

**ATTACHMENT 6:
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Memorandum for Record

Date: April 18, 2000

From: Bartholomew Elias (AS-50)

Subject: Telephone conversation with Mr. Edward McLaughlin

Mr. Edward McLaughlin was contacted by telephone at approximately 1600 on April 18, 2000 by Bart Elias of the National Transportation Safety Board. After informing Mr. McLaughlin that the nature of the telephone conversation was to ascertain information regarding the investigation of the crash of EgyptAir Flight 990, Mr. McLaughlin provided the following information:

Mr. McLaughlin stated that, to the best of his recollection, he traveled to Los Angeles on an EgyptAir flight on Wednesday, October 27, 1999. Upon arrival at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), he met briefly with the EgyptAir station manager there and then went to his hotel room. When asked what hotel he stayed at, Mr. McLaughlin stated that he did not recall the name of the hotel, but he did remember that it was the same hotel that he stayed at during his activities working with the National Transportation Safety Board on the crash of Alaska Air Flight 261. When asked whether EgyptAir flight crews also stayed at this hotel, Mr. McLaughlin indicated that he did not know, nor did he have any interaction with any EgyptAir flightcrew members while a guest at the hotel. Mr. McLaughlin indicated that while in Los Angeles, he conducted a training class for EgyptAir employees on disaster crisis management. The training class was conducted at the same hotel he was staying at during his stay in Los Angeles. He stated that about six or seven EgyptAir employees attended this training, including the station manager, sales agents, and "customs" agents. He stated that no EgyptAir flightcrew personnel attended the training.

Mr. McLaughlin further stated that due to a delay of EgyptAir Flight 990 from LAX to the John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK) on October 30, 1999, he was invited into the company's office at LAX where he spent about two hours. During this time, Mr. McLaughlin indicated that he interacted with the operating flightcrew of EgyptAir Flight 990 from LAX to JFK.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that upon arrival at JFK, an EgyptAir employee escorted him off of the plane because it was not typical for passengers to deplane from EgyptAir flights at JFK and they knew he was getting off. The EgyptAir employee escorted him past the ticket counters to the exit. Mr. McLaughlin indicated that at the time he deplaned, the flightcrew members that operated EgyptAir Flight 990 from LAX to JFK were still in the airplane. Mr. Mr. McLaughlin stated that he did not see or interact with any of the EgyptAir Flight 990 flightcrew that operated the accident flight from JFK destined for CAI while at JFK airport.