



**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION**
REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT
(Continuation Sheet)

REPORT DATE

November 16, 2020

REPORT NO.

20-001-JFK

NAME OF REPORTING FACILITY

Republic ATCT (FRG)

14. CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY OF FLIGHT
October 21, 2020

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1945 N716VL departed FRG westbound on a SVFR clearance.

2009 N90 JFK sector called on shout line informing us that N716VL was 10-12 miles SW of FRG and that he had no contact with the ground and was in the clouds. Also, he was IFR capable but not equipped. We were not in contact with N716VL.

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Kennedy ATCT (JFK)

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- 1955 Helicopter N716VL called Kennedy Tower local control (LC) requesting to transverse over shore below 500 feet. LC issued squawk. N716VL asked what are the ceilings at Kennedy? LC responded 300. N716VL replied they are that low, thanks.
- 1956 LC advises N716VL radar contact 400 and westbound at or below 500, below the Class Bravo is approved, caution wake turbulence, you may see some jets overhead, altimeter 3023. N716VL responds okay, we will look out for that wake turbulence.
- 1958 N716VL advises going back to Farmingdale; this is not going to work out. LC responds roger, you can make a turn either to your right or to your left, whatever you prefer. LC then advised that N716VL to maintain at or below 1400. N716VL responds very good at or below 1400.
- 2000 LC requested flight conditions from N716VL. No response. LC states N716VL Kennedy tower and asks for flight conditions again. N716VL responds we are in fog, trying to get down below it to get back to Farmingdale. LC inquires you are along the shoreline correct, the beach? N716VL responds yes sir.
- 2002 LC inquires are you going to track the same route that you took going from Republic?
- 2003 N716VL garbled response. LC advises N716VL maybe due to your altitude, that transmission a little broken. Do you plan on tracking the same path you took from Republic? N716VL responds I am trying to. LC asks are you IFR capable? N716VL responds I am, the ship is not. LC advises N716VL that it appears that the Jones Beach Monument will be off your right about one mile and a half to two miles. N716VL responds thank you.
- 2005 LC inquires do you have the Ocean Parkway in sight? N716VL responds I have nothing in sight. LC asks are you just going to hover there? N716VL responds trying to get back to Farmingdale, having a little problem. LC responds, okay stand by.
- 2006 LC advises N716VL it appears you are over the Jones Beach Inlet, what is your direction of flight, do you have the heading? You are coming in broken up, probably due to altitude and distance. N716VL responds trying to head north into Farmingdale. LC responds you appear to be in a southbound heading, just over the Jones Beach Inlet but still east of



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it with the shore below you.

2007 N716VL responds I am making a U turn. LC asked N716VL present heading?

2008 N716VL responds I'm having a tough time. LC inquires you are currently zero visibility? N716VL responds yes. LC advises I am showing you at 700 feet, the Kennedy altimeter is 3022. N716VL responds I see that I am going the wrong direction again. LC advises I still show you east of the Jones Beach Inlet at 800 feet and it appears that you are in a northwesterly heading.

2009 N716VL advises he is going to try to keep that heading, to get to Kennedy then Laguardia then back to Farmingdale. LC advises with the map he is looking at now, he is not able to see the Meadowbrook parkway, show that you are 800 feet and appears that you are in a north easterly heading. N716VL responds thank you.

2010 New York Tracon Kennedy Sector (N90) advises LC that Republic tower stated that the last aircraft in that area was VFR at 1000 and if you want to try climbing up. LC responds VFR at 1000, we will try that.

2011 LC advises N716VL I am declaring an emergency on your behalf, a pilot report from Republic tower advised of VFR at 1000 feet, in your vicinity, if you would like to try to climb to 1000 feet, Kennedy altimeter 3022. Whoa, whoa, whoa was heard on frequency. LC reached out to N716VL. No response.

2012 LC calls out to N716VL twice. LC advises radar contact lost.

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2008 Kennedy Tower (JFK) notifies New York TRACON (N90) that N716VL is VFR in clouds and disoriented and that the tower is declaring an emergency.

2009 JFK advises that when N716VL is ready, they will switch N716VL directly to Farmingdale Tower (FRG). N90 acknowledges.

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