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Dear Mr. President:

Like most God-fearing Americans, no words can describe my feeling about the events that took place on September 11, 2001. I feel so helpless, like most. The only thing I can think of doing is writing you, and offering a suggestion concerning security on air planes. This idea may end the possibility of anyone taking control of a plane, at any time. The idea came to me many years ago when the era of hijacking began. I believe that it may be in the best interests of humanity to present this idea to your transportation people and perhaps mandate that all airplane manufacturers comply as soon as possible.

All aircraft should be modified in a way where there are two separate, sealed cabins: one for the passenger and one for the pilots. The only way to enter these two sections is from the outside. No one should be able to gain entrance into the flight deck from the main cabin other than by phone. No windows or door, just a solid metal wall, separating the flight deck from the main cabin. I believe that if this is done, the situation that occurred this past Tuesday will never occur again. If nobody can get to the flight deck, then they cannot take any kind of control of an aircraft. It is suggested that this may be better than having a U.S. Marshall present.

Terrorism is a thing of the times, and there are many ways we can become victims of such people. The death toll on Tuesday will be in the thousands. Just think if someone carried a small nuclear device into the middle of Manhattan. The death toll could have been in the millions, not to mention the effects of radioactive fall-out that could last for years to come. Tighter security can hopefully prevent this. My suggestion can only secure air planes from hijackers and hopefully end the possibility of what took place Tuesday in New York and Washington, DC. Take a look at the film, "The Peacemaker," and you will understand what I mean concerning a nuclear event.

I have been operating a bowling and sporting goods store here in the Albany area for over 40 years. I am 66 years old and have a beautiful grand-daughter, and am very concerned, like most grand-parents, about the safety of her future.

The F.B.I, and other tremendous resources of the United States government may be able to track down the people responsible for the events in New York and Washington, DC. However, I'm sure the threats will continue for a very long time. We went over to their country and "tainted" their soil....their way of life. I believe that because of this, they have grown to hate us which we have very little defense against.

The only thing, I believe, we can do is to create a safer environment for everyone, everywhere in the United States. The infringements of people's rights must take a second seat to the security of our people and property.

The idea I present in this letter is just a suggestion of a possible solution to eliminate the issue with hijackers taking over airplanes, and in this case, using them as flying rocket bombs to destroy and kill thousands of innocent people anywhere in the world.

I am deeply bothered by the fact that there are people who are raised to hate Americans, and learn to do terrorist acts, even to the point that they are willing to give their own lives for their beliefs. This tells us that we are in for a very long, bloody fight that may never end. Some of the supposed terrorist states have allies that harbor nuclear capabilities, and we certainly don't want a nuclear war, which would be disastrous for all mankind.

Lastly, let us not forget that Mohaden, the founder of the Muslim faith, preached peaceful co-existence with everyone. The word Muslim means peace, and the Koran, the bible of Muslims, forbids killing anything. There are evil people in every race and religion. Timothy MeVeigh was a Christian, but the Christians were not condemned because of him. These evil people use a veil of religion to mask their own agenda. They are the ones that should be held accountable, not all who follow the Muslim faith.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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