



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Contacted: Heidi Hammond
NTSB Accident Number: ANC17FA004, N5308F

Narrative:

On October 31, 2016, I called Ms. Hammond to discuss the accident flight and the pilot, who was her cousin. Ms. Hammond had been communicating with Mr. McRae prior to and during the flight. At the time the airplane went missing, she was at her mother's homestead near Port Alsworth, waiting for Mr. McRae's arrival. This is a summary of our conversation.

- Mr. McRae was supposed to deliver a tank full of diesel fuel to her mother's homestead near Port Alsworth on Lake Clark. He had made a delivery the previous day and stayed the night at their homestead.
- He departed their homestead at about 1100 on October 28 destined for Anchorage. He was expected back that evening by 1800.
- On October 28 at 1623, he sent a text message to her, "fueling now, will text." At that time, the wind generators at their home on Lake Clark were howling due to strong winds. She took a video of the lake waves and sent them to Mr. McRae. She said there was no blue sky, but the mountain tops were visible and some sun showing in the direction of Port Alsworth.
- Mr. McRae texted back "doesn't look too bad, 15-20 knots."
- At 1700 he texted "going now."
- Ms. Hammond texted back "no blue sky."
- At 1805 Mr. McRae texted "passing Beluga. The pass is fuzzy."
- At 1837 Ms. Hammond texted "where are you?" but never heard back from him.
- Earlier in the month, on about October 14th, Ms. Hammond was supposed to fly with him from Anchorage to their homestead on Lake Clark, but the engine wouldn't start. He said that it was an electrical problem and had the exciter box replaced, but that didn't fix it. He spent the next couple of days fixing the wiring problem.

- On October 21, after the airplane was fixed, she flew with him. She saw him update the GPS on her home computer before going. She saw the GPS go black after takeoff. She was not sure if it was an electrical problem or if he turned it off.
- Ms. Hammond did not know where his maintenance logbooks or pilot logbooks were kept, but she said he had stuff stashed at various houses that he lived in.
- She did not know what survival equipment was on the airplane, but thought her son Jay might know.

The end.