



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Persons Contacted: Dr. Mitchell Horan, Passenger on N803TH on May 1

NTSB Accident Number: ANC17FA021

Narrative:

Dr. Horan was the sole passenger on Grant Aviation flight 341 segment that departed the King Salmon Airport on May 1, 2017, at 1220 ADT and arrived at the Port Heiden Airport at 1313. He disembarked in Port Heiden and watched the airplane depart for the Perryville Airport prior to the accident that occurred about 1350. Dr. Horan is a Dillingham doctor who services many of the villages in the area. He is also a certificated private pilot with single engine land and sea ratings. This is a summary of Dr. Horan's statements.

- Dr. Horan had flown as a passenger with the accident pilot on a couple of occasions before. He did not know him well, but did have some simple conversations with him. He said that the accident pilot was always professional.
- Prior to his flight, the pilot seemed professional and not tired at all. The pilot provided a thorough emergency brief. The airplane was loaded with freight prior to his boarding. He said that he sat in the second or third row right side next to freight that was on the left. The freight was secure under a net and with cargo straps.
- The weather that day was cold and rainy, although it was not raining at the Port Heiden Airport when they offloaded. Port Heiden was a bit breezy, but nothing of concern.
- When asked if anything unusual occurred during the flight, Dr. Horan said "no, although the route was lower than usual." He said that usually Grant pilots fly over 1,000 feet or higher, but on that day the weather and ceiling were lower, so the pilot had to fly lower. Dr. Horan said they flew through clouds a couple of times, but he was not concerned because he knew that the pilot and airplane were certified for IFR (Instrument Flight Rules.) The pilot had to descend to stay out of clouds. Once the airplane descended, the visibility was very good. Dr. Horan could not recall what altitude they flew at; it just seemed lower than usual.

- Dr. Horan said that he did not hear or see audible alerts or caution lights during the flight. The airplane seemed to operate normally.

The end.