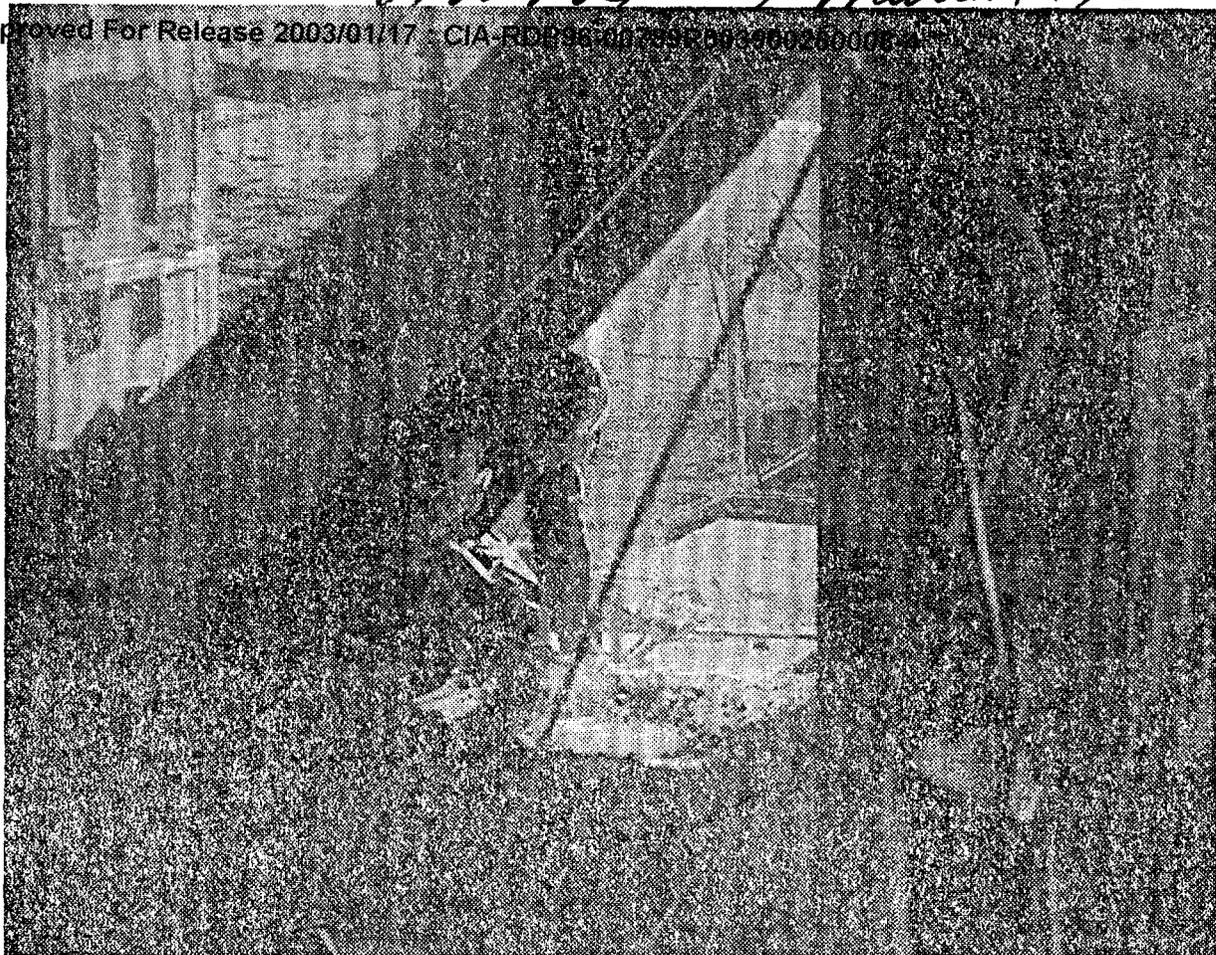


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An investigator closely sifts through debris for possible clues at bomb site under the World Trade Center in New York.

More Warrants May Be Issued in Blast

FBI Reportedly Has Identified Several Associates of Jailed Suspect

Associated Press

NEW YORK, March 8—More search warrants, and possibly more arrest warrants, could be issued this week in the World Trade Center bombing investigation, an FBI spokesman said today.

A federal law enforcement source said investigators also have identified several associates of Mohammed A. Salameh, 25, being held without bail on charges that he helped to bomb the trade center Feb. 26.

"We hope these people will be able to provide us with information on Salameh and perhaps lead us to others as well," said the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

James Fox, assistant director in charge of the New York FBI office, said he expected more search warrants and possibly more arrest warrants to be issued. But he would not elaborate.

The bombing killed four people, injured more than 1,000 and closed the twin 110-story towers for at least a month.



SAYYID A. NOSAIR

... documents seized from prison cell

In other developments:

■ FBI agents, in a weekend raid, reportedly seized documents from the Attica state prison cell of Sayyid A. Nosair, held on charges connected to the 1990 killing of Rabbi Meir

Kahane. They were seeking correspondence between Nosair and Salameh, the Buffalo News reported.

Nosair is a cousin of Ibrahim Elgabrowni, arrested for allegedly assaulting two FBI agents when they raided his Brooklyn apartment. Salameh listed Elgabrowni's address on a rental application for a van thought to have been used in the bombing.

■ Workers beneath the trade center continued to inch into the five-story-deep blast crater.

But it will be at least 25 days before workers remove 2,500 tons of debris and reach the bottom of the crater, said Gene Fasullo, an engineer with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which owns the trade center.

■ Militant Muslim cleric Omar Abdul Rahman of Jersey City, N.J. reiterated that he emphatically condemned the bombing. Salameh's family has denied reports that he is a follower of Abdul Rahman, acquitted three times of terrorism-related crimes in Egypt

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