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IN THE WAKE OF THIS horrendous and unprecedented terrorist attack, the U.S. and many other world governments will surely implement a host of new security restrictions on airline passengers and crew. It should be noted, however, that no mat-

ter how tightly passengers, crew, and baggage are screened, terrorists will always be able to get weapons on board. One need only ask any prison guard or inmate about improvised weapons to realize that nearly anything can become a lethal instrument.

We need better crew training in counter-hijack procedures—and a policy of locked cockpit doors.

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