

Background: I served a five year mechanical fitter's apprenticeship at my parents' engineering company before resigning in Dec 1993. I rejoined the family business in Oct 1996 after my parents offered me a job as a field service technician. My first overseas trip in that role was in April 1997, to install machines at customers factories in the USA and attend an industry trade show in Chicago where we had a sales stand arranged by our US sales agent Dave Dean of Dean Printing Systems.

On the first morning of the CMM11 exhibition at McCormick Place in Chicago three south Asian business men approach our sales stand and inquired about purchasing a machine. I demonstrated the machine operation and within half-an-hour they'd signed a contract to purchase one at the list price of approximately £70,000. They were executives of Longulf Trading, the London office of the Yemeni owned multi-billion dollar Hayel Saeed Anam (HSA) Group. They said the machine purchase was for an end customer in Yemen whose name they made up and whose address they refused to give.

I now know the end customer was a front company used by Khalid Sheikh Mohammed's terrorist cell and that it was inside the HSA Group's headquarters compound at PO Box 5302 Taiz, 17-miles south of Al Qa'idah town. I also know that the sale was setup by our sales agent Dave Dean, a former MACV-SOG Special Forces operator linked to CIA contractor Billy Waugh. In his 2004 autobiography 'Hunting the Jackal' Waugh admitted training Al Qaeda operators in 1990s Yemen.

My original diary entries and photo contact sheet from April 1997:

March/April 1997	Week 14	Week 15	April 1997	Week 16	Week 17	April 1997
31 Monday HOLIDAY (England, N. Ireland, Wales & Rep. of Ireland)		→ Climax Manufact. Monday 7 9am → 5.30pm CLIMAXPKG.COM.	14 Monday CMM11		→ Moose / Joe MacBlains. Monday 21	
1 Tuesday Dep. Man 11.00 Arr. Columbus 18.00 cannot Don't exist without credit card - no car!	8 → 5.30 Tuesday 8		SKYBOX 15 Tuesday CMM11		Moore training Tuesday 22 Ron + Mike Canadian Ballet	
2 Wednesday Car arranged → Field Pack. Marion Ohio, 9am Packed coltra for exit, dep 3.3pm.	8 → 4.3 Wednesday 9		16 Wednesday CMM11		Moore training Wednesday 23 Jim	
3 Thursday Field 9.30 → 6pm Mach. install. 3pm → 6 training eric	8 → 1 pm - see cust. comment Thursday 10 → fly to Chicago → Sky Box → meet Paul + Dave → chinese at Holiday Inn		MORTONS STEAK 17 Thursday CMM11 + Clear up.		Main. + de-com training Thursday 24 Depart for Chicago. Over night at Stevensville - Schultz's rest. - John (Lift home)	
4 Friday 9.0 → 6pm training → Louisville	7.15 AM Rock Tenn Inc Friday 11 Marshallville NC Mounted test plates. Return Chicago 7.15 pm flight		18 Friday B.V.E shop Johns today @ Skybox Drinks with Dave + Baren. Darts with John, Martin + fine		Ross Masked to Friday 25 Arr. Sky box 1pm. Dinner with Joanne. Ran for flight. Arr. Vancouver - room service dinner - film 'Ransom'	
TK's Pub 5 Saturday shooting sushi meal fishing	exit prep. Saturday 12		19 Saturday Gramophone Records. → London Canada Parade in		→ Stanley Park Saturday 26 → Rose shoe bag Dinner - Whiskey	
6 Sunday Ducatti ride → Columbus 7.10 flight → NY Syracuse	exit prep. Sunday 13		20 Sunday → Niagara Falls → Grand Is. holiday Inn.		Jennifer Sunday 27	



From: 20-MAR-97 To: 08-JUN-97

