



MEMORANDUM for RECORD

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Date: May 14, 2018
Person Contacted: Wesley Fortenberry (Witness), Piedmont, AL
NTSB Accident Number: ERA18FA146 – Jacksonville, AL

This investigator interviewed Mr. Fortenberry by telephone. He reported the following:

The time was about 0802 pm on May 12, and he saw what he believes was a single engine airplane. He was outside in his yard at the time. The engine was “misfiring.” He saw a “ball of light.” The ball of light then “got bigger.” He thought that the airplane was going to crash. He did not see any smoke coming from the airplane; however, it was getting pretty dark at the time. The airplane was traveling westbound when he saw it. He did not observe the crash.