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00:00:03,906 --> 00:00:05,456
All right.

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00:00:05,916 --> 00:00:07,806
So where were you
on September 11th?

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00:00:08,556 --> 00:00:15,446
I was in Mayfield Heights on
the job working at a computer.

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00:00:15,526 --> 00:00:20,656
All right that answers
what were you doing part.

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00:00:21,636 --> 00:00:24,866
So, what did 9/11 mean to you?

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00:00:25,416 --> 00:00:30,996
It was definitely scary.

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00:00:30,996 --> 00:00:33,386
It meant that we
needed to be prepared

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00:00:33,966 --> 00:00:38,916
and that security should
be forefront in our minds.

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00:00:43,486 --> 00:00:48,066
Okay. Go Where were you on 9/11?

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00:00:48,806 --> 00:00:53,776
I was on active duty working my
shift on the USS Constellation

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00:00:54,466 --> 00:00:57,466
when me and my crew
members were watching

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00:00:57,466 --> 00:01:00,216
on the Armed Forces
Network the news reports

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00:01:00,876 --> 00:01:03,056
of airplanes crashing
into the buildings.

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00:01:03,676 --> 00:01:06,706
We were on our way from
Hawaii to San Diego

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00:01:06,966 --> 00:01:10,596
and the captain came
over the 1MC and told us

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00:01:10,596 --> 00:01:12,006
that we'd be delayed
getting home.

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00:01:12,006 --> 00:01:16,156
We were sent to patrol
the coast, the west coast,

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00:01:16,156 --> 00:01:19,316
to ensure that no other
flights were attempting

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00:01:19,316 --> 00:01:20,956
to enter US air space.

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00:01:22,236 --> 00:01:24,176
So what were you doing
when you first heard?

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00:01:24,556 --> 00:01:27,846
I think I was eating
breakfast at my desk.

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00:01:27,846 --> 00:01:30,616

I was checking email
and checking the logs

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00:01:30,616 --> 00:01:32,706

on the exchange server,
I was the mail admin,

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00:01:33,356 --> 00:01:35,466

and the television
was just to my right

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00:01:35,966 --> 00:01:40,426

and the first plane had already
crashed into the one tower

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00:01:40,686 --> 00:01:45,036

and we had the images up and
watched the second plane crash.

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00:01:45,386 --> 00:01:46,366

It was very heart breaking.

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00:01:47,326 --> 00:01:50,086

So what did 9/11 mean to you?

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00:01:50,936 --> 00:01:55,196

Nine eleven to me meant
that you're not as prepared

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00:01:55,196 --> 00:01:59,976

as you think you are and you can
never have too much planning,

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00:02:00,076 --> 00:02:04,016

too much contingency planning
in place, too much training

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00:02:04,016 --> 00:02:08,456

in first response and
also there's circumstances

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00:02:08,716 --> 00:02:10,186
that no one can control.

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00:02:10,186 --> 00:02:13,326
There's always going
to be disasters

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00:02:13,756 --> 00:02:16,796
that we might not be
able to fully prevent.

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00:02:17,346 --> 00:02:20,436
We just have to be prepared
mentally and physically

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00:02:20,946 --> 00:02:26,906
to respond to those disasters.

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00:02:27,876 --> 00:02:33,396
Okay, where were you on 9/11?

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00:02:33,396 --> 00:02:37,306
I was down at Marshall
Space Flight Center;

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00:02:37,436 --> 00:02:39,376
that's where we work detail.

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00:02:39,666 --> 00:02:46,046
I had just got down there on
Sunday and then I believe it was

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00:02:46,046 --> 00:02:51,186
that Tuesday was 9/11, it might
have been a Monday or a Tuesday

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00:02:51,396 --> 00:03:02,726
that 9/11 happened, so I spent
the remainder of the three weeks

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00:03:02,936 --> 00:03:09,636
down there away from my family

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00:03:09,706 --> 00:03:11,906
and home during this 9/11
aftermath. What were you doing

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00:03:11,906 --> 00:03:14,066
when you heard it happened?

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00:03:14,746 --> 00:03:27,856
We were watching the TV,
the link TV down there

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00:03:27,966 --> 00:03:36,376
at Marshall waiting for
our meeting to start

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00:03:36,506 --> 00:03:38,366
and we were watching the news

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00:03:38,396 --> 00:03:39,536
and we just saw the
first plane hit the tower

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00:03:39,566 --> 00:03:40,526
and then we kept
going on from there.

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00:03:40,556 --> 00:03:41,486
So what did 9/11 mean to you?

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00:03:41,516 --> 00:03:42,356
It meant an attack
on our country.

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00:03:42,386 --> 00:03:43,616

It meant that our way of
life was being threatened

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00:03:43,646 --> 00:03:43,976

by an enemy.

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00:03:44,756 --> 00:03:47,296

On September 11th,
2001, I was at home.

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00:03:47,296 --> 00:03:49,836

I was recovering from surgery

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00:03:50,616 --> 00:03:56,066

and when I saw what had happened
my, the first thing that came

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00:03:56,066 --> 00:03:59,416

to my mind was safety
of my family.

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00:04:00,566 --> 00:04:04,956

My wife got our children out of
school so we had everybody home

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00:04:05,286 --> 00:04:08,656

and my father had passed
away earlier in the year

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00:04:08,656 --> 00:04:10,366

so I checked on my mom.

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00:04:11,876 --> 00:04:13,686

We were very concerned
about what might happen next

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00:04:13,796 --> 00:04:20,086

and so I just wanted to make

sure that my family was safe.

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00:04:20,086 --> 00:04:24,366

It was a very tough time.

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00:04:24,886 --> 00:04:25,806

You can talk anytime.

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00:04:28,096 --> 00:04:32,846

When I first heard about it,
I was still at home and at

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00:04:32,846 --> 00:04:35,356

that time they thought it
was just a horrible accident.

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00:04:36,476 --> 00:04:41,376

By the time I got to work first
thing I did was find a radio

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00:04:41,376 --> 00:04:43,556

and turn it on to see
what else was happening.

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00:04:44,336 --> 00:04:48,376

By then they knew that it
was not an accident by then.

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00:04:48,376 --> 00:04:50,206

I think the second
plane had already hit

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00:04:51,166 --> 00:04:55,576

and I remember I just
knew at that moment

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00:04:55,836 --> 00:05:00,166

that our world would
never be the same.

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00:05:01,306 --> 00:05:02,196

Okay, recording.

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00:05:06,186 --> 00:05:08,756

One of the things
that I can remember

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00:05:08,906 --> 00:05:12,756

about 9/11 I can remember it

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00:05:12,876 --> 00:05:18,616

like it was yesterday was I
had came into work and coming

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00:05:18,676 --> 00:05:23,906

into Building 142 at that
time we had a monitor

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00:05:24,916 --> 00:05:32,466

on which CNN was on, and I had
looked up at the monitor and one

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00:05:32,606 --> 00:05:34,136

of the Twin Towers was burning

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00:05:35,206 --> 00:05:38,446

and I didn't think
anything of it at that time.

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00:05:38,696 --> 00:05:40,836

I was like, hmm, it was burning

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00:05:40,956 --> 00:05:42,116

and something might
have happened,

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00:05:42,266 --> 00:05:47,006

a fire might have
gotten, was set.

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00:05:48,096 --> 00:05:54,066

And so I go down to my office and I tell my roommate

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00:05:54,066 --> 00:05:57,236

that you look on CNN one of the Twin Towers was burning,

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00:05:57,956 --> 00:05:59,346

I think we should turn it on.

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00:05:59,996 --> 00:06:04,996

So, we turned it on and we watched it burn and not

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00:06:04,996 --> 00:06:08,726

within a minute a plane hit the other building.

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00:06:09,686 --> 00:06:12,636

So, in my mind, I was thinking, uh-oh, that's not right,

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00:06:12,636 --> 00:06:14,906

something is not right.

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00:06:15,656 --> 00:06:18,506

They had mentioned that one plane had hit the building

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00:06:18,506 --> 00:06:23,986

so I thought, well, maybe the pilot got mixed up

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00:06:24,046 --> 00:06:27,566

but two planes hitting both buildings?

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00:06:28,476 --> 00:06:32,126
And so my instinct was I got up
and looked out in the hallway

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00:06:32,986 --> 00:06:37,196
to see if anybody else had seen
anything or was there any type

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00:06:37,196 --> 00:06:43,546
of commotion and we looked
at it and my office mate

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00:06:43,546 --> 00:06:44,586
and I thought like, wow,

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00:06:44,676 --> 00:06:47,976
something is not right,
what has happened.

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00:06:48,136 --> 00:06:51,986
Eventually we had to go
home and we went home.

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00:06:52,406 --> 00:06:53,996
My first gut feeling
was I need to go

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00:06:53,996 --> 00:06:57,006
to the daycare and
pickup my son.

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00:06:57,236 --> 00:07:01,026
On my way home my wife had
called me because she was

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00:07:01,026 --> 00:07:04,686
in Building 500 at the
time and they had mentioned

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00:07:05,386 --> 00:07:09,156

that there was a plane
that had been taken

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00:07:09,326 --> 00:07:12,456
over by some terrorists
and it was

108
00:07:12,676 --> 00:07:15,036
at Cleveland Hopkins Airspace

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00:07:15,466 --> 00:07:17,256
and they wouldn't
allow her to leave.

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00:07:18,146 --> 00:07:20,496
And so she started crying
and I told her, you know,

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00:07:20,496 --> 00:07:24,856
don't worry about it, they'll
let you leave and when I got

112
00:07:24,856 --> 00:07:29,956
to the daycare everyone was in
a panic and people were getting

113
00:07:29,956 --> 00:07:31,666
out of their cars
crying and stuff.

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00:07:31,776 --> 00:07:35,656
So, I went into the daycare and
my son, I think he was maybe 4

115
00:07:35,656 --> 00:07:38,326
or 5 years old and he
asked me he's like,

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00:07:38,396 --> 00:07:39,656
daddy, daddy, what happened?

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00:07:40,126 --> 00:07:40,836

What's going on?

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00:07:41,646 --> 00:07:45,796

I had told him that some bad men had did some terrible things

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00:07:45,986 --> 00:07:52,656

to the country and I was coming to get you out of daycare.

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00:07:52,656 --> 00:07:57,276

That evening eventually my wife had gotten home and we sat down

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00:07:58,226 --> 00:08:03,956

and we watched pretty much CNN all night and just thinking

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00:08:03,956 --> 00:08:07,476

about it and I stayed up until wee hours of the morning

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00:08:08,636 --> 00:08:14,586

and I begin to get teary eyed because in my mind

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00:08:14,646 --> 00:08:16,166

who would do something this terrible?

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00:08:16,996 --> 00:08:18,816

Who would do something like that?

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00:08:19,746 --> 00:08:23,716

But I can remember it pretty much plain as day

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00:08:23,786 --> 00:08:31,546

and that's pretty much
my memories of 9/11.

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00:08:32,576 --> 00:08:34,246

Nine eleven was my
first day at work

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00:08:34,646 --> 00:08:40,516

and it was also my wife's first
day in Cleveland by herself

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00:08:40,516 --> 00:08:46,456

to do an interview at the
Federal Building, and I remember

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00:08:46,456 --> 00:08:51,106

when this first started and
I saw it on TV it was a lot

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00:08:51,106 --> 00:08:54,356

of shock and disbelief
but I also remember

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00:08:55,756 --> 00:09:00,146

when the second plane hit the
building, you began to realize

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00:09:00,146 --> 00:09:04,456

that it was an attack, it
wasn't an accident and one

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00:09:05,536 --> 00:09:10,416

of the first thoughts that came
to mind was what else was going

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00:09:10,416 --> 00:09:12,176

to get hit and what else
was going to happen.

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00:09:12,896 --> 00:09:16,436

You immediately thought
about my wife being

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00:09:16,436 --> 00:09:19,096

in the Federal Building and
it was kind of like, wow,

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00:09:19,396 --> 00:09:26,096

and a little bit later we
heard there was a plane flying

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00:09:26,096 --> 00:09:29,326

over Cleveland and I guess
at that point, you know,

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00:09:29,326 --> 00:09:34,786

it became very evident that
there was a lot happening,

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00:09:35,066 --> 00:09:38,656

going to happen that day, and
I remember trying to get a hold

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00:09:38,656 --> 00:09:39,826

of her, the phones were all,

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00:09:41,996 --> 00:09:43,246

you couldn't get
through on anything.

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00:09:43,246 --> 00:09:46,476

All the cell phones were down.

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00:09:47,396 --> 00:09:52,846

It was quite an event
for me personally.

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00:09:53,536 --> 00:09:57,896

When the airplane
hit the Pentagon,

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00:09:58,626 --> 00:10:02,716

that was really a defining
moment because I had a lot

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00:10:02,716 --> 00:10:06,156

of people that I worked with
in the past that I knew were

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00:10:06,156 --> 00:10:08,406

in the Pentagon and I didn't
know exactly the extent

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00:10:08,406 --> 00:10:09,066

of the damage.

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00:10:09,066 --> 00:10:12,466

I knew that it was significant,
but we didn't know how much

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00:10:12,616 --> 00:10:15,176

and so I immediately
thought about them.

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00:10:15,316 --> 00:10:21,686

As I reflect back 10
years ago, you know,

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00:10:21,686 --> 00:10:23,776

it was a very defining
moment for our country

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00:10:23,776 --> 00:10:27,826

and it was certainly something
that changed all of our lives.

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00:10:27,826 --> 00:10:30,486

Every time you go to an airport

you realize how much it really

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00:10:30,516 --> 00:10:35,476
changed the way we do business
and the freedoms that we lost

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00:10:35,476 --> 00:10:37,926
that day from that day forward.

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00:10:39,226 --> 00:10:44,196
So it's quite an event.

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00:10:44,196 --> 00:10:50,866
It's a shame to have lost
all those innocent lives

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00:10:50,866 --> 00:10:53,956
of the people that were
killed during that event.

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00:10:54,446 --> 00:10:59,466
None of them had anything to do
with some of the anger that was

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00:10:59,466 --> 00:11:03,166
out there that we were being
attacked for in the first place.

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00:11:03,166 --> 00:11:06,936
So, it was a horrible loss of
life, it was certainly something

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00:11:07,256 --> 00:11:10,596
to be remembered and
it's quite an event.

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00:11:13,706 --> 00:11:14,966
My name is Randy Humphries.

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00:11:15,446 --> 00:11:17,086
On September 11th, 2001,

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00:11:17,316 --> 00:11:19,606
I was at Michoud
Assembly Facility outside

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00:11:19,606 --> 00:11:20,996
of New Orleans, Louisiana.

171
00:11:21,786 --> 00:11:25,556
We were in meetings when
I went into adjacent room

172
00:11:25,976 --> 00:11:28,826
and saw a replay of the first
plane hitting the first tower.

173
00:11:28,826 --> 00:11:32,116
Of course we all congregated
and watched TV for a little bit

174
00:11:32,826 --> 00:11:34,876
and we saw the second
plane hit the second tower.

175
00:11:35,686 --> 00:11:37,946
We were all in horror; we
were all scared for our lives.

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00:11:38,236 --> 00:11:41,336
We immediately terminated the
meeting, shut down the plant,

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00:11:41,586 --> 00:11:42,386
and everybody went home.

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00:11:43,146 --> 00:11:45,286
Of course, I couldn't
go home I was on travel,

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00:11:45,676 --> 00:11:48,276
and I went to my hotel
in downtown New Orleans.

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00:11:48,686 --> 00:11:51,776
I was scared because I was in a
major metropolis, I was staying

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00:11:51,776 --> 00:11:56,396
on the 21st floor of a tall
building and so I hurriedly went

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00:11:56,396 --> 00:11:59,046
up to my room, put my stuff
away and came back downstairs.

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00:11:59,706 --> 00:12:03,316
I watched on TV as all of us did
as the horrible events unfolded.

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00:12:03,596 --> 00:12:05,236
I called my family,
I called my friends.

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00:12:07,516 --> 00:12:09,546
We all watched that
day in terrible horror.

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00:12:09,546 --> 00:12:14,226
It had been years since
American soil had been attacked.

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00:12:14,226 --> 00:12:16,376
As much as I was afraid,
as much as I was scared,

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00:12:16,666 --> 00:12:18,746
I was also in the
days to follow proud,

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00:12:18,746 --> 00:12:22,076

proud of how we recovered,
proud of how we came together,

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00:12:22,496 --> 00:12:23,726

proud of how we helped
each other,

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00:12:24,326 --> 00:12:27,406

and proud of how eventually
we became the strong America

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00:12:27,596 --> 00:12:29,976

that we are again.

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00:12:30,046 --> 00:12:36,786

The morning of Sept 11th I
recall very vividly it will be

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00:12:36,786 --> 00:12:37,766

in my mind forever.

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00:12:38,496 --> 00:12:45,616

I was ready early for work that
morning so I decided to listen

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00:12:45,616 --> 00:12:49,966

in on NPR for the idea
stream and I listened

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00:12:49,966 --> 00:12:53,366

to the broadcast on NBC.

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00:12:54,106 --> 00:12:57,516

Toward the end of that
broadcast on NBC they alerted

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00:12:57,556 --> 00:13:00,736

that something had happened
in New York and, of course,

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00:13:00,736 --> 00:13:04,556

later before the end of the
hour they had some video

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00:13:04,556 --> 00:13:11,876

in showing a plane running
into the first Trade Center.

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00:13:12,116 --> 00:13:14,146

I was shocked but I
immediately thought

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00:13:14,146 --> 00:13:16,276

that it was a terrorist
act, but I, you know,

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00:13:16,276 --> 00:13:17,596

I didn't want to overreact.

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00:13:18,306 --> 00:13:21,046

I came up with a
quick concoction

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00:13:21,046 --> 00:13:24,996

that maybe they had gotten
into the aviation ILS at one

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00:13:25,086 --> 00:13:27,986

of the airports and
directed the plane

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00:13:27,986 --> 00:13:34,206

into the building
on automatic pilot.

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00:13:34,456 --> 00:13:38,636

The hour ended and, of course,

I was collecting my thought

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00:13:38,636 --> 00:13:41,096

but I didn't want to be
incredible and call here

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00:13:41,096 --> 00:13:47,856

at Glenn to Glenn and
send out a false alert.

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00:13:49,396 --> 00:13:54,696

When the next hour of NBC news
started they were still talking

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00:13:54,696 --> 00:14:00,116

about the topic and, again, they
showed the videos of the crash

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00:14:00,116 --> 00:14:04,216

into the tower and later they
showed a plane going directly

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00:14:04,216 --> 00:14:05,736

down one of the New York streets

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00:14:06,636 --> 00:14:14,696

and then while they were showing
the tower in its demised state

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00:14:14,786 --> 00:14:21,376

after the plane had struck I
saw on the horizon another plane

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00:14:21,696 --> 00:14:26,536

up here and it made a steep
maneuver bank if you want

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00:14:26,536 --> 00:14:32,066

to call it into the tower and
it ran directly into the tower.

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00:14:32,066 --> 00:14:34,446

I saw an engine, I
suppose it was an engine,

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00:14:34,446 --> 00:14:36,746

come out the other
side of the building

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00:14:36,746 --> 00:14:39,496

and went down the street.

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00:14:40,516 --> 00:14:44,586

At that point I knew it was a
terrorist activity and I thought

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00:14:44,586 --> 00:14:45,946

that the nation was
under attack.

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00:14:46,566 --> 00:14:48,686

So I tried figuring
out what I could do.

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00:14:50,366 --> 00:14:53,186

I didn't know if Glenn was aware
of it or not so what I decided

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00:14:53,186 --> 00:14:54,856

to do was call Mr. Bill Wessel,

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00:14:54,856 --> 00:15:00,896

which he was the
head senior manager

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00:15:00,896 --> 00:15:03,946

for security here at that time.

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00:15:03,946 --> 00:15:06,176

I was able to get
in touch with him.

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00:15:06,346 --> 00:15:08,626

I called, we talked
very briefly.

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00:15:08,626 --> 00:15:11,476

I told him I thought the
nation was under attack

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00:15:11,476 --> 00:15:14,506

and he said he would
take it from there.

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00:15:14,936 --> 00:15:18,836

I watched the rest of the
news for that half hour

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00:15:18,836 --> 00:15:21,056

and then maybe into
the next half hour.

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00:15:21,706 --> 00:15:23,406

I decided to drag in late.

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00:15:23,786 --> 00:15:28,746

When I got in, of course,
everyone was attracted to the TV

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00:15:28,806 --> 00:15:34,286

if they had one near them
and later we saw the collapse

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00:15:34,286 --> 00:15:36,126

of the first tower
and, of course,

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00:15:36,126 --> 00:15:38,846

then there was a collapse

of the second tower.

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00:15:38,846 --> 00:15:40,446

At that point I knew
things were out of hand.

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00:15:41,206 --> 00:15:44,886

I guess one of my big
concerns about calling Bill is

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00:15:44,946 --> 00:15:50,126

that it's easy for 100 or 200
people to be stationed out

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00:15:50,126 --> 00:15:53,566

and create havoc
around the nation.

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00:15:54,366 --> 00:15:59,076

The attack on 9/11 was a
little more controlled.

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00:15:59,076 --> 00:16:02,196

It looks like it was about
four planes involved only

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00:16:02,436 --> 00:16:08,256

and how has this affected me?

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00:16:08,396 --> 00:16:12,656

For the first month or so
I was walking around in a,

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00:16:12,656 --> 00:16:16,116

I just have to admit a
little paranoia, you know,

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00:16:16,116 --> 00:16:18,786

I wanted to do my best

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00:16:18,786 --> 00:16:22,146

to prevent anyone else
from getting hurt.

252

00:16:22,696 --> 00:16:24,336

Certainly now if
you get on a plane

253

00:16:24,336 --> 00:16:32,506

and you see the effect you have
to get screened very heavily

254

00:16:32,826 --> 00:16:40,756

for security and that's it.

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00:16:44,496 --> 00:16:47,056

I'm George Crawford, the NASA
Counter Intelligence Counter

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00:16:47,056 --> 00:16:49,876

Terrorism Special Agent assigned
in Glenn Research Center.

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00:16:50,766 --> 00:16:52,586

On September 11th, 2001,

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00:16:52,666 --> 00:16:54,856

I was an Air Force officer
assigned to the Pentagon.

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00:16:55,796 --> 00:16:58,106

I remember seeing the attacks
on the World Trade Center

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00:16:58,446 --> 00:17:01,316

and felt sick to my
stomach, but I knew we were

261

00:17:01,316 --> 00:17:02,936

under attack and
had a job to do.

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00:17:04,376 --> 00:17:06,166

Shortly thereafter
we were under attack

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00:17:06,346 --> 00:17:08,076

at the Pentagon and
had to evacuate.

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00:17:09,136 --> 00:17:10,336

Some of our best military

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00:17:10,336 --> 00:17:13,686

and civilian employees
did not make it.

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00:17:13,686 --> 00:17:14,926

As a member of the
Air Force Office

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00:17:14,926 --> 00:17:17,556

of Special Investigations,
we worked with the FBI

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00:17:17,556 --> 00:17:20,796

and the Department of Defense to
identify any additional threats

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00:17:21,016 --> 00:17:23,096

and investigate the
attack on the Pentagon.

270

00:17:24,136 --> 00:17:26,386

The following days
we worked 24/7

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00:17:26,436 --> 00:17:28,576

from the Pentagon while

it was still burning

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00:17:28,746 --> 00:17:31,876
to gather intelligence to
respond to the horrific attacks.

273

00:17:32,846 --> 00:17:34,126
I will never forget that day.

274

00:17:34,726 --> 00:17:39,966
My heart goes out to the
families who lost loved ones.

275

00:17:45,436 --> 00:17:51,106
On September 11th, 2001,
I was coming into work.

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00:17:51,626 --> 00:17:54,536
I had just taken my boys
who were in the first grade

277

00:17:55,256 --> 00:17:59,096
to daycare or to school,
I can't remember which,

278

00:17:59,616 --> 00:18:00,856
in Poquoson, Virginia.

279

00:18:03,276 --> 00:18:05,196
After heading into work I heard

280

00:18:05,246 --> 00:18:09,126
on the radio this terrible
event had occurred.

281

00:18:10,726 --> 00:18:12,556
I went on in to Langley
Research Center

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00:18:12,556 --> 00:18:14,936
where I was the Emergency
Preparedness Officer

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00:18:14,936 --> 00:18:20,196
at the time, cut on the TV
in my office, watched it

284
00:18:20,706 --> 00:18:25,276
and was immediately struck
that this was not an accident

285
00:18:25,866 --> 00:18:31,296
but was a deliberate act by
terrorist or people that wanted

286
00:18:31,296 --> 00:18:33,546
to harm the United
States of America.

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00:18:35,626 --> 00:18:38,676
I immediately went over and
met with the center director

288
00:18:38,676 --> 00:18:42,446
at Langley then Jerry Creden,
who happened to be visiting

289
00:18:42,446 --> 00:18:45,356
with Sam Baneri, the chief
technologist for the agency.

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00:18:47,396 --> 00:18:50,236
We had an orderly
shutdown of the center

291
00:18:51,056 --> 00:18:54,296
and then had some telecons
with NASA Headquarters.

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00:18:55,586 --> 00:18:58,466
I remember that the phone
system was jammed and we had

293
00:18:58,466 --> 00:19:01,866
to use some special emergency
communications capability

294
00:19:02,526 --> 00:19:07,976
in order to talk with NASA
Headquarters in Washington.

295
00:19:08,056 --> 00:19:11,056
What it meant for me was
that this was the first time

296
00:19:11,056 --> 00:19:14,986
in my lifetime that the United
States proper had been attacked

297
00:19:15,316 --> 00:19:18,006
on our soil by an enemy.

298
00:19:19,416 --> 00:19:27,976
I was very shocked, I was angry
and wanted us to get back.

299
00:19:28,346 --> 00:19:30,696
On 9/11, I was at the Office

300
00:19:30,776 --> 00:19:34,376
of Government Ethics Annual
Conference in Norfolk, Virginia.

301
00:19:35,946 --> 00:19:39,126
Attorney General Alberto
Gonzalez was speaking.

302
00:19:39,186 --> 00:19:41,386
He was our welcome speaker.

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00:19:42,356 --> 00:19:43,576

He began at 8:00.

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00:19:43,736 --> 00:19:47,676

He did announce to our group
that the one tower was hit.

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00:19:48,566 --> 00:19:51,596

He continued to welcome
us with his comments.

306

00:19:52,316 --> 00:19:55,646

As he spoke, the
second tower was hit.

307

00:19:56,606 --> 00:19:58,696

At that point he told
us he had to leave,

308

00:19:58,876 --> 00:20:00,316

he had to go back to Washington.

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00:20:01,236 --> 00:20:03,806

He left by helicopter.

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00:20:05,016 --> 00:20:08,096

As I can remember it, we
were all told the conference

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00:20:08,166 --> 00:20:08,916

was cancelled.

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00:20:08,916 --> 00:20:11,476

This was quite early
in the morning yet.

313

00:20:12,516 --> 00:20:14,366

We all went back

to our hotel rooms.

314

00:20:14,436 --> 00:20:17,116

We were told that the
tunnels were closed,

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00:20:17,176 --> 00:20:19,936

the highways were closed,
the air space was closed,

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00:20:20,796 --> 00:20:22,646

our flights were cancelled.

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00:20:23,186 --> 00:20:24,966

So we stayed in the hotel.

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00:20:25,096 --> 00:20:31,106

From my window viewpoint I got
to see the Mid Atlantic fleet.

319

00:20:31,486 --> 00:20:34,186

The Navy brought out
the fleet into the bay.

320

00:20:34,186 --> 00:20:38,106

It was quite dynamic
to see the destroyers.

321

00:20:38,146 --> 00:20:42,416

I had never seen anything
that large before in my life.

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00:20:42,756 --> 00:20:45,746

It was quite powerful,
it was very frightening,

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00:20:46,046 --> 00:20:49,036

when we figured out that
this wasn't initially just

324

00:20:49,086 --> 00:20:50,106

an accident.

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00:20:51,086 --> 00:20:56,036

I was very proud of the United States, I felt safe somewhat

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00:20:56,556 --> 00:21:01,096

over the power from the Navy and seeing all the powerful ships,

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00:21:02,076 --> 00:21:04,846

but I began to realize how vulnerable we are.

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00:21:05,316 --> 00:21:08,566

At one point in my life I always felt safe in the United States

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00:21:08,686 --> 00:21:11,136

and now I feel that we must be careful.