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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, December 02, 2016 3:47 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Fargo

I don't think this really matters much, now sadly. But there was a airplane crash south of Fargo, ND today. My only input is that I heard a very loud noise, like a very loud gunshot before the time that the plane crashed. I don't know if it's related. I was in and out of sleep because I was trying to sleep between a stretch of night shifts. I was startled by a noticeably loud noise sometime around 4:00ish. I can't identify an exact time though. I expected to hear sirens from police or fire but none happened and I drifted back to sleep. I woke up for good at some point around 4:15 to shower and picked my daughter up from a south fargo daycare at 4:40something.

My address is [REDACTED] in fargo. Commercial aircraft frequently go over our neighborhood but usually just east of our house.

The loud noise I heard seemed to come just south and west of our house but I can't be sure since I was inside.

The noise I heard may be irrelevant but I haven't heard a noise this severe except for a bad car accident that occurred just a few houses down from us last spring.

My hunch is that I heard an engine explode like a piston go through an engine wall from a plane. I know very little about engines but I have farmer relatives that have described that scenario like a gunshot like this sounded like.

I doubt this is helpful but feel free to contact me at this email or my phone number, [REDACTED]. I work at Essentia ER the next few nights.

Chris Anderson.

Sent from my iPhone

Emerson, Vance (FAA)

From: Emerson, Vance (FAA)
Sent: Monday, December 05, 2016 8:14 AM
To: Vigdal, Jeffrey (FAA)
Subject: Eye Witness

Mr. B Smith

He was heading east going to head onto on-ramp and head north to Fargo.

Saw aircraft and thought to himself "Who would be spraying this time of year?"

Saw aircraft bounce and head into trees and explosion.

Did not see any smoke.

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Emerson, Vance (FAA)

From: Emerson, Vance (FAA)
Sent: Friday, December 02, 2016 10:30 AM
To: Vigdal, Jeffrey (FAA)
Subject: Eye Witness

Called at 10:22

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Number [REDACTED]

Stated he was driving north on 81 when he saw aircraft approaching ground heading SE.

He saw black smoke. It looked like it was coming from center of aircraft.

Landing gear were up.

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