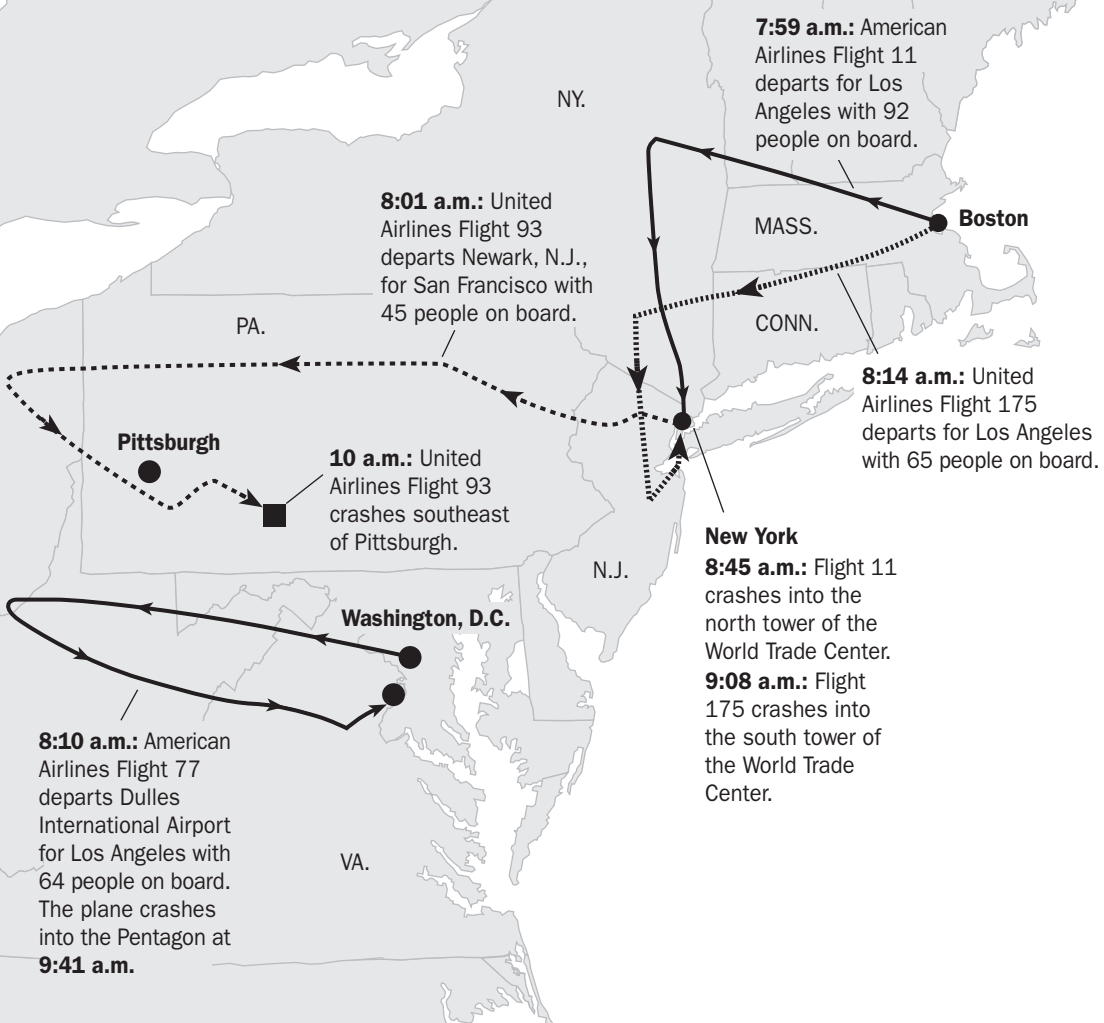


Nation's Day of Terror

An attack on the Pentagon occurred about 9:41 a.m. Washington time and was part of a terrorist siege across the Eastern United States. Establishing the death toll could take weeks, but it was expected that

casualties would be in the thousands. No one took responsibility for the acts. A look at the day's key events:



National Portrait

The Federal Aviation Administration shut down airports nationwide. Other precautions taken around the nation in the wake of the attacks:

- Washington:** Security heightened at the Navy's Bangor submarine base, one of the nation's largest nuclear arsenals. The Space Needle in Seattle evacuated.
- Nevada:** Security increased at casinos on the Las Vegas Strip.
- Illinois:** Sears Tower shut down.
- New Jersey:** At Newark International Airport, police blocked the road leading to Port Authority offices and the air traffic control tower.
- New York:** Security increased at border points and other potential targets.
New York City: Mayoral primary election called off. Trading on Wall Street suspended. Bridges and tunnels into Manhattan closed.
- California:** Landmarks closed, including Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm in Orange County, and the city of Los Angeles' 74-story Library Tower, the tallest building west of the Mississippi.
- Arizona:** Security increased at Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, the largest nuclear plant in the nation.
- Louisiana:** Louisiana Offshore Oil Port, which handles supertankers in the Gulf of Mexico, suspends operations.
- Florida:** Space shuttle operations halted, 12,000 employees of Kennedy Space Center sent home.
- Virginia:** Navy installations throughout Hampton Roads, home of the world's largest Navy base, placed under an increased security condition. The 192nd Virginia Air National Guard fighter squadron put on alert with orders to down any unauthorized aircraft.

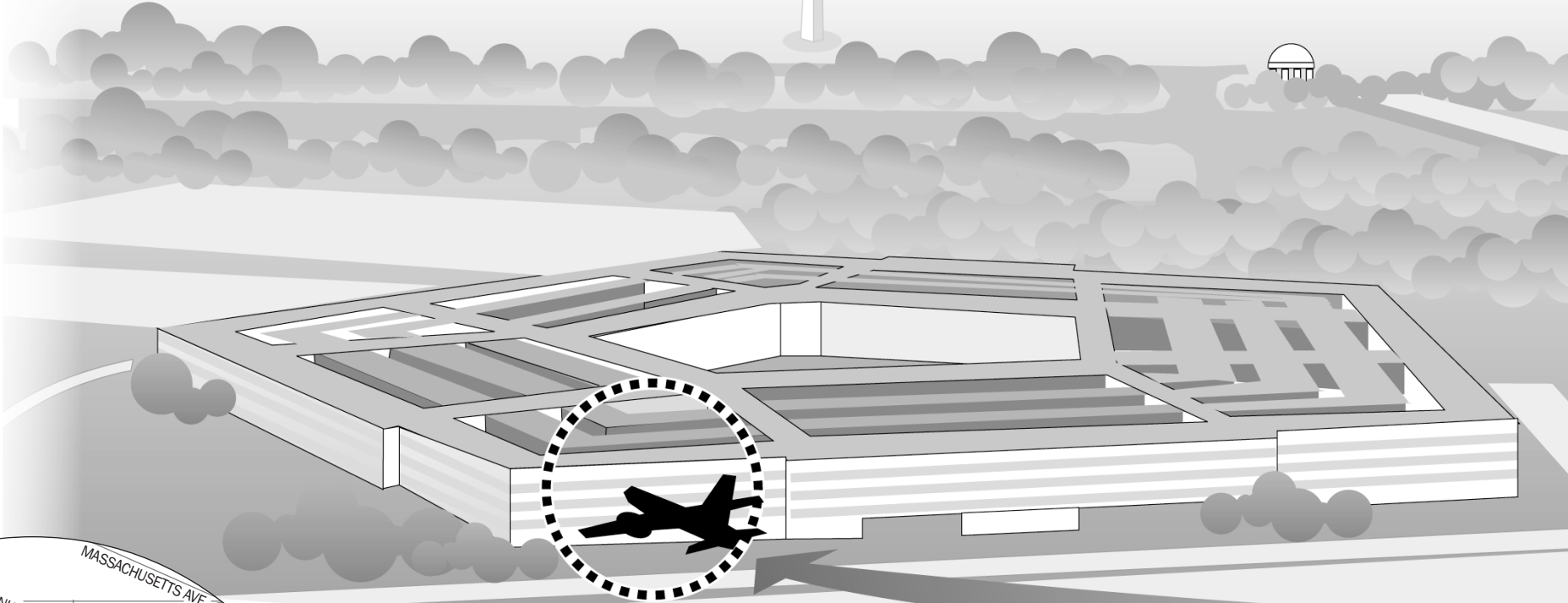
The Pentagon Attack

At 9:41 a.m. Eastern time, American Airlines Flight 77, hijacked while carrying 64 people from Washington to Los Angeles, tore into the side of the Pentagon in a terrorist attack. The Pentagon burst into flames, sending a huge cloud of smoke into the sky, visible for miles. A part of the western side of the building in suburban Arlington, Va., collapsed. The area hit was under renovation, and some offices may not have been occupied, officials said.

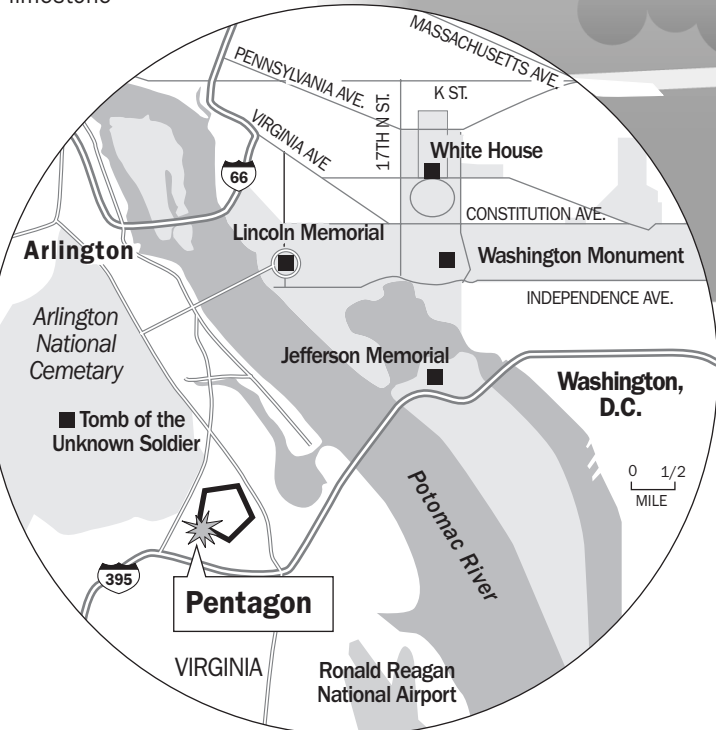
- According to federal aviation sources, Flight 77 leaves Dulles airport at 8:21 a.m., heading west for Los Angeles
- Someone on board apparently turns off the transponder. The plane turns back toward Washington, with no radio contact.
- Dulles controllers notice a fast-moving primary target in their airspace east-southeast of the airport heading directly toward the White House.
- The plane begins turning to the right, away from the White House.

About the Building

- Work force: 24,000
- Civilians: About 50%
- Square feet: 3.7 million
- Site: 29 acres
- Features: Five floors, a mezzanine and a basement; outer wall constructed of limestone



- The plane drops below radar level and disappears from the controllers' screens shortly before hitting the Pentagon.
- The plane circles 270 degrees to the right and approaches the Pentagon from the southwest.



Plane Profile



American Flight 77
 Boeing 757
 Left Washington Dulles airport bound for Los Angeles with 64 aboard.

Pilot Protocol in Hijackings

All commercial airliners are equipped with a radar transponder that gives each flight its own code.

- If a plane is hijacked, FAA rules call for the pilot to switch the transponder to a code of 7500, if there is time. That sets off special software for emergency tracking of the plane in the FAA's radar system.
- A knowledgeable hijacker could easily turn off

the transponder, which would remove the altitude-reporting feature from radar screens, but it would not cause the plane to disappear from the screen.

- The radar screen can display a "primary" radar image – the reflection of the aircraft without any identifying information. In that case a controller could see what direction the plane was flying and the speed, but not the altitude.

Events of the Day

The following is a timeline of events in Tuesday's terrorist attacks on the United States. All times are Eastern Daylight Time.

- 7:59 a.m., Boston** – American Airlines Flight 11, a Boeing 767, to Los Angeles leaves Boston with 81 passengers and 11 crew on board
- 8:01 a.m., Newark** – United Flight 93, a Boeing 757, takes off from Newark airport in New Jersey for San Francisco with 38 passengers and seven crew on board.
- 8:10 a.m., Washington** – American Airlines Flight 77, a Boeing 757, departs Washington's Dulles airport for Los Angeles with 58 passengers and six crew on board.
- 8:14 a.m., Boston** – Flight 175, a Boeing 767, departs Boston's Logan airport for Los Angeles with 56 passengers and nine crew on board.
- 8:45 a.m., New York** – American's Flight 11, from Boston, crashes into north World Trade Center tower.
- 9:08 a.m., New York** – The United flight from Boston crashes into south World Trade Center tower.
- 9:25 a.m., New York** – Federal Aviation Administration orders all

- planes grounded. No take-offs from U.S. airports are allowed until noon today.
- 9:27 a.m., New York** – All city airports closed.
- 9:31 a.m., Sarasota, Fla.** – President George W. Bush calls crashes "apparent terrorism attack" in television comments from Florida.
- 9:41 a.m., Virginia** – American Flight 77 from Washington crashes into the Pentagon in Arlington County, Va.
- 9:44 a.m., Washington** – White House and Pentagon evacuated.

- 9:48 a.m., Washington** – Capitol evacuated.
- 10 a.m., Southeastern Pennsylvania** – United Flight 93 crashes southeast of Pittsburgh.
- 10 a.m., New York** – South World Trade Center tower collapses.
- 10:28 a.m., New York** – North World Trade Center tower collapses.
- 10:56 a.m., New York** – Securities and Exchange Commission closes all U.S. markets for the day.
- 11 a.m., New York** – Major League Baseball commissioner cancels all Tuesday games.

- 11:25 a.m., Fort Worth, Texas** – American Airlines confirms flights 11 and 77 crashed.
- 11:54 a.m., Chicago** – United confirms crashes of flights 93 and 175.
- 12:13 p.m., Los Angeles** – LAX airport evacuation begins.
- 12:16 p.m., Norfolk, Va.** – Two U.S. Navy aircraft carriers dispatched to New York from Norfolk.
- 12:33 p.m., Chicago** – United Airlines confirms second plane crashed at unknown location. Four planes now confirmed crashed by American and United.

- 12:39 p.m., Barksdale Air Force Base, La.** – Bush makes second statement, vows to hunt down and punish those responsible.
- 1:37 p.m., Louisiana** – Bush leaves Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana for Offutt Air Force Base near Omaha.
- 4:13 p.m., New York** – U.S. stock markets will remain closed Wednesday, New York Stock Exchange says.
- 5:25 p.m., New York** – A 47-story building known as 7 World Trade Center collapses.
- 7 p.m., Washington** – Bush returns to the White House.