

September 11, 2001

Sources of Information

Attempting to find sources of information on September 11th.

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Because now we, I'm in the building, it's after 9:00, we know two planes have hit. Does anybody know anything? At that point, there's one story that everybody cares about, the World Trade Center story. So you go, you go into that day with all sort of interesting questions on various topics, but now the one question is, "Does anybody know anything?" "Who do you know on the Hill who's hearing anything, from any sources, anywhere, that can shed light on what has happened up in New York?" and so I checked that camera, and basically, you're going around the building, just trying to get information, "What are you hearing?" And to be honest with you, nobody really knew anything. Everybody was at that point, I guess just watching the television pictures out of New York of smoke and flames coming out of the World Trade Center, and so, I should, another aside, I should mention that if you're a beat reporter, or a producer, like I was, you don't have the total picture on anything, you have your little snippet; and a lot of times, people at home watching on television, or are in an office watching television, know a lot more about what's happening in the world than you do, because you're like in a hallway, or in the basement of the Capitol, or just outside the Capitol, just trying to get whatever elements of information, or video, or audio, you can. So, sometimes you don't have the big picture.