



## RECORD OF COMMUNICATION

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**Date: May 17, 2016**  
**Person Contacted: Mr. Elliot Seguin (Pilot)**  
**NTSB Accident Number: WPR16LA110**

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### **Narrative:**

The following are excerpts of several emails exchanged between the pilot and NTSB investigator regarding the pilot's flight helmet. This exchange occurred on May 17, 2016.

The pilot reported that during the flight and accident, he was wearing his helmet, and the visor was down. However, the visor opened during the accident sequence, and the pilot sustained a black eye. The email exchange was intended to clarify/understand why the helmet opened.

### **NTSB:**

Finally, Elliot I'm interested in your inadvertent visor release/opening and the resultant black eye- can you please provide the helmet make/model, as well as what happened to release the visor? (a few pics would be helpful)

### **Pilot:**

The helmet is here with me in Chino. I was taking it in to be inspected today, so I am glad I got this email before that. My natural flinch pose puts my left eye forward. Which presents the friction knob on the helmet to the crash. Something in the crash caught the friction knob (there are marks on the knob and the visor is cracked right there) and pulled it open, presenting my eye to the crash.

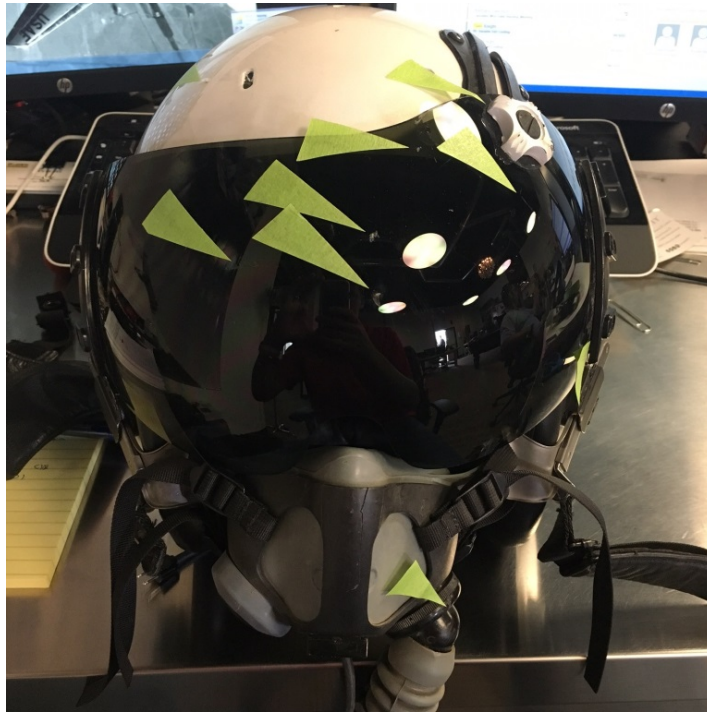
### **NTSB:**

What was the make/model of the helmet?

### **Pilot:**

HGU-68 helmet, MBU-20 mask

The pilot also included several photographs of the helmet; he marked the damage sites with green paper triangles (below).



**Figure 1 - Helmet**



**Figure 2 - Helmet**



Figure 3 - Helmet



Figure 4 - Helmet



**Figure 5 – Helmet Visor Knob**



**Figure 6 - Mask**



**Figure 7 - Helmet/Mask**



**Figure 8 - Helmet/ Mask**