



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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**Date: December 13, 2019
Persons Contacted: Joseph Smith, Witness
NTSB Accident Number: ANC20FA007 Security Aviation N4087G**

Narrative:

Mr. Smith witnessed the airplane before the accident that occurred on November 29, 2019 near Cooper Landing, Alaska. The interview was conducted by telephone. This is a summary of his statements.

- Mr. Smith was driving west on the Sterling Highway along Jean Lake, when he noticed that an airplane was flying overhead “extremely slow.”
- He could see 2 white lights and the strobe light on the bottom. The airplane came around the south side of the mountain and flew very low and slow south of the highway. He pulled over because it looked so unusual, like a UFO or maybe a helicopter. He thought that something was wrong. The airplane was between 500 and 1000 ft flying level.
- He then observed in his rear view mirror, an explosion on the north side of the mountain. He estimated the time to be between 1900 and 1915. He was about 1.5 miles away.
- Mr. Smith stated that it was very dark, and he could not see the mountain tops or any clouds. There was no wind or rain or snow. It was a nice night, although it was very dark.
- He did not hear the airplane engines.