



## RECORD OF CONVERSATION

**Albert P. Nixon**  
**Senior Aviation Accident Investigator**  
**Western Pacific Region**

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**Date: October 10, 2019**  
**Person Contacted: Captain Dustin Lazenby**  
**NTSB Accident Number: WPR20FA005**

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### **Narrative:**

During a conversation with Captain Dustin Lazenby, the following is a summary of what he stated:

- He worked in the Ventura County Fire Department Training Division.
- He witnessed the accident airplane.
- He saw an airplane at low altitude about 400-500 ft, that did not seem to be flying on the normal track.
- He commented "what kind of airplane is it."
- He stepped out of his truck to observe it.
- The airplane was heading towards him initially and then he observed it fly by him.
- He noticed that the propeller in back was not spinning.
- He also noted that there was no engine sound.
- He thought that maybe the airplane was accomplishing emergency training.
- The airplane was about ¼ mile from him at its closest point.
- He observed the airplane for a total of about 20 seconds.
- A few minutes later he received a call on an airplane crash.



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**Date: October 9, 2019**  
**Person Contacted: Deputy Manuel Perez**  
**NTSB Accident Number: WPR20FA005**

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### **Narrative:**

During a conversation with Deputy Manuel Perez (Ventura County Sheriff/Camarillo Police Department) the following is a summary of what he stated:

- He was driving nearby the accident site.
- Someone on the phone told him that an airplane had crashed.
- He responded to accident site.
- There were two individuals already there, and one of them discharged the fire extinguisher he brought.
- The fire truck arrived in a couple of minutes.
- There was an impression in the ground where the airplane impacted.
- The weather was good with no wind.



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**Date: October 9, 2019**  
**Person Contacted: Russell Babbitt (Witness)**  
**NTSB Accident Number: WPR20FA005**

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### **Narrative:**

During a conversation with Russell Babbitt, the following is a summary of what he stated:

- He was driving a car nearby.
- He observed the airplane coming in low.
- He wondered what the airplane was doing.
- The airplane then hit the field, and then the nose hit, and it flipped.
- The airplane's wings were about level when he hit.
- He thinks pilot had control of the airplane.
- The airplane stuck the ground and did not bounce.
- He observed the airplane about 5 seconds.



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**Date: October 9, 2019**  
**Person Contacted: Donald Sands (Witness)**  
**NTSB Accident Number: WPR20FA005**

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### **Narrative:**

During a conversation with Donald Sands, the following is a summary of what he stated:

- He was a volunteer at the Commemorative Air Force Museum.
- He was in a car driving nearby.
- Someone in front said that airplane was no crop duster.
- He observed the airplane low and descending rapidly.
- He thought the airplane was turning trying to line up with the cabbage rows.
- The airplane was about 50 ft above the ground level and in about 15-20° of right bank
- The airplane was about 200 yards away.
- The wheels were down.
- He does not recall seeing any flaps.
- The airplane stuck the ground and did not bounce.
- He commented that it looks like he hit the mud.
- The airplane then nosed over and caught on fire.
- He thought the airplane was under control and expected him to float on the landing.
- He observed the airplane about 5 seconds.



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**Date: October 11, 2019**  
**Person Contacted: Alan Nicholson (Witness)**  
**NTSB Accident Number: WPR20FA005**

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### **Narrative:**

During a conversation with Alan Nicholson, the following is a summary of what he stated:

- He was a volunteer at the Commemorative Air Force Museum.
- He was in front passenger seat of a car driving nearby.
- Someone in the car mentioned "what's he doing."
- He looked up and observed the airplane rapidly moving across the road and rapidly descending rapidly, just above the power lines.
- The airplane landed and immediately flipped on its back.
- The airplane was straight and level when it hit the ground.
- He thinks the airplane had its gear down.
- The airplane caught on fire about a minute or more after impacting the ground.
- There was no smoke or mist trailing the airplane in the air.
- He observed the airplane about 5 seconds.



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**Date: October 11, 2019**  
**Person Contacted: Del Kienholz (Channel Islands Aviation Flight School Manager)**  
**NTSB Accident Number: WPR20FA005**

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### **Narrative:**

During a conversation with Del Kienholz the following is a summary of what he stated:

- He was ATP and CFI rated.
- He was taxiing by the accident airplane after his flight.
- The silver BD-5 airplane was positioned in front of the hanger where it was housed.
- He noticed the pilot in the cockpit strapping himself in.
- He commented that the pilot had a "look of concern."
- There was nobody else by the airplane.
- The weather was good with about a 6-knot crosswind.