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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

From: Air Traffic Control Facility Officer, FACSFAC San Diego

Subj: ATC HAZARD ON 10 MAY 23

Ref: (a) NAVAIR 00-80T-114

Encl: (1) Information: Transcription Aircraft HAZREP on 10 May 23

1. On 10 May, 2023, Fenix01 was part of an aircraft mishap that occurred within FACSFAC airspace. Enclosure (1) is a transcript of all communications with Fenix01 and wingman Fenix02 with FACSFAC controllers.
2. The investigation is being conducted by the National Transportation Safety Board. The lead Air Traffic Control investigator is Brian Soper.



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MEMORANDUM

From: Radar Branch Chief, FACSAC San Diego
To: Commanding Officer, FACSAC San Diego
Via: Air Traffic Control Facility Officer, FACSAC San Diego

Subj: Information: Transcription
Aircraft MISHAP, FENIX 01
San Diego, CA, May 12, 2023

1. This transcription covers the Fleet Area Control and Surveillance Facility San Diego (FACSAC SD) NAOPA Sector Controller (SC2) and the NAOPA Assistant Sector Controller (ASC2) positions for the time period from May 10, 2023, 1435 UTC, to May 10, 2023, 1454 UTC.

2. I certify that the following is a true transcription of the recorded conversations pertaining to the subject MISHAP involving FENIX01.

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Radar Branch Chief
FACSAC San Diego

3. Agencies Making Transmissions

Abbreviations

NAOPA Sector Controller
Assistant NAOPA Sector Controller
Fenix 01
Fenix 02
Facility Watch Supervisor
San Clemente Approach
Tijuana Tower
Imperial Beach Tower

SC2
AS2
FENIX01
FENIX02
FWS
NUC APP
TJ
NRS

4. 1435
(1435-1454)
1435

14:35:00	SC2	Report sweet comms with your unit.
14:35:03	FENIX01	Three zero zero five and uh you say you want a two five zero
14:35:07	FENIX01	now or *inaudible*
14:35:16	SC2	Fenix01 maintain one five thousand, you're approved to work echo three, surface to flight level two five zero once established
14:35:20	FENIX01	Okay uh, copy all Fenix one
14:35:26	FENIX01	Beaver Control, Fenix zero one uh we uh cleared through SHOBA *inaudible, squelching on frequency* lane would you like us to use for the transit
14:35:35	SC2	Fenix zero one, affirm, you can transit directly to echo three
14:35:39	FENIX01	Alright directly to echo three Fenix zero one
14:35:45	SC2	Fenix zero one, I show you established, report canceling IFR, squawk seven one zero one in order
14:35:54	FENIX01	Okay umm we'll key up the line seven one zero one in order uh, Fenix one

14:36:07	SC2	Fenix zero one, IFR cancelation received, we currently have no hot areas for you today sir, we do have delta one through three going active in uh three zero mikes, with Charlie one through six, echo one and two going active in the next hour. You're approved to transit through to echo three.
14:36:22	FENIX01	Copy, Fenix one
14:38:53	SC2	Fenix zero one, just confirm you'll be working with a surface unit today
14:38:59	SC2	correct
14:39:01	FENIX01	Affirm, uh Fenix one
14:39:04	SC2	Fenix zero one roger
14:39:36	FENIX01	Ey uh Beaver Control, Fenix zero one
14:39:39	SC2	Fenix zero one, go for Beaver
14:39:40	FENIX01	Yes Sir, uhh, we'll probably be uh working Echo three for about the next uh two plus three zero, and then uh Fenix zero one will be going back as a single to Mugu, Fenix zero two will be uh RTB with Brown field
14:39:56	SC2	Fenix zero one roger, we'll coordinate

14:39:59	FENIX01	Alright, Fenix zero two
14:40:46	FENIX01	Beaver uhh Fenix zero one uh we're troubleshooting right now, we need to head back to Mugu
14:40:53	SC2	Fenix zero one to confirm you need an RTB back to Mugu right now?
14:40:55	FENIX01	Affirm
14:40:58	SC2	Fenix zero one are you declaring an emergency
14:41:00	FENIX01	That's affirmative Fenix one
14:41:01	SC2	Fenix zero roger, standby for a squawk change
14:41:14	SC2	Fenix zero one can you say nature of emergency
14:41:18	FENIX01	Say again Fenix one
14:41:21	SC2	Fenix zero one can you say number in flight and nature of emergency
14:41:29	FENIX01	Fenix one uh double *unintelligible*

14:41:37	SC2	Fenix zero one, squawk four six four four, you're cleared directly to Point Mugu airport
14:42:15	SC2	Fenix zero one, Beaver Control, how do you hear
14:42:19	FENIX02	Hey Beaver this is Fenix two, do you hear us
14:42:22	SC2	Fenix zero two I have you loud and clear, how me
14:42:24	FENIX02	Uh if you co-*unintelligible* they're uh they're comms might be goin down, they actually have uh fire, they're still on the way, they need to land immediately. I I think I heard, the last I heard them say *comms cut out* was San Clemente
14:42:38	AS2	Approach, FACS FAC
14:42:39	SC2	Fenix zero one you're cleared direct San Clemente airport, descend and maintain four thousand
14:42:40	AS2	Uh we have an emergency inbound, Fenix zero one, flight of two lear jets. Uhh one of them appears to be on fire, uh they need to uh land immediately. They are approximately one five miles south of the field now squawking seven one zero one
14:42:57	NUC APP	Copy, can uh you said Fenix

14:42:59	AS2	Fenix zero one. Foxtrot echo November india x-ray zero one
14:43:03	NUC APP	Copy
14:43:05	NUC APP	**San Clemente Guard call** Fenix zero one if you hear this transmission San Clemente is off your one six four radial for two two miles
14:43:06	FWS	(Coordination between FACS FAC FWS and NUC) Are you guys open yet
14:43:06	NUC APP	No, but we can open early. Request airspace
14:43:13	FWS	Airspace to you, then role the trucks
14:43:13	FENIX02	Alright Fenix two copies
14:43:17	NUC APP	**San Clemente Guard** Fenix zero two disregard that's off his three two eight for two zero miles
14:43:47	SC2	Fenix zero two, if you could relay suggested headings to approach For Fenix zero one a three five zero
14:43:54	FENIX02	Alright uh Fenix zero two copies we're heading three five zero
14:44:10	FENIX02	And Beaver, Fenix zero two has the lead now, so you can talk to us

and we'll break them off once we're visual

14:44:18	SC2	Fenix zero two, roger continue that heading, we'll hand you off to San Clemente and they'll bring you in
14:44:22	FENIX02	Roger that, three five zero, down the four thousand, Fenix two and flight
14:44:22	AS2	Approach, FACSFAC
14:44:25	NUC APP	Approach
14:44:26	AS2	Uh Fenix zero two is now the flight lead, uh confirm that you have radar on them
14:44:31	NUC APP	Uhhh *unintelligible*
14:44:33	SC2	Fenix zero two, confirm there is a fire onboard
14:44:36	FENIX02	That's affirmative, Fenix one has flames, uhhh we have seen their drag shoot depart the airplane, they have three souls onboard, plenty of gas
14:44:48	SC2	Fenix zero two roger
14:44:53	FENIX02	Alright, I'm slowing to two fifty, heading three five zero

14:45:00	FENIX02	Alright, I gotcha
14:45:02	FENIX02	You, you should dump gas if you haven't already
14:45:14	SC2	Fenix zero two, is Fenix zero one going to need an arrested landing at San Clemente
14:45:18	FENIX02	Uhhhhhhh, standby
14:45:33	FENIX02	And that should be a negative from uh from Fenix
14:45:36	SC2	Fenix zero two roger, we're going to switch him over to San Clemente now, contact San Clemente approach one two seven point zero five, safe flight Sir
14:45:45	FENIX02	One two seven point zero five for approach, Fenix zero two thanks for your help
14:46:09		ELT ALARM
14:46:18		ELT ALARM
14:46:24		ELT ALARM

14:46:27		ELT ALARM
14:46:34		ELT ALARM
14:46:58		END OF ELT ALARM
14:47:34		ELT ALARM
14:47:49	SC2	Fenix zero two, Beaver Control how do you hear
14:49:00	SC2	Fenix zero two, Beaver Control how do you hear
14:49:11	NRS	Tijuana tower, beach tower line check
14:49:14	TJ	Good morning, loud and clear
14:49:16	NRS	Alright thank you, BT
14:49:15	TJ	Thank you, we're two seven VFR
14:49:17	NRS	Alright, uh we're two seven VFR too
14:49:21	TJ	Thank you, alpha Oscar

14:50:10	SC2	Fenix zero two, Beaver Control you up
14:50:27	SC2	Mike Bravo briefing uh Foxtrot Victor on uh dual controller. Do you have one through three
14:50:32	SC2	I have one through three
14:50:34	SC2	Four through six as follows, weather VMC, no no uh weather, no twas, no airmets, no sigmets, no pireps. Emergency, Fenix zero one caught fire, and uh his wingman is circling right now, last known point was just south of San Clemente island. Do you uh have one through six
14:50:48	SC2	I have one through six, no questions Foxtrot Victor
14:51:00	SC2	We lost radar on him, looks like Fenix is descended, he might be checking on him honestly
14:51:18	SC2	Fenix zero two on Guard this is Beaver Control contact me on my frequency one two zero point eight five or one one eight point six five. Beaver on guard out
14:51:35	UNK	Who's that call for uh on guard
14:51:43	SC2	Fenix zero two Beaver Control

14:52:31	UNK	*Unintelligible*
14:54:11	SC2	Fenix zero two how do you hear
14:54:32	SC2	Fenix zero two, if you hear this transmission ident

