



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Persons Contacted: Anthony Klopp, friend
NTSB Accident Number: ANC18LA021, N412MF

Narrative:

Mr. Klopp is a neighbor and friend of the accident pilot and was present at the airport at the time of the gyroplane accident. The interview was conducted by phone with the NTSB investigator-in-charge, Noreen Price. Mr. Klopp made the following statements:

- Mr. Klopp was asked by the accident pilot to drive him to the airport so that he could pick up his gyroplane from its condition inspections and fly it home.
- Mr. Klopp drove the pilot from Tailwind Airpark to Indiantown Airport. He noted that Mr. Fuchs, the pilot, was in good spirits and was not impaired in any visible way. He collected the maintenance logbooks and waited to confirm that the gyroplane was airborne so that he could drive home. He waited for some time, and then heard emergency vehicles driving through the airport and knew something was wrong.
- Mr. Klopp followed the vehicles to the accident site. He noted that Mr. Fuchs had his helmet on, but he did not note any glasses, although the pilot did seem to have cuts around his eyes. The pilot did know his name and where he was but didn't seem to understand what happened. He had very deep wounds on his back.
- Mr. Klopp had known Mr. Fuchs for about 10 years, and he understood the Mr. Fuchs had all his gyroplane training done in Germany. He was not aware of any mechanical issues with the gyroplane.