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Website Wikileaks publishes '9/11 messages'

A website has published what it says are 573,000 intercepted pager messages sent during the 9/11 attacks in the United States.

Wikileaks says it will not reveal who gave it the messages - some of which are from federal agencies as well as ordinary citizens.

Internet analysts say they believe the messages are genuine but federal authorities have refused to comment.

The attacks on 11 September 2001 left nearly 3,000 people dead.

The messages are being published over a 24-hour period, ending at 0800GMT on Thursday. They are being released simultaneously on Wikileaks and social networking site Twitter.

'Live' broadcast

The website is broadcasting each message at the time it was sent originally in 2001.

The first message was from 0300 local time (0800 GMT), five hours before the first attack in New York and the last 24 hours later.

The messages are not all about the attacks. Some are mundane questions about what people are having for lunch.

However, many are about the deadly plane attacks and range from people trying to find out if their loved ones are safe, to government messages, to computer server errors.

They include messages such as

- This is Myrna, I will not rest until you get home, the second tower is down, I don't want to have to keep calling you after every event. Pls just go home
- President has been rerouted won't be returning to Washington but not sure where he will go
- Bomb detonated in World Trade Ctr. Pls get back to Mike Brady w/a quick assessment of your areas and contact us if anything is needed

New York's fire and police departments said they could not comment on whether messages purportedly sent from them were genuine while the US Secret Service refused to comment.

Pager company USA Mobility said it was troubled by the alleged interceptions, the Associated Press news agency reported.

Wikileaks allows people to anonymously post documents on the web, saying its aim is to promote transparency.

It was created in 2006 by dissidents, journalists, mathematicians and technologists from the US, Taiwan, Europe, Australia and South Africa.

Wikileaks spokesman Daniel Schmitt said the messages were submitted anonymously to the site several weeks ago.

He told Associated Press: "From the context information that the source provided we have strong reasons to believe that this is valid data."

He said the messages would help provide a fuller picture of what happened that day.



The messages were said to have been sent on 11 September 2001



Blog Of The Nation

WikiLeaks Releases Private 9/11 Text Messages

by SCOTT CAMERON

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WikiLeaks usually posts classified government documents, but today they're posting an archive of text messages sent and received on September 11, 2001.

Beginning at 3am this morning and continuing until 3am Thursday, the messages are being released synchronized to the time of day they were originally sent. It's a fascinating and oddly gripping glimpse at regular life that morning, and then the unbelievable chaos that ensued.

In the archive, you'll find everything from reminders to bring home groceries after work to news updates on the attacks to pleas from a loved one to call home with news of their whereabouts. You'll also find what appear to be text ads, and automated communications from computers and servers. The full archive will be available tomorrow, in the meantime here's a sample of the messages posted (with emails and phone numbers removed):

2001-09-11 09:30:54 Skytel [004678448] A ALPHA THE WORLD TRADE CENTER WAS HIT BY TWO PLANES. TURN ON THE T.V. IF CAN. PS... THE FURNITURE ARRIVED AND LOOKS GREAT. IRIS

2001-09-11 09:49:16 Skytel [004694769] A ALPHA Joanna.xxxxxxxx@xxxx.xxx.xx||
All Troopers please be on standby for deployment. Capt. Delaney

2001-09-11 10:55:06 Arch [1146801] A ALPHA I am now calculating how much mo

2001-09-11 10:55:08 Arch [1146801] A ALPHA ney I am going to collect from your life insurance policies because..if you don't call me now!! to tell me you're not dead, I am going to kill you! []

2001-09-11 11:13:17 Arch [1146801] A ALPHA Please call me I am panicking. I am starting to make your funeral arrangements.

The full archive will be available at <http://911.wikileaks.org>

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9/11 re-enacted: Wikileaks publishes September 11 pager messages

Whistleblowing website publishes 'intercepted' texts in order officials and witnesses sent them



The Wikileaks website is publishing pager messages sent on the day by 9/11 witnesses. Photograph: Graham Morrison/AP

The unfolding secret story of the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Centre and the Pentagon is being told today when more than 500,000 intercepted pager messages, many from US officials, are published online in the order in which they were sent.

The mass live leak began at 8am GMT and will continue for 24 hours until all of the messages are seen as they were sent on September 11.

The experiment by whistleblowing website [Wikileaks](#) includes pager messages sent on the day by officials in the Pentagon, the New York police and witnesses to the collapse of the twin towers.

Wikileaks said the messages would show a "[completely objective record of the defining moment of our time](#)".

It added: "We hope that its entry into the historical record will lead to a more nuanced understanding of how this tragedy and its aftermath may have been prevented."

The post said the release of the messages at times corresponding to when they were sent would help "foster a deeper understanding".

A [preview of some of the messages](#) to be leaked suggests they show how panic and rumour began to spread on the day, and are likely to fuel conspiracy theories about the attacks.

One message from a New York City official sent just minutes after the first attack said: "WTC has been hit by an airplane and a bomb." Another says: "It's reported that a US military helicopter circled the building then crashed into or next to the Pentagon." Later in the day, a message presciently says: "We are bombing Afghanistan."

One message from a witness reads: "Still in my apt, nowhere to go ... This is the end of the world as we know it."

Wikileaks would not reveal the source for the leak, but hinted: "It is clear that the information comes from an organisation which has been intercepting and archiving US national telecommunications since prior to 9/11."

Wikileaks has a good track record in releasing authentic official documents, but its website tends to get overloaded at busy times. It is encouraging readers to follow the leaks on Twitter.

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9/11 pager messages revealed

An activist group has begun posting 573,000 pager messages purportedly sent on the day of the September 11 attacks.

Reith lecturer Dame Eliza Manningham-Buller will consider the lasting significance of the 9/11 attacks. Photo: AP

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Wikileaks said some of the messages were sent by federal and local officials, but most appear to be from ordinary people, including frantic New Yorkers trying to reach loved ones in and around the World Trade Center.

From "Second World Trade Center tower collapses" to "I'm ok & love you..xoxoxoxoxoxoxox" they relive the anguish and emotion of the day.

Among the messages are "DO NOT GET ON THE PATH TRAIN...THE WORLD TRADE CENTER IS ON FIRE"; "President has been rerouted wont be returning to washington but not sure where he will go"; "THIS IS MYRNA, I WILL NOT REST UNTIL YOU GO HOME, THE SECOND TOWER IS DOWN, I DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO KEEP CALLING YOU AFTER EVERY EVENT. PLS JUST GO HOME."

Some are unrelated to the terrorist attacks, such as: "Paul, Jerry and I feel that we can expect around 200 people for the Pig Picking. Call if you want to. Keith"

Wikileaks says its goal is to promote transparency by putting leaked documents online. Its repository includes manuals, lawsuits and numerous government documents.

Daniel Schmitt, a Wikileaks spokesman in Berlin, said the pager messages were submitted to the site anonymously several weeks ago.

"From the context information that the source provided we have strong reasons to believe that this is valid data," said Mr Schmitt.

He said publishing the messages "is one more building block to getting a full picture of what happened on that day." He noted that none of the messages appear to lend credence to

conspiracy theories that suggest the US government was behind the attacks or had advance knowledge of them.

New York City's police and fire departments said they could not confirm that any of the messages were actual department communications. The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, the US Secret Service and the Federal Emergency Management Administration declined to comment on the messages.

Most of the pages come from three companies.

Among them, USA Mobility Inc., which merged Arch and Metrocall systems in 2004, issued a statement on Wednesday saying it was "troubled to learn that paging messages, including communications involving government officials, appear to have been intercepted and publicly disclosed in clear violation of federal criminal law."

"We hope and expect that persons who engage in unlawful electronic surveillance will be apprehended and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law," the statement said.

Read the latest on the September 11 attacks.

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The 9/11 texts

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The following poignant, terrifying, hopeful and desperate text messages are just some of the more than half-million that were sent to people's pagers on Sept. 11, 2001.

They were released yesterday by the Web site WikiLeaks.

READ ALL OF THE 9/11 TEXT MESSAGES HERE

These messages -- a real-time account of the 9/11 terror attacks and their effect around the nation -- are "a completely objective record of the defining moment of our time," said WikiLeaks, which did not disclose how it acquired the archive of texts during the entire 24 hours of that fateful day.

"We hope that its revelation will lead to a more nuanced understanding of the event and its tragic consequences."

08:50:25 A plane crashed thru the twin towers. Real bad..BR

08:51:37 THE WORLD TRADE CENTER HAS JUST BLOWN UP, WE SEEN THE EXPLOSION OUTSIDE OUR WINDOWS. TERESA...

08:54:27 LARRY, CALL BRIAN. WANT TO KNOW IF OUR MEN ARE OKAY, SAW A PLANE HIT BLDG.

08:56:37 From: Gross, Kate (Exchange)- holy s---! a plane just hit the top of the world trade center!

09:00:39 HI IT'S NANCY CALL ME. I WANT TO KNOW IF YOU'RE OK BECAUSE OF THE PLANE THAT HIT THE TWI

09:01:20 ade center damaged; unconfirmed reports say a plane has crashed into

tower. MARSH AND NYMEX IMPACTED

09:01:53 Plane crash into World Trade Center. All MTA PD midnight units being held over. MTAPD Comm Ctr (1/1)

09:03:46 PLEASE GIVE ARIEL A CALL RE: CASUALTIES AT THE WORLD TRADR CTR AIRPLANE CRASH.

09:04:37 PLEASE CALL YOUR FATHER, STAT, AT, PAGER #22

09:04:39 YOUR SISTER JOE SAW THE NEWS AND WANT TO KNOW IF YOU ARE OKAY. PLEASE CALL ME AT WORK AND LEAVE A MESSAGE IF I AM NOT AT MY DESK.

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09:04:57 CAN YOU CALL MOM AT HOME.

09:05:33 PLANES JUST HIT THE WORLD TRADE CENTER WITHIN 15 MINS! IT'S HORRIBLE...

09:05:38 I am on Wall Street. A plane just crashed into the Twin Towers. This is horrible. Gerry Genna WorldCom Conferencing 2001

09:05:46 PLEASE CALL ME ASAP. I NEED TO KNOW IF YOU ARE OK. - ELLEN.

09:05:52 it's a DELIBERATE attack - a second plane just flew into the second tower

09:05:55 CHECK THE NEWS. TWIN TOWERS BEING DESTROYED. - CAROLYN.

09:05:55 PLEASE CALL YOUR WIFE AT HOME RIGHT AWAY.

09:06:03 PLEASE CALL ME UPSTAIRS ASAP. LORI.

09:06:03 WE ARE OKAY, BUT PLS CALL. KAREN 2001

09:06:14 a second plane crashed into the other tower !!!! Something doesn't seem right

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09:06:31 airplane just crashed into the world trade center. F---- huge hole and huge-er fire.

09:08:16 From Kathy Bauman: Are you watching TV? World trade Center blowing up?

09:08:27 PLEASE CALL ME ASAP. LOVE, KERRI

09:08:35 ANOTHER PLANE HIT THE OTHER TOWER. CALL ME BACK.

09:08:57 2 AIRPLANES HAVE JUST CRASHED INTO THE WORLD TRADE CENTER. PLEASE BE CAREFUL. CALL ME WHEN YOU CAN-- YOUR WIFE.

09:09:37 Please call me I need to know where you are!

09:09:46 YOU SHOULD HEAD UPTOWN TO GET AWAY FROM THE AREA. IF YOU WANT, GO TO YOUR AUNT'S. KAREN

09:15:10 Code YELLOW in effect. Situation Room is open. Only Duty Officers to report.

09:15:37 Ross, you are to report to the office ASAP Buddy two plane crashes in NY

09:15:38 Hey Honey! Can you bring some bagels when you get back? The pork chop is now crying about the World Trade Center plane crash. Geez! It is scary but no reason to cry. Talk to you later! I love you!

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09:15:39 nyc air space apparently closed; dunno about phil 2001

09:15:59 lburse pls call lauree asap - want to make sure everyone there is okay!!!

09:16:03 CALL YOUR HUSBAND AT HOME. IT'S AN EMERGENCY.

09:16:39 ws is saying that it was a 737 that was reported hijacked. Don't know about the other one.

09:16:40 Victor, What's the status on the WTC guys? Did all make it out? Please call & let us know! --Diana

09:16:55 two planes have crashed into the world trade center where are you are

you okay 45535 Marie

09:16:57 ARE YOU OK? PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL. WHAT FLOOR IS JOSH ON?

09:17:01 HAVE U HEARD ABOUT THE ATTACK ON THE WORLD TRADE CENTER? EDWARDS 2001

09:17:07 WANT TO KNOW THAT YOU'RE ALRIGHT. I HEARD ABOUT THE PLANE HITTING THE WORLD TRADE CENTER.... 2001

09:17:37 Frm: Neil & Sally Braid Sub: World Trade Center Txt: Can you believe it! isn't it horrible.

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09:17:38 The World Trade Center has been severely severely damaged by 2 airplanes that flew into it from opposite sides! Both towers are on fire!!

09:17:44 What the hell is happening up there???? Planes gone bezerk???

09:19:29 TURN ON YOUR RAIDIO THE WORLD TRADE CENTER HAS BEEN BOMED TANYA.

09:19:42 I CAN NOT GET THROUGH ON THIER CELLPHONE TO CONTACT ANY OF THEM PLEASE CALL OFF.

09:20:36 PLEASE CALL AUNT MARY, I'M WORRIED ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED DOWNTOWN.

09:20:44 US military has go to a high level DEFCON alert. Fighter aircraft have been scrambled.

09:21:01 CALL ME. I LOVE YOU JACKIE

09:21:03 The Pentagon is saying it is a terrorist attack. This s--- isn't funny at ALL!!!! I don't like that you were on American Airlines & have to fly back on it. They will beef up security at A/A now!! jen

09:24:05 Frm: IPN Sub: New York City Txt: 2 Large Aircraft have struck the World Trade Centers. Very Heavy Fire Cond ATT. Poss HiJacked Airecraft

09:24:14 ARE YOU OK? I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE. WHEN YOU GET THIS

MESSAGE PLEASE CALL ME - OKHEE, 516...

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09:24:40 Joe Conti is safe, only one confirmed thus far. He had not arrived to work. He is trying to contact others, we will keep trying. Perry

09:24:42 Bush just found out about attack! Cutting vacation short! Markets will not open for now.

09:24:44 "Katya Petrova" Are you watching the news???? World Trade Center???? It's horrible!

09:30:20 I am OK, I heard the plane and then I heard it hit. I called you at home; wait till you hear my message...thank you for calling me!

09:30:26 Bush now talking! I hope you are able to watch!.

09:31:05 JUST HEARD THE NEWS ON THE RADIO. CALLING TO MAKE SURE YOU ARE OK. WASN'T SURE HOW FAR YOU

09:31:18 PLS CALL HOME AS SOON AS YOU GET IN. LOVE, NANCY.

09:31:33 Bush is talking now. He confirms the terrorist attack. Moment of silence now.

09:31:35 GLAD YOU'RE OK!!

09:31:35 Basically, I had a deep, deep pain in my stomach today and I get the premonition that something was going to fall out of the sky or a brick would fall from a bldg.

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09:31:55 MERRILL LYNCH PEOPLE IN FRONT-GU

09:32:33 they just said an AA jet was hi-jacked from Boston

09:32:37 PLEASE CALL ME AND LET ME KNOW YOUR OK, I AM AT HOME. I LOVE YOU. SUNSHINE

09:32:38 2 planes crashed into the wtc in nyc. unreal. i was watching the first one when the second one crashed. i am on a plane to atlanta now. see ya later

Anisha157

09:32:48 (1/1) COMMUNICATION CENTER STARTING TO EXPERIENCE SOME PHONE PROBLEMS. // CC

09:32:57 Howdy, Just to let you know... 2 planes have apparently, crashed into both towers of the World Trade center on purpose. Dont know anything else, the web is overloaded with people trying to find out. CDE

09:33:39 URGENT !! IT'S TIM, I'M OKAY. CALL ME AT HOME, , I WAS OUTSIDE THE BUILDING WHEN IT E

09:33:40 Legacy Hot: The S. Tower is evacuating due to the plane crash. Bus. Impact: Some toll free traffic is being rerouted. Calls to the S. Tower is getting fast busy. The GCSC is still investigating

09:33:46 All NYCTOS personnel meet at the baseball field near the Embassy Suites

09:33:50 Someone heard on the radio that they shut down the Holland & Lincoln Tunnels. He thinks they may have shut down the city. Good luck getting

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09:33:55 Jack, It's Naomi...please tell me you're okay!!!!

09:34:20 FAA ATC Advised That all IFR AIR Traffic in the United States has been stopped

09:34:42 URGENT! I NEED A LIST OF ANY MERRILL LYNCH EMPLOYEES IN THE WORLD TRADE CTR FROM THE EMPLOYEE ACCTING SYSTEM, IMMEDIATELY! THE LIST MUST GO TO TOM MILLIGAN TRISHA ZELLNER,. PLEASE CALL ME TO CONFIRM!

09:34:53 STEP SON IS IN THE BULIDING. -MARY,.

09:35:37 TERRORIST ATTACK ON WORLD TRADE CENTER IN NY. 2 PLANES FLOWN INTO BUILDING. A HIGHJACKED PLANE LOADED WITH PEOPLE IS 1 OF THE PLANES. AWLFUL LOVE MOM

09:35:42 Complete Ground Stop. . .No aircraft are to leave the ground. . .thanks. . .janis

09:40:01 WE EVACUATED OUR BLDG, I AM GOING TO SUSAN'S APT,, LOVE YOU. BRIDGES AND TUNNELS ARE CLOSED AND ALL AIRPORTS ARE ALSO NOT OPEN, AND I AM NOT FLYING.

09:40:14 All house staff must keep pagers on all day today and tonight and be prepared to come in to the hospital if needed.

09:40:35 Lower Manhattan Subway service suspended. Downtown and municipal workers being evacuated. MTA PD Command Center established

09:55:06 PLEASE CALL YOUR DAUGHTER, IMMEDIATELY.

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10:50:03 Call me if u can..Im scared!!

10:50:16 FYI; CITY HALL IS LOCKED DOWN... PROPER 'ID' IS REQUIRED TO COME/GO FROM CITY HALL... GBL

10:50:29 JIM ELLIS AUNT MARCELLA YCANNOT REACH YOUR SISTER IN NEW YORK. HAVE YOU TALKED TO HER? P/C ME ASAP

10:50:54 FWD from S.Diederich: stay home due to terrorist attacks around our country - Do not go to downtown

10:50:55 everywhere shut down. crazy! hope you all made it okay. Just try to let us know all is well with you. mom

10:50:57 Let's do our best to stay focused on our mission, notwithstanding this morning's tragic events. The objective of terrorists is to both destroy and disrupt. Massive destruction is a fact.

10:51:01 my boss sent me home to cover the firehouse. I'm here now, but only the Seagrave is in service.

11:00:00 the only thoughts i have of are of nicholas, ian and you. i am terrified. i needed to tell you that i truly love you

11:00:03 If you haven't already heard, don't bother coming into work they are sending us home. Scott

11:00:13 United Air flight just crashed at Camp David. So now, we have 2 hijacked planes that took down the Trade Center, plane down at the Pentagon, fire

near the West Wing, and car bomb in front of state dept in DC. It's scary!

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11:32:56 If I do not hear from you by High Noon, I am going to pick Laura up at school and tell her her Father is dead.

11:34:07 Cathy is fine, if U didn't get chance to call her yet. Ted called her on train and she turned right around and left back to NJ. END

11:51:52 HEY JIMMY ITS ME I JUST WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW IM OK I WAS AWAY FROM MY WORK I THINK THE EVACUATED THE BUILDING

12:30:24 sweichmary, i hope you are ok and that your family and friends are safe. we're thinking of you. let me know if i can do anything for you. shannon

13:30:09 Jerry, in light of all that has happened, we need to know if you are OK, and if your surgery was done or postponed. Thanks. Rodger

14:02:41 I've been trying to call and can't get through. Call me if you can. I just want to make sure you are ok. I love you di

14:03:50 Thank you darlin', Man what a mess. I was just trying to make sure you're ok...worried, because of the business you're in.

14:03:54 Tom, I have some instructions for you about flying the flag at half staff. Susan

17:05:54 :-() I'm so happy you are fine and same time I'm very shocked Dear Haven't thought something like this happens that easy and fast But know Dear I'm here ok ? and i miss you everytime :-() Sei vorsichtig Dear :-() love you Dear :-() :-()

17:20:30 Honey wanted to tell you how much i love you. I was a little worried. I Don't want to lose you now that I got you back. You mean everything to me. You have my whole heart and life. I love you so much.

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Thousands of 9/11 messages released, providing 'real-time' reminder of WTC horror

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A vast cloud of smoke rises into the air over Manhattan as the second of the twin towers of the World Trade Center collapses on Sept. 11, 2001. CARROLL-NEWS

More than half a million electronic messages sent on 9/11 were leaked onto the Internet Wednesday - providing a chilling "real-time" reminder of the terrorist attacks.

The intercepted dispatches were released on the Web site www.wikiLeaks.org in a minute-by-minute format designed to re-create the order in which the messages were sent that terrible day.

Many of the messages were sent by emergency responders from the Pentagon and New York. Others were the frantic efforts of distressed onlookers to contact their loved ones.

One official sent this message at 9:11 a.m.: "Chief, 2 planes have struck the World Trade Center...the news says terrorist attack...both buildings have heavy smoke showing on multiple upper floors."

Another official wrote: "We need all available personnel to report to the station and be prepared to stay for a while."

"Will try to pull together the info from our affiliates," another communication read. "Have not been able to maintain connection w/FDNY audio."

Several messages from panicked relatives were gut-wrenching to read.

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"Daddy, it's your daughter. Call me," one person wrote. "Let me know everything is okay."

Another person wrote at 9:50 a.m.: "Can't reach you by phone....Be safe. Love you more than ever."

"Greg, I hope you are ok? Please give me a call to make me feel better," someone named Damarif wrote at 11:05 a.m. "I am worried about you."

WikiLeaks did not disclose how it obtained the intercepted messages, which it began releasing at 3 a.m. yesterday. By early evening, the site reported it was "overloaded by global interest."

WikiLeaks, which has no formal relationship to the online user-written encyclopedia Wikipedia, provides whistleblowers and journalists with a portal for "untraceable mass document leaking." It has published lawsuits and various government documents.

The site defended its decision to release the sensitive messages.

"The archive is a completely objective record of the defining moment of our time," a statement on the site read.

"We hope that its entrance into the historical record will lead to a nuanced understanding of how this event led to death, opportunism and war."

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(CNN) -- Newly released text messages reportedly from the morning of September 11, 2001, show panicked family members trying to contact loved ones and officials frantically trying to grasp what was happening.

More than half a million messages, released by whistleblower site Wikileaks, reveal the panic, horror and pain of what happened that morning in the words of those who experienced it.

On September 11, 2001, 19 hijackers commandeered four commercial jetliners, loaded with fuel for cross-country flights. Two were flown into the World Trade Center's Twin Towers in New York, one crashed into the Pentagon, and another, headed for an unknown location, crashed in Pennsylvania when it was disrupted by passengers.

A total of 2,976 people -- not including the hijackers -- were killed in the attacks.

Some people witnessing the attacks reached out to loved ones out of fear there might have been more attacks coming and they might die.

"The only thoughts I have are of Nicholas, Ian and you," read one text message. "I am terrified. I needed to tell you that I truly love you. always, diane."

"I want to hold you now," one text message a minute later reads.

"I know you have a new relationship and do not care about me. But just in case anything

happens know I love you hon. Missed Ya good bye."

The first indication of a problem comes at 8:50 a.m., five minutes after the first plane hit the World Trade Center.

"An aloha call is starting. This is for a fire at 2wt ..."



Another
text
message

Video: 9/11 text messages

references "a bomb detonation" in the World Trade Center and asks recipients of the message to report back assessments of their areas.

A minute later, firsthand reports started flooding in.

"The world trade center has just blow up, we seen the explosion outside our windows. Teresa ..."

At 8:53 a.m. a message from the New York Police Department's operations division mobilizes officers toward the World Trade Center, telling them to meet at Church and Vessey streets.

At 9:03 a.m. the second plane hit the World Trade Center.

"It's a deliberate attack ... a second plane just few into the second tower," a message said 52 seconds later.

By 9:25 a.m. the personal messages have grown more frequent and more frantic.

Companies begin sending out messages asking for head counts on all employees.

People begin sharing reports of what they are seeing and hearing on TV, including early reports of people jumping from the World Trade Center.

Family members panicked, struggling to get through jammed phone lines to find out if their loved ones were OK.

9:25:40 a.m.

"Please call my work as soon as you get in the office. Need to know you're safe."

9:29:38 a.m.

"Wondering where you are. Are you okay. Give me a call back asap. I just need to know these things. Even if it's collect. Call me. Darryl"

11:32:56 a.m.

"if i do not hear from you by high noon, i am going to pick laura up at school and tell her her father is dead."

"goodbye my sweetie.....im going to miss yo," another said.

"Honey wanted to tell you how much i love you," one sender wrote. "I was a little worried. I Don't want to lose you now that I got you back. You mean everything to me. You have my whole heart and life. I love you so much."

Some texts brought relief.

"My dad survived! I got a call from stepmom's coworker saying my dad is alive, although that is all the info I have. I do not know if he is injured or unscathed."

"Abroer's father is alive," one text proclaims. "survived WTC collapse. I am trying to contact family members to find out more."

"urgent. It's tim. I'm okay. Call me at home...i was outside the building when it exploded, but i'm fine."

Others have to wait and worry. Numerous messages simply read: "Are you okay?" "Where are you?" or "CALL ME NOW!"

"pete is ok. He can't find his brother who works in the world financial center next to the trade center....." one message read.

The messages also give insight to the federal government's scramble to evacuate buildings, bases and high-level officials.

"Jim: DEPLOY TO MT. WEATHER NOW! Tom" reads one message, referring to Mount Weather, the underground bunker where high-level officials are taken in a national emergency and a command facility for the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

A message at 10:24 a.m. appears to show authorities working to secure the first family.

"TWINKLE AND TURQ ARE ACCOUNTED FOR AND SAFE," the message says. Twinkle and Turquoise were the code names used for then-president George W. Bush's twin daughters Jenna and Barbara.

At 10:32 a.m. a Secret Service message said "ANONYMOUS CALL TO JOC REPORTING ANGEL IS TARGET" -- referring to a call to the Joint Operation's Center referring a threat made against Air Force One, which used a code name of Angel.

A message from FEMA at 12:37 p.m. notes "we have no mission statements yet."

A message from the Secret Service's New York field office sent conflicting messages about where agents should report.

The messages also frantically pass along reports of more attacks. Some turned out to be rumors, others real.

Rumors were rampant:

"There is a hijacked plane circling dulles airport. Please call me!"

"unconfirmed reports of plane crash at camp david now."

"think one more plane may have been hijacked and headed toward the capitol building...not sure."

Wikileaks says it has verified some of the texts and says they all appear to be authentic.

"I fully understand that this is very emotional material, but this does not mean that this is not part of our historic record," said spokesman Daniel Schmitt.

"And from the publishing perspective of the Wikileaks perspective, that is what counts. We are helping to maintain an uncensorable part of this day's record in more detail than has ever been provided before."

Wikileaks will not say if the source was in government, law enforcement, industry or was a private citizen with the capability to intercept messages.



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Egads! Confidential 9/11 Pager Messages Disclosed

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As the World Trade Center and Pentagon were ablaze on September 11, 2001, the U.S. Secret Service's presidential protective detail was informed that a "Korean airliner has been hijacked" en route to San Francisco, prompting already-skittish agents to worry about another wave of terrorist attacks.

That morning and afternoon, Secret Service agents assigned to protect the president and his family found their pagers constantly buzzing with alerts both true and false. There was a false alarm about a car bomb in downtown Washington, D.C., a report of "two Arab males detained" after asking for directions to the presidential retreat at Camp David, and reassurances that "Twinkle and Turq" -- code names for the Bush daughters -- were safe and accounted for.

This unusual glimpse into the events of 9/11 comes from messages sent to alphanumeric pagers that were anonymously published on the Internet on Wednesday. The pager transcripts, which total about 573,000 lines and 6.4 million words, include numeric and text messages also sent to private sector and unclassified military pagers.

It's impossible to tell whether the logs have been faithfully reproduced in their entirety. But there's evidence they have been: I spoke to three journalists working on September 11, 2001 whose correspondence appeared in the logs or who were familiar with the messages circulated in their newsrooms that day. All three say the logs appear to be legitimate.

This trove of messages is likely to become a boon for historians, a new source of concern for privacy advocates, and, depending on the details, a point of embarrassment or pride for the government agencies and corporations whose internal conversations have been divulged. The files were posted on Wikileaks.org, which has made a speciality of disclosing confidential documents and [boasts](#) that it is "uncensorable."

One string of messages hints at how federal agencies scrambled to evacuate to [Mount Weather](#), the government's sort-of secret bunker buried under the Virginia mountains west of Washington, D.C. One message says, "Jim: DEPLOY TO MT. WEATHER NOW!" and another says "CALL OFFICE (sic) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. 4145 URGENT." That's the phone number for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's [National Continuity Programs Directorate](#) -- which is [charged with](#) "the preservation of our constitutional form of government at all times," even during a nuclear war. (A 2006 [article](#) in the U.K. Guardian newspaper mentioned a "a traffic jam of limos carrying Washington and government license plates" heading to Mount Weather that day.)

FEMA's response seemed less than organized. One message at 12:37 p.m., four hours after the attacks, says: "We have no mission statements yet." Bill Prusch, FEMA's project officer for the [National Emergency Management Information System](#) at the time, apparently announced at 2 p.m. that the [Continuity of Operations](#) plan was activated and that certain employees should report to Mt. Weather; a few minutes later he sent out another note saying the activation was cancelled.

The first pager message reporting the attacks on the World Trade Center appears to have been sent by Morgan Stanley at 8:50 a.m. ET, saying that "an Aloha call is starting" due to a fire in the complex's south tower. Morgan Stanley [leased](#) 840,000 square feet in that building, on over 20 floors.

As the fires spread, and as police and firefighters rushed to the scene, Wall Street firms activated their emergency response plans. Shortly after 9 a.m., Fidelity evacuated its nearby offices at 200 Liberty Street, and sent out a messaging saying: "Those in the area should meet at the Winter Garden. Our plan is to meet there and (have most employees) work from home." (The [Winter Garden](#) is a glass-enclosed atrium that was damaged later in the day when the towers collapsed.)

"On that particular day, literally within minutes of the first attack, we already had one of our security people... lining up space outside the New York area for some of our employees," Anne Crowley, a spokeswoman for Fidelity who was with the company in September 2001, told [CBSNews.com](#) in a telephone interview.

By 10:29 a.m., Fidelity's Boston offices on Summer St. had been closed, and an alert went out: "National Master Console has been re-routed to Merrimack." It was followed by: "The FBSI war room is operational," referring to Fidelity Brokerage Services Inc.

"That quick thinking led us to be able to move hundreds of New York employees to backup locations (and) enabled us to continue to operate some of our important functions," Crowley said. Even with U.S. equity markets closed, Fidelity's phone centers continued to take orders and could even process some international ones. Crowley said she didn't know what Fidelity's war room referred to, but said the National Master Console is the firm's main phone operation that was shifted to Merrimack, N.H.

Similarly, Bank of America ordered the evacuation of all bank "high rise buildings only," while noting that there is a "nation-wide run on cash." Mastercard evacuated its New York and Delaware offices; MBNA decided to shutter everything but inbound call centers. Another message says: "SITUATION LOCK DOWN ALL AT&T LOCATIONS HAVE BEEN EVACUATED."

How the messages were captured

The pager logs seem to represent messages transmitted on September 11, 2001 through the networks of Arch Wireless, Metrocall, Skytel, and Weblink Wireless.

It's not clear how they were obtained in the first place. One possibility is that they were illegally compiled from the records of archived messages maintained by pager companies, and then eventually forwarded to WikiLeaks.

The second possibility is more likely: Over-the-air interception. Each digital pager is assigned a unique Channel Access Protocol code, or capcode, that tells it to pay attention to what immediately follows. In what amounts to a gentlemen's agreement, no encryption is used, and properly-designed pagers politely ignore what's not addressed to them.

But an electronic snoop lacking that same sense of etiquette might hook up a sufficiently sophisticated scanner to a Windows computer with lots of disk space -- and record, without much effort, gobs and gobs of over-the-air conversations.

Existing products do precisely this. Australia's WiPath Communications offers Interceptor 3.0 (there's even a free download). Maryland-based SWS Security Products sells something called a "Beeper Buster" that it says let police "watch up to 2500 targets at the same time." And if you're frugal, there's a video showing you how to take a \$10 pager and modify it to capture everything on that network.

Law enforcement agencies knew of the benefits of monitoring pagers long ago. A 1997 FBI bulletin describes the "use of a clone pager to simultaneously receive the transmission emitted from the pager's service provider to the pager," and the federal courts have a standard form for judges to use when approving interceptions. (The American Association of Paging Carriers has, helpfully, provided its members with a list of how to comply.)

Whatever their origin, the logs are likely to raise more questions than they answer. Take this intriguing message that was sent by Jim Massa, then Cisco's director of federal operations, at 4:18 p.m. It said: "NEED TO DISCUSS FBI TEN THOUSAND UNIT REQUIREMENT ASAP." The recipient appears to be Cisco Chief Development Officer Charlie Giancarlo, who left the company in 2007 and now works at a venture capital firm in Menlo Park, Calif. called Silver Lake.

A Cisco representative said in e-mail to **CBSNews.com**: "I know we worked closely with law enforcement after the attacks but I don't have any specifics." Massa did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

One possibility is that the FBI urgently needed routers or other Cisco gear to upgrade its own network. But technical experts that **CBSNews.com** contacted believed it's more likely that the FBI was working with Internet service providers to reconfigure their networks with Cisco hardware to allow wiretaps to be conducted more readily. Around that time, Cisco was beginning to develop wiretap capabilities for its routers -- a concept that eventually became known as "lawful intercept."

The logs are silent on precisely that point. They do show, however, how U.S. network providers scrambled to respond to one of the most unexpected and extensive disruptions in recent memory.

After 7 World Trade Center collapsed (it had been damaged by debris earlier), Sprint lost its payment-processing system called SpeedPay. A subsequent note said: "SpeedPay is down. Site lost power with further collapse of building around 5PM. They are mobilizing to relocate equipment to New Jersey site." A Sprint spokeswoman said that the executives who were with the company on 9/11 are on holiday break and unavailable for comment.

The major telecommunications hub at 60 Hudson Street, about eight blocks from the World Trade Center, was evacuated around 9:20 a.m. About four hours later, it was starting to show signs of overheating, with temperatures reaching the 80s. A WorldCom message worried that New York City might cut power to 60 Hudson, saying, "NYC1 has 4 to 8 hours of battery power if main power was to be cut." A relieved followup said that the company's network operations center had learned that the power would remain on.

Air Force One reportedly threatened

Other tidbits from the logs include:

- * A Secret Service page at 10:32 a.m. warned: "ANONYMOUS CALL TO JOC REPORTING ANGEL IS TARGET." Angel is the Secret Service codeword for Air Force One; JOC means Joint Operations Center. When the president's plane had departed Florida about half an hour earlier, it was en route to D.C. That anonymous threat seems to be what diverted President Bush on a high-speed flight across the country, first to Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana, and then to an underground command center in Nebraska.

- * Amidst the confusion that day, the Secret Service's New York field office gave contradictory instructions to agents. At 9:06 a.m., their pagers lit up with these orders: "MEET AT THE BASEBALL FIELD BEHIND THE EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL ON WEST STREET NY." Ninety minutes later: "ALL NEW YORK FIELD OFFICE PERSONNEL RESPOND TO STUYVESANT HIGH SCHOOL AT THE CORNER OF CHAMBERS AND WEST STREET ASAP." Later: "ALL NYFO PERSONNEL ARE TO DISREGARD THE LAST PAGE REGARDING STUYVESANT HIGH SCHOOL."

- * One message said: "#2 MCLL EXEC WAS ABOARD ONE OF THE PLANES. 1 OF THE ONES WHO BETRAYED HARRY. NO TEARS HERE." Metrocall founder Harry Brock had been ousted as president six years earlier. Metrocall chief operating officer Steven Jacoby died on Flight 77 that day.

- * Brinks, the armored car operator, received a series of requests for immediate deliveries from banks running low on cash after Americans rushed to withdraw currency: "Micheal, branch officer, is requesting a same day cash delivery. His branch is low on cash. The charge will be \$50.00. Please respond to confirm."

- * A press aide for then-California governor Gray Davis spent the day fending off requests for interviews and updates from KABC, the Oakland Tribune, the Long Beach Press-Telegram, the National Guard, KTTV, Fox News, and someone who wanted to know, "Are the schools going to be closed for the rest of the week?"

What's unclear is what the impact of the release of the 9/11 data will be. Nothing immediately apparent in the 573,000-or-so lines of text suggests a rethinking of how we view the events of that day (although conspiracy fanciers are sure to highlight excerpts such as the message suggesting "military planes" forced down a [commercial jet](#), and one saying there was an "explosion and fire at Pentagon").

We've seen something like this before. A few years ago, AOL [published](#) the mostly-anonymized search histories of over 650,000 of its users, which gave rise to the kind of data excavation that's [currently taking place](#) in connection with the disclosure of the 9/11 pager traffic. In the last few days, the same kind of collective analysis of thousands of files has accompanied the [leaked global warming e-mail messages](#).

This should be a lesson to anyone who would prefer their personal details not go on public display: Without end-to-end encryption, and perhaps even with it, your correspondence is vulnerable to interception and publication. And if you're the Secret Service responding to threats against the president, or FEMA organizing an evacuation to an underground bunker, why are you letting anyone with a \$10 pager and a Windows laptop watch what you're doing?

Update 11:45 a.m. ET: Alert CBSNews.com Reader Ryan R. points out that the first automated alert relating to the attacks may have come from (see [this file](#)) Cantor Fitzgerald, which had offices in One World Trade Center. The alert is timestamped 8:46 a.m. and says: "Market data inconsistent...Cantor API problem Trading system offline"

Update 11:47 a.m. ET: FEMA spokesman Clark Stevens says "FEMA has no comment." No word yet from the Secret Service.

Update 1:39 p.m. ET: Alert CBSNews.com Reader Bernie S. reminds me of the 1997 interception of pager messages from President Clinton's entourage, including messages from Hillary and Chelsea and love letters exchanged between aides. Here's a [summary](#) from Harper's, and a [longer writeup](#) from Peter Neumann's always-useful Risks Digest.

Update 3:04 p.m. ET: It didn't take long for the fake 9/11 "Zionist pager intercepts" to appear. Another fake: "WTC south tower will collapse in 1 minute." On an unrelated note, WikiLeaks spokesman Julian Assange previewed the files at a [conference](#) in Copenhagen last week; see 55:30 into the [video](#). And I would be remiss not to mention the remarkable [911stories.net](#) site, which is displaying animated highlights.

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Digital Tools to Sift Through WikiLeaks' 9/11 Messages

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Programmers are introducing tools to analyze the hundreds of thousands of pager messages, supposedly dating from Sept. 11, released last week by WikiLeaks, an organization that releases sensitive documents and materials.

More than half a million messages were released by WikiLeaks, which has not disclosed who turned over the messages. Jeff Clark, a data visualization research who is not involved in WikiLeaks, interpreted the data in the aggregate, creating a video that shows the most commonly used terms that day, like "complex has evacuated" or "possible terrorist act." The words grow brightest when they hit their peak and are sized by how frequently there were used.

"I recognize the pager data was very much like Twitter data, because it's basically a time stamp with a bit of text," said Mr. Clark, who had done work with Twitter.

He also created small time lines showing when certain key phrases hit their peaks, and then ordered the phrases by the peak time to create a moving narrative of the day.

Over the weekend, another programmer, Colin Keigher, created a searchable database of the messages, which makes them much easier to parse than the original 40-megabyte file. "I made it in a format that was easier for everyone else," he said.

There is no way to verify the authenticity of the messages, and the programmers say their data comes entirely from WikiLeaks.

Daniel Schmitt, a spokesman for WikiLeaks, said that the organization would not reveal the source of the intercepted messages, but that the messages represented the traffic on the top four pager services at the time. The pages were identified by message number, but it was not clear from most of the messages who was the sender and who was the recipient. The messages come from a program that was monitoring such messages before Sept. 11 attacks even took place, and Mr. Schmitt said the organization believed it had been given the information to raise awareness around issues of privacy and data retention.

The search tools allow people to find the individual messages, which are chilling — especially ones from the front lines of the emergency personnel and airline employees who were watching everything unfold in real time. Of the voluminous mass of messages, a

few stood out. (The messages cited below are quoted verbatim, including errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation.)

After the first plane, American Airlines Flight 11, crashed at 8:46 a.m. into the World Trade Center's north tower, the initial impression at 8:50 a.m. was that the explosion may have been a bomb:

1)BOMB DETINATED IN WORLD TRADE CTR. PLS GET BACK TO MIKE
BRADY W/A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF YOUR AREAS AND CONTACT US IF
ANYTHING IS NEEDED

The first, spartan message sent out by New York police officials was no more alarming than numerous emergencies that the police had dealt with before:

"NYPDOps Div" < |1 PCT WORLD TRADE CENTER|--- 1 PCT -- WORLD
TRADE CENTER -- POSSIBLE EXPLOSION WORLD TRADE BUILDING

But it soon became clear that it was a plane crash, and news organizations from NBC to CNN began reporting the story — initially described by many as an accident involving a small plane. But a message sent at 8:58 a.m. — four minutes before the second plane, United Airlines Flight 175, hit the World Trade Center's south tower — apparently revealed that someone understood that American Airlines 11 had been hijacked.

Initialreports indictate that AAL11, B767, after initial hijacking on flight from
BOS-LAX, has crashed into the side of the World Trade Center in ATCSCC/bl

Another message at 9:02 a.m. showed that the news was traveling.

BREAKINGNEWS: PER OPB, IT APPEARS AA 757 HIJACKED AND RUN
INTO THE WORLD TRADE CENTER. THIS IS NOT A JOKE AND JUST
BREAKING RICK-Rick

Minutes later, at 9:04, one of the first reports of the second plane crash was sent, though many were watching on television at the time.

anotherexplosion wtc!!!.

At that point, terrorism started being raised as a possibility.

But one of the most chilling messages was one apparently sent at 9:12 a.m. as internal United Airlines communication:

AAL757 has crashed into the world trade center... were missing UAL 175.(767)
and a 2nd aircraft has crasshed into the other twr of the World Trade Center.
Barber

By 9:16 a.m., both airplanes had been identified:

EWRRpt clsd by PONYA: 2nd a/c has impacted WTC; ZNY ATC o due events; unable to confirm but believe aircraft were AAL11 BOS-LAX; and UAL175 NY ATCSCC/bl

Within a minute of the 9:37 a.m. plane crash into the Pentagon, pager messages trickled out, many from Defense Department employees or visitors: "Explosionat Pentagon too," "anexplosion at the Pentagon Bldg. This bizzare!" "PENTAGONMAY HAVE HAD TROUBLE," "Blast@ Pentagon|Just a few ago."

At 10:01 a.m., reports of the south tower collapse appeared: "Southerntower collapse," "Oneof the towers has now collapsed," "heENTIRE Tower has collapsed. All 110 floors GONE!!!"

And by 10:02 a.m., the possibility of a fourth hijacked plane was raised: United Airlines 93, which crashed 80 miles southwest of Pittsburgh just seconds before the message below was sent.

ANOTHERPLANE INBOUND FROM PITTSBURGH HIJACKED NO OTHER
DETAILS JOC

Within hours of the initial attacks, some messages raised the possibility that Osama bin Laden might be behind the attacks: "Ben Laden most likely responsible," "Justchecking in. They don't know who is responsible yet (they think Laden)," "Osama bin Laden top of suspect list for Robyn" and "OsamaBin Louden gave a report to an Arabic newspaper that the US was going to suffer attacks."

The messages were also full of early misinformation. One message repeated a false report that the military had brought down United Airlines 93 in Somerset County, Pa., while others echoed reports of a fire on the Washington Mall.

570,000 pager messages from 9/11 released

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Some 570,000 pager messages sent on Sept. 11, 2001, some of them by government officials, were being disclosed Wednesday by a nonprofit activist group.

The group, Wikileaks, says some of the messages were sent by federal and local officials, but most appear to be from regular people, including frantic New Yorkers trying to reach loved ones in and around the World Trade Center.

Wikileaks was posting the messages for most of the day Wednesday and expected to finish early Thursday.

The messages range from "DO NOT GET ON THE PATH TRAIN...THE WORLD TRADE CENTER IS ON FIRE" to "President has been rerouted wont be returning to washington but not sure where he will go."

One says, "THIS IS MYRNA, I WILL NOT REST UNTIL YOU GO HOME, THE SECOND TOWER IS DOWN, I DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO KEEP CALLING YOU AFTER EVERY EVENT. PLS JUST GO HOME."

New York City's police and fire departments said they could not confirm that any of the messages were actual department communications. The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, the U.S. Secret Service and the Federal Emergency Management Administration declined to comment on the messages.

But a pager company, USA Mobility, said it was troubled to learn that some messages on its networks appear to have been intercepted.

Many of the messages are completely unrelated to the Sept. 11 attacks, but others are clearly from people at the scene, responding or trying to contact people at the World Trade Center. Examples include:

8:53:44 AM: "NYPD Ops Div" <|1 PCT WORLD TRADE CENTER|--- 1 PCT - WORLD TRADE CENTER - POSSIBLE EXPLOSION WORLD TRADE CENTER BUILDING. LEVEL 3 MOBILIZATION TO CHURCH AND VESSY.

9:00:05 AM: 1/1) CONFIRMED PLANE CRASH AT 2 WORLD TRADE CENTER. EMRP, 38ST, HAZMAT RESPONDING.

9:00:42 AM: All - Plane crashed into WTC, our staff at 5 WTC is presently recorded safe details to follow.

9:01:53 AM: Plane crash into World Trade Center. All MTA PD midnight units being held over. MTAPD Comm Ctr (1/1)

9:04:01 AM: AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL HAS NOT GIVEN US ANY CONCRETE INFO.....INDICATED PSBL HI-JACK COM ACFT. JOE TURNER OCC DUTY DIRECTOR

9:10:35 AM: Ellen has tried to get Derek, Brock, & Mark but unable to get through, their floors are at the top

9:10:46 AM: Due to the explosions in the WTC all ATM's are being shutdown

9:11:42 AM: we're under another "terrorist" attack in new york city at the world trade buildings!!! it's horrible. two planes crash into the top floors of each building. phi

9:13:24 AM: airports are closed and command still reports numerous jumpers and numerous others trapped. FDNY is avail via live

In a statement, WikiLeaks said that "the archive is a completely objective record of the defining moment of our time. We hope that its revelation will lead to a more nuanced understanding of the event and its tragic consequences."

Daniel Schmitt, a Wikileaks spokesman, said the pager messages were submitted to the site anonymously several weeks ago.

"From the context information that the source provided we have strong reasons to believe that this is valid data," Schmitt said.

Schmitt said publishing the messages "is one more building block to getting a full picture of what happened on that day." He noted that none of the messages appear to lend credence to conspiracy theories that suggest the U.S. government was behind the attacks or had advance knowledge of them.

Company expects prosecutions

Most of the pages come from three companies, Metrocall, Skytel and Arch.

USA Mobility Inc., which merged Arch and Metrocall systems in 2004, issued a statement Wednesday saying it was "troubled to learn that paging messages, including communications involving government officials, appear to have been intercepted and publicly disclosed in clear violation of federal criminal law."

"We hope and expect that persons who engage in unlawful electronic surveillance will be apprehended and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law," the statement said.

Skytel did not immediately return calls seeking comment.

The messages are being released at 911.wikileaks.org.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.