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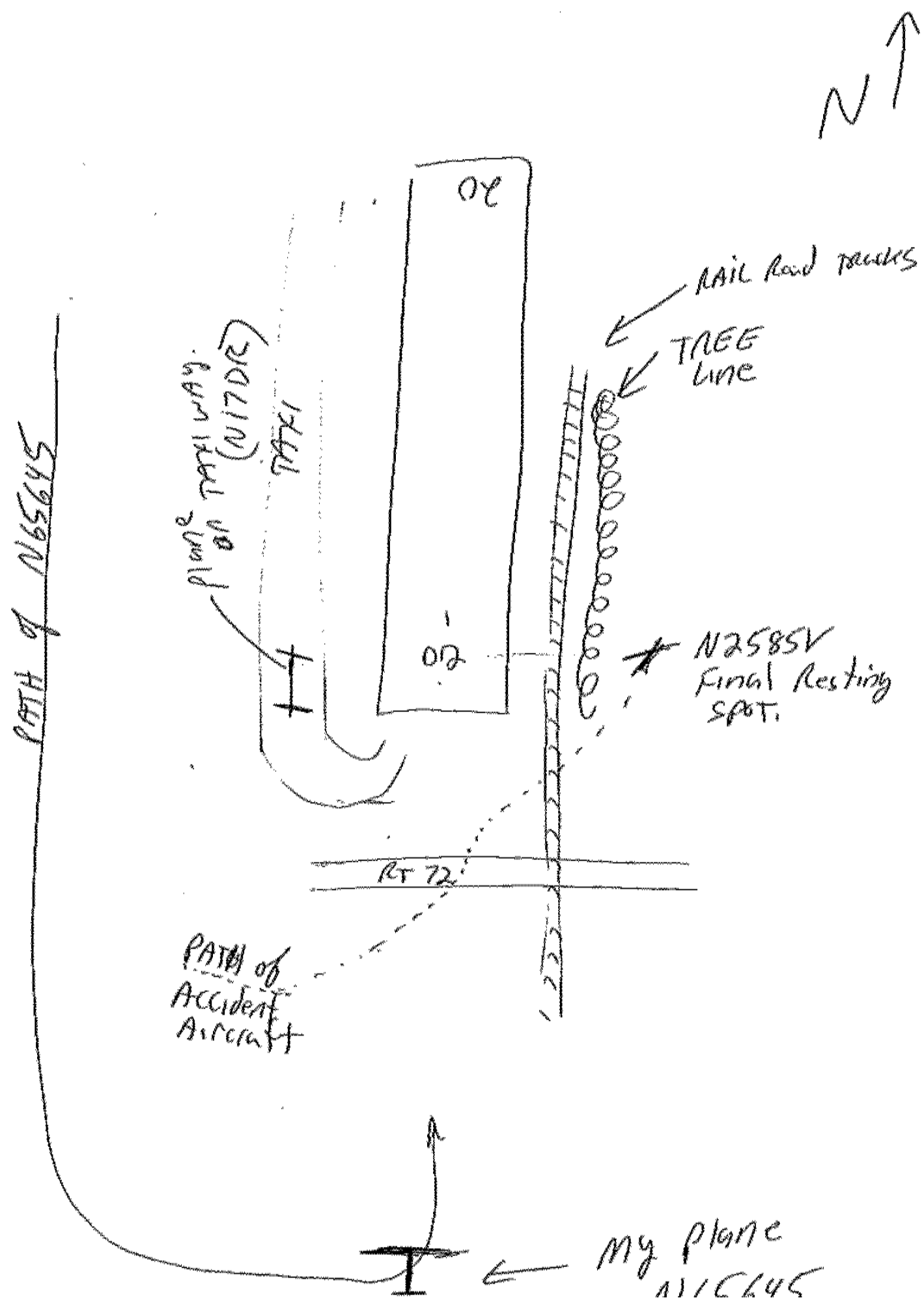
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20591

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

The purpose of this statement is intended solely for use in determining the facts, conditions and circumstances, and the probable cause of the subject accident.

I. Place of accident Plainville, CT (488) Date 6/9/2013 Hour 9:15 A
2585V
 II. Aircraft TAIL DANGER FAA Certificate No. _____
 III. What is your name STEVEN AVRITCH Age 50
 IV. Address _____
 V. Occupation Engineer & CFII By whom employed UTC & Interstate Aviat
 VI. Where were you at the time of the accident Final Approach to RW02 @ 488
 VII. Tell in your own words what you saw or heard before and at the time the accident occurred.

I was with a student in close traffic for Runway 2. We had just turned Final @ APX 800' MSL when I saw a plane over the RT 72 Bridge @ APX 500' MSL. I initially thought the person had turned a normal close-in Base and maybe I had missed his Radio call. I called the pilot on 122.8 but did not get a reply. The plane continued to drift right and ended up touching down in the swampy area just east of the Rail Road tracks that parallel the Runway. The plane spun slightly on touch down. We circled the plane and witnessed the Pilot exit the aircraft. We landed our aircraft and found the Pilot walking on the Rail Road tracks. He indicated he was without



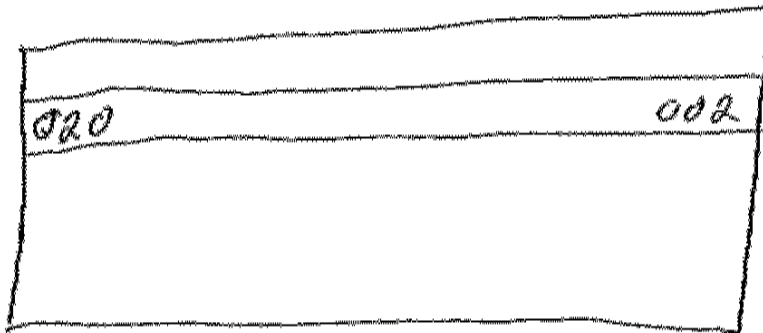
STARTED WITH TAKE OFF & LANDING HI

ON MK FOR COMFORT

FLEW TO R 48B DID LANDING
ON RUNWAY 02

TOOK OFF FLEW TO PAP GRASS
FIELD DID LANDING & SHORT FIELD
TAKE OFF FLEW BACK TO 48B

ENTERED PATER NORTH LEFT HAND
TO RUNWAY 002

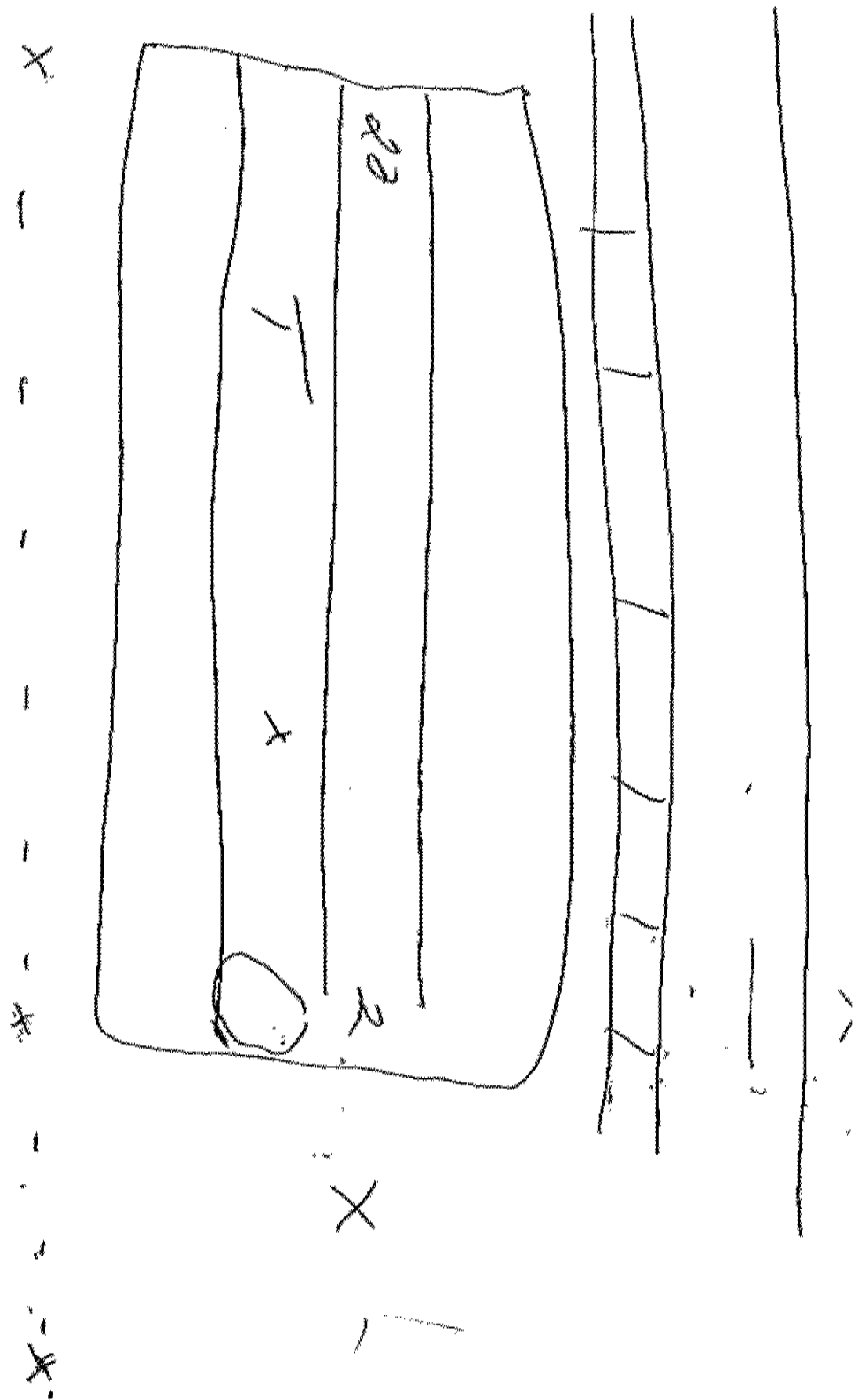


ENTRY	A	B	C	D
	90 MPH	80 MPH	30 MPH	30 MPH
		10%	CARE	CARE
		FLAP	HEAT	HEAT
			20%	20%
			FAP	FLAP
				TO 002
				TURN

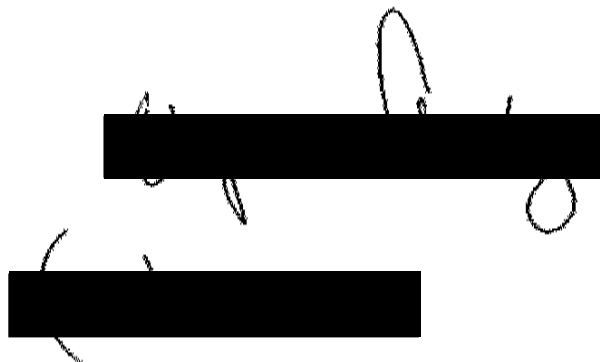
AT POINT C TO D MOTOR STALLED
& I TRIED TO RESTART MOTOR WITHOUT BENEFIT
AIR SPEED WAS TOO LOW TO MAKE RUNWAY 002 CHOICE TO
LAND IN WATER & GRASS ON RIGHT SIDE OF RUNWAY

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On 03/21/2013 ROBERT ~~GOODE~~ WAS AT ROBERTSON AIRPORT TALK ABOUT HIS TAIL WHEEL ENDORSEMENT. I ASKED HIM FOR HIS PILOT CERTIFICATE AND LOG BOOK. HE ONLY HAS A PAPER PILOT LICENCE (WHICH IS NOT VALID ANYMORE) AND HE WAS OUT OF FLIGHT REVIEW. I TOLD HIM TO GET HIS PLASTIC PILOT CERTIFICATE SO WE CAN DO THE FLIGHT REVIEW BEFORE WE CAN DO THE TAIL WHEEL ENDORSEMENT. AFTER THAT I NEVER SAW HIM AGAIN.


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