



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Subject: N865Z, Bell-Carson 47G, 4/21/17, Timmonsville, SC, ERA17FA164 -
Record of Conversation – Federal Aviation Administration Inspector Cornelius Baker, of the
Columbia, SC Flight Standards District Office.

Mr. Baker interviewed witness Glenn Gleason, who owns and resides at the private airfield where the helicopter crashed. On 4/27/17 Mr. Baker provided the following information from that interview, via email:

“He [Mr. Gleason] was outside working on his truck when he heard an aircraft approaching his private grass strip. Stepped out away from his truck to see what it was. Trees blocked his view and could only hear it. At first you could hear the rotor blades, then they got quieter and the engine sound got louder, (rpm increased). Then he heard the rotors hitting the trees and the explosion of the crash. Ran around my trees and saw the black plume of smoke in the neighbor’s yard.”