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AIRPLANE CRASH NEAR CHICAGO/ROCKFORD *

INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ROCKFORD,

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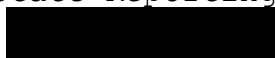
Accident No. CEN18LA047

ILLINOIS, DECEMBER 4, 2017

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Air Traffic Control
CommunicationsMonday,
December 4, 2017

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ROCKFORD ATC: This copy is being prepared by Rockford Air Traffic Control Tower. The subject concerns the accident involving November-500-Kilo-Romeo on December 4th at approximately 0002 Zulu. The facility involved in this accident is the Rockford Air Traffic Control Tower. The position of operation being copied is the ground control position. This portion of the copy concerns communications at the ground control position during the period of 2354 Zulu, December 4, 2017 to 0008 Zulu, December 5, 2017.

N500KR: Tower, 500-Kilo-Romeo. I'm 3100.

ATC: November-0-Kilo-Romeo, Rockford Tower. Wind, 1-8-0 at 1-9; gusts 2-6. Runway 1-9, clear to land.

N500KR: Clear to land, 1-9. Kilo-Romeo.

ATC: November-0-Kilo-Romeo, just to clarify, do you need any assistance or anything?

N500KR: Negative. Kilo-Romeo.

(Pause.)

N500KR: Can you turn 1-9 up for me, those lights?

ATC: Yeah, here they come.

(Pause.)

N500KR: Turn 2-5 up. I just lost (indiscernible).

ATC: November-0-Kilo-Romeo, roger, here come the lights. Runway 2-5, clear to land now.

November-0-Kilo-Romeo.

1 (Pause.)

2 ATC: November-0-Kilo-Romeo, Rockford.

3 (Pause.)

4 ATC: November-0-Kilo-Romeo, Rockford Tower.

5 R2902: Rockford Ground, R29-02.

6 ATC GROUND: RF29-02, Ground.

7 R2902: Did you say this is Alert 1? Where would you like
8 us? Just standby or --

9 ATC GROUND: You know, they -- we don't know if he crossed
10 the fence or not. He is down already. I think the controller
11 might have misspoke. He was coming in to Runway 2-5. Reported he
12 lost an engine, and then made the hard left turn and did not make
13 it.

14 R2902: So he's outside -- what do you want us to do then?

15 ATC GROUND: Can you go to 2-5 approach end or Falcon Road,
16 and check on him there?

17 R2902: 10-4. Airfield clear to get to 2-5?

18 ATC GROUND: Yeah. RF2902, the airfield's yours. Just get
19 to, get to the 2-5 approach end.

20 OPS-1: Ground, Ops 1.

21 ATC GROUND: Ops-1, Ground.

22 OPS-1: I'm going over at south cargo. I'd like to proceed
23 over to the crash.

24 ATC GROUND: Ops-1, proceed on the airfield your discretion.

25 OPS-1: Airfield's mine. Ops-1.

1 UPS 2564: Hey, Ground, UPS 2564. We just heard all that.
2 Is the airport closed?

3 ATC GROUND: UPS -- no, the airport isn't closed just yet.
4 We have to find -- we don't know where the King Air went down.

5 UPS 2564: Okay. 2564. Should we hold our position?

6 ATC GROUND: Yeah. You're, you're on the ramp getting ready
7 to taxi?

8 UPS 2564: That's affirmative, sir.

9 ATC GROUND: Yeah, just hold your position until I get more
10 information.

11 UPS 2564: 2564.

12 **(Pause.)**

13 ATC GROUND: R29-02, Ground.

14 R2902: Go ahead, Ground. This is 2-5. Or 0-2.

15 ATC GROUND: 0-2. Yeah, if you could see where the cars are
16 getting together, that would be my guess where the airplane went
17 down.

18 R2902: Yeah, I see it.

19 ATC GROUND: All right.

20 **(Pause.)**

21 ATC GROUND: (Indiscernible)

22 3812: (Indiscernible)-3812. Is he at 250 now, or --

23 ATC GROUND: No. You need him at 250 now?

24 3812: Just give him like 270 knots, all right?

25 ATC GROUND: All right. Will do. Thanks.

1 3812: Thanks.

2 ATC GROUND: Um-hum.

3 ROCKFORD ATC GROUND: This is the end of the ground control
4 position copy concerning the accident involving November-5-0-0-
5 Kilo-Romeo. I certify that the following is a true copy of the
6 original recorded transmissions pertaining to the accident.

7 My name Rogelio Yolo. I am employed as a support specialist
8 at Rockford Air Traffic Control Tower.

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