



# Federal Aviation Administration

## Memorandum

Date: October 30, 2009

To: System Ops Litigation

From: Minneapolis Air Route Traffic Control Center

Subject: **INFORMATION:** Partial Transcript  
Pilot Deviation NWA188  
Minneapolis , MN, October 22, 2009

This transcription covers the Minneapolis Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC) 13 D position for the time period from October 22, 2009, 0107 UTC, to October 22, 2009, 0123 UTC.

<u>Agencies Making Transmissions</u>	<u>Abbreviations</u>
Minneapolis ARTCC, Sawyer High Radar Associate Controller	D13
Minneapolis ARTCC, O'Neill High Controller	R29
Minneapolis ARTCC, Sawyer High Radar Controller	R13
Northwest Fifteen Fifty Three	NWA1553
Northwest One Eighty Eight	NWA188
Minneapolis ARTCC, Eau Claire High Radar Controller	R16

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[REDACTED]  
Theodore N. Thomas  
Acting Quality Assurance Manager  
Minneapolis ARTCC

0107  
(0108-0111)  
0112  
0112:34      D13      \*(um) sector thirteen

0112:35      R29      hey this is twenty nine that northwest one eighty eight,

0112:37      D13      ya

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- 0112:38 R29 he might have been on twenty six thirty two back in denver center
- 0112:41 D13 twenty six thirty two
- 0112:42 R29 try another pilot see if he can get him
- 0112:43 D13 okay we'll do it
- 0112:44 R29 just an idea (unintelligible)
- 0112:45 D13 yep (unintelligible)
- 0112:51 R13 northwest fifteen fifty three could you do a relay to ah company
- 0112:56 NWA1553 sure we can ah do that i did send a message to ah dispatch ah for thirty three seventy five now (unintelligible)
- 0113:02 R13 okay nope it's ah if you'd switch to a frequency one two six point three two twenty six thirty two broadcast for northwest one eighty eight see if you can raise that aircraft on that frequency please
- 0113:12 NWA1553 okay and where would you like me to send em if i get em there
- 0113:15 R13 ah right here if you would please ah twenty three seventy two
- 0113:19 NWA1553 okay we'll do that
- 0113:25 D13 alright (unintelligible) your equipment's working the rides (unintelligible) say like rhinelander west i think they're better east bound they're worse is that right denny ya um military none flow none (unintelligible)
- 0114
- 0114:06 NWA188 minneapolis northwest one eighty eight
- 0114:10 R13 northwest one eighty eight minneapolis center ah go ahead

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- 0114:14 NWA188 ah roger ah we got ah distracted and we've over flown ah minneapolis we are over head eau claire and would like to make a one eighty and do arrival from eau claire
- 0114:24 R13 northwest one eighty eight roger turn to the right to a heading of one zero zero be radar vectors sets you up they are holding there and um we'll see if we can't get you in
- 0114:36 NWA188 okay copy a right one eighty to eau claire and expect holding at eau claire
- 0114:41 R13 and a northwest one eighty eight fly the heading of one zero zero be ah radar vectors for your descent also and you are cleared to minneapolis ah via radar vectors heading one zero zero for eau claire and the eau claire eight arrival
- 0114:55 NWA188 okay copy a one zero zero to pick up the eau claire eight arrival northwest one eighty eight
- 0115 NWA1553
- 0115:08 NWA1553 and northwest one eighty eight center um wants you up on ah thirty three seventy five
- 0115:15 NWA188 okay we'll come up on thirty three seventy five
- 0115:17 R13 uh and northwest one eighty eight no stay right here one two three point seven two twenty three seventy two for now and i'll have you over that arrival sector here in just a moment
- 0115:28 NWA188 okay do you want us to stay here on thirty three forty five or twenty three seventy two
- 0115:32 R13 ah you can stay right here and um on this frequency and i just have to verify that the cockpit is secure
- 0115:39 NWA188 it is secure we got distracted we were ah
- 0115:44 NWA188 (unintelligible) \*(never heard a call and we just)  
(unintelligible)
- 0115:49 R13 northwest one eighty eight roger

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- 0115:56 R13 northwest one eighty eight turn right to a heading of one three five
- 0115:59 NWA188 right turn to one three five northwest one eighty eight
- 0116:15 R13 northwest one eighty eight do you have ah enough ah fuel to hold or do you need to ah get into minneapolis
- 0116:22 NWA188 ah we're ah we're good on fuel we could hold we'd just as soon go right in if we could
- 0116:27 R13 okay well um we got you stuck on top of a holding stack at a eau claire i'll see i'll see what kind of delay it is and what ah they have planned for ya
- 0116:37 NWA188 thanks much
- 0116:41 R16 sixteen
- 0116:42 D13 ah thirteen
- 0116:46 R16 say it again
- 0116:47 D13 ah northwest one eighty eight we are now in communications with and they're on a one thirty five heading and a what would you like them going down to for an altitude
- 0116:55 R16 ah give him a ah two ten heading to ah flight level three two zero
- 0116:59 D13 thirty two thousand and two ten on the heading
- 0117:02 R16 yep and my control
- 0117:03 D13 affirmative
- 0117:04 R13 northwest one eighty eight turn right to a heading of two one zero
- 0117:08 NWA188 two one zero northwest one eighty eight

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0117:10 R13 northwest one eighty eight descend and maintain flight  
level three two zero

0117:14 NWA188 down to three two zero northwest one eighty eight

0117:29 R13 and northwest one eighty eight you can contact  
minneapolis center one three three point seven five  
thirty three seventy five we'll see ya later

0117:35 NWA188 thirty three seventy five northwest one eighty eight

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(0119-0122)

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<u>Agencies Making Transmissions</u>	<u>Abbreviations</u>
Minneapolis ARTCC, Eau Claire High Controller	R16
Minneapolis ARTCC, Sioux Falls High Controller	R19
Northwest Fifteen Ten	NWA1510
Minneapolis ARTCC, Sector Eleven Controller	R11
Minneapolis ARTCC, Sawyer High Radar Associate Controller	D13
Northwest One Eighty Eight	NWA188
Minneapolis ARTCC, Sawyer High Controller	R13

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Minneapolis ARTCC

0058  
(0059-0102)  
0103  
0103:01      R16      sector sixteen

0103:02      R19      ah sector number nineteen ah hand off northwest one eighty eight i'll have to expand out too far to keep watching him you wanna just take him or ya want fifteen to take him

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- 0103:08 R16 ah ya i'll take him
- 0103:11 R19 alright thanks a lot
- 0104  
(0105-0106)
- 0107
- 0107:41 R16 northwest one eighty eight minneapolis
- 0108  
(0109-0111)
- 0112
- 0112:47 R16 northwest one eighty eight minneapolis
- 0113
- 0113:56 R16 northwest fifteen ten minneapolis
- 0113:59 NWA1510 go ahead northwest fifteen ten
- 0114  
0114
- 0114:08 R16 northwest fifteen ten ah if you would transmit on ah change to frequency one three three point four five and transmit to a northwest one eighty eight and see if he answers ya then come on back here
- 0114:20 NWA1510 so you want um thirty three forty five northwest one eighty eight to come to your frequency
- 0114:26 R16 northwest fifteen ten if you can ah if you raise raise him on that ya have him come over to this freq
- 0114:30 NWA1510 \*(okay)
- 0114:48 R16 sector ah sixteen
- 0114:49 R11 eleven
- 0114:55 R11 are you talking to that northwest one eighty eight now or (unintelligible) thirteen is
- 0114:56 R16 nope
- 0114:58 R16 well nobody's talking to him
- 0114:59 R11 (unintelligible) they took nardo out of his \*(flight plan)

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- 0115:01 R16 oh ya you're right maybe something is happening
- 0115:03 R11 ah i broadcast i heard some (unintelligible) ah chit chat about (unintelligible) ah
- 0115:06 R16 they got him i just heard they got him
- 0115:08 R11 okay thanks
- 0115:28 R16 northwest fifteen ten contact minneapolis center one two three point seven two
- 0115:30 NWA1510 twenty three seventy two and um one eighty eight should be on your frequency
- 0115:35 R16 thank you
- 0116 R16 northwest one eighty eight minnea
- 0116:41 R16 sixteen
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0118

0118:02 NWA188 minneapolis northwest one eighty eight's with you out of three five six for three two zero

0118:07 R16 northwest one eighty eight minneapolis center roger a how much fuel do you have left

0118:12 NWA188 \*(oh) we \*(got) plenty of fuel we have eleven thousand pounds two hours of fuel

0118:17 R16 northwest one eighty eight roger

0118:43 R16 northwest one eighty eight ah turn right heading two eight zero expect routing on the a ollee and the gopher five arrival

0118:52 NWA188 okay two eight zero and (unintelligible)---say again the arrival

0118:58 R16 northwest one eighty eight expect ah ollee intersection and the gopher five arrival

0119:02 NWA188 roger ol ollee and the gopher five arrival northwest one eighty eight

0119:44 R16 northwest one eighty eight ah do you have time to give a brief explanation on what happened

0119:52 NWA188 ah \*(just) cockpit distractions that's all i can say

0119:56 R16 northwest one eighty eight roger  
0120

0120:52 NWA188 minneapolis northwest one eighty eight

0120:56 R16 northwest one eighty eight go ahead

0120:57 NWA188 \*(two eight zero) and just confirm ah you want us to go direct to ollee at this time

0121:01 R16 northwest one eighty eight ah fly heading two eight zero expect direct ollee in about ah four zero miles

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- 0121:06 NWA188 okay two eight oh on the heading northwest one eighty eight
- 0122
- 0122:46 R16 northwest one eighty eight ah when you're able cleared direct golif intersection and the gopher five arrival maintain flight level three two zero
- 0122:54 NWA188 okay direct to golif for the olle five arrival northwest one eighty eight
- 0122:59 R16 northwest one eighty eight the golif intersection gopher five arrival
- 0123:02 NWA188 sorry golif for the gopher five arrival northwest one eighty eight
- 0123:58 R16 northwest one eighty eight descend at pilots discretion maintain flight level two four zero
- 0124
- 0124:02 NWA188 down to two four oh northwest one eighty eight
- 0124:18 R16 northwest one eighty eight fly heading three six zero
- 0124:23 NWA188 three six zero heading for northwest one eighty eight
- 0125
- 0126
- 0126:08 R16 northwest one eighty eight ah is there anyway you can elaborate on the distraction
- 0126:22 NWA188 \*(ah we're just dealing with some company issues) here and that's all ah that's all all i can tell you right now at this time
- 0126:28 R16 northwest one eighty eight roger
- 0127
- 0127:08 R13 this is sector thirteen
- 0127:09 R16 sixteen point out east of siren northwest one eighty eight we gotta turn him north and west and give him a couple of turns before we (unintelligible)
- 0127:14 R13 northwest one eighty eight's your control (unintelligible)

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0127:15 R16 (unintelligible)

0127:45 NWA188 and northwest one eighty eight (unintelligible) kind of speed do you like to have

0127:47 R16 northwest one eighty eight ah speed your discretion

0127:50 NWA188 (unintelligible)

0128 0128 R16 northwest one eighty eight fly heading two seven zero

0128:14 R16 northwest one eighty eight fly heading two seven zero

0128:18 NWA188 two seven zero northwest one eighty eight

0129 0129 R16 northwest one eight eight cleared direct ollee gopher five arrival

0129:58 NWA188 direct \*(to) ollee for the gopher five arrival northwest one eighty eight

0130:29 R16 northwest one eighty eight contact minneapolis center one two one point zero five

0130:34 NWA188 one twenty one zero five northwest one eighty eight

0130:39 NWA188 (unintelligible) thanks for your help good day

0130:41 R16 (unintelligible) one eighty eight good day

0131  
(0132-0135)  
0136

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<u>Agencies Making Transmissions</u>	<u>Abbreviations</u>
Minneapolis ARTCC, Sectors Three and Four Controller	R3/4
Minneapolis ARTCC, Gopher Low Controller	R10
Northwest One Eighty Eight	NWA188
Minneapolis ARTCC, TWINZ Low Controller	R06
Minneapolis Approach, North Feeder Controller	M98NF
Minneapolis Approach, Departure Controller	M98D

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Minneapolis ARTCC

0125  
(0126-0129)  
0130  
0130:40 R3/4 three and four

0130:41 R10 sector ten point out east of siren northwest one eighty eight landing minneapolis (unintelligible)

0130:45 R3/4 northwest one eighty eight point out approved (unintelligible)

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- 0130:46 NWA188 northwest one eighty eight with you ah we're going direct ollee and we're at twenty four
- 0130:50 R06 ah six
- 0130:51 R10 sector ten point out north of eau claire northwest one eighty eight landing minneapolis
- 0130:54 R06 northwest one eighty eight (unintelligible)
- 0130:55 NWA188 northwest one eighty eight's with you at two four zero
- 0130:58 R10 northwest one eighty eight minneapolis center roger for now cleared direct ollee for the gopher five arrival cross ollee intersection at and maintain one one thousand minneapolis altimeter three zero zero three
- 0131:09 NWA188 okay ollee at eleven and ah for the gopher five and ah expect runway three five
- 0131:13 R10 northwest one eighty eight ah i believe that's what you can expect ah approach will give you the final ah runway
- 0131:20 NWA188 okay thanks
- 0132  
(0133-0138)
- 0139  
0139:28 R10 north feeder sector ten
- 0139:33 R10 apreq
- 0139:34 M98NF north feeder
- 0139:35 R10 northwest one eighty eight direct gopher for gopher five arrival i'll show departure
- 0139:40 M98NF (unintelligible) just put him over the arrival please
- 0139:44 R10 (unintelligible)
- 0140
- 0141
- 0141:18 M98D ten north line departure

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0141:21 R10 sector ten

0141:23 M98D do you want to go ah direct gopher on one eighty eight

0141:25 R10 i did but feeder said he needs him over the arrival now  
(unintelligible)

0141:28 M98D oh okay (unintelligible)

0141:30 R10 thank you though

0142

0143

0143:53 R10 northwest one eighty eight contact minneapolis approach  
one two six point three five good night

0143:59 NWA188 twenty six thirty five northwest one eighty eight

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(0145-0148)

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<u>Agencies Making Transmissions</u>	<u>Abbreviations</u>
Minneapolis ARTCC, Sioux Falls High Controller	R19
Minneapolis ARTCC, O'Neill High Controller	R29
Northwest One Ninety Six	NWA196
Minneapolis ARTCC, Mankato Low Controller	R8/9
Minneapolis ARTCC, Sector Eleven Controller	R11
Unknown	UNK
Minneapolis ARTCC, Nodine High Controller	R15
Minneapolis ARTCC, Eau Claire High Controller	R16

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0033  
(0034-0037)  
0036  
0038:13 R19 sector number nineteen

0038:15 R29 twenty nine northwest one eighty eight is actually northo

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- 0038:17 R19 okay
- 0038:18 R29 denver tried going through a flight and then my supe went through ah company and he's still nordo so
- 0038:23 R19 still nordo okay
- 0038:24 R29 good luck (unintelligible)
- 0038:25 R19 alright thanks (unintelligible)  
0039
- 0039:27 R19 northwest one eighty eight ah descend and maintain flight level two six zero
- 0039:35 R19 correction northwest one eighteen descend and maintain flight level two six zero
- 0039:45 R19 northwest one eighty eight minneapolis
- 0039:55 R19 northwest one ninety six ah ah do you have a second to contact ah your company northwest one eighty eight
- 0040:03 NWA196 sure
- 0040:05 R19 (unintelligible) northwest one ninety eight or ninety six ah have northwest one eighty eight come up on this frequency please
- 0040:14 NWA196 \*(and you expect him on this frequency) ah northwest one eighty eight ah one ninety six on a nineteen eighty seven how do you read
- 0040:25 NWA196 ah what frequency did you think they were on  
0041  
0042
- 0042:05 R19 and northwest one ninety six were you able to contact your company northwest one eighty eight
- 0042:11 NWA196 ah we passed the message on to ah dispatch to give (unintelligible) email
- 0042:15 R19 ah northwest one ninety six roger

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0043  
(0044-0045)  
0046  
0046:56 R19 northwest one eighty eight minneapolis  
0047  
0048  
0048:17 R19 northwest one eighty eight ah if you hear minneapolis  
center ident  
0049  
0050  
0051:00 R8/9 sectors eight nine  
  
0051:01 R19 ah sector number nineteen in reference northwest one  
eighty eight i just \*(p v deed em) up to you he is nordo  
um so just heads up on that i guess  
  
0051:09 R8/9 alright thanks  
  
0051:10 R19 alright  
  
0051:56 R19 northwest one eighty eight minneapolis  
0052  
(0053-0055)  
0056  
0056:12 R11 sector eleven  
  
0056:13 R19 ah sector numbers nineteen reference northwest one  
eighty eight point out at redwood falls ah he is nordo  
  
0056:20 R11 landing minny  
  
0056:21 R19 and we're still not talking to him ya he's suppose to be  
landing minny  
  
0056:26 R11 (unintelligible) try my um u h f see or my ah guard see  
if i can (unintelligible)  
  
0056:32 R19 okay that would be awesome  
  
0056:33 R11 we'll see what i can do  
  
0056:34 R19 okay thanks  
  
0056:35 UNK \*(p w)

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- 0057  
0058  
0058:28 R15 sector fifteen
- 0058:29 R19 ah sector number nineteen ah point out for you you might have to expand out a little bit to the southwest of gopher is northwest one
- 0058:35 R15 (unintelligible)
- 0058:36 R19 eighty eight he's a minny lander
- 0058:38 R15 okay
- 0058:39 R19 he is nordo um i'm assuming he's going to hold over minneapolis or
- 0058:44 R15 ah do you want to work him down or
- 0058:47 R15 well (unintelligible) he's gonna have to go to one of the arrivals
- 0058:49 R19 well i mean he's he's nordo so if he
- 0058:52 R15 i know but if he's gonna go over the top he would go to sector sixteen for their arrival because i don't have an arrival
- 0058:56 R19 okay
- 0058:57 R15 ya know what i'm saying i mean if he if he needs to go over the top
- 0058:59 R19 right i just don't know what what their procedure is if they don't if they can't talk to anybody do they just hold over the airport
- 0059:03 R15 no i don't know i don't know ya can't reach him at all that's crazy (unintelligible)
- 0059:07 R19 right i can't reach him on guard or anything so um (unintelligible)

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0059:10 R15 arinc and all that

0059:11 R19 ya well for now ah

0059:12 R15 okay i'm watching him \*(point out approved)

0059:14 R19 \*(you just want to watch him) alright thanks \*(p w)  
0100

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of gopher northwest one eighty eight ah he's a nrode  
aircraft flight level three seven zero he's  
(unintelligible) he's suppose to be landing minneapolis  
\*(but)

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0102  
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Agencies Making Transmissions	Abbreviations
Denver ARTCC, Sector 09 Controller	ZDV9
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Unknown	UNK
Northwest One Eighteen	NWA118
Minneapolis ARTCC, Sioux Falls High Controller	R19
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0019  
(0020-0023)

0024  
0024:46 ZDV9 o'neill high nine on three

0024:50 R29 o'neill

0024:51 ZDV9 northwest one eighty eight come over

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- 0024:53 R29 no he didn't
- 0024:54 ZDV9 i'll go find him
- 0024:55 UNK alrighty
- 0024:59 R29 northwest one eighty eight
- 0025:00 NWA118 ya got a northwest one eighteen out here
- 0025:10 R29 ya northwest one eighteen i realize that company behind you one eighty eight will be following here should be showing up in a minute
- 0025:16 NWA118 \*(thanks)
- 0026 0026
- 0026:34 ZDV9 (unintelligible) o'neill high nine on the three went to company on northwest one eighty eight should be over (unintelligible) in a few minutes
- 0026:39 R29 o'neill say again
- 0026:40 ZDV9 went to company on northwest one eighty eight should be over in a few minutes
- 0026:42 R29 \*(a b)
- 0026:43 ZDV9 (unintelligible)
- 0027 (0028-0029)
- 0030
- 0030:36 R29 northwest one eighty eight
- 0031 (0032-0035)
- 0036
- 0036:42 R29 northwest one eighty eight
- 0037
- 0038
- 0038:13 R29 sector number nineteen
- 0038:15 R29 twenty nine northwest one eighty eight is actually nordo
- 0038:17 R19 okay

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- 0038:18 R29 denver tried going through a flight and then my supe went through ah company and he's still nordo so
- 0038:23 R19 still nordo okay
- 0038:24 R29 good luck (unintelligible)
- 0038:25 R19 alright thanks (unintelligible)
- 0039 0040 (0041~0110)  
0111 0111:45 R29 northwest one eighty eight contact minneapolis center one one niner point eight seven
- 0111:45 R29 hey denver nine on the four line
- 0111:48 ZDV9 denver nine
- 0111:49 R29 were you working that northwest one eighty eight that was nordo
- 0111:52 ZDV9 um i'm not sure i just sat down let me check just a second
- 0111:59 ZDV9 ah negative ah the previous controller or the r side hasn't worked him
- 0112 0112:03 R29 alright um
- 0112:04 ZDV9 you guys looking for him or
- 0112:05 R29 ya he's fifty miles northeast of minneapolis at thirty seven going east bound he's \*(destination minneapolis) nordo
- 0112:10 ZDV9 (unintelligible) he would he would have come through nine or eight or something
- 0112:13 R29 ya nine gave him to me nordo and ah i was just wondering what freq he might have been last talked to us on
- 0112:18 ZDV9 ah it would have been one it would have been our

frequency one twenty six thirty two if he was here we  
can we'll shout for him in the blind

- 0112:24 R29 we might have somebody ah he's way northeast of  
minneapolis we may have somebody use that freq though  
for a minute
- 0112:28 EDV9 okay if we i don't think we'll hear him \*(but we'll talk  
s r)
- 0112:30 R29 (unintelligible)
- 0112:34 D13 \*(um) sector thirteen
- 0112:35 R29 hey this is twenty nine that northwest one eighty eight
- 0112:37 D13 ya
- 0112:38 R29 he might have been on twenty six thirty two back in  
denver center
- 0112:41 D13 twenty six thirty two
- 0112:42 R29 try another pilot see if he can get him
- 0112:43 D13 okay we'll do it
- 0112:44 R29 just an idea (unintelligible)
- 0112:45 D13 yep (unintelligible)  
0113  
(0114-0117)  
0118

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# Federal Aviation Administration

## Memorandum

Date: October 30, 2009  
 To: System Ops Litigation  
 From: Minneapolis Air Route Traffic Control Center  
 Subject: INFORMATION: Partial Transcript  
 Pilot Deviation NWA168  
 Minneapolis , MN, October 22, 2009

This transcription covers the Minneapolis Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC) 11 R position for the time period from October 22, 2009, 0051 UTC, to October 22, 2009, 0121 UTC.

<u>Agencies Making Transmissions</u>	<u>Abbreviations</u>
Minneapolis ARTCC, Sector Eleven Controller	R11
Minneapolis ARTCC, Sioux Falls High Controller	R19
Unknown	UNK
Minneapolis ARTCC, Eau Claire High Controller	R16

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[REDACTED]  
 Theodore M. Thomas  
 Acting Quality Assurance Manager  
 Minneapolis ARTCC

0051  
 (0052-0055)  
 0056  
 0056:12 R11 sector eleven

0056:13 R19 ah sector numbers nineteen reference northwest one eighty eight point out at redwood falls ah he is nordo

0056:20 R11 landing minny

0056:21 R19 and we're still not talking to him ya he's suppose to be

landing minny

0056:26 R11 (unintelligible) try my um u h f see or my ah guard see if i can (unintelligible)

0056:32 R19 okay that would be awesome

0056:33 R11 we'll see what i can do

0056:34 R19 okay thanks

0056:35 UNK \*(p w)

0056:40 R11 northwest one eighty eight one northwest one eight eight contact minneapolis center one one niner point eight seven for lower

0057

0057:47 R11 northwest one eight eight contact minneapolis center one one niner point eight seven

0058  
(0059-0104)

0105

0105:59 UNK who's lookin for one eighty eight

0106:13 UNK okay we'll send a message to company you want one eighty eight on nineteen eighty seven correct

0107

0108

0109

0109:38 UNK uh one eighty eight they're lookin for ya on twenty five five

0110

0110:53 UNK (unintelligible) eighty seven we passed that along and they said one eighty eight got the message

0111

0111:05 UNK (unintelligible) what frequency you like uh like him on now we'll send another message

0111:10 R11 northwest one eighty eight on frequency one three three point seven five

0111:18 UNK okay we'll send a message have one eighty eight go to

0112

0113

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0114  
0114:48 R16 sector ah sixteen  
  
0114:49 R11 eleven  
  
0114:55 R11 are you talking to that northwest one eighty eight now or (unintelligible) thirteen is  
  
0114:56 R16 nope  
  
0114:58 R16 well nobody's talking to him  
  
0114:59 R11 (unintelligible) they took nando out of his \*(flight plan)  
  
0115:01 R16 oh ya you're right maybe something is happening  
  
0115:03 R11 ah i broadcast i heard some (unintelligible) ah chit chat about (unintelligible) ah  
  
0115:06 R16 they got him i just heard they got him  
  
0115:08 R11 okay thanks  
0116  
(0117-0120)  
0121

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## Memorandum

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To: System Ops Litigation

From: Minneapolis Air Route Traffic Control Center

Subject: INFORMATION: Partial Transcript  
Pilot Deviation NWA188  
Minneapolis, MN, October 22, 2009

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### Agencies Making Transmissions

Minneapolis ARTCC, Sawyer High Controller  
Northwest Fifteen Fifty Three  
Northwest One Eighty Eight  
Minneapolis ARTCC, Eau Claire High  
Controller

### Abbreviations

R13  
NWA1553  
NWA188  
R16

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[REDACTED]  
Theodore N. Thomas  
Acting Quality Assurance Manager  
Minneapolis ARTCC

0107  
(0108-0111)  
0112  
0112:51      R13      northwest fifteen fifty three could you do a relay to ah  
company

0112:51      R13      northwest fifteen fifty three could you do a relay to ah  
company

0112:56      NWA1553      sure we can ah do that i did send a message to ah  
dispatch ah for thirty three seventy five now  
(unintelligible)

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- 0113:02 R13 okay nope it's ah if you'd switch to a frequency one two six point three two twenty six thirty two broadcast for northwest one eighty eight see if you can raise that aircraft on that frequency please
- 0113:12 NWA1553 okay and where would you like me to send em if i get em there
- 0113:15 R13 ah right here if you would please ah twenty three seventy two
- 0113:19 NWA1553 okay we'll do that  
0114
- 0114:06 NWA188 minneapolis northwest one eighty eight
- 0114:10 R13 northwest one eighty eight minneapolis center ah go ahead
- 0114:14 NWA188 ah roger ah we got ah distracted and we've over flown ah minneapolis we're are over head eau claire and would like to make a one eighty and do arrival from eau claire
- 0114:24 R13 northwest one eighty eight roger turn to the right to a heading of one zero zero be radar vectors sets you up they are holding there and um we'll see if we can't get you in
- 0114:36 NWA188 okay copy a right one eighty to eau claire and expect holding at eau claire
- 0114:41 R13 and a northwest one eight eight fly the heading of one zero zero be ah radar vectors for your descent also and you are cleared to minneapolis ah via radar vectors heading one zero zero for eau claire and the eau claire eight arrival
- 0114:55 NWA188 okay copy a one zero zero to pick up the eau claire eight arrival northwest one eighty eight  
0115
- 0115:08 NWA1553 and northwest one eighty eight center um wants you up on ah thirty three seventy five
- 0115:15 NWA188 okay we'll come up on thirty three seventy five

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- 0115:17 R13 uh and northwest one eighty eight no stay right here one two three point seven two twenty three seventy two for now and i'll have you over that arrival sector here in just a moment
- 0115:28 NWA188 okay do you want us to stay here on thirty three forty five or twenty three seventy two
- 0115:32 R13 ah you can stay right here and um on this frequency and I just have to verify that the cockpit is secure
- 0115:39 NWA188 it is secure we got distracted we were ah
- 0115:44 NWA188 (unintelligible) \*(never heard a call and we just) (unintelligible)
- 0115:49 R13 northwest one eighty eight roger
- 0115:56 R13 northwest one eighty eight turn right to a heading of one three five
- 0115:59 NWA188 right turn to one three five northwest one eighty eight
- 0116:15 R13 northwest one eighty eight do you have ah enough ah fuel to hold or do you need to ah get into minneapolis
- 0116:22 NWA188 ah we're ah we're good on fuel we could hold we'd just as soon go right in if we could
- 0116:27 R13 okay well um we got you stuck on top of a holding stack at a eau claire i'll see i'll see what kind of delay it is and what ah they have planned for ya
- 0116:37 NWA188 thanks much  
0117
- 0117:04 R13 northwest one eighty eight turn right to a heading of two one zero
- 0117:08 NWA188 two one zero northwest one eighty eight
- 0117:10 R13 northwest one eighty eight descend and maintain flight level three two zero

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0117:14 NWA188 down to three two zero northwest one eighty eight

0117:29 R13 and northwest one eighty eight you can contact  
minneapolis center one three three point seven five  
thirty three seventy five we'll see ya later

0117:35 NWA188 thirty three seventy five northwest one eighty eight

0118

(0119-0126)

0127

0127:08 R13 this is sector thirteen

0127:09 R16 sixteen point out east of siren northwest one eighty  
eight we gotta turn him north and west and give him a  
couple turns before we (unintelligible)

0127:14 R13 northwest one eighty eight's your control d t

0127:15 R16 (unintelligible)

0128

(0129-0132)

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