



RECORD OF INTERVIEW

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Person(s) Interviewed: Kathy Young – Witness
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Narrative:

During the interview, Ms. Young reported that while working on a tractor at her dairy farm, she was startled by the sound of a low-flying airplane. She stated that despite the noise of the operating tractor, she heard the airplane overfly her position directly, heading to the east. The airplane sounded “very loud,” and the engine sound was smooth and continuous. She looked up and saw the silhouette of an airplane, but due to the dense fog in the area, she could not discern its type or configuration. She believed that the airplane was flying at an altitude above the ground that was less than the nearby high voltage transmission towers, which were estimated to be about 150 feet tall.

After losing sight of the airplane, she dismounted her tractor and attempted look for the airplane, but again could not see farther than about 125 yards due to the fog. Several seconds later she smelled a unique odor, that she later realized was likely aviation fuel, after having heard reports that an airplane was missing in the area. She subsequently contacted local authorities and advised them that she believed that the airplane may have crashed somewhere near her farm.

The weather conditions throughout the day included intermittent light rain, mist, and fog. The fog became its most dense about the time of the accident.

Ms. Young lives and works at a family operated dairy farm located at:

[REDACTED]

Milford, New Jersey

During the interview she pointed out the exact position where she was located when she heard/saw the airplane as it flew overhead (N40.578088, W75.148926). She also indicated the

direction that the airplane was traveling in. Those positions are indicated in Figure 1 below. The measured elevation at the point Ms. Young observed the accident airplane was 232 feet.



Figure 1 - Witness location and indicated direction of travel