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Attachment 3 – Following Aircraft Captain’s Statement

OPERATIONAL FACTORS/HUMAN PERFORMANCE

DCA19LA134

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Request for statement?
Date: Tuesday, April 30, 2019 10:12:44 AM

Good morning Shawn,

The Captain of our Flight 1677 does recall the departure of the AA flight, but didn't feel he had much useful information to provide. There was no internal report filed for this, so what he sent me via email is below.

Andrew

"I don't think my memory of the evening will be much help for your investigation, but I'll give you the details as I remember them. It was my leg flying and I don't remember seeing the AA aircraft rotate or become airborne since we were actively taking the runway after he was rolling for takeoff. I do remember checking the aircraft once we were cleared for takeoff to get an idea of wake turbulence separation/position and I do remember seeing the aircraft significantly left of centerline once we were cleared for takeoff. He also looked a little low on departure but that was probably due to his heavy weight for the transcon flight.

I remember a 10-15 knot crosswind (right to left) on takeoff with some gusts but we had no problem maintaining runway centerline. I didn't suspect anything abnormal until we heard the AA aircraft call departure and request a return to JFK due to an uncommanded roll to the left on takeoff. AA told departure he suspected wake turbulence but ruled that out due to the crosswind. ATC asked if he wanted to declare an emergency and he replied it wasn't necessary. They just wanted to return and get checked out.

Unfortunately, I don't have any other details to add and I don't remember any other unusual events related to the takeoff."

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