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MEMORANDUM FOR AOF/CC

FROM: 57 OSS/OSAT

SUBJECT: Sniper1/F-1 Mishap

RECORDING FACILITY: Nellis Air Traffic Control Tower

FREQUENCY, LANDLINE OR POSITION BEING RECORDED: 327.0/132.55, Thule Approach Shout Line, Flight Data Recorded Line, Watch Supervisor ETVS, Fire Department, Airfield Management

ABBREVIATIONS: Watch Supervisor (WS), Local Control (LC), Ground Control (GC), Flight Data (FD), Airfield Management (AMOPS), Fire Department (FIRE)

DATE/TIME: 24 May 2021, 21:13:06Z – 21:23:33Z

TIME SOURCE: Digital Audio Legal Recorder Reconstruction

Start Transcript

21:13:06 (LC) Cheetah1 runway three left wind calm cleared to land
21:13:09 (CHEETAH1) Cheetah1 left.
21:13:10 (LC) Rambo1 break midfield follow second L159 left approach end downwind
21:13:15 (CHEETAH2) Cheetah2 gear
21:13:17 (LC) Cheetah2 roger
21:13:23 (LC) Rambo1 Nellis Tower
21:13:24 (RAMBO1) Go for Rambo
21:13:25 (LC) Rambo1 break midfield to follow second L159 left approach end downwind
21:13:30 (RAMBO1) Rambo1 midfield searching
21:13:40 (MIG1) Mig 1 check, two, Tower Mig1 two ship Craig to initial
21:13:51 (LC) Mig1 Nellis Tower left break runway three left

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21:13:53 (MIG1) left for the left Mig1

21:14:12 (RAMBO1) Rambo1 is no joy traffic midfield downwind

21:14:15 (LC) Mig1 break approved traffic now landing

21:14:18 (LC) That was for Rambo, Rambo break approved

21:14:28 (JOLLY70) Tower Jolly70 (inaudible) inbound for Gas Peak arrival with Jollypad information Mike

21:14:35 (LC) Mig1 break departure end follow the third f 15 departure end break

21:14:38 (MIG1) Mig1 is (inaudible) wilco.

21:14:41 (LC) Jolly70 Nellis Tower, roger report one mile to fly Jollypad, cleared to enter Bravo airspace

21:14:47 (JOLLY70) Cleared to enter Bravo report one mile Jolly70

21:15:06 (SNIPER1) Tower Sniper1 Simmons

21:15:08 (LC) Sniper1 Nellis Tower right break runway three right

21:15:11 (SNIPER1) Sniper1 right for the right

21:15:14 (RAMBO1) Rambo1 base gear stop left

21:15:17 (LC) Rambo1 runway three left wind 130 at 4 cleared to land

21:15:19 (RAMBO1) Rambo1 cleared to land runway three left

21:15:24 (WOOKIE3) Wookie 3 check, four, tower Wookie3 two ship six north of Craig Craig for initial

21:15:31 (LC) Wookie3 Nellis Tower right break runway three right

21:15:34 (WOOKIE3) Wookie3 right for the right

21:15:37 (RAMBO4) Tower Rambo4 gear left

21:15:38 (LC) Rambo4 roger

21:15:45 (RAMBO3) Rambo3 gear left

21:15:46 (LC) Rambo3 roger

21:15:57 (LC) Mig1 extend half mile downwind for spacing

21:15:59 (MIG1) Wilco

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21:16:05 (SNIPER1) Sniper1 initial
21:16:06 (LC) Sniper1 roger
21:16:24 (MIG1) Mig1 base gear stop left
21:16:25 (LC) Mig1 runways three left wind 080 at 3 cleared to land
21:16:28 (MIG1) Mig1 cleared to land three left
21:16:41 (MIG2) Mig2 base gear stop left
21:16:42 (LC) Mig2 roger
21:16:44 (LC) Wookie3 break midfield to follow the single L159 right ugh midfield downwind
21:16:49 (WOOKIE3) Wookie3 wilco for the right
21:16:51 (LC) Correction that was an f 1
21:16:53 (WOOKIE3) Wookie3
21:17:12 (SNIPER1) Tower Sniper1 is gonna be a low approach and ugh proceed out to Flex
21:17:17 (LC) Sniper1 roger runway three right wind calm cleared low approach
21:17:20 (SNIPER1) Sniper1 cleared low approach we are having a ugh flap issue
21:17:26 (LC) Sniper1 roger, are you declaring?
21:17:28 (SNIPER1) Sniper1 affirm
21:17:29 (LC) Sniper1 roger
21:17:35 (MIG3) Mig3 check, two, tower Mig3 over Craig for initial
21:17:37 (LC) Mig3 Nellis Tower right break runway three right
21:17:40 (MIG3) right for the right Mig3
21:17:54 (CHAOS11) Tower Chaos11 flight of two approaching (inaudible) recovery for the overhead
21:18:03 (LC) Chaos11 Nellis Tower left break runway three left
21:18:07 (CHAOS11) Chaos11 three left
21:18:10 (FD) Okay I have an emergency actually it's an aircraft incident the aircraft just went down (inaudible) north south of the airport near the golf course just a little bit east you can see the smoke umm by golf taxiway umm

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(AMOPS) Inaudible

21:18:13 (WS) Hey we got a ground emergency for ya, it's pretty urgent too. Ugh we got a sniper Sniper f 1 just ugh he just punched to the east of the golf course umm no confirmation if the pilot umm had a good shoot or not umm however there is a large smoke plume so he is down. One of the sniper f 1s did crash K umm our colleague is already firing I'm sorry called the fire department ugh so that's all of the information I got right now ugh there's just one POB. Do you have any questions?

21:18:27 (LC) Mig3 break midfield follow that fourth one right departure end downwind

21:18:28 (MIG3) Mig3

(FIRE) Inaudible

21:18:31 (LC) Correction L159

(FD) Umm we don't know the condition of the pilot umm (inaudible) said he punched out of the aircraft

21:18:33 (LC) Alright Wookie3 change to three left if able

21:18:38 (FIRE) Inaudible

21:18:39 (FD) Aircraft is actually on the ground now smoking

21:18:40 (WOOKIE3) Wookie3 copies base gear stop left

21:18:41 (FIRE) Inaudible

21:18:43 (FD) F1

21:18:44 (LC) Wookie3 runway three left wind calm cleared to land

21:18:45 (FIRE) Inaudible

21:18:46 (AMOPS) you said east of the golf course

21:18:47 (WOOKIE3) Wookie3 cleared to land left

21:18:49 (WS) Yeah east of the golf course

21:18:50 (FD) Sniper1 is the call sign winds are currently calm

21:18:53 (LC) Jolly70 jollypad wind calm cleared to land

21:18:54 (AMOPS) You said he punched and then he crashed?

21:18:55 (JOLLY70) Jolly70

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(FIRE) Inaudible

21:18:56 (FD) Thank you

21:18:57 (WS) Affirmative

21:18:58 (WOOKIE4) Wookie4 gear left

(AMOPS) What does punched mean?

21:19:04 (AMOPS) Hello

21:19:05 (WS) Yeah go ahead

21:19:06 (WOOKIE4) Hey tower confirm for Wookie4 gear left

(AMOPS) Umm punched means crashed?

21:19:08 (WS) Say again.

21:19:09 (LC) Wookie4 roger cleared to land left

(AMOPS) What exactly does punched mean?

21:19:11 (WS) He ejected and the aircraft went down.

21:19:16 (AMOPS) Ejected the aircraft no I don't have any other questions

21:19:17 (LC) Chaos11 break departure end for three left traffic you are following is an f16 in the right downwind

21:19:18 (WS) Okay sweet thanks buddy

21:19:19 (AMOPS) Alright

21:19:23 (CHAOS11) Chaos11

21:19:24 (LC) And Mig3 change to three right

21:19:28 (LC) Correction three left

21:19:29 (MIG3) Mig3 three right

21:19:32 (MIG3) Confirm you want (inaudible) right

(LC) Mig3 change to three left

21:19:36 (LC) three left Mig

21:19:38 (MIG3) Mig3 three left

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21:20:10 (LC) Mig3 use caution in that base turn for that ugh fire below you

21:20:12 (MIG3) Mig3

21:21:13 (MIG3) Mig3 is base gear stop left

21:20:16 (LC) Mig3 runway three left wind calm cleared to land

21:20:18 (MIG3) Mig3

21:20:21 (LC) Chaos11 break approved

21:20:23 (CHAOS11) Chaos

21:20:33 (MIG4) Mig4 gear left

21:21:02 (LC) Chaos11 extend downwind one mile traffic you are following is ugh two mile base for three left

21:21:08 (CHAOS11) Chaos11 extend downwind

21:21:37 (LC) Chaos11 base turn approved runway three left wind 170 at 3 cleared to land

21:21:43 (CHAOS11) Chaos11 cleared to land three left gear

21:21:46 (THUG01) Tower Thug01

21:21:48 (CHAOS12) Dash two gear left

21:21:50 (LC) Dash two roger

21:21:51 (LC) Thug1 Nellis Tower report left base runway three left try to remain on the west side of the centerline when you are turning base for a fire on the east side

21:22:06 (LC) Thug1 did you copy?

21:22:07 (THUG1) Tower Thug1

21:22:08 (LC) Thug1 Nellis Tower radio check how do you hear?

21:22:11 (Thug1) Loud and clear Thug1

21:22:12 (LC) Thug1 report a left base runway three left if able try to ugh swing it out to about a three or four mile base so you can remain on the west side of the ugh centerline

21:22:22 (THUG1) three or four mile final ugh for Thug1

21:22:28 (LC) Traffic you are following is ugh two fl6s currently short final for three left

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21:22:33 (THUG1) Thug1
21:23:15 (LC) Thug1 traffic twelve o'clock five miles will be multiple helicopters between three thousand and thirty two hundred going east to west towards McCarran
21:23:25 (THUG1) Thug1
21:23:28 (LC) Thug1 your base turn is approved runway three left wind calm cleared to land
21:23:33 (THUG1) Three left cleared to land Thug1

END OF TRANSCRIPT

I certify this to be a true and exact transcript of the original recording on file at this office at Nellis AFB.

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