



RECORD OF COMMUNICATION

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Person Contacted: Mr. Dave Guerrieri, (Eyewitness)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR18FA251

Narrative:

The following are verbatim extracts of two emails sent to the NTSB by Mr. Guerrieri today regarding his observations of the accident:

Here is what I saw at PAO on September 4th:

I was located at the transient parking ramp in front of the terminal. I and another pilot of a TBM were talking when we both saw the Mooney lifting off of runway 13. I could not tell if he was going around or taking off. However, I surmised that it was a go-around because he seemed like he was slow and having trouble climbing. I estimate that he reached about 200 feet then appeared to lower the nose to the horizon to try to accelerate. I saw the landing gear retract. Then I saw what appeared to be a deliberate left turn, but perhaps this was not the pilot's intention. It could have been a wing dropping due to an uncoordinated stall. While in the turn the left wing appeared to drop even further and the aircraft disappeared out of site in an apparent stall/spin. The aircraft dropped out of sight but then I saw debris rise up as I heard the sound of the crash. I was not able to tell the attitude of the aircraft as it hit the ground because it had fallen out of sight. I did not notice any unusual sounds coming from the engine; it sounded like it was developing normal power.

I was roughly in the location marked "helicopter parking" on the airport diagram. [see following page]

