

Transcription of handwritten (cursive) notes 5/13/08

Taken apparently by Flo?, or multiple parties?. Handwriting does appear consistent though, so assuming single writer. Note some letters are written multiple ways. “s” “p” “g” determination sometimes problematic. There are references to Tina and the pilot/co-pilot, so writer = Flo is best guess?

Italics used for text apparently updated after initial writing. In some areas, words are added above or to the side of the notepad, suggesting the initial writing was expanded upon.

There are typed page numbers on the notes seem correct for sequence. These may have been typed after the hijack. In addition, there are cursive initials (DSJ) and a date on each page (11/24/71). Probably part of the evidence handling afterwards, rather than written during the flight?

In some spots, there may have been an erasure, or if the instrument was a pen, places where the pen was jiggled to get ink flowing? Would be good to know if pen or pencil was used. It appears two different pens were used, from the ink weight/thickness.

Note that two different time references are apparently used in the notes (local time & GMT?)

Long words sometimes have incorrect or varying abbreviations. “Passenger”, for instance.

There are a small number of crossouts that are not included here because they didn’t seem to have extra info. The crossouts included below seem interesting because it means the replacement was probably considered important by the writer.

A number of interesting details exist, for instance height estimate here of 6’ 1”, “in his 50’s” and mention of “chest” for a chute type. The very last sentence is interesting too, as it seems to indicate that Cooper really wanted a chest chute. The chest chute seemed important (in addition to the back rig?). He was willing to say, effectively, well, get me one at least. (My reading of the note).

Other interesting points are where the writer captures her impression of the priorities of Cooper’s various requests.

An underlying theme of minimizing time on the ground runs throughout the notes, and gives clues to Cooper’s thinking. (in my opinion). 1700 is mentioned as an important completion time for ground events (by Cooper?). A interesting offer? to “disconnect the bomb” is in there also.

bold question marks are used to bracket words that are unintelligible, i.e. ?guess?

The fragmentation of words on each line matches the notes.

page 1

Nov. 24/71 *Flight #305*

From Portland – Seattle

Man with briefcase with
a bomb – request \$200,000 by 1700

As I ~~went~~ sat down the stewardess pat. handed me a note

and wrote down his request.

2340 – Tina he doesn't want to wait – brought
money as far as to the stairs

one more request he
wants the notes back
he will let everybody
off as soon as
he get his request
& a fuel

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Note says:

miss –

I have a bomb in
my briefcase + want
you to sit by me.

He told me to
write it in a
piece of paper upon
his requests

[Ed. notes written upside down here]

He requested

Tina

like money first
then pasegr. can go.

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He's got black hair
wearing black raincoat

He is in his 50's
black suit

around 175 lbs.

6'1"

Seating – row 18 in
the middle seat very
back of the aircraft

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2259 – T. called plane
being hijacked
no joke.

2202 [sic. really 2302?] – Flo in cockpit with
note

2305 – 2nd call from
Tina concerning

?prser.? has bomb
with a

2310 – wants money in
negotiable currency
to be passed ?+? a
crew member

2320 – wants everything
ready before
landing

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2325 – wants to hold out
without passenger
knowing if possible

2326z - people can leave
A/C after complete
fueling

2330z – holding NW sea
6000 18,00. ?+? fuel remaining

2343 – call from company
standing by

2345 –sit ?hap? to msp
ops.

Tina called would like
let the ~~people~~ other girl stay
back with him he said
no.

page 6

tina

his first concern was
people going back of the
aircraft – he think its
sky marshall

0000 – PA. to passengers
telling them we have
mechanical trouble

he will reassure not
trying anything – did
not want to scare her
if their was attempt
he will disconnect the
bomb.

he requested fuel truck
\$200, 000 2 chest pack

page 7

Tina – Bill talking –
telling her the
money secured
available for him
by 5
He wants tina to
go down stairs and
get the money – people
seated until Tina
return. Have a
Truck in stairs.
extra car – with money.
money brought it by
truck. He doesn't care
when many trucks
get there – All he cares

page 8

- 1) money first
- 2) Passenger off
- 3) then Chutes
- 4) fueling commence
upon landing

An hour 18 min.
circling

Capt. Bill
Co-pilot – Bill Raticheck
2nd officer –

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(Tina called) – He said.

areas w??ed all fine.

fine – redstick

?large? battery and

a wire

Hijacker

getting anxious –

looking two chutes ^{chest types} – 10 min.

everything at airport.

nobodycomesback

Row 15

Flo set in fr. Seat

of T.C/ ?section? – [ed. First Class section?]

reve??e – [ed. revise?]

People to sit down until they are ?free? the

advise to get seated

Tell him to sit down

until Capt. to advise

then to

get out of their seats [ed. this written vertically on edge of paper]

page 10

Tina – wants to know
 (“Hijacker”) why climbing –
 -still waiting –
 for 2 parachutes
 money + gas on the
 way.
 “He” said why it took
 money + chutes long time
 -Chutes came from
 McCord air force base.

He does wants to
 wait for the chutes
 before we land.
 5 to 10 min.

page 11

Hurry up the chutes
 Hijacker advises Tina.
 getting very impatient
 of the chutes
 2 bag packs
 have money

money first
 Tina – asking again
 heard of a chute
 one suggestion ^{allowed} to land.
 He doesn't ^{want} to wait
 at all. In order to
 fuel aircraft. 10 to 20

page 12

no funny stuffs happening

Name –

Tina called as soon
as we completely
stop – refueling as
soon as possible

Al – tan trench coat
on.

PDX – man prescription
P.A. – 0045 advising
was not g???e
mechanical problem
exist and to ??? reasured
passenger fuel burn off will
???? landing 13 to 18 minutes

page 13

no action

Tina nobody in
the aisle
money at control
go out in field
with money –

Tina – people stay on
board while the
plane is being
fueled – After
being fuel – people
can get off –
Tina get the
money.

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Bill – n??k approach

advise him going

to airport

money – available

chutes

want to keep the

aircraft from the

ramp + find an

area that is lighted

area partially lighted

1) making approach

2) ~~none~~ request available

Hijacker – says fine.

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~~If sac? stop refueling~~

If the case waiting

for one ^{chest} chute go

ahead + go down