



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Subject: ERA19FA163 – Audio of Pilot Filing Flight Plan

In a telephone conversation at 1102 with the weather briefer, the pilot stated the following:

- He wanted to file a special flight rules area (SFRA) flight plan.
- Departing KFME at 1115 local time.
- 600 ft altitude.
- Destination paleo gate.
- Estimated time en route was 20 minutes.
- He would like to fly over the city of Annapolis, MD.
- He had 2 hours of fuel on board the helicopter.
- After reviewing the SFRA flight plan, the briefer stated that he was “showing IFR conditions in that area so technically [he] wouldn’t be able to recommend VFR flight. There is also an AIRMET sierra for IFR conditions in the area ‘till sometime between 5 and 8 PM today.”
- The briefer then asked if the pilot needed a standard weather briefing or if there was anything he could help the pilot with at that time.
- The pilot responded that he was “all set” and that he appreciated the help.
- The pilot asked about TFRs in the area and the briefer noted on over Manassas, Virginia, for an airshow.
- Then, the called ended.
- The length of the phone call was 3:52.