

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Event: Interview of FBI Supervisory Special Agent Brian Filbert, Tucson RA

Type of event: Interview

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Special Access Issues: None

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SSA Filbert is the supervisor of Squad 9 in the Tucson RA. The Tucson RA has about 70 agents. SSA Filbert has been at Tucson since May of 2003.

~~(S)~~ SSA Filbert discussed the history of Hani Hanjour's presence in Arizona. He first arrived as a student at the University of Arizona in the early 1990's. Hani's brother, [redacted] was also present. They had some associates during this time period but none who played a role in the 9/11 conspiracy. There were no ties between Hani [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] was in Tucson between 1985 and 1988 before returning to Saudi Arabia. No connections between Hanjour and Wadih El-Hage have been found.

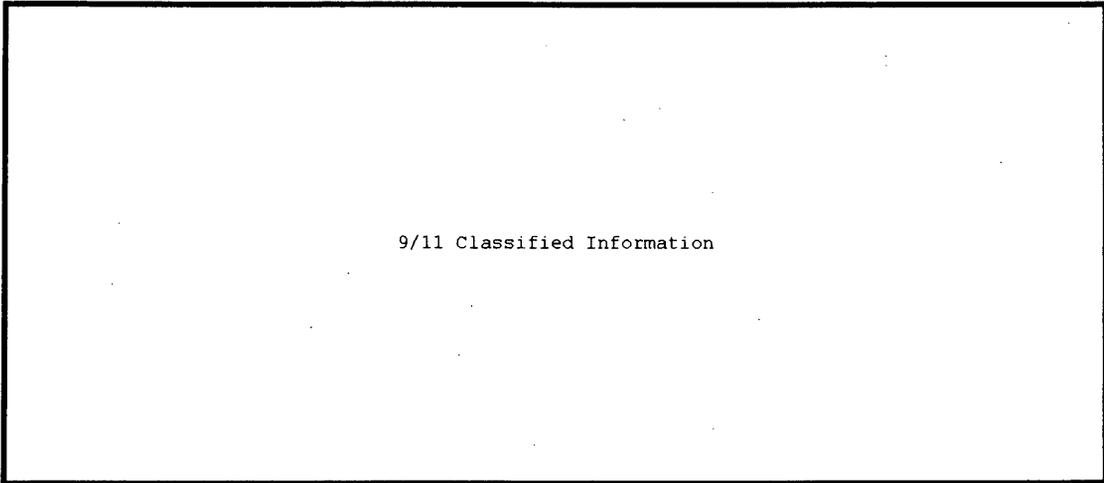
Tucson has had its share of Islamic fundamentalists over the years. SSA Filbert attributes it to the good reputation of the University of Arizona in fields such as engineering, the climate and the mosque.

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SSA Filbert goes back and forth on whether the America West incident was a "dry run." The fact that al-Shalawi was involved makes the incident suspicious, but SSA Filbert thought it was a leap to conclude that it was linked to 9/11.

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SSA Filbert is not aware of any other incidents involving Islamic fundamentalists other than the America West incident.



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