



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location:	New York City, New York	Accident Number:	DCA01MA060
Date & Time:	September 11, 2001, 08:45 Local	Registration:	N334AA
Aircraft:	Boeing 767-200ER	Aircraft Damage:	Destroyed
Defining Event:		Injuries:	92 Fatal
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 121: Air carrier - Scheduled		

Analysis

The terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 are under the jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The Safety Board provided requested technical assistance to the FBI, and this material generated by the NTSB is under the control of the FBI. The Safety Board does not plan to issue a report or open a public docket.

Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: The Safety Board did not determine the probable cause and does not plan to issue a report or open a public docket. The terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 are under the jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The Safety Board provided requested technical assistance to the FBI, and any material generated by the NTSB is under the control of the FBI.

Findings

Occurrence #1: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH OBJECT
Phase of Operation: CRUISE

Findings

1. (C) HIJACKING - PERFORMED - PASSENGER

Factual Information

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Pilot Information

Certificate:	Airline transport	Age:	52
Airplane Rating(s):	Multi-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):		Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):		Second Pilot Present:	Yes
Instructor Rating(s):		Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:		Last FAA Medical Exam:	
Occupational Pilot:	Yes	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:			

Co-pilot Information

Certificate:	Airline transport	Age:	42
Airplane Rating(s):	Multi-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Rear
Other Aircraft Rating(s):		Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):		Second Pilot Present:	Yes
Instructor Rating(s):		Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:		Last FAA Medical Exam:	
Occupational Pilot:	Yes	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:			

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Boeing	Registration:	N334AA
Model/Series:	767-200ER	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal; Transport	Serial Number:	
Landing Gear Type:	Retractable - Tricycle	Seats:	
Date/Type of Last Inspection:		Certified Max Gross Wt.:	395000 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	2 Turbo fan
Airframe Total Time:		Engine Manufacturer:	Pratt & Whitney
ELT:		Engine Model/Series:	PW4062
Registered Owner:	American Airlines	Rated Power:	63300 Lbs thrust
Operator:	American Airlines	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	Flag carrier (121)
Operator Does Business As:		Operator Designator Code:	AA

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:		Condition of Light:	
Observation Facility, Elevation:		Distance from Accident Site:	
Observation Time:		Direction from Accident Site:	
Lowest Cloud Condition:		Visibility	
Lowest Ceiling:		Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	/	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:		Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:		Temperature/Dew Point:	
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	Boston, MA	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	
Destination:	LOS ANGELES, CA (LAX)	Type of Clearance:	
Departure Time:		Type of Airspace:	

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	11 Fatal	Aircraft Damage:	Destroyed
Passenger Injuries:	81 Fatal	Aircraft Fire:	
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	
Total Injuries:	92 Fatal	Latitude, Longitude:	

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC): Benzon, Robert

Additional Participating Persons:

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Investigation Class: [Class](#)

Note:

Investigation Docket: <https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=53468>

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