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Dear Mr. Fox:

Please accept this statement as part of your investigation of the crash involving a Hawker Beechcraft jet on July 27, 2010. Your reference number is CEN10FA443.

On July 27, 2010, I attended the EAA Airventure event in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. On this date, I witnessed a portion of the accident involving a gray private jet which later became known to me as tail number N6JR. I do not recall the exact time of the accident, but do recall it was after 6:00 PM because the air show had ended for the day.

At the time of the accident, I was seated on a bench located just east of the Theater in the Woods pavilion and west of the Vintage Hangar pavilion. I was facing east toward runway 18R/36L. Although my view to the east was somewhat obscured by trees, there was an opening in the trees that allowed me to clearly see a gray colored twin engine small business jet coming directly toward me with the landing gear down. I do not know the jet's exact compass direction, but given the direction I was facing I believe the jet was flying slightly south of a westerly direction on what appeared to be a base leg toward runway 18R.

At some time during the base leg, the jet turned south (to the jet's left and my right) at which time I lost sight of it due to the trees. Prior to losing sight of the jet, I did not notice a significant angle of bank to its left. I would estimate that I observed approximately 30 percent of the turn.

While still facing east, the trees that obstructed my view continued to the right until they ended at approximately my 2 o'clock position. At approximately the same instant that I lost sight of the jet, to my right for one to two seconds I saw what appeared to be a yellow high-winged single engine small airplane on a southerly direction. The aircraft's wings appeared to be level and it was in a shallow climb but at a low altitude. I could not estimate its exact height. I noticed this airplane because of its color and how it contrasted with the green color of the tree leaves. The flight path and proximity of the yellow airplane to me made me believe it was flying above runway 18R.

After seeing this, I heard a sound similar to a loud car crash and then the sound of a loud jet engine. I proceeded toward the sound and observed a gray twin engine private business jet with tail number N6JR. This jet was lying in the grass on the lower fuselage to the west of the runway. The landing gear was missing. The aircraft was facing north-northeast with at least one engine still operating. The sound of the engine was loud and remained this way for approximately 60-90 seconds at which time the pilot reduced engine power to what appeared to be idle, then eventually off. The fuselage was broken in two vertically around the circumference of the fuselage even with the trailing edge of the wing. The tail section was still attached to the forward portion of the fuselage. With assistance of firefighters, a male and female were removed via the forward access door.

For your reference, I was standing directly behind a CNN cameraman while he was taking video and speaking with someone about this accident via cell phone. This video was eventually uploaded to their website. At your request, I will provide personal digital still photographs taken at the scene. These photographs are essentially the same as what the CNN cameraman recorded.

I trust this meets your needs. If you or another investigator have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at the numbers below, or my personal email

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Sincerely,

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