



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: February 20, 2019
Person Contacted: Mr. Beom-Kyu Lee ('Robbie Lee' Pilot's Friend)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR19FA080

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Mr. Lee in a telephone conversation on this date:

- Mr. Lee and the pilot were friends in South Korea; they began their friendship when they were in junior high school
- Mr. Lee moved to the US in 2009; he currently resides in Michigan
- Mr. Lee is a pilot, but he has never flown with the pilot
- The pilot came to the US in 2017, with the purpose of obtaining flight training and additional experience
 - His plan was to become an airline pilot in South Korea
- The pilot obtained his certificates and about 200 hours of flight experience in Florida
- In January 2019, the pilot moved to Los Angeles to obtain about 80 hours additional flight time before returning to South Korea
- He moved to LA with a dual purpose:
 - To gain flight experience in a different airspace, with different topography ("valleys and mountains")
 - To see another part of the US
- The pilot only planned to remain in LA for a few months
- He resided in an abode he rented via AirBnB
- His parents resided in Korea, and they planned to visit him near the end of February 2019
- The pilot also planned to visit Mr. Lee in Michigan in mid February 2019
- The pilot and Mr. Lee spoke by telephone about 11 am PST on the day of the accident
 - The pilot mentioned the upcoming Las Vegas trip, but did not provide any details
 - He did not mention his passenger, which struck Mr. Lee as unusual/uncommon after the accident, since they regularly shared personal information
- Mr. Lee flew to LA after the accident to assist the pilot's parents with funeral and other arrangements

- The parents flew into LA on February 10, and departed on February 14
- The parents received some personal effects at the funeral home [these were items recovered by the coroner]
- Mr. Lee and the parents went to the pilot's abode and removed his personal effects
- Mr. Lee believes that the pilot's logbook was provided to an LA-based attorney (Mr. James Pocrass) who is handling the pilot's business in the US for the family
- Mr. Lee did not know whether the pilot was IFR current
- Mr. Lee questioned why the pilot conducted the flight VFR instead of IFR