



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

Date: April 20, 2017

Time: 1300 – 1315 PDT

Person Contacted: Mike Cook, Truckee/Tahoe Airport Operations Manager

Subject: WPR17FA105, Socata TB-20 Trinidad
(missing airplane since 4/17/2017)

In a telephone conversation with Mr. Cook, he related that while the pilot was taxiing out for takeoff he heard normal before-takeoff transmissions from the pilot. Neither he nor any of the other airport operations personnel spoke with the pilot or her passenger prior to the flight. Mr. Cook also stated that the pilot did not refuel from the airport's self-service refueling station, but that he wasn't sure or not if the airplane had been fueled by Sierra Aero, a local maintenance shop (Sierra Aero confirmed that they do not sell fuel.) Mr. Cooke also mentioned that about the time when the airplane departed, there were significant cloud buildups to the west of the airport, which would have been directly in line with the pilot's destination, Petaluma, California. The pilot subsequently elected to depart to the north where higher cloud bases existed.

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Person Contacted: Bill Sherlock – co/owner of accident airplane

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In a telephone conversation with the co-owner of the airplane, Bill Sherlock. Mr. Sherlock revealed that he had spoken with the pilot, Mrs. Richard, prior to the departure, during which he asked her how the weather looked. Mr. Sherlock stated that Mrs. Richard mentioned that there was some weather to the west, which was in line with the route to Petaluma, but that she thought they could take off to the north and go around it. If that didn't work they would come back to Truckee. Mr. Sherlock said that he mentioned to the pilot that it might be wise to remain overnight and see what it looked like the next day, but she elected to depart as planned.

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