

EgyptAir flight 990 quiet until autopilot disconnected

WASHINGTON (AP) — The first of abnormality aboard EgyptAir flight 990 came when the autopilot disconnected not long after the plane took off from Cairo. The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) released a two-minute video of the plane's flight data recorder, said that eight seconds after the autopilot disconnected, the New York-to-Cairo flight "began a steep descent" from 33,000 feet about 19,000 feet. The recorder stopped shortly afterward, and the final five to 10 seconds of information on its tape are still being analyzed by safety board technicians, Hall said.

He dashed speculation that the plane's initial plunge was caused by a problem with a thrust reverser — the cause of a 1991 crash of another Boeing 767 in Thailand. Thrust reversers are used to slow an airplane upon touchdown with the runway. One of EgyptAir's reversers was out of service at the time of the Oct. 31 crash. "There is no evidence of thrust reverser deployment in the data we have," Hall said. The tape could provide the best evidence yet into what doomed the jet. Flight 990 took off early Hal-

loween morning from New York's Kennedy International Airport, rising to 33,000 feet before plunging into the sea south of Nantucket Island, Mass., about 40 minutes after takeoff. All 217 people aboard were killed. Investigators have not ruled out any possible cause, including mechanical failure, human error, sabotage and terrorism. The flight data recorder was designed to capture over 150 types of information from 55 aircraft systems over a rolling 25-hour period. Among them were such things as the plane's altitude, speed, spin and roll, when electrical power was cut off, and how the autopilot functioned.

911, schools not ready for 2000

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton assured Americans yesterday that he expects no major national breakdowns because of Year 2000-related computer failures. But his top expert cautioned that many schools and emergency centers are falling behind on repairs, and "it is inevitable there are going to be some glitches in some systems."

Clinton, whose advisory council issued its final report on the nation's readiness, expressed confidence that the federal government will be ready for the New Year's date rollover. "If we work together and use this time well, we can ensure that this Y2K computer problem will be remembered as the last headache of the 20th century, not the first crisis of the 21st," Clinton said on the White House lawn minutes before flying to Pennsylvania.

But with only 51 days left, the president and his top expert, John Koskinen, said some of the nation's local governments, schools, hospitals and small businesses are lagging on repairs. Only half of America's 911 call centers — usually run by local governments — confirmed last month they were ready. The White House previously warned that 911 failures probably would not prevent police or fire departments from taking calls. But it could force employees to use manual dispatch systems, meaning it will take longer for rescue workers to respond. "There aren't a lot of days left," Koskinen, chair of the President's Council on Year 2000 Conversion, said. He said families should know in advance telephone numbers to directly dial police, hospitals and firefighters.

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