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Subject: Re: Security

At approximately 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17, Bob Skwirot and I walked into the building through the front entrance after lunch. Bob walked into the building, while I went to the convenience store. As I walked to the store, I watched Bob, and observed that the guards did not even look up as he passed by, much less check his ID. After I bought my soda at the convenience store, I walked past the guard station towards the elevators. There was a crowd of people I did not recognize also walking towards the elevators; it appeared to me that they might be attending a conference or seminar. There were approximately twenty people. The guards did not check my ID. There was a man with a camera standing at the front of the desk; thinking he might be a news photographer doing a story on the "heightened security", I decided to give the guards a chance to look like they were doing their job, and held my badge up at about nose level. I stood there for apporoximately 15-20 seconds, but the guard never even looked up or acknowledged me. At no time did I observe the guards check anyone in the crowd for identification. (I cannot say with certainty that they did not, but I did not observe it at any point, and I was watching for it.) I got on the elevator with about 18 of this crowd. I did not think to get the badge numbers of the security guards, but I was struck by the fact that any of these people, myself included, could have been fired ex-employees with a grudge, or just dressed to fit in without belonging here. Any of us could have brought a bomb or gun into the building and security would never have known. The guards, though I did not get their badge numbers, are recognizable to me, as they are the same two gentlemen who work the morning/early aftrenoon shift every day. I believe they leave at 3:00 p.m. I could easliy identify these men. Especially this week, during which we have both Tax Day (Apr 15) and the Waco/Oklahoma City anniversary (Apr 19), when we are hearing about heightened security at Federal buildings, it makes the performance of the security guards in the Bicentennial Building on Apr 17 even more of a farce. I must state that I do not feel safe in my place of employment this week, and will not unless proper security procedures are followed.

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