



Federal Aviation Administration

Memorandum

Date: May 16, 2011
To: Aircraft Accident File ROA-ATCT-0079
From: Roanoke Airport Traffic Control Tower
Subject: INFORMATION: Partial Transcript
Aircraft Accident, N3963Y
Altavista, VA, April 23, 2011

This transcription covers the Roanoke Airport Traffic Control Tower (ATCT) ER AP position for the time period from April 23, 2011, 0121 UTC, to April 23, 2011, 0227 UTC.

<u>Agencies Making Transmissions</u>	<u>Abbreviations</u>
Roanoke Air Traffic Control Tower (ATCT),	
Lynchburg West Radar Approach (LWR AP)	LWR
Centurion (C210), N3963Y	N3963Y
Roanoke ATCT, East Radar Approach (ER AP)	ER
Greensboro Approach Control	GSO
Washington Air Route Traffic Control	
Center (ARTCC), South Boston/Hot Springs	
Sector	SBVHSP
Roanoke ATCT, Local Control (LC LC)	LC
Lynchburg Federal Contract Tower	LYHFCT

I certify that the following is a true transcription of the recorded conversations pertaining to the subject aircraft accident involving N3963Y.

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(0122-0125)

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0126:40 LWR yeah this is just a heads up sir you can expect to be cleared for the g p s via kilbe intersection um that's kilo india lima bravo echo if you want to go ahead and ah get that typed in

0126:54 N3963Y ah roger that six three yankee
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0127:34 LWR november six three yankee ah um just a question for you sir are you experiencing any kind of ah turbulence right now

0127:40 N3963Y ah a little bit but not ah as much as you might expect

0127:44 LWR roger sir

0127:47 LWR and november six three yankee i'll let you play with your altitude as much as you need um just try to stay at least above ah two thousand eight hundred

0127:55 N3963Y roger that six three yankee
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0128:04 N3963Y alright i have kilbe in ah sight for ah or in plan for two four zero

0128:14 LWR and november six three ah yankee roger sir fly heading ah two zero zero um it might be the winds aloft but i'm showing you on about ah one three zero track

0128:26 N3963Y ah roger that six three yankee

0128:35 LWR november six three yankee ah turn right heading two one zero now expect approach clearance in six miles and you'll be proceeding direct kilbe at that time um again two one zero heading for now

0128:45 N3963Y two one zero six three yankee
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0138:29 ER greensboro roanoke two seventy five

0138:31 GSO greensboro

0138:32 ER yeah i got a question we got a pilot that's having problems getting in here he's um um what's the weather at martinsville like

0138:38 GSO at martinsville ah well i'm not too sure about martinsville let me ah pull it up i'll call you right back

0138:43 ER (unintelligible) e p
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0139:10 GSO hey roanoke greensboro two seventy five

0139:12 ER roanoke

0139:13 GSO ah they're showing ah calm wind two and a half miles on
the vis ah guess some drizzle overcast at ah seven
hundred

0139:20 ER you said overcast at seven hundred

0139:22 GSO yes sir

0139:23 ER and um let me see he's got an hour and a half of fuel
what's greensboro look like

0139:25 GSO ah greensboro we're at three in the vis low ceilings at
ah showing two hundred right now broken overcast at five
hundred and i have not had anyone go miss or anything
everyone seems to get in here fine

0139:36 ER yeah um he's he's really just um he's really um
unorganized he doesn't know what's going on in the
cockpit and we're trying to find him a v f r airport
that he can land at

0139:46 GSO yeah yeah let me um let me try and um get some weather
from some of the satellites in my airspace and i'll call
you back with that (unintelligible)

0139:54 ER alright
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0142:04 GSO and roanoke greensboro two seventy five

0142:07 ER roanoke

0142:08 GSO yeah everything i'm pulling up in my satellite even a
couple over in ah atlanta wilkes side and down towards
charlotte ah vis is not the problem everything has got
the low ceiling though pretty much everything about five
six hundred i'm showing broken overcast

0142:19 ER okay that seems like pretty much the normal then okay

0142:22 GSO okay

0142:23 ER thank you very much though

0142:24 GSO h g
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0147:53 ER hot springs south boston roanoke emergency

0148:00 SBVHSP go ahead this is south boston hot springs

0148:01 ER yeah just to let you guys know we got um centurion three
niner six three yankee he was um confused and um we
tried to get him on the final he's um it looks like we
lost the target at this time um probably about one
minute ago zero one four seven and we'll call you back
with more information as soon as we get more

0148:17 SBVHSP alright yeah um about ah ten southwest of the ah
lynchburg v o r somewhere in there that's where i last
saw it ah

0148:22 ER yep okay

0148:27 SBVHSP let me know what you find

0148:29 ER alright

0148:55 ER hey steve

0148:57 LC yeah yeah

0148:59 ER we might ask for your help here in a little bit we lost
an aircraft over in lynchburg

0149:03 LC oh okay

0149:04 ER alright so um i'll let you know here in a little bit

0149:45 LC hey tell jorome don't hesitate to call charlie at home

0149:48 ER ya know we (unintelligible) i think we need to do that now

0149:49 LC exactiy i

0149:50 ER hey man we probably need to get him off position

0149:53 LC exactly yeah um

0149:55 ER i'll make the phone call

0149:56 LC alright

0149:57 ER alright
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0154:04 ER lynchburg tower roanoke approach

0154:09 LYHFCT tower

0154:10 ER alright um questions for you

0154:12 LYHFCT okay

0154:13 ER um the supervisor's asking ah search and rescue was search and rescue called by any chance

0154:16 LYHFCT can you hang on a minute ma'am i'm on the phone with roanoke okay just a second i was on the phone with the state police go ahead

0154:22 ER there you go that's what we're asking um has search and rescue been called or the police

0154:25 LYHFCT well i'm calling the police right now ah i got a from the pittsylvania inspector down there pittsylvania county who had called and said that there was a plane down that he got a report of a plane down he gave me some coordinates for the man's house but he couldn't

give me anything else um the thing is it's it's fairly close to the ah pittsylvania campbell county line and um would be towards towards twenty nine would be um i guess east of twenty nine yet

0155:00 ER east of highway twenty nine

0155:02 LYHFCT well he's not again he's not a hundred percent sure so um east east towards twenty nine still a little bit west i guess

0155:10 ER okay

0155:11 LYHFCT but i'm on the phone with the state police right now

0155:14 ER okay

0155:15 LYHFCT and anything else

0155:16 ER that's it for now

0155:17 LYHFCT okay

0155:18 ER alright thanks
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0156:35 SBVHSP hey roanoke seventy six when you get a minute this is ah hot springs
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0157:05 ER lynchburg tower roanoke approach

0157:11 LYHFCT yes

0157:12 ER what's your guys's phone number over there

0157:13 LYHFCT what's what

0157:14 ER your phone number

0157:15 LYHFCT our phone number two three nine

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0157:16 ER two three nine

0157:17 LYHFCT two six three nine

0157:18 ER two six three nine

0157:19 LYHFCT yeah

0157:20 ER what's the area code

0157:21 LYHFCT area code four three four

0157:22 ER area code four three four

0157:23 LYHFCT yep

0157:24 ER e p

0157:25 LYHFCT m l

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0200:59 SBVHSP lynchburg seventy six boston

0201:01 ER roanoke

0201:02 SBVHSP yeah i don't know if southwest told you but he said he
couldn't raise the ah centurion and he tried to listen
for an e l t as well so i got him right over the spot
too so

0201:09 ER okay

0201:10 SBVHSP w l

0201:11 ER okay

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0219:27 ER lynchburg tower roanoke approach

0219:36 LYHFCT yes

0219:37 ER yeah if you would as you get information if by some chance the state troopers call you back or anything

0219:42 LYHFCT the only the only thing i know is they found the plane

0219:45 ER okay

0219:46 ER no

0219:46 LYHFCT did you know that

0219:46 LYHFCT hang on one minute let me answer the phone

0219:49 ER fine

0219:50 LYHFCT lynchburg tower this is mike can i help you this is the control tower for lynchburg airport uh i wasn't talking to him you'll have to ah call back some other time uh call back on monday and ask for bill glaize thank you bye newspaper good grief i'm not giving anything out to them (unintelligible) um they found the plane ah down around altavista park which is um a little bit east of twenty nine i'm i'm assuming

0220:30 ER hold on just a second i want to write this down

0220:31 LYHFCT sure okay i'm sorry

0220:51 ER okay so you said altavista park

0220:53 LYHFCT yeah around in that area altavista park

0220:59 ER and it was state troopers that found the plane

0221:02 LYHFCT i believe so don't (unintelligible) i'm not a hundred percent sure but i believe it was

0221:11 ER okay

0221:13 LYHFCT and don't know anything else about it i don't know
anything about the ah occupants or anything else like
that um all's i know (unintelligible) you don't need to
know this never mind his wife is waiting down here so

0221:27 ER oh

0221:28 LYHFCT yeah

0221:29 ER okay

0221:29 LYHFCT we got troopers dispatched over here so they'll take
care of that

0221:36 ER okay take care

0221:37 LC okay (unintelligible)

0221:38 ER bye

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