



RECORD OF INTERVIEW

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Person(s) Interviewed: Frank Pinter-Pilot of second airplane
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Narrative:

Mr. Frank Pinter was interviewed by telephone.

Frank was flying a bonanza N7248W. there were two airplanes that went to Newport, RI, (KUUU) to pick up the granddaughter of the passenger in the Navajo.

Frank stated the plan was for the two airplanes to stay together and fly back to HTO. They discussed the weather for over an hour on the ground at UUU. They looked at the weather online. They were going to fly down to Block island, the SEY VOR/DME, they turn west, follow the shoreline, and fly direct HTO.

Frank took off first and immediately switched to Providence departure. ATC told Frank that there was weather around HTO and not moving very fast. Frank, working with ATC, decided to fly farther south and come into HTO and maintain VFR. He did not know if the Navajo was listening or not, he never heard them come on radio. He did not know that the Navajo passed the them in flight and did not see them again. Once he switched to the tower at HTO, he heard them trying to reach the Navajo with no response, once landed he heard the Navajo was missing.

Frank stated he flew above 1,000 ft and slowed down due to turbulence. He said the storm was to the right of him and a little higher.