

The Cunning Passageways of TWA Flight 800: An Unauthorized History

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later testify.ⁱ⁾

One man who had particularly profited from Saddam's cashflow quadrant was Ramzi Yousef. Everyone in the al-Farooq Mosque called him "Rashid the Iraqi," meaning they understood him to hail from that nation. In 1993 he had flown into the United States on an Iraqi passport, which seemed authentic to the customs agent who examined it on Yousef's arrival. The stamps on the passport indicated a long series of travels that began in Iraq. (The entire Intelligence Community today nevertheless believes that the passport was a fake, and that Yousef really didn't hail from Iraq, but rather Kuwait, and that his name wasn't Yousef, but rather Abdul Basit Karim. More on this to come.)

Now, three years later, Yousef, the "Mozart of Terror," was sitting in a New York City jail awaiting trial for his role in the outrageously ambitious 1995 plot, cooked up with his uncle KSM and called Bojinka (for Big Bang), to blow up 10 American airliners over the Pacific Ocean, kill the Pope, and cause President Clinton to choke to death in a cloud of chlorine gas. But to Yousef, as well as the Blind Sheik, being incarcerated and awaiting trial was no bar to committing acts of terror, as we will see.

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Abdul Hakin Murad, told Gregory Scarpa that KSM's people were going to blow up a U.S. airliner, but that "Ramzi's waiting to hear if Bojinka (Yousef's new code name for Osama bin Laden, apparently) got the message." Thirty-four days before the destruction of TWA Flight 800, Osama still needed to approve

the attack first.