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My name is Vilma Calix. I am a GS-14 civilian Program Mananger that work for the N7 organization. Our spaces were located in Room 4E436. I had a window office facing the cemetery. Anyway, I had just finished talking with some contractors and was standing up when they left my office. I was looking at my monitor when I heard a noise coming from the Annex side. I thought to myself: that is way too loud to be a helicopter. As I get closer to the window, I see this huge place coming our way.. Suddenly, I see the side of the plane (turbine, etc) closer to my window, then I a second later, I see this huge ball of fire. I froze myself and then it wasn't until I heard the LT in our office say.. We have been hit, lets get out.. I then think of what to take out of my office, grab my purse and head out. Our secretary and I made an immediate right turn out of our office and see people running. As I tried to run, I noticed my shoes were holding me up so I take them off and continue looking for a way out.. We find the first stairwell and get down to the first floor only to find out the door is blocked.. Black smoke is starting to fill the stairwell, so we go back up to the 2nd floor but only to find that there was no handle on the doors.. We then continue to the third floor and the same thing happened. WE then start banging up on the doors and an Army officer opens it for us. There is still people on the stairwell coughing and trying to get out. I am not sure what happened to them. We then kept up running until we get to the A ring and worked our way out to the center court. We see people standing looking at the smoke and we are telling everyone to get out - everyone seemed to think it was a "bomb" or something. I asked someone for the nearest exit and then I ended up on North parking.. I was crying and shaken up by what I saw.. I found my boss as I was trying to get out and lost our secretary. When I get to North Parking, I caught a ride with someone I knew. It took me four hours to get to my house.

I am so thankful to God to be alive for we were very close. I believe that our new windows helped us survive..

Anyway, I hope this helps.. v/r Vilma Calix