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To: Andrea Kirkbride

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Subject: Missing Aircraft

At 11:56 CDT I got a call from Waldo asking me to check radar in New Mexico and El Paso for him. I advised Waldo that if was going to fly the Holly line to El Paso that he was going to run into light rain at Hobbs, New Mexico, but that radar was showing clear of rain up to Artesia, New Mexico and through the mountains between Artesia and El Paso. I informed Waldo that that a line of light showers were indicated along the border south of El Paso, and that El Paso was reporting light rain. Waldo informed me that he had already checked conditions at El Paso and just needed to know what conditions were between El Paso and Artesia. Waldo then informed me that he was going to go ahead and fly, and that if he was going to make it, he had better get into the air.

I followed Waldo on the tracker, showing that he was near Lovington, NM at 12:30 CDT, Artesia, NM at 13:00 CDT. The last tracking update was at 13:27 approximately 42 miles northeast of El Paso, in Otero county New Mexico. Our tracking system normally stops working in this area, and I expected to hear from Waldo in El Paso shortly, as is the norm. When I didn't hear from Waldo, I attempted several pings to locate his aircraft, all unsuccessful, showing last reported location. I attempted to call his cell at 14:57 with no response. I sent a text at 15:05 with no response, and another call at 15:12.

I called the El Paso tower at 15:21 to see if they had a record of our aircraft landing there and was told that it had not. I called Artesia airport at 15:51 to see if Waldo had diverted to there. They informed me that they had no knowledge of his flight. I called the FAA in El Paso at 16:25 and was informed that I would have to contact Albuquerque FAA. I called Otero County sheriff department at 16:31 to report that we had a missing aircraft in their county. I received a call back from Sgt. Jett informing me that they were informing the Border Patrol to go and search the area since they were closer, and that they would send someone that way. Sgt. Jett also informed me that he was notifying the New Mexico State Police to see if they could get aerial assets to assist. Sandy with New Mexico State Police called me at 18:00 requesting information, and again at 19:00 informing me that they were sending assets to the area. I received a call from Sgt. Harrison with the United States Air Force that they were initiating overflight notices, and that they were searching with radar. At 18:30 I received a call from SGT Huie, USAF asking for Waldo's cell number so they could initiated a phone search.

Gene