover, \_\_\_\_\_ told investigators that EL BATOUTY never expressed any anti-United States or Anti-Western sentiments, adding that he seemed to truly enjoy his visits to this country.

In closing, \_\_\_\_\_ refuted the theory that EL BATOUTY could have intentionally crashed the EA990 aircraft, and related another theory put forward by the aforementioned Captain (FNU) YUSRI. Specifically, Captain (FNU) YUSRI told \_\_\_\_\_ that it is likely that the plane crashed due to a sequence of mechanical problems that ultimately resulted in the aircraft's tail being broken. If that happened, Captain (FNU) YUSRI insisted that aircraft would be unable to remain airborne.

Finally, \_\_\_\_\_ indicated he would be willing to speak with investigators again, but requested that an appointment be made due to his busy schedule.

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On December 20, 1999, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] met with and interviewed [REDACTED] at his office at [REDACTED]. It should be noted that this interview served as a follow up to a December 3, 1999 meeting at the same location. At that time, [REDACTED] provided the following information:

NAME : [REDACTED]  
 DPOB : [REDACTED]  
 SSAN : [REDACTED]  
 Address : [REDACTED]  
 Telephone : [REDACTED]  
 Occupation : [REDACTED]

Continuing on December 20, 1999, [REDACTED] provided the following additional information concerning his relationship with GAMIL EL BATOUTY:

[REDACTED] related that during an Early October/1999 telephone conversation between the two men, EL BATOUTY inquired if [REDACTED] could provide him with a sample of the drug called Viagra. [REDACTED] then asked EL BATOUTY if he felt he had a need for this drug. EL BATOUTY stated that he did not need Viagra, but rather was interested in acquiring a sample as it is considered a novelty in Egypt. As such, EL BATOUTY expected that he might be able to trade these pills for his benefit or simply just give them to friends.

In response, [REDACTED] told EL BATOUTY he would look into it, and then the two men carried on their conversation about other matters. In sum, [REDACTED] described this telephone conversation as normal and of a social nature. [REDACTED]

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was not absolutely positive, he seemed to recall that EL BATOUTY had telephoned him from his New York hotel in that instance.

In Mid-October/1999, [REDACTED] drove his mother-in-law to John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFKIA), in Jamaica, New York, where she was to board an Egypt Air flight back to Cairo. [REDACTED] added that he had expected to see EL BATOUTY there since he was a member of the working flight crew that evening. Pursuant to EL BATOUTY's request for Viagra, [REDACTED] brought a sample vial containing fifteen (15) pills which he intended to give to EL BATOUTY.

While [REDACTED] was waiting for his mother to board this flight, EL BATOUTY walked from the aircraft and visited with him for a few minutes. During that time, [REDACTED] gave EL BATOUTY the sample vial of Viagra. [REDACTED] said EL BATOUTY seemed pleased and that he thanked him for the pills. Beyond this, there was no conversation about the pills.

After a short while, EL BATOUTY said that he had to return to the aircraft at which point the two men exchanged their farewells. [REDACTED] described this short meeting as a happy one and noted that EL BATOUTY seemed to be in an upbeat and joking mood, which was not uncharacteristic for him. [REDACTED] told the investigators that this was the last time that he saw EL BATOUTY.

It is important to note that [REDACTED] insisted that this was the only time that he provided EL BATOUTY with any drugs or medication, and that he considered it a harmless request given the novelty of Viagra.

Furthermore, [REDACTED] reiterated that his relationship with EL BATOUTY was purely social, and that he never treated him or provided him with psychiatric or medical care. [REDACTED] further stated that he neither wrote any prescriptions for, nor provided any medication to EL-BATOUTY, notwithstanding the above described episode. Likewise, [REDACTED] stated that he never met with EL-BATOUTY for the purpose a professional consultation.

In addition, [REDACTED] stated that he has no knowledge

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that EL BATOUTY ever consulted any other physicians, psychiatrists or therapists while in the United States.

During this interview, [REDACTED] told investigators that his cousin, [REDACTED], who is also a [REDACTED], had met EL BATOUTY socially on several occasions. However, he did not characterize his cousin and EL BATOUTY as close friends. [REDACTED] suggested that his cousin would be willing to speak with investigators concerning this matter, but was doubtful that his cousin could provide any substantive information.

Finally, [REDACTED] remains willing to speak with investigators again, but requested that an appointment be made due to his busy schedule.

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On March 14, 2000, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] met with and interviewed [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] at his office at [REDACTED]

After he was advised as to the identities of the interviewing agents and the purpose of this interview, [REDACTED] voluntarily provided the following information:

NAME : [REDACTED]  
 DPOB : [REDACTED]  
 D/L # : [REDACTED]  
 Address : [REDACTED]  
 Telephone : [REDACTED]  
 Occupation : [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] told investigators that he had met Egypt Air pilot, GAMIL EL BATOUTY, approximately two (2) years ago. [REDACTED] explained that his distant cousin, [REDACTED] had introduced him to GAMIL EL BATOUTY (herein referred to as EL BATOUTY) during a trip to New York. [REDACTED] clarified that [REDACTED] who is also a [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] is also his brother-in-law in that [REDACTED] married his sister.

[REDACTED] stated that his relationship with EL BATOUTY was purely social. According to [REDACTED] EL BATOUTY would contact him while laying over in New York. Occasionally, [REDACTED] would meet up with him for dinner at restaurants in Manhattan or Northern New Jersey. At other times, [REDACTED] would meet EL BATOUTY and his fellow pilots at various New York City clubs, although he could not recall the names of these clubs. Other times, [REDACTED] had EL BATOUTY over to dinner at their [REDACTED] home.

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[REDACTED] described EL BATOUTY as a positive, light-hearted person, with a good sense of humor. He further stated that he considered EL BATOUTY a friend of the [REDACTED] family.

In addition, [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] EL BATOUTY with [REDACTED] the pilot did occasionally speak to the doctor about his daughter's poor health. According to [REDACTED], EL BATOUTY's pre-teenage daughter suffers from a condition called "disseminated lupus."

[REDACTED] explained that he routinely tried to help EL BATOUTY's family by locating prescription drugs at wholesale prices here in the United States. Specifically, [REDACTED] would contact various pharmaceutical companies in an effort to get the best price on two (2) prescription drugs used in the treatment of this illness: PLAQINEO and IMURAN.

According to [REDACTED] EL BATOUTY spoke often about his daughter's condition. Generally, EL BATOUTY seemed pleased with his daughter's gradually improving health.

It should also be noted that [REDACTED] stated that he [REDACTED] to EL-BATOUTY. However, [REDACTED] related that EL BATOUTY had [REDACTED] of the drug Viagra. He added that EL BATOUTY, who claimed that he did not need Viagra himself, was interested in acquiring [REDACTED] as it is considered a novelty in Egypt. EL BATOUTY told him he planned to trade these pills for his benefit or simply just give them to friends.

During this interview, [REDACTED] stated that he gave he EL BATOUTY [REDACTED] vials of the drug on two or three occasions in the year before his death. [REDACTED] recalled the last time he did so was in the early Summer of 1999.

It should be noted that, while EL BATOUTY never discussed his own medical or psychological health with him, the

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[REDACTED] that GAMIL EL BATOUTY gave no indication that he suffered from depression or had suicidal tendencies. In addition, [REDACTED] suggested that it was absurd to theorize that EL BATOUTY intentionally crashed that aircraft because he did not fit the profile of someone who would do such a thing.

According to [REDACTED] EL BATOUTY was in no way a religious fanatic, and noted that he occasionally enjoyed a glass of wine when they were out together socially. Moreover, [REDACTED] told investigators that EL BATOUTY never expressed any anti-United States or Anti-Western sentiments, adding that he seemed to truly enjoy his visits to this country.

[REDACTED] explained that he had invited EL BATOUTY to come to dinner at his home on the Friday evening prior to the crash. However, EL BATOUTY, who had initially accepted this invitation, later called [REDACTED] to cancel. According to [REDACTED] EL BATOUTY told him that he'd decided to stay at his New York hotel to console a colleague, whose son had been in an automobile accident back home in Egypt. [REDACTED] noted that he had intended to give EL BATOUTY more [REDACTED] for his daughter to take back with him to Egypt. Since EL BATOUTY did not arrive that night, [REDACTED] had this medication sent to his hotel in New York.

Regarding his own travel plans, [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] had intended to fly to Egypt at or about the time of the Egypt Air Flight 990 crash. Moreover, [REDACTED] adamantly denied that EL BATOUTY ever warned him or any member of his family not to fly on any Egypt Air flight. [REDACTED] added that he and his family always fly on Egypt Air when they return home, and that on many occasions EL BATOUTY would try to upgrade their tickets.

[REDACTED] went on to say that, while he had met a number of Egypt Air pilots through his friendship with EL BATOUTY, he does not recall ever meeting a pilot named HANFY HAMDY.

Finally, [REDACTED] indicated he would be willing to speak with investigators again, but requested that an appointment

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be made due to his busy schedule.

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[REDACTED], date of birth [REDACTED], address [REDACTED], Los Angeles, California, phone number [REDACTED], was interviewed at his place of employment, the Doubletree Guest Suites, 1707 Fourth Street, Santa Monica, California. After being advised of the identity of the agents, and the nature of the interview, [REDACTED] provided the following information.

[REDACTED] works in the housekeeping department at the Doubletree Guest Suites. After being shown a photograph of Gameel El Batouty by interviewing agents, [REDACTED] stated that he was familiar with the individual in the photograph. [REDACTED] described the individual (Batouty) as 48-50 years of age, weighing approximately 210 pounds, and approximately 187 centimeters tall (approximately 6 foot 2 inches tall).

[REDACTED] knows Batouty as a pilot for Egypt Airlines. [REDACTED] believes that the last time he saw Batouty was approximately October 29 or 30, 1999. On two different days, just one or two days before Halloween, 1999, [REDACTED] recalls seeing Batouty in the hotel wearing a brown plaid shirt and brown pants on one day, and a blue shirt and black pants the other day.

[REDACTED] has no memory of any specific interactions he has ever had with Batouty, nor does he have any information regarding interactions between other hotel employees and Batouty.

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