

" Let's not forget the rather inexplicable fact that these guys were supposedly onboard despite not being shown on any passenger manifest. Given that no commercial airliner will take off without first submitting an absolutely accurate list of every passenger in every occupied seat, you can't help but question the validity of these tapes. Curiously, there isn't a single Arab name on any of the manifests on the planes involved and every other name is accounted for. So just who is it that this stewardess is talking about?

Think of it this way: Crews go through all kinds of training, including what to do in the event of a hijacking. They are told they have certain options available to them, including getting in touch with company officials via the airphones. Let's say that the stewardess we heard went through such an exercise and in the course of it, rehearsed a call to the appropriate people. These exercises are quite dramatic theater, the participants being required to summon up an appropriately emotional response in order to give the scene verisimilitude. Someone with access to recordings of these exercises could simply patch a recording of a stewardess known to be on the flight into the appropriate radio frequency. It would seem utterly realistic to the operator listening in, right down to her not responding to questions asked or having expected responses cued up and ready to respond.

Remember also that none of the "hijackers" appear in any recorded video at any of the airports the planes left from and that adds up to a lot of security cameras they somehow avoided. No mention of any of them in any of the manifests."

Fascinating. Go ahead, someone chime in here and say that "training tapes" like the ones described above don't actually exist, that they're destroyed as soon as they've been utilized in a training class or two.