

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
HAND-WRITTEN MEMORANDUM

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To: Inspector NORRIS
From: Po SUE KERNE #826
Date: 3/14/02
Subject: September 11, 2001

On the above date I responded from my detail at Manhattan Ports, 100 Centre St, to One World Trade Center approximately 5 to 10 minutes after the first plane hit Tower One. Writing this down has not been easy, this is my third attempt.

I entered through the Vessey and Church St entrance were I saw Sgt. Kaufers directing people out of the building. He called me we spoke briefly when he told me to go to the police desk and get a radio. When I arrived at the desk Po's Maggett and Murphy were at the desk. Po Maggett said they needed someone in Tower One, Mezz area by a stairwell to evacuate people. When I arrived I was the only police officer on the scene with several firemen. Within about 15 minutes our police from GWB arrived, Po Beatty, Simmons and a few others. People were coming at a steady pace from stairwell C.

I am not so sure of the times at this point because things started to happen at a pace I can't explain. We tried to keep people away from the windows, because bodies were

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Dropping AT FAST pace. AT Some point we could hear ANOTHER plane then a hit, then what sounded like EXPLOSIONS one after another or like a TRAIN coming fast, AT this point the explosion was loud the area went completely black, I was helping an elderly man at this time and I covered him w/ my body when all of a sudden all the air seemed to get sucked out of your lungs then seconds later a wind that knocked us over came back at us with Debris and I don't know what else. Then everything went quit. The man with me and a NYPD CAPT tried to grab me to leave, but I could see that the guys from the bridge were trapped in the STAIRWELL, something was blocking the door. ~~I~~ I followed the wall and pushed with me legs whatever was blocking the door. The guys were OK and things started to clear and we went up to about the SIXTH FLOOR to see if people were still coming which they were. We continued to help people down the STAIRWELL, I believe at this point we heard TOWER TWO WAS HIT AND SO WAS THE PENTAGON.

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MASSIVE AMOUNTS of Debris, CONCRETE DUST AND bodies OR PART were more frequent AT THIS POINT. Then there was an eerie silence AND IT WAS LIKE you knew something was going to happen, there just seemed to be one explosion after another. I was separated from the guys from the bridge (GWB) by another explosion, massive again sucking the air out of your lungs AND then just a wind more intense this time with larger pieces of debris flying. When things cleared, there were still civilians in the areas AND myself, A NYPD cop AND 2 Firemen I then attempted to get the rest of the people out. Since I only knew how to get back to Tower 5, that is how we got the rest of the group out across the plaza, by looking up and only letting them go 2 or 3 at a time.

This is starting to get hard to write I'll try again in a few days.

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