



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: November 18, 2016 @ 1200
Persons Contacted: Lionel Adachi, property caretaker
NTSB Accident Number: WPR17FA021, N81GG

Narrative:

On November 18, 2016, Mr. Adachi was interviewed by the NTSB investigator-in-charge at Mr. Galiher's Molokai house. Mr. Adachi is a caretaker of Mr. Galiher's property and a friend. This is a summary of his statements.

- Mr. Adachi said that he normally stays at the house when Mr. Galiher is due to arrive, but on the night of the accident, he was at his son's house in Kaunakakai, to babysit for him.
- Mr. Galiher had the helipad perimeter lights and the vertical lights on the ladder installed to assist him with navigating to the house at night. The vertical lights were set on a timer that came on every night and the perimeter lights were automatic solar powered lights. There were no power outages the night of the accident.
- Mr. Galiher normally approached the helipad from the northwest, except when it was dark, or the weather was challenging. Then he would fly along the shore until he saw his house and then fly up the ridgeline to the helipad.
- Mr. Adachi heard the helicopter passing west to east over his son's house about 1830 on the accident night. It sounded normal, so he was not concerned and assumed that the helicopter made it to the helipad.
- The next morning, Bill Bebieff called from Honolulu asking him to check the residence to make sure that they made it. Mr. Adachi went to the house and did not locate Mr. Galiher or the helicopter.