

Docket No. **SA-509**

Exhibit No. **3M**

**NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY
BOARD**

WASHINGTON, D.C.

**EXCERPTS FROM THE TRANSCRIPTS FROM THE PUBLIC
HEARING, USAIR FLIGHT 1016, CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA**

1 THE WITNESS: No, I don't believe I did say.
2 I said, normally there is a forecast by the center
3 weather unit. I don't recall particularly receiving
4 one that evening.

5 MR. PARHAM: If you had received one, what
6 are you required to do with that?

7 THE WITNESS: Well, we plan our operations
8 accordingly by the weather information that we receive.

9 MR. PARHAM: Are you required to pass that
10 information on to the control tower personnel?

11 THE WITNESS: Again, only to the extent that
12 it will impact the operations that he can expect.

13 MR. PARHAM: Are you required to pass that
14 information on to the Tracon's supervisor?

15 THE WITNESS: Normally, the Tracon supervisor
16 is already aware of that information.

17 MR. PARHAM: As the supervisor and a previous
18 controller, are you familiar with the CIC duties and
19 responsibilities and familiar with Charlotte Order
20 7210.4 dated November 11, 1993? Correction, 7220.4.

21 THE WITNESS: I know that order. I don't
22 know exactly what paragraph you're referencing.

23 MR. PARHAM: Are you familiar with the
24 requirements in this order that each controller be
25 advised of the visibility individually and

1 specifically. That a statement of a blanket clearance
2 is not acceptable?

3 THE WITNESS: Yes.

4 MR. PARHAM: I have no further questions.

5 Thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN HAMMERSCHMIDT: Thank you, Mr.

7 Parham. Honeywell?

8 MR. THOMAS: I have no questions. Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN HAMMERSCHMIDT: Thank you. Airline
10 Pilots Association.

11 MR. TULLY: I just have a few questions.

12 Good morning, Mr. Koon. At what point did
13 you become aware that there was a thunderstorm over the
14 field?

15 THE WITNESS: I didn't have a perception of
16 the thunderstorm as much as I had a perception of rain.

17 MR. TULLY: You stated earlier that you did
18 not see any lightening. Is that correct?

19 THE WITNESS: That's correct.

20 MR. TULLY: Were you aware that lightening
21 was striking in the vicinity of the airport?

22 THE WITNESS: I heard, I believe, the local
23 east controller say he had observed lightening. My
24 perception was that lightening was saw in the southeast
25 at the distance to some degree.