



NTSB MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Narrative:

The Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, Cherry Point, North Carolina provided an audio file of the communications between the pilot and air traffic control (ATC). Cherry Point was the last air traffic entity to have contact with the pilot. The following is a summary of what was contained in the audio file:

Summary:

At 2048:16 the pilot checked-in with Cherry Point ATC at 5,000 ft. At 2048:21 the controller provided an altimeter setting to the pilot, and inquired what approach the pilot wanted, and asked the pilot to report when he had the weather at the destination. At 2048:26 the pilot reported he had the weather at the destination airport and requested the RNAV runway 26 GPS approach. The controller acknowledged the request. At 2050:11 the controller instructed the pilot to proceed direct to CIGOR and expect the RNAV. The pilot responded by stating his call sign and "proceed direct". At 2103 the controller stated that radar contact had been lost. The pilot did not respond. Multiple subsequent calls to the pilot were stated by the controller, however, there were no responses from the pilot.