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(TIME NOTATIONS INDICATED IN PARENTHESES)

(08:48:33) (00:03)

(TELEPHONE RINGING)

(08:48:36) (00:43)

LGA TOWER MALE A: Yes, Tower.

LGA TOWER MALE B: Hey, I got a question for you.

LGA TOWER MALE A: Yes.

LGA TOWER MALE B: Do you guys know what happened at the World Trade Center?

LGA TOWER MALE A: Yeah, we just got it on the ... we are listening to it on the news right now. Do you know anything further? What happened, a plane hit it?

LGA TOWER MALE B: We haven't ... we heard a bomb hit it, directly (Inaudible), find it.

MALE A: Yeah, we got ... the rumor was ... we heard ... we heard that a plane hit it. We just ... we just threw it on the news. We are trying to get an update.

LGA TOWER MALE B: Okay, but you don't know anything ...

LGA TOWER MALE A: We don't know. We're looking at it on Channel 5 right now.

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LGA TOWER MALE B: (Inaudible)

LGA TOWER MALE A: I'm sorry?

LGA TOWER MALE B: You'd think (Inaudible) figured they'd get something.

LGA TOWER MALE A: Yeah, I know. We're going to ... we are going to try to call the central desk right now.

LGA TOWER MALE B: Okay, thanks.

LGA TOWER MALE A: Okay.

LGA TOWER MALE B: Bye.

LGA TOWER MALE A: Bye. (HANGS UP)

(09:00:01) (00:42) (TELEPHONE RINGING)

FEMALE – TOWER OFFICE: Tower office.

LGA TOWER MALE A: Yes, tower.

FEMALE – TOWER OFFICE: Can you call back please?

LGA TOWER MALE A: Sure. (HANGS UP)

(TELEPHONE RINGING)

LGA TOWER MALE A: Yes.

FEMALE: Something happened at the World Trade Center?

LGA TOWER MALE A: I'm sorry?

FEMALE: Do you know what happened at the World Trade Center?

LGA TOWER MALE A: Yeah, we ... we just got it from what we are getting on the news. We are sending a whole bunch of people down there, just so you guys know. We think a plane crashed into it.

FEMALE: A plane crashed into it?

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LGA TOWER MALE A: A plane crashed into the World Trade Center, yeah.

FEMALE: Okay, thank you.

LGA TOWER MALE A: Okay?

FEMALE: All right, bye. (HANGS UP)

(09:10:55) (01:02) (TELEPHONE RINGING)

LGA TOWER - CHRIS McCARY: LaGuardia Tower.

MALE CALLER - POLICE DESK: Yeah, good morning, tower, this is the police desk, how are you? Who am I speaking to?

LGA TOWER - CHRIS McCARY: Chris McCary.

MALE CALLER - POLICE DESK: Yeah, Chris, I just got a call from our Kennedy Command.

LGA TOWER - CHRIS McCARY: Yes, sir.

MALE CALLER - POLICE DESK: He wanted me to give the tower a call, and let you know about ... regarding this crash at the tower here.

LGA TOWER - CHRIS McCARY: Yes, sir.

MALE CALLER - POLICE DESK: That it was a ... they are considering it a criminal act, and to just make you aware of it.

LGA TOWER - CHRIS McCARY: We ... we believe that, and we are holding all aircraft on the ground.

MALE CALLER - POLICE DESK: Hold on.

LGA TOWER - CHRIS McCARY: We cannot give you any other aircraft that might be identified that way.

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MALE CALLER – POLICE DESK: Okay, hold on a second. They are holding all the aircraft on the ground. Do you have any ... any incoming at this point?

No, we ... we're taking whatever is immediately in the vicinity. And we are turning them over.

MALE CALLER – POLICE DESK: Okay.

LGA TOWER - CHRIS McCARY: So that we can eliminate any other questionable aircraft.

MALE CALLER – POLICE DESK: Okay, can you just ...

LGA TOWER - CHRIS McCARY: We are taking all the aircraft off, and evacuating them, and putting them back on the ... we think we don't have anything that we might have targeted.

MALE CALLER – POLICE DESK: Can you also let us know when that's done? Give us a call back when you know that there are no more in the area?

LGA TOWER - CHRIS McCARY: Yes, sir.

MALE CALLER – POLICE DESK: Thank you much.

LGA TOWER - CHRIS McCARY: All right, bye. (HANGS UP)

(09:12:35) (00:44)

(TELEPHONE RINGING)

LGA TOWER - CHRIS McCARY: LaGuardia Tower, McCary.

LGA - LUSARDI: Yeah, McCary, Lusardi at LaGuardia. I got a call from the emergency office here, through our police desk. And they are inquiring whether or not we ever made contact with these aircraft that hit this ...

LGA TOWER - CHRIS McCARY: At LaGuardia Tower, we ... (Inaudible)

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LGA - LUSARDI: So we don't know who was it that actually hit the tower at this point.

LGA TOWER - CHRIS McCARY: No, we are not aware of it at this time, otherwise.

LGA - LUSARDI: Okay, well, I'll get back to you, thank you.

LGA TOWER - CHRIS McCARY: All right. Bye. (HANGS UP)

(09:13:25) (00:36)

(TELEPHONE RINGING)

LGA TOWER - CHRIS McCARY: LaGuardia Tower, McCary.

LGA - LUSARDI: Yeah, McCary, Lusardi again, I 'm sorry. They are inquiring whether or not you can call Kennedy's tower, because they can't get through, and inquire whether or not they had any contact with these aircrafts.

LGA TOWER - CHRIS McCARY: At this time, we do not think that anyone in the FAA had any contact with them.

LGA - LUSARDI: Okay. Okay, I'll tell them.

LGA TOWER - CHRIS McCARY: All right, thank you.

LGA - LUSARDI: Bye. (HANGS UP)

(09:37:10) (00:24)

(TELEPHONE RINGING)

LGA TOWER MALE A: Yeah, tower.

LGA TOWER MALE B: All right, just letting you guys know, as far as LaGuardia is concerned, I am taxiing my last aircraft on to a gate.

LGA TOWER MALE A: Okay.

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LGA TOWER MALE B: My taxiways are clear. My runways are clear. And my airspace is clear.

LGA TOWER MALE A: Okay.

LGA TOWER MALE B: Thank you.

LGA TOWER MALE A: Thank you, tower. (HANGS UP)

(09:42:34) (00:03)

(TELEPHONE RINGING)

(09:42:37) (01:03)

(TELEPHONE RINGING)

LGA TOWER MALE A: Yeah, tower.

LGA TOWER MALE B: Yeah, um, we are evacuating the tower.

LGA TOWER MALE A: Okay.

LGA TOWER MALE B: And what I need you to do ...

LGA TOWER MALE A: Yes.

LGA TOWER MALE B: We've delegated our airspace to New York (inaudible) I'm trying to call Police Aviation but I am unable to get through.

LGA TOWER MALE A: Police Aviation?

LGA TOWER MALE B: Yeah.

LGA TOWER MALE A: Okay.

LGA TOWER MALE B: All right? And you need to contact ... any police helicopters in the area need to contact New York, one-three-four-point-nine.

LGA TOWER MALE A: One-three-four-point-nine. Okay. So you guys are evacuating the building.

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LGA TOWER MALE B: Yes, we are.

LGA TOWER MALE A: Okay, and then just ... do you have the number for Police Aviation?

LGA TOWER MALE B: Yes, hold on. Okay, Police Aviation is 692 ...

LGA TOWER MALE A: 692 ...

LGA TOWER MALE B: ... one, two ...

LGA TOWER MALE A: ... one, two ...

LGA TOWER MALE B: ... two, zero.

LGA TOWER MALE A: ... two, zero. Okay.

LGA TOWER MALE B: All right?

LGA TOWER MALE A: Okay, thanks. (HANGS UP)

(END OF LGA CH. 013)