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Memorandum for Record – CEN17LA202

Two witnesses reported hearing the engine make popping noises just prior to the accident.

The first witness, Rebecca Vega, was located near the accident location and was outside watering her plants. She heard popping noises, or very loud shotgun-type pops coming from the direction where the accident took place. She described the sound as popping like fireworks or gun shots. She did not see the accident airplane.

The second witness, John Guitiereez, was a local farmer. He and his field workers had heard the accident airplane that morning. Specifically, they heard the engine making a popping noise just prior to the accident.