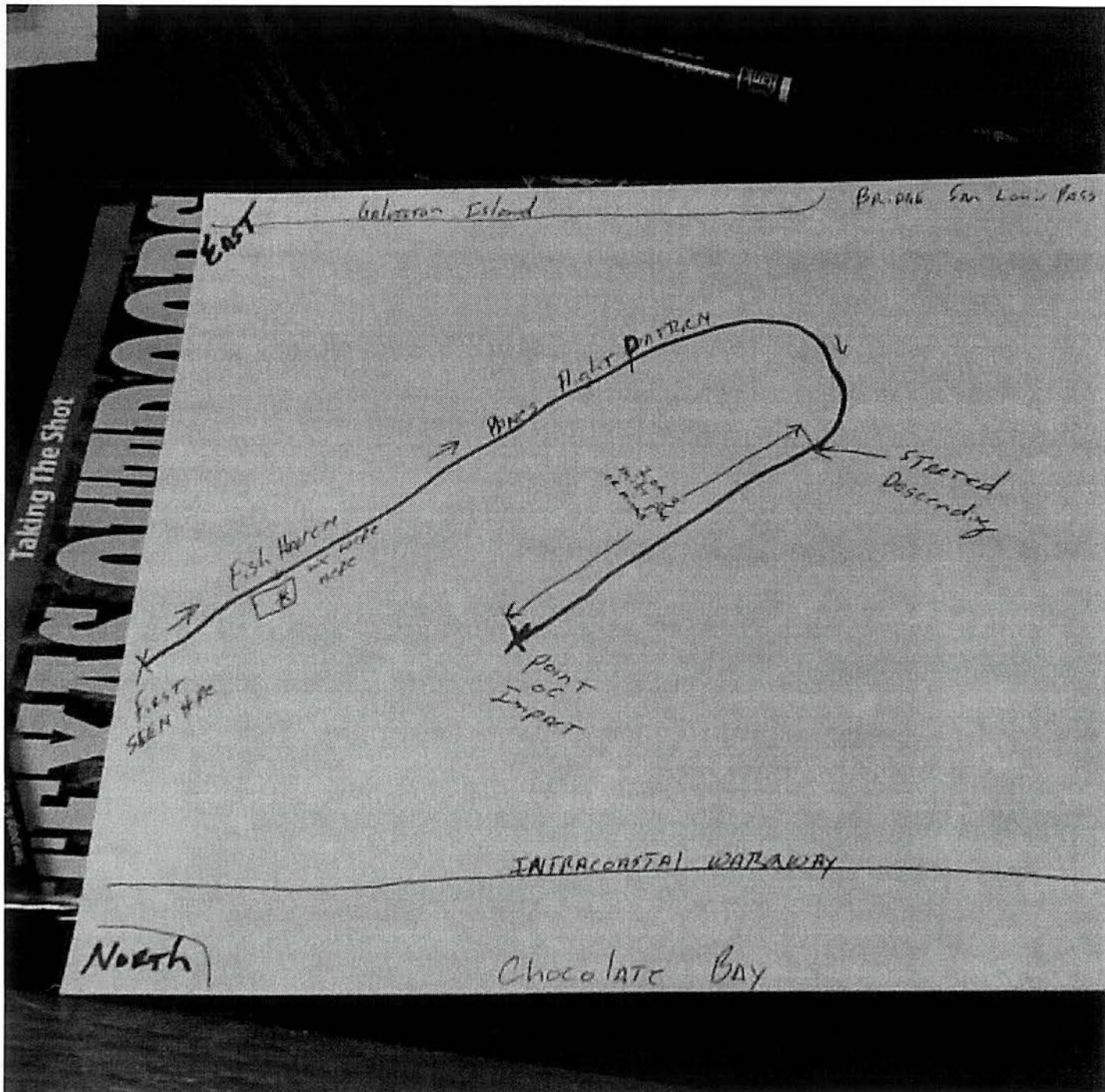




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Witness Statement from Mr. Randall Groves

Phone: [REDACTED]

Mark,

As per your request here is my written statement of the events that unfolded on October 23, 2013 at exactly 11:22am.

My customers and I were fishing a location called Fish Haven for the majority of the morning. This location is located approximately 2/3 of a mile due south of alligator head inside West Galveston Bay. I noticed the distinct sound of what I thought was a P-51 Mustang. The airplane was directly overhead approximately 1-2 miles high. Pretty high but still identifiable by the shape and sound. I pointed out to my party that plane and stated that if they watch he might do a trick such as a barrel roll or loop. We briefly took our eyes off of the plane which was heading due south towards San Louis Pass bridge. As everyone in the boat began to fish again I noticed the sound of the engine increasing in rpm. I watched the aircraft perform a slow wide turn to the west and then took a heading due north. The mustang was a good ways 2-3 miles out (towards San Lois pass) but for sure on a mild decent heading due north. At this point the aircrafts wings never dipped or swayed, and we thought that the aircraft was going to perform a stunt. Flying lower and lower to the water the engine was racing as to be in the full throttle position. The Mustang looked as if it was going to perform an emergency landing on the belly but I knew something was terribly wrong because the throttle was wide open and the plane was at an incredible speed. Even seconds before the crash the airplane appeared to be in control because of the level wing tips.

The mustang appeared to disintegrate upon contact with the water and then the loud thud / explosion for lack of better words to explain the sound.

I immediately ran over there in my boat to check for survivors and found two parachutes in the water with the remains of the two people.

At no point did the cock pit canopy come open when in the air, and the airplane looked to be fully intact and operational before contact.

I hope this is sufficient for your needs. Prayers for the families!

Capt. Randall Groves

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