THE HAMBURG CELL
A DECONSTRUCTION: HOW THE ATTACKS WERE PLANNED
DECONSTRUCTING THE TERROR: THE HAMBURG CELL
THE TERRORIST PILOTS OF THE 2 PLANS THAT CRASHED INTO THE WTC AND THE PLANE THAT CRASHED IN PA, WERE ALL FROM 1 TERROR CELL IN GERMANY.
IN 1992 MOHAMMAD ATTA MOVED TO GERMANY TO STUDY ARCHITECTURE. HE WOULD BECOME A CELL LEADER IN AL-QUADA AND MASTERMIND THE WTC. ATTACK.

HAMBURG, GERMANY
HE WOULD TAKE AN APARTMENT AND SOON BE JOINED BY OTHERS.
AT 54 MARIENSTRASSE STREET
THE CELL WOULD BE BORN
MOHAMMAD ATTA PILOTED THE FIRST WTC PLANE

MARWAN AL-SHEHHI PILOTED THE 2ND WTC PLANE

JIAD JARRAH PILOTED THE PA PLANE
FRONTLINE REPORTER HEDRICK SMITH WORKS TO UNCOVER THE ANATOMY OF THE ATTACK AND DETERMINE WHY AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE FAILED.
In "Inside the Terror Network," FRONTLINE correspondent Hedrick Smith explores why our intelligence failed. Interviewing friends, relatives, classmates, and acquaintances, this documentary uncovers the personal histories of the terrorist leaders and traces their movements and plotting in the days, months, and years leading up to Sept. 11.
This report tracks how the hijackers achieved surprise not only by their cunning exploitation of America's open society but also by the failure of intelligence and law enforcement agencies to spot warning signs. Having interviewed top intelligence authorities, Smith reports, "Our side suffered from a failure of imagination. The experts at the CIA, FBI, and INS thought our homeland was safe. They simply did not imagine that foreign terrorists could mount such an attack at long distance and over a long period of time."
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Bin Ladin Determined To Strike in US

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After US missile strikes on his base in Afghanistan in 1998, Bin Ladin told followers he wanted to retaliate in Washington, according to a [redacted] service.
CRAWFORD, Texas (April 11 2004) -- President Bush was told more than a month before the Sept. 11 attacks that al-Qaida had reached America's shores, had a support system in place for its operatives and that the FBI had detected suspicious activity that might involve a hijacking plot.

Since 1998, the FBI had observed "patterns of suspicious activity in this country consistent with preparations for hijackings or other types of attacks," according to a memo prepared for Bush and declassified Saturday.

White House aides and outside experts said they could not recall a sitting president ever publicly releasing the highly sensitive document, known as a PDB, for presidential daily briefing.

The PDB made plain that bin Laden had been scheming to strike the United States for at least six years. It warned of indications from a broad array of sources, spanning several years.

Senior administration officials said Bush saw more than 40 mentions of al-Qaida in his daily intelligence updates during the first eight months of his presidency. The CIA prepared the document "in response to questions asked by the president about the possibility of attacks by al-Qaida inside the U.S," one said.

The memo's details confirm that the Bush administration had no specific information regarding an imminent attack involving airplanes as missiles, Thompson said.

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He served for 10 years on the Senate Intelligence Committee, which he chaired during and after 9/11 and the run up to the Iraq war.
Shortly after an explosive op-ed piece about the 9/11 investigation appears in the New York Times, its author, former Senator and Co-chair of the 9/11 Congressional Inquiry Commission John Billington, is murdered near his Florida home. Enter Tony Ramos, ex-Special Forces operative and former aide to Sen. Billington and currently a State Department intelligence analyst. Billington, having sensed the danger he faced, has left Ramos detailed instructions for an investigation into suspected Saudi complicity in 9/11. Ramos, in conjunction with Billington's daughter Laura, uncovers a shocking international conspiracy linking the Saudi Kingdom to Osama bin Laden and al-Qaeda.

Despite efforts to derail their investigation, whose scope encompasses Saudi Arabia, India, Pakistan, and Afghanistan, Ramos and Laura discover that the Kingdom has recently provided bin Laden and al-Qaeda with three nuclear devices, two of which are successfully detonated by the terrorists overseas. But they were just a warm up to the grand finale. The third device, Ramos learns, will be detonated off the California coast.

Now Ramos and a team of Special Forces must race against time to prevent al-Qaeda from unleashing nuclear disaster on American shores, and beyond.
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