



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Contacted: Jeffrey Bryant
NTSB Accident Number: ERA11FA258 – Altavista, VA

Narrative:

Mr. Bryant was interviewed by the investigation team at the accident site. The IIC led the interview. The following is a summary of the interview.

He was in his bedroom at the time, which faces the Staunton River. It was a little before 10 pm. His window was slightly open. He heard an airplane fly over the house, very low. He opened the blinds and looked out on the balcony. He saw the red lights of a small plane over the house. The airplane was in a tight, right hand turn. It appeared to be about 20 feet above the house. He then saw the airplane fly between some trees and disappear. The engine sounded normal. The airplane was going "pretty fast." Then he heard the crash and called 911.

He estimated (with a model Cessna) the bank angle to be about 80 degrees right bank. When he heard the crash, it sounded like crushing metal, like a car wreck.

The weather was foggy and it was dark at the time.