

both men “requested training on >executing turns and approaches” but not other training normally associated with the course.@ In the meantime, Jarrah continued flight training until December 2000 where he had begun it, the Florida Flight Training Center. In mid-December and in early January 2001, he took Boeing flight simulator lessons at the Aeroservice Aviation Center in Virginia Gardens, Florida.

In December 2000, al-Shehhi flew to Hamburg and then on to the United Arab Emirates, returning for the December flight simulator training with Atta. On January 4, 2001, Atta flew from Tampa through Miami to Madrid, returning to Miami on January 10. The DCI testified that the purpose of Atta’s trip to Spain “may have been to meet with another al-Qa’ida operative to pass along an update on the pilots’ training progress and receive information on the supporting hijackers who would begin arriving in the U.S. in the spring.” DCI Tenet testified that “Atta may also have traveled outside of the U.S. in early April 2001 to meet an Iraqi intelligence officer, although we are still working to [page 144] corroborate this.” Atta may have traveled under an unknown alias: the CIA has been unable to establish that he left the United States or entered Europe in April under his true name or any known alias.

On April 18, al-Shehhi, who traveled outside the United States three times, flew to Egypt by way of Amsterdam and returned to Miami from Egypt through Amsterdam on May 2. In Egypt, al-Shehhi visited Atta’s father and returned to the U.S. with Atta’s international driver’s license. Apart from that, the DCI testified, “nothing else is known of al-Shehhi’s activities while traveling outside the U.S.” Jarrah traveled even more frequently, taking at least five trips outside the United States to visit his family in Lebanon, and to visit his girl friend in Germany.

After al-Shehhi returned from Morocco in January 2001, he and Atta moved to Georgia for flight training. In February, they traveled to Virginia Beach, Virginia, where they opened a mailbox account. A crop duster pilot in Belle Glade, Florida identified Atta as inquiring about the purchase and operation of crop dusters while Atta was living in the Atlanta area.

D. The Supporting Hijackers Arrive – April to June 2001