

Scarpa—Yousef Intelligence Timeline

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In this document, “Scarpa” is Gergory Scarpa, Jr. (USBoP Reg. No. 10099-050) and “Yousef” is Ramzi Ahmed Yousef (USBoP Reg. No. 03911-000). Documentation confirming the entries is noted following the date. Documentation includes:

- FBI Forms 302 (informant reports)
- Scarpa’s contemporaneous handwritten notes (originals provided to us in March 2003)
- Photos taken with the mini-camera provided by Warden Reish (MCC)

Entries for which no source is cited derive from personal interviews conducted with Scarpa at Florence ADMAX in March 2003 and from subsequent telephone interviews. Because neither we nor Scarpa have had access to the full FBI file, FBI Forms 302, photographs and other documentation may exist which provide corroboration for undocumented entries and for other significant intelligence provided by Scarpa.

- **Approx. February 20, 1996 (Handwritten)** (Initiation of Scarpa’s contact with Ramzi Yousef at MCC) Yousef began speaking to Scarpa about hurting the judge on his case or other federal judges, prosecutors, or a U.S. ambassador. **Yousef stated that he had four of his people in the United States and they are working on and waiting for others.** Yousef stated that if he and Scarpa worked together he would show Scarpa secret formulas, chemical mixes and gases that would be able to poison the water in large areas of New York, federal buildings, and courts. Yousef also stated that he would teach him the methods of how to blow up an airplane.
- **February 27, 1996 (Handwritten)** Yousef told Scarpa he would teach him how to make bombs, smuggle them through x-ray machines, assemble the bombs, and how and where to place it in the airplane. Yousef told Scarpa if his people could get military detonators then he would go through teaching him the steps of making massive bombs.
- **February 29, 1996 (Handwritten)** Yousef told Scarpa about three steps for U.S. Airliners-
 1. How to make hydrogen peroxide [sic]
 2. How to make timer devices
 3. How to smuggle the device and assemble it in the airplane

Yousef requested \$3,000 for the third step. Yousef spoke of letting Scarpa make contact with the individual terrorists who were here in the United States and on their way to the United States.

- **March 26, 1996 (Handwritten)** Scarpa gave his daughter Maria's address to Ismoil. Ismoil told Scarpa that Yousef was going to hurt someone on his case to cause a mistrial and that he had this person's address. Scarpa tried to discourage him and said that front addresses are used and Scarpa offered Ismoil that he would get the correct address for Yousef.

- **March 27, 1996 (Handwritten)** Yousef later said that Scarpa taught him something new he didn't know that they used "front" addresses and thanked him, then sent Scarpa a kite with AUSA Garcia's name on it.
- **March 28, 1996 (Handwritten)** (Before mini-camera had been provided to Scarpa) Yousef asked Scarpa to have his people (meaning Scarpa's alleged militia group) kill FBI witness Dave Williams and in return he wouldn't have to send him the monies or become a Muslim. Yousef also spoke about teaching Scarpa smuggling techniques and how to blow up airplanes.

[Scarpa reports that the FBI first took him seriously when he reported threats on AUSA Garcia and FBI SA Williams. It was at this point that the mini-camera was provided.]

- **March 29, 1996 (Handwritten; mini-camera provided and photo taken of this information)** Scarpa asked for the name again or whatever information he (Yousef) had on the guy and Yousef gave him a paper with the main FBI witness from Washington. Photo taken of this information.
- **Approximately April 4 or 12, 1996 (Handwritten; photo taken with mini-camera)** Scarpa asked Yousef if he gave him the correct name because his people said there was no such name. Yousef sent a paper back with AUSA Garcia's full name. In addition, Yousef stated that he was sending someone to check on security measures in Atlanta.
- **April 17, 1996 (Handwritten)** **Yousef stated to Scarpa that the person who will be sent by Bojinga to see the security measures will be coming from England, otherwise they would attract attention.** Immigration is tougher on people coming from Arabic countries than those coming from Europe. Yousef wanted Scarpa's people to either kill FBI Williams or do an attack on a government installation and Yousef wanted to be informed ahead of time because he hasn't seen anything happen yet by Scarpa's people.
- **April 22, 1996 (Handwritten)** \$500.00 was placed into Yousef's account. It took approximately 2 1/2 months to release it out of MCC. Approximately two weeks later after the money was released TWA Flight 800 went down in New York.
- **April 24, 1996 (Handwritten)** Yousef questioned Scarpa about a 3-way call. At some point a 3-way call was made out of MCC.
- **May 1, 1996 302 (Handwritten)** **Yousef asking about 3-way calling again he said he communicates to Bojinga sometimes through calling his sister and talking in a coded way. Yousef said his sister tells her husband who then passes**

messages on to Bojinga. Yousef said that he used to receive letters from Bojinga through his paralegal but didn't feel comfortable.

- **May 7, 1996 (Handwritten)** Yousef came back from court. He said that AUSA Garcia was smirking. Yousef said, "this guy's lost his life for sure."
- **May 8, 1996 (Handwritten; photo shot with mini-camera)** Yousef told Scarpa about Marad seeing FBI and Prosecutors about cooperating indicating "a game" saying, "these people are crazy." FBI Susan Schwartz wanted to know who showed Scarpa on paper how to make timing devices and bombs. Scarpa thought about it and thought that it might have been Marad.
- **May 13, 1996 (Handwritten)** Yousef spoke of a person (no name given) that gave up Shah and others. Yousef stated that he sent a coded message to Bojinga and informed him about the guy and that he lives in Qatar. Yousef thought he'd be killed soon. He was not recruited initially by FBI but instead another intelligence agency. He was recruited from a club in his country where he use to hang out. Yousef suggested to Bojinga to attack the U.S. Embassy in Qatar.
- **May 17, 1996 (Handwritten)** A 3-way call took place at 9:45pm and one on May 16th at 9:10pm. (Picture shot with mini-camera) Yousef was upset. He had a visit with his attorney and said that the government knew about his tampering with the evidence (taking two ID cards, etc). The judge wouldn't let the information in.
- **May 19, 1996 (Handwritten)** **Yousef told Scarpa that he advised his people to start the bombing of airplanes. He told his people that it was to be done by sending a parcel bomb by DHL or any other U.S. Cargo company from Dubai in United Arab Emirates.** In addition, if any U.S. airplane should blow up then its origin departure point would be from Dubai. Yousef said it may happen and it may not depending on **security measures taken in the cargo offices.**
- **May 19, 1996 (Handwritten)** **Yousef gave a very detailed paper on how to smuggle explosives into an airplane. He referenced RDX explosives and 747 airliners. He gave detailed information on the weights of explosives and flying heights of airplanes and the types of explosives to be used as well as where they should be placed in the airplane. He detailed smuggling procedures for explosives in the heels of shoes, medicine capsules, baby powder containers, and how TNT- Tetryl can be melted and shaped into a soap or candle. He gave this information two months before TWA Flight 800 went down in New York killing 230 passengers. TWA Flight 800 was a 747 and RDX explosives were found on the remnants of the crash. This flight was not considered a terrorist act.**
- **Month of June papers are all missing from Scarpa's file and no materials are in my possession for June's FBI 302's. On June 22, 1996 I have one document**

(Handwritten) stating that Yousef told Scarpa that his people were checking the security measures in Atlanta and then they were on their way back to New York he further stated that nothing could be done over there (meaning Atlanta). He also said that he would stop the plane explosion for now because his trial was going well and didn't want anything to "dirty up" his trial.

- **July 2, 1996 (FBI 302, date investigated June 29, 1996) Yousef spoke of Bojinga doing the bombing in Saudi Arabia. Yousef stated that he was originally sent on that mission to check the security measures and that tanker truck was discussed.**
- **July 17, 1996 (FBI 302) TWA Flight 800 crashed killing 230 passengers off Long Island, New York. Yousef asked to use the telephone the night of July 17, 1996 he also had a visit with his attorney until 10:00pm and still requested use of the telephone which was denied.**
- **July 18, 1996 (FBI 302) Jerry Koupakis a former U.S. Customs Agent that was corrupt told Scarpa that he told his father **not** to travel TWA or American Airlines on the morning of July 18, 1996. Yousef told him this information prior to July 18, 1996.**
- **July 23/24, 1996 (FBI 302 & Handwritten) Ismoil told Scarpa, "I told you this is going to happen." He was also referencing a conversation Scarpa and he had months prior where Ismoil said that "nothing would be left of New York just give it some time."**
- **July 28, 1996 (FBI 302 & Handwritten) Yousef was questioned by Scarpa about the Atlantic Park bombing. Yousef said that his friends left Atlanta to come to New York.**
- **August 5, 1996 (FBI 302, investigation occurred July 28, 1996) Yousef refused to speak about the TWA Flight 800 because he was afraid that the government would link him to it.**
- **August 7, 1996 (FBI 302 & Handwritten w/o date) Yousef spoke of knowing the address of a U.S. Ambassador from the Philippines his name was something like Neoponti. In addition, Yousef told Scarpa that he placed his blood on two Casio watches, which were in evidence. He placed blood over the bands of the two watches to show he was tortured and wanted to request to bring in a blood expert. He said no one saw blood on the watches and he's told no one about it.**
- **August 26, 1996 (FBI 302) Scarpa suggested to the FBI that Bin Laden is Bojinga because of the money and his location.**

- **August 28, 1996 (FBI 302)** Ismoil stated to Scarpa that Yousef has the brains but Shah has friends all over the country and they will be freed one way or another.
- **September 4, 1996 (FBI 302 & Handwritten)** Yousef wanted \$4,000 sent by Scarpa to an address overseas he said he would then have that money forwarded to his (Yousef's) people here in the United States.
- **September 7, 1996 (Handwritten)** Yousef was upset about tight security on AUSA Garcia and stated that two weeks prior to the trial ending Garcia was seen going to court without anyone near him.
- **September 8, 1996 (Handwritten)** Yousef spoke of hijacking more than one plane and it would be forced to land in either Afghanistan, Sudan, or Yemen. **Yousef spoke of Scarpa getting passports for Bojinga. He said Bojinga would get an address for Yousef to send the passports to in Iran or Libya.**
- **September 13, 1996 (FBI 302 & Handwritten)** Yousef spoke of how he sent messages out through writing other inmates names and numbers on the envelopes then mailed them out, that way prison staff wouldn't know it was coming from him.
- **September 14, 1996 (FBI 302 on 9-19-96 & Handwritten)** Yousef spoke to Scarpa about wanting to take a hijacked plane to Sudan, and building a temporary runway for the plane to land. **Most of Bojinga's followers are in Sudan.**
- **September 17, 1996 (Handwritten)** Yousef spoke about sending to bags with cargo in two separate flights to blow up two U.S. airplanes.
- **September 19, 1996 (FBI 302, investigation on 9-15-96)** Yousef said that Sudan has a lot of Bojinga followers. Afghanistan is under authority of Afghan leaders, which are held by Mujahaddin. Shah use to work in shipping weapons for Bojinga from Afghanistan and other countries. Bojinga uses Afghanistan as a refuge from other countries looking for him. Muslim fighters have certain areas in those countries under their control in deserts and mountains with all kinds of weapons where no one will be able to reach them without being killed. Women and children would be sold to Muslim fighters in Algeria, Libya, and Sudan. Yousef also spoke again of a U.S. Ambassador by the name of Neoponti from the Philippines who is a target of a kidnapping.
- **December 8, 1996 (FBI 302 transcribed on 12-16-96)** **Yousef stated that Bojinga wanted 5 U.S. Passports with no picture or writing on them and 1 with any picture on it. Yousef advised that Bojinga's people would use all the passports for the hijacking and 1 as a sample to make others. Yousef further stated that the passports are for 1 trip to board the planes to be hijacked.**

- **December 18, 1996 (FBI 302 & Handwritten)** Yousef has been visited recently by a new Imam and Yousef and Imam have been speaking for an extended period of time in English and in Arabic.¹ Yousef spoke to Scarpa about an address he would give Scarpa in Iran where the blank passports would be sent and spoke of a way he communicates (sends and receives messages) to outside of the prison. Yousef also stated that the government would never go after Bin Laden because the government knows that within one week 12 U.S. planes would be blown up.
- **December 27, 1996 (Handwritten)** Yousef spoke to Scarpa about getting the passports in a hurry he wanted them within two days.
- **December 28, 1996 (FBI 302 & Handwritten)** Yousef began bragging to Scarpa about a new formula for gas (Phosgene COCl_2 and Mustard) that he invented that could be used to harm thousands of people and all countries could use it and could be sold for lots of money and it's inexpensive and easy to use. Yousef advised that a gas mask with oxygen must be worn when making this formula **Yousef sent Scarpa a kite showing him how to make that gas with the equation and diagram.** (Scarpa turned this information over to FBI Susan Schwartz)
- **December 29, 1996 (FBI 302 & Handwritten)** Yousef stated that he **decoded a message from Bojinga and told Scarpa that after his release (Yousef's release) he (Yousef) would contact Scarpa to meet with him either in Pakistan or Afghanistan. Then later he wanted to meet with Scarpa's people to train them in Guerilla warfare.** Yousef wanted to make deals with Scarpa's people in selling counterfeit money, drugs, etc. **If Yousef isn't released during the hijacking (because the government doesn't give into their demands then they will kill the passengers 1 by 1 and video tape it then release it to the media.)** They would release one tape each week. Yousef also spoke of doing something to the Pakistani government or pertaining to the Pakistani government before the hijacking occurs. Yousef spoke of Afghanistan being isolated from the world and the U.S. government. Yousef also spoke of selling the pretty women passengers for as much as \$10,000 per person. **Yousef spoke of training all Muslim militants groups around the world about how to hijack planes.**
- **December 29, 1996 (FBI 302)** Yousef said they had a **"alternative plan"** however if it doesn't work they will proceed with the hijacking and demand the release of WTC and the "Sheiks" case defendants. Scarpa felt that Yousef might be getting his messages also through the newspaper.

¹ Imam- The caliph who is successor to Muhammad as the leader of the Islamic community. On January 2001 the FAA issued a warning that terrorist might try to hijack or destroy American aircraft. On January 24, 2001, Italian authorities record an Islamic Imam discussing fake ID's for "The brothers going to America." (See book 1000 Years for Revenge by Peter Lance)

- **January 10, 1997 (FBI 302 & Handwritten date also 1-15-97) Yousef showed Scarpa components of the way he sends and receives messages outside of the prison. It was a component equipped with a microphone, transmitter (walkman), electronic board, gas lighter. He showed Scarpa his voice on the radio. Yousef told Scarpa he sends and receives messages similar to morse code. Yousef stated that he received his last message and said that "everything is a go."**

- **Two undated handwritten messages:**
 - Yousef wanted Scarpa's people to call in a bomb threat to a U.S. airline which would force it to land and in turn would cause disturbance and financial problems with the airlines, and fear with the people. It should be done on United only and it must be on an International not domestic flight. He should call the airport not the airline office.
 - Yousef requested Scarpa's family's addresses so that Yousef's "people" could get in touch if need be. Scarpa gave him their addresses.

- **Scarpa reports that his attorney Larry Silverman and the FBI from the New York office had a confrontation pertaining to not allowing Scarpa and Ramzi Yousef to set up a meeting with a loose terrorist cell (four terrorists) that was located here in the United States. This meeting was being set up by Ramzi Yousef for Scarpa's people to meet the terrorists however the FBI did not want to facilitate giving the money that Yousef was requesting in order to set this meeting up.**

- Scarpa gave FBI Susan Schwartz (alias) a note from Yousef stating something similar to; "In America airplanes are our access to bombs anytime we want them they're our flying bombs." (This statement was made by Yousef during Scarpa questioning him about building massive bombs.) The date may be approximately 2-27-96.

- Year 2000- While in Florence, Colorado ADMAX Scarpa received some law books that were delivered to his cell. He did not order law books but found that they had papers in them containing a "key code" and how to decipher it further in the book he realized it came from Yousef to Scarpa however he no longer assisted the government and immediately turned this information over to Mr. Manly a staff member at ADMAX. **The code read that "Yousef would be released early 2001."** FBI never came to see Scarpa about this information even though Mr. Manly reportedly told Scarpa he would send the FBI to see him.