



Cell Phone Tour Scripts – Individual Stop Scripts Version: Spring 2013

GENERAL GREETING

Welcome to the Flight 93 National Memorial Cell Phone Tour. Tour stops are indicated by signs throughout the park. Stops range from under a minute to approximately 5 minutes. If you have a smart phone, you can explore the memorial's mobile website by scanning QR (Quick Response) codes on these signs. To leave feedback, press *0. Thank you again for visiting Flight 93 National Memorial.

THE TARGET? – Story Tour Stop 201

Most likely the intended target of the terrorists was the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. How has this been determined? It is known that Flight 93 was destined for Washington, D.C. According to the 9/11 Commission Report, at 9:55 a.m., the hijacker pilot Ziad Jarrah dialed in the frequency for the navigational aid at Washington Reagan National Airport, clearly indicating that the attack was planned for the nation's capital.

Two possible Washington targets have been discussed: the White House and the Capitol Building. According to the 9/11 Commission Report, Mohamed Atta, the leader of the

September 11 plot and the pilot of Flight 11, the first plane to hit its target – the North Tower of the World Trade Center, met with Ramzi Binalshibh in Spain in July, 2001 to receive final instructions conveyed from Osama bin Ladin. Binalshibh, a coordinator of the September 11 plot, and now in U.S. custody, said that Atta understood bin Ladin's interest in striking the White House, but Atta said he thought this target was too difficult to hit. Atta explained to Binalshibh his plan to have two of the planes hit the World Trade Center, one fly into the Pentagon, and one hit the Capitol Building. If any pilot could not reach his intended target, Atta said, he was to crash the plane. Statements entered at the Zacarias Moussaoui hearing in April 2006 also indicated that the Capitol Building was the most-likely target for Flight 93. There is also evidence that the date of the attack was chosen to coincide with the return of both the House and Senate to session after the summer break. First Lady Laura Bush was also on Capitol Hill that morning. The Prime Minister of Australia was scheduled to speak to the combined Congress on that day. Many government officials including possibly members of the Supreme Court and the Joint Chiefs of Staff might have been in attendance for such a session. To find out more about the passengers and crew, the story of Flight 93, and the memorial process continue on to any of the stops in the Story Tour – the 200s.