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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Event: Interview of Benjamin L. Connor

9/11 Personal Privacy

Date: 04/12/2004

Special access issues: Agreement dated 07/29/2003 with the Attorney General

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Benjamin L. Connor, male, date of birth [REDACTED] was interviewed by telephone on to above date. In accordance with the agreement with the Attorney General, Detective, Second Grade, Robert Sassok, New York Police Department, represented the Department of Justice.

Mr. Connor lives at [REDACTED] and his contact telephone numbers are [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. He continues to be employed by the Freeway Airport Flight School, Bowie, MD.

Mr. Connor stated that he clearly recalled providing flight lessons to Hani Hanjour in August 2001. Mr. Connor checked his log book and stated that he flew with Hanjour on August 16, 2001 and August 17, 2001. Mr. Connor stated that Hanjour was a poor student and he had particular difficulty landing the aircraft.

It was explained to Mr. Connor that the Commission may call him as a witness as part of a panel of other flight instructors at a future Commission hearing. Mr. Connor stated that he would be willing to participate as a witness.

It is recommended that Mr. Connor be interviewed in person to determine if Hanjour had any specific interests or requests, while flying an airplane in the Washington, DC area. Because of Mr. Connor's age, Commission staffers would be able to assess whether he would be a suitable witness.

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