



NTSB RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Contacted: Linda Trask (Eye Witness)
NTSB Accident Number: ERA19FA039

Narrative:

Ms. Trask was asked to recall what she observed on the day of the accident. She reported the following via telephone:

She was outside in the driveway at her home, which she confirmed to be near 42.070051°, - 75.203255°. She had just moved her vehicle. She heard an engine revving up and down for about one minute. She initially thought it was an ATV driving next door at her neighbors, but suddenly realized the noise was coming from the air. She then saw an airplane “right overhead.” She stated, “it was so loud.” She stated it was a “yellowish cream-colored airplane.” It was flying in a straight-line right over her pond, named Trask Pond. She said it was not turning. She also could see a “gray round column of smoke” trailing the airplane.

She then observed on the right-hand side under the right-wing area, a “red orange glow.” She said that she thought the red-orange glow at first, looked like a light, but then stated, “it looked too big to be a light.” The airplane then flew out of her view. She then heard a loud bang and explosion and could see a plume of smoke originating from where the airplane had just flown toward. She then ran into the house and called 911.

Ms. Trask described the weather conditions at the time of the accident. She stated it was “snowing and sleeting very heavy.” She stated, “everything from the kitchen sink was coming down.” She reported that snow was accumulating on surfaces very fast. It was windy too.