



MEMORANDUM

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Ms. Ida Clark and Mary Strickland were interviewed by the Florida State Highway Patrol. Below are the highlights of the sworn testimonies.

Ida Clark stated she was standing in her front yard when she heard an airplane flying overhead and the engine was making a “popping” sound like it was backfiring. She looked up at the airplane and said it was “very low” maybe 500 ft. the airplane disappeared behind some trees and shortly afterwards she heard the airplane hitting the tree branches. She went inside and got her sister, they got in the car to go look for the airplane. they went down a dead-end road and saw smoke. They got out of the car and her sister yelled for anyone back there. The pilot yelled back that he was pinned down and needed an ax to free himself, and that there was allot of fuel around. He told them to hurry and get help. Ida called 911 and drove the car to end of the road so the fire department would see her. She left her sister Mary on the road by the smoke. They could not see the airplane.

Mary stated her sister ran in the house and said an airplane just crashed and they needed to go look for it. They got in the car and went down a dead-end road and saw some smoke in the woods. She got out of the car and yelled for anyone back there, the pilot answered her he was pinned down and needed an ax to free himself, there was fuel and a fire so please hurry. She stayed by the road and her sister drove to the end to help the firefighters find the airplane.

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