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Subject: Re: WPR16LA138 Brookings, OR
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Andrew Swick,

Thank you for contacting me this morning, and I hope this is new information and can be of assistance in the investigation of the accident of the plane in Brookings.

I am a retired physician and was staying at our beach house on the night of July 4th. Our address is [REDACTED]. The house is between highway 101 and the beach, and a little bit north of the Brookings airport, about a quarter mile from the end of the runway. My wife and I had just returned from watching the fireworks in Crescent City and had just got into bed. The time would have been between 10:45 and 11:15 PM by my estimate. At that time I heard a plane flying near by, which is not uncommon, but rare for that time of night, and I noted it. I thought that someone had stayed for the fireworks and were returning home, or that someone had been up to see the fireworks from a plane. If there were no landings at the Brookings airport at that time, then it had to be the missing plane. I assumed it was taking off from the Brookings airport, but then I heard the engine slow in speed, not unlike when a pilot throttles back while landing. It did not sputter. I don't recall whether it stopped or went out of hearing range. We were in bed so it is difficult to tell the exact direction of the plane, but I think it was a little bit north of us.

I didn't give it any more thought till the Coast Guard copter began slowly flying around the next day, as a search had been initiated. I don't think I can recall anything else. If you have any other questions don't hesitate to contact me.

James F. Novak M.D.

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On Jul 8, 2016, at 10:39 AM, Swick Andrew [REDACTED] wrote:

Good Morning,

Thanks for taking the time this morning to talk about the accident that occurred last week near Brookings, Oregon.

Please provide a detailed statement on what was witnessed the evening of the accident. Please specify weather conditions, area traffic, and any other details you could think of.

Feel free to contact me at any time if you think of anything further after your statement is submitted. Thanks for your time.

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