

**Memorandum for the Record**

Event: Phone Interview of SA Kenneth Williams  
Phoenix Division

Location: By telephone

Date of Interview: May 11, 2004

Date of MFR: May 20, 2004

Access Restrictions: None

Commission Participants: Hyon Kim

SA Williams was interviewed by telephone with regard to a particular question by Hani Hanjour. Assistant General Counsel Bob Sinton from FBI HQ also participated in the call.

The question concerned Hanjour's entry into the United States in 1997 and the dates of entry for Bandar al Hazmi and Rayed Abdullah. Hanjour arrived on 11/16/97 in Atlanta, bound for Melbourne, Florida. Rayed Abdullah arrived the day before, on 11/15/97, in Newark also bound for Melbourne, Florida. According to SA Williams, Bandar al Hazmi arrived in April of 1996. (There are some records indicating a 10/97 entry by al Hazmi as well.) All three appear to have attended a language school in Florida between 11/17/97 and 12/7/97, after which Bandar al Hazmi and Hanjour traveled to Arizona, with Abdullah joining them a few weeks later.

SA Williams believes there are open questions about Abdullah and al Hazmi. Abdullah and al Hazmi claimed that al Hazmi had met Hanjour at language school, and that Abdullah decided to join them in Florida after speaking on the telephone from Saudi Arabia with his friend al Hazmi in Florida. But the dates of entry show that Abdullah actually arrived the day before Hanjour in November of 1997, creating problems with the story. SA Williams believes that both Bandar al Hazmi and Rayed Abdullah were less than candid. He cannot say that they were involved in the 9/11 plot or knew about it, but he does find both individuals suspicious. There has also never been a conclusive answer on whether there is any relationship between Bandar al Hazmi and the hijackers Nawaf and Salem al Hazmi. Because of the remaining suspicion, SA Williams has made a request to FBI HQ to arrange for him to travel to Riyadh to attempt to interview Abdullah and al Hazmi.

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