

[When the San Diego office realized that the informant had numerous contacts with the two hijackers, FBI personnel became suspicious that the informant may have been involved in the plot. San Diego personnel interviewed by the Joint Inquiry, including senior managers and case agents, now believe that the informant was an unwitting observer with no role in the attacks because:

- The informant made no effort to hide the hijackers or their identities from the FBI handling agent.
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- The informant has cooperated fully since September 11, agreeing to FBI interviews and to being polygraphed by the FBI. Although the informant's responses during the polygraph examination to very specific questions about the informant's advance knowledge of the September 11 plot were judged to be "inconclusive," the FBI asserts this type of result is not unusual for such individuals in such circumstances.
- The informant provided the FBI with extensive details after September 11 on the informant's contacts with the hijackers and their associates in the San Diego area].

[In a written response to a Joint Inquiry staff statement, the FBI provided additional reasons for concluding that the informant was not a conspirator. [_____

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