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Briefing Slides: Establish an [redacted] EC [redacted] EC.pdf, [redacted] EC.pdf, [redacted] EC.pdf, [redacted] pdf

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- Requests for information
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- Penttbomb Investigation

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Request for information:

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[redacted]

[redacted] is under CTD and was started in 2003. [redacted]

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[redacted] There were read only leads and action leads. An action leads means I expect you to do something and get back to me. Overall,

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[redacted] This led to the formation of [redacted]

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Before 911, we thought [redacted]

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[redacted] worked with the Riad Legat. We were able to [redacted]

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[redacted] So [redacted] folded in July of 2005 and was transferred to [redacted] under CTD.

(S) [redacted] it was decided that the unit should be moved [redacted]

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They became very successful at tracking down the bad guys.

Upon [redacted] dissolving, there was an EC created which spells everything out and there was really no need because the work continued in a different unit. [redacted]

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Penttbomb Investigation:

The Penttbomb investigation brought together many FBI divisions. After 911, the NY office got the case and started Penttbomb. It was then moved to HQ and the WFO squad. This was under [redacted] This was a very good squad with a varied body of agents. For 5 years we worked from HQ and worked to prosecute Moussai. From 2006 to the present, it became Penttbomb 2.0. This was broken up into four teams for the four planes. This was the largest investigation in FBI history.

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The FBI under the Penttbomb investigation reviewed a number of individuals who had interactions with the hijackers. The FBI found Bayoumi had role or at least not a role in terrorist activities, despite the 911 Commissions reporting that he was involved and a Saudi Intelligence Offices. The 911 IG report cleared this individual. He came here for school and everything seems accidental with Bayoumi.

[redacted] is another individual with suspected ties to the hijackers. He hated Bayoumi. [redacted] [redacted] was receiving money for living, school, and medical expense. The FBI didn't see any connection or money going to terrorists. There was a lot of poor reporting surrounding 911 in the beginning and a lot of what was documented was misleading because it didn't capture the whole picture. We started investigating [redacted] [redacted] but this could not be collaborated. [redacted] [redacted] and the hijackers attended this and met [redacted] there.

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(S) The JTTF San Diego memo was written [redacted] This was based on early, bad FBI reporting, but it alleged a connection to Saudi Arabia. Subsequent investigations did not collaborate this.

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(S) [redacted] Osama Nait also had contact with these people in San Diego and a Saudi naval officer. Lafeal was also a naval officer who had contact with the hijackers.

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There was a situation that happened where 2 Saudi individuals were on a plane asking a number of questions about the aircraft. The plane ended up making an emergency landing and

[redacted] We do not know what these individuals were doing and we do not have any additional bad information on them. Today, [redacted]
[redacted] We are anticipating things today.

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(S) [redacted] Rather, we examined individuals and investigations are still going on. In the CT mission [redacted] Now the Phoenix memo would have been reviewed [redacted]
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