



# NTSB RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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**Date: 8/5/2020, 1610 EDT**  
**Person Interviewed: Catherine Traver, witness**  
**NTSB Accident Number: ERA20LA273**

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The following is a summary of a conversation that occurred with the above-named individual:

- Mrs. Traver and her husband had just returned from dinner when they saw Mr. Clayton returning home in his helicopter.
- They said, “let's watch it land, and went over to the living room window to watch.
- The helicopter “came from the south and kind of hovered over the water pretty low” (about 20 ft), facing them.
- “It hovered longer than usual to the point where we were starting to say, ‘Oh, I hope nothing’s wrong’ and then it went down.”
- I asked if she saw any turning and she responded, “It seemed to tilt toward downstream (toward the south) before it went down.”
- She reported that a pontoon boat was headed toward the scene within a minute or so of it happening.
- She lives at [REDACTED], [REDACTED] doors down from Mr. Clayton, and stated that the accident occurred directly in front of their home middle of the river, “left of that tree” when looking from their home.
- She stated that they watch him land often and this was not a typical landing.