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Gentlemen:

I tuned in to DATE-LINE on 9/12/02, and after TOM BROKAW interviewed the Traffic Controllers, on duty 9/11/01, I find the inclosed News Clipping on the same subject:- HIJACKERS

The Controllers showed how the HIJACKERS turned off the TRANSPONDER.

The following thought came to my mind; and I recommend:-

"that the manual ON/OFF Transponder SWITCH be disconected, and left in place (as a dummy) and the the TRANSPONDER WIRE be reconected to some part of the LANDING GEAR, to mame it AUTOMATIC-ON UPOM LIFT-OFF, and AUTOMATIC-OFF upon TOUCH-DOWN, on all TRANSPONDERS

No more lost Aif Craft!

Sincerely

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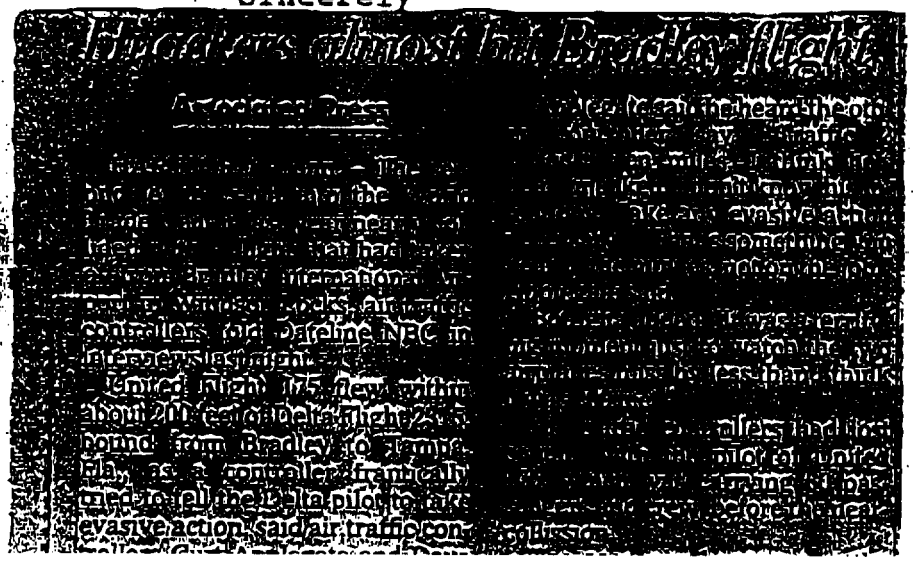
Hijackers almost hit Brooklyn flight

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