

Republic Airport Air Traffic Control Tower Local Control
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1932:10¹ NXX1DC one delta Charlie broke out just below five hundred

1932:14 Controller thank you

1935:39 N716VL ah tower seven one six victor lima are we still ifr

1935:46 Controller say again

1935:47 N716VL ah seven one six victor lima still on the ground over here is it is it still ifr

1935:52 Controller very much yeah we just had a base report of five hundred feet

1935:56 N716VL oh boy I'll ok I um keep listening from time to time thanks

1936:00 Controller im looking out the window here it it looks like it might be clearer to the west but that's pretty I don't see it clearing up here within definitely not in the next half hour or so

1936:13 N716VL if I want to take off with a special vfr can I get out of here

1936:17 Controller yeah you can

1936:19 N716VL ok so worse comes to worse I can do that and that's where I am just going straight west anyways

1936:23 Controller ok

1936:25 N716VL alright let me start up and see how it goes thanks

1937:10 Controller I got a special vfr if I can get him out after this exec jet and uh before that Cherokee comes in (operating initials provided)

1940:41 Controller mooney five papa hotel runway one nine you are cleared for takeoff maintain special vfr at all times report clear of class delta

1940:47 N75PH report clear of uh class delta and maintain special vfr

1943:40 Controller mooney five papa hotel tower

1943:43 N75PH mooney seven five papa hotel

1943:44 Controller yeah did i am just curious did you punch through the clouds or is it ah clear down on the south shore

1943:50 N75PH yeah I am above the clouds its beautiful up here right now I busted out at about eight hundred feet

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1943:55 Controller ok thanks and uh uh we watched you at about four hundred feet or so but you said you punched out around a thousand or so or

1944:03 N75PH yeah that easy a thousand probably a little less it is beautiful up top just like a nice thin little layer

1944:09 Controller ok alright and yeah I see you are clearing the class delta now have a nice day sir

1945:00 N716VL ok tower I am heading to bravo kilo

1945:06 Controller six victor lima tower are you ready to depart

1945:08 N716VL I just want to get a little bit of a back so I have someplace to takeoff to when I get to bravo kilo I will make a u-turn and depart

1945:16 Controller roger uh helicopter uh six victor lima you are uh clear

1945:20 Controller actually uh standby helicopter

1945:22 N716VL ok standby six victor lima

1945:45 Controller alright uh six victor lima I got your you are cleared to takeoff bravo kilo maintain special vfr departure to the southwest report clear

1945:51 N716VL ok we're clear to takeoff special vfr will report uh southwest bound

1945:55 Controller yeah just had a mooney depart um he reported uh he said the tops were at right around a thousand and he got right through

1946:03 N716VL yeah that's what the uh ground told me and we are not going past five hundred so we should be fine

1946:08 Controller roger

1951:08 N716VL ok uh seven one six victor lima I think we are clear of the delta now

1951:12 Controller six victor lima have a nice day

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1955:20¹ N716VL and kennedy tower helicopter seven one six victor lima

1955:27 Controller helicopter seven one six victor lima kennedy tower how can i help you

1955:30 N716VL yeah i'd like to transverse your uh airspace over the shore at uh below five hundred

1955:42 Controller helicopter seven one six victor lima squawk zero three zero three

1955:46 N716VL zero three zero three

1955:49 N716VL what are the ceilings at kennedy

1955:51 Controller three hundred

1955:52 N716VL oh they are that low ok thanks

1955:56 Controller helicopter seven one six victor lima radar contact uh four hundred as reported and westbound at or below five hundred below the class bravo is approved caution wake turbulence there might be some jets overhead kennedy altimeter three zero two three

1956:12 N716VL ok we'll look watch watch out for that wake turbulence six victor lima thanks

1957:41 Controller turnover briefing

1958:26 N716VL seven one six victor lima we are going back to farmingdale this is not going to work out

1958:30 Controller seven one six victor lima roger you can make a turn either to your right or your left whatever you prefer

1958:46 Controller seven one six victor lima and if you'd like you can maintain at or below one thousand four hundred

1958:51 N716VL very good at or below one thousand four hundred six victor lima

2000:20 Controller and november six victor lima say flight conditions

2000:31 Controller seven one six victor lima kennedy tower

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2000:33 N716VL oh yeah ***²

2000:35 Controller Roger how is the flight conditions

2000:37 N176VL im sorry say that again

2000:39 Controller flight conditions

2000:40 N716VL ah we're in fog we're trying to get down below to get back to farmingdale

2000:43 Controller copy and your just along the shoreline there correct, the beach

2000:46 N716VL yes

2000:47 Controller roger

2002:27 Controller november six victor lima are you going try to track the same route that you ah took going from um Republic

2002:55 Controller november seven one six victor lima kennedy tower

2002:57 N716VL ***

2003:01 Controller and six victor lima that may be due to your altitude there your transmission was a little broken ah do you plan on tracking the same path you took from republic

2003:09 N716VL im trying to sir yes sir

2003:10 Controller ok roger are you ifr capable

2003:13 N716VL I am uh the ship isn't

2003:15 Controller ok copy

2003:32 Controller ok six victor lima it appears that the Jones Beach Monument will be off your forward right about a mile and a half to two miles.

2003:35 N716VL ok sir thank you

2005:30 Controller helicopter six victor lima do you have the uh ocean parkway in sight

2005:34 N716VL naw i have nothing in sight sir

2005:36 Controller ok sir are you in just a hover there

2005:38 N716VL trying to get back to farmingdale but im having a little problems

² Indicates unintelligible

2005:41 Controller ok stand by ***

2006:24 Controller and six victor lima im showing it appears you are just over the jones beach inlet um and that uh the shoreline are you heading what is your direction of flight do you have that whats the heading

2006:37 N716VL ***

2006:44 Controller victor lima you are coming in a little broken its probably due to your altitude and uh distance try again

2006:49 N716VL im trying to uh head like a north into uh farmingdale

2006:54 Controller ok roger yeah but right now it appears your in a in a south uh bound heading just over the uh jones beach inlet still just east of the jones beach inlet there with the shore below you

2007:07 N716VL ok I am making a u turn

2007:49 Controller and six victor lima say present heading

2008:27 Controller seven one six victor lima kennedy tower

2008:28 N716VL yeah im here sir I having a tough time

2008:31 Controller ok roger you are currently uh zero visibility

2008:34 N716VL yes sir

2008:35 Controller ok copy

2008:37 Controller alright I am showing you altitude indicates seven hundred feet the current kennedy altimeter is three zero two two

2008:45 N716VL two two and I see that I am going the wrong direction again

2008:49 Controller ok so I still show you uh according to my map here ah that you are just east of the jones beach inlet uh currently 800 feet and it appears that your heading in a westerly northwesterly ah heading

2009:06 N716VL ok I am back to a north heading I am gonna try and hold that until I can get back to kennedy and *** back to farmingdale

2009:14 Controller ok roger so ah with the map I am looking at now unfortunately I am not able to see the ah meadowbrook uh parkway or anything but uh I do show that you are currently eight hundred feet now it appears that your in a northeasterly heading

2009:30 N716VL ok sir thank you

2010:44 New York Terminal Radar Approach Control Controller republic tower advises that the last guy they had out there said he was vfr at a thousand feet if you want to just try to climbing up for now to find the hole father east

2010:53 LC Controller vfr at a thousand they got a report that southwest of them so southeast of us

2010:58 New York Terminal Radar Approach Control yeah like basically where six victor lima is ***

2011:01 LC Controller ok well see well try that

2011:13 Controller and helicopter seven one six victor lima im gonna declare an emergency on your behalf, uh we got a pilot report from republic tower in your vicinity of vfr at a thousand feet if you would like to try to climb to one thousand feet kennedy altimeter three zero two two

2011:38 Unidentified whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa

2011:42 Controller helicopter seven one six victor lima kennedy tower

2012:00 Controller seven one six victor lima kennedy tower

2012:23 Controller helicopter seven one six victor lima kennedy tower

2012:29 Controller november seven one six victor lima kennedy tower radar contact lost