



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Persons Contacted: "Rocky" Chris Paul, Kipnuk Village Agent
NTSB Accident Number: ANC20FA017, Yute Commuter Service

Narrative: Mr. Paul was contacted by telephone regarding his observations at Kipnuk Airport the day of the accident. Present during the call was Andrew Flag, Wade Renfro and Noreen Price. This is a summary of Mr. Paul's statements.

Mr. Carl was a village agent in Kipnuk for Yute Commuter Service and another company. He has lived in Kipnuk his whole life.

He recalled on the day of the accident the flight coordinator named Laura called him about 1000. He reported the weather to be 800 ft ceiling and 10 miles visibility. He was expecting the airplane at 1125 so he went to the airport at 1115 and the weather was the same, with some blowing snow. The airplane never showed up, so he called Yute. The weather then degraded into haze and fog. Ravn was scheduled to come in about an hour after the accident airplane, but it turned away due to the weather.

Mr. Carl said he had no weather observation training, but he looked at a local tower and other landmarks to determine visibility. Kipnuk Airport has an automated AWOS system and an instrument approach. He checked the AWOS on the day of the accident and it matched his observation. It usually does.

He did not know what the company required for weather minimums and stated that flights into Kipnuk are canceled all the time for weather in the winter.