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Aguadilla Ground/ Tower Air Traffic Control Summary

The following record is a summary of air traffic control audio provided by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The audio was a recording of the ground and tower communications at the Rafael Hernandez Airport (BQN), Aguadilla, Puerto Rico.

The local time is an estimate based upon FAA ADS-B flight track records and the time a United States Coast Guard pilot stated over the radio, that they observed the airplane had just crash. The local time was Atlantic standard time (UTC-4). The summary of contents has been paraphrased, unless quotes are used, which indicate a direct transcription of what was recorded.

<i>Audio File Time (MM:SS)</i>	<i>Local Time (HH:MM:SS)</i>	<i>Summary</i>
13:01 - 13:45	9:14:31 - 9:15:15	The pilot called ground control. He reported that he was at Vortex Aviation, with information November. He requested an eastbound departure VFR. He was provided taxi instructions for runway 8, and an altimeter setting of 30.01. The pilot readback the altimeter setting as 30.00 and the taxi instructions, which the controller corrected him restating 30.01. The pilot did not respond.
15:05- 15:30	9:16:35 - 9:17:00	The pilot reported that he was ready at intersection A and ready for takeoff at runway 8. The controller cleared N4167G for takeoff and to report when clear of the airspace. The pilot readback the clearance and his intention to depart to the east.
20:01 - 20:20	9:21:31 - 9:21:50	The pilot called the tower and stated, "yeah going back to runway 8 i just wanna check the uh vibration on the right engine uh uh no emergency for right now for 1 6 7 gulf." The controller immediately cleared the pilot to enter the left downwind for runway 8 and provided him the current weather and airport information. The wind was reported as 090° at 8 knots, gusting to 14 knots.
20:55	9:22:25	The pilot stated "aguadilla ground mayday mayday i i engine failure I will use the other side of the runway for 1 6 7 gulf." The controller immediately cleared the pilot to land on runway 26 and provided him the current wind information of 090° at 10 knots, gusting to 14 knots.
21:08	9:22:38	The pilot readback that he was cleared to land.
21:40	9:23:10	A Coast Guard helicopter that was taxiing on the ground for takeoff at the airport stated, "we just witnessed that plane crash." The Coast Guard pilot then asked to takeoff to respond to the accident site. The controller immediately cleared the helicopter for takeoff. ¹

¹ A few minutes after the accident site, the Coast Guard helicopter identified the accident site, circled over the site, and relayed the information to the tower.

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