



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Contacted: Syed Sajid (flight instructor)
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I interviewed Mr. Sajid, who was performing as a flight instructor near the Republic Airport (FRG), Farmingdale, New York, during the time of the accident. He is an experienced pilot at FRG and is familiar with the Geico Skytyper operations at the airport. Mr. Sajid stated that he and his student pilot were in the traffic pattern to perform touch-and-goes when they overheard the communication between the air traffic control tower and several Skytyper airplanes preparing for departure. He stated that the communication was uncharacteristically poor and that the Skytyper pilots are normally very good on the radio. He also mentioned that he saw No. 3 and 4 had aborted their takeoff for unknown reasons. While the student pilot had the controls, Mr. Sajid watched as the Skytyper airplane's No. 5 and 6 departed on runway 14 and left the area to the northwest. The No. 5 performed a 180° climbing right hand turn (chandelle), banking to the right to rejoin the two airplanes already holding in a pattern northwest of the airport. The maneuver started at about 800ft above ground level (agl) and was completed at about 1,200ft agl. The bank in the turn was steep at about 70° to 80°. The No. 6 followed and performed the same chandelle type maneuver, banking to the right at about the same altitude as No. 5. During the maneuver, at the top of the turn, the attempt to recover was slow as the airplane continued to the right and eventually entered the spin. Mr. Sajid stated he saw the airplane spin at a constant rate from about 1,200 ft agl to the tree line below. He further stated that there seemed to be no attempt made to recover out of the spin.



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