



Figure 5–103.
Photograph
showing the dust-
laden flows
spreading away
from WTC 1
following its
collapse.

It was taken 32 s
after the start of the
collapse.

The large dust clouds generated by the collapse of WTC 1 hid the lower portions of WTC 7 from view for over 20 min following the collapse. However, as time passed, the dust began to settle, and the faces became less obscured. Figure 5–104 shows a view of the north face of WTC 7 taken at 11:28:15 a.m., i.e., close to one hour after the collapse of WTC 1. Even though some light dust is evident in front of the face, it is possible to discern the base of the building. There is no sign of fire or heavy smoke on the portion of the north face that is visible.

In Figure 5–104, there appears to be a heavy smoke column rising from an area just to the north and east of WTC 7. The location of the smoke relative to the buildings in the area suggests the smoke was coming from or near West Broadway.