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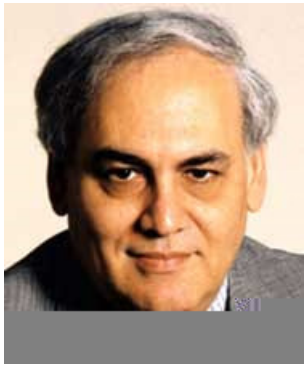

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Q. To the two floors?

A. -- to the two floors, to the three floors or so. I've seen pictures of the Trade Center on fire, and right in the middle of this when the two of them were standing. It seemed as though it was heavy smoke throughout the whole upper floors.

But when I had looked at the World Trade Center after I had gotten out of the building, it didn't seem to me that that was the case. Obviously it was, but it didn't seem the case to me. I just remembered seeing two floors of heavy fire from the north side of World Trade Center one and the West side of World Trade Center one. All of a sudden things collapsed one floor, and then within a second or so it just imploded.

Q. Thank God you got out.

A. Maybe I was out of the building maybe three minutes or so and it came down. I don't know how that happened, but it just did.

Q. Is there anything else you want to say?

A. When I was in the B stairwell, one of

the firemen from another company had told me that the second tower was hit with another plane. He said that the Pentagon was hit with another plane, and he also said that the United Nations was hit with another plane.

Well, throughout my experience on the job whenever you get into a heavy fire situation, you always hear these rumors that never turn out to be true. I thought that this was the case, because I had never heard it from anybody else that day that the second World Trade Center was hit, not over the handy talky, nowhere.

I didn't hear anything and of course did not see anything, because the B stairwell didn't have any windows. Whoever I had rescued on the floors, they didn't have access to windows either.

The B stairwell was pretty much soundproof anyway. I didn't know how soundproof it was until I compared it against the Two World Trade Center falling on us. That was just a rumble in the background along with the vibration of the building shaking.

But I thought it was a localized

collapse, and I thought that the Trade Center was a very sturdy building and we wouldn't have to worry about the localized collapse.

Q. Nobody really thought that they would collapse. Thanks a lot, Bill. That was excellent. That was a lot of detail.

A. The kind you guys are looking for.

Q. Yeah, yeah.

CHIEF CONGIUSTA: The time is 12:40, and this concludes the interview.