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### **GROUP CHAIRMAN'S FACTUAL REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**

### **DCA11IA015**

By Bill Tuccio

### WARNING

The reader of this report is cautioned that the transcription of a cockpit voice recorder audio recording is not a precise science but is the best product possible from a Safety Board group investigative effort. The transcript or parts thereof, if taken out of context, could be misleading. The transcript should be viewed as an accident investigation tool to be used in conjunction with other evidence gathered during the investigation. Conclusions or interpretations should not be made using the transcript as the sole source of information.

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### **Cockpit Voice Recorder - 12**

# Group Chairman's Factual Report By Bill Tuccio

#### A. EVENT

Location: Jackson Hole, Wyoming

Date: December 29, 2010, 11:30 Mountain Standard Time (MST)

Aircraft: Boeing-757-200, N668AA Operator: American Airlines, Flight 2253

NTSB Number: DCA11IA015

**B. GROUP** A group was convened on January 4, 2011\*.

Chairman: Bill Tuccio

National Transportation Safety Board

Member: Bob Hendrickson

Air Safety Investigator

Federal Aviation Administration

Member: Thomas Lange

Captain, Senior Safety Pilot The Boeing Company

Member: Chuck Harman

Captain

Allied Pilots Association (APA)

#### C. SUMMARY

On December 29, 2010, at approximately 11:38 mountain standard time (MST), American Airlines flight 2253, a Boeing 757-200, registration N668AA, overran runway 19 upon landing at Jackson Hole Airport (KJAC), Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Preliminary reports indicate that the airplane came to rest approximately 350 feet past the runway overrun area. There were no injuries to the 179 passengers and 6 crew on board, and preliminary reports indicate that the airplane was undamaged. Passengers were

American Airlines was not a group member as their party status was revoked January 1, 2011.

deplaned using airstairs, and the airplane was towed to the ramp and secured for further examination. A solid-state cockpit voice recorder (CVR) was sent to the National Transportation Safety Board's Audio Laboratory for readout. The CVR group meeting convened on January 4, 2011 and a partial transcript was prepared for a 2 minute 3 second portion of the recording 46 minutes 22 seconds before the end of the recording. Additionally, a transcript was prepared for the final 31 minutes 3 seconds of the 2-hour 4 minute 31 second digital recording (see attached).

### D. <u>DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION</u>

On December 30, 2010, the NTSB Vehicle Recorder Division's Audio Laboratory received the following CVR:

Recorder Manufacturer/Model: L-3 Communications FA2100-1020

Recorder Serial Number: 107348

### **Recorder Description**

Per Federal regulation, CVRs record a minimum of the last 30 minutes of aircraft operation; this is accomplished by recording over the oldest audio data. When the CVR is deactivated or removed from the airplane, it retains only the most recent 30 minutes or 2 hours of CVR operation, depending on the CVR model. This model CVR, the L-3 Communications FA2100-1020, is a solid-state CVR that records 2 hours of digital cockpit audio. Specifically, it contains a 2-channel recording of the last 2 hours of operation and separately contains a 4-channel recording of the last 30 minutes of operation. The 2-hour portion of the recording is comprised of one channel of audio information from the cockpit area microphone (CAM) and one channel that combines two audio sources: the captain's audio panel information and the first officer's audio panel information. The 30-minute portion of the recording contains 4 channels of audio data; one channel for each flight crew; one channel for the observer; and one channel for the CAM audio information.

### **Recorder Damage**

Upon arrival at the audio laboratory, it was evident that the CVR had not sustained any heat or structural damage and the audio information was extracted from the recorder normally, without difficulty.

### **Audio Recording Description**

For the 2-hour portion of the CVR recording, each channel contained good quality<sup>†</sup> audio information. As shown in the table below, the 30-minute portion of the recording consisted of three channels of useable audio information. Each channel's audio quality is indicated in the table.

Channel Number	Content/Source	Quality
1	Captain	excellent
2	First Officer	excellent

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup> See attached CVR Quality Rating Scale.

Channel Number	Content/Source	Quality
3	Other	excellent
4	CAM	good

#### **Timing and Correlation**

Timing on the transcript was established by correlating the CVR events to common events on the flight data recorder (FDR). Specifically, five radio transmissions that the aircraft made on the 30 minute recording were correlated to the radio transmit microphone key parameter from the FDR (CVR 24:50.649, 21:29.148, 21:22.155, 20:08.655, and 19:59.798). Each of the five radio transmissions acted as an anchor point for a linear interpolation between the remaining CVR events. It was determined that FDR Subframe Reference Number (SRN) 157,772 aligned to 30 minute CVR elapsed time 19:59.798. The FDR SRN of 157,772 corresponded to FDR UTC time of 18:33:23 or 11:33:23 MST. This correlation resulted in adding 11:13:23.202 to the 30 minute CVR recording elapsed time and adding 9:40:19.995 to the 2 hour CVR recording elapsed time to convert to MST.

#### **Description of Audio Events**

The recording began at 9:40:20, with the aircraft in cruise at flight level 380. The first officer was the flying pilot and the captain the non-flying pilot. Crew conversations and radio traffic indicated turbulence conditions of continuous light chop. When the recording began, the crew was mid-discussion about landing distance performance of the Boeing 757 aircraft. Included in the discussion were comments about the Vail, Colorado airport and how landing distance is affected by aircraft weight, braking action and thrust reversers. The captain noted in passing his surprise that thrust reversers were not required by the MEL<sup>‡</sup> at the Jackson Hole airport.

At 10:48:51, the first officer advised the captain of MU<sup>§</sup> values received for Jackson Hole of 45, 54, and 32. The captain acknowledged the MU values and noted the importance of stopping the airplane early in the landing role.

After unsuccessful attempts to get the ATIS at Jackson Hole, an approach briefing was conducted. The approach briefing is captured in the attached transcript.

Following the approach briefing, at 11:03:42, the captain confirmed with Salt Lake center there would be no delays or holding going into Jackson Hole. Thereafter, the captain received ATIS information Victor at Jackson Hole recorded at 17:45 UTC. The ATIS indicated sky conditions of 400 foot broken and 1,000 foot overcast clouds, 3/4 mile visibility in light snow, winds from 230 degrees at 10 knots, temperature -4 Celsius, dewpoint -7 Celsius, 29.16 on the altimeter, and MU values of 45, 54, 32 measured at 17:10 UTC by a SAAB friction tester. The runway condition was reported as thin loose snow over patchy thin snow and ice. A previously landing aircraft, a Challenger 30, reported braking action in the first 2/3rds of the runway as good and poor in the last

<sup>‡</sup> MEL means minimum equipment list. An MEL allows aircraft to operate with certain equipment inoperative, often with additional limitations placed on aircraft operations.

§ The Aeronautical Information Manual (AIM) defines MU (pronounced "myew") as "used to designate a friction value representing runway surface conditions" (2010, section 4-3-9). The AIM and other FAA Advisory circulars provide guidance for interpretation of MU values.

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1/3rd. A departing Pilatus reported bases as 6,900 feet, trace rime ice from 13,000 to 15,000 and negative turbulence in the climb.

Upon receipt of the ATIS, the captain briefed the first officer on the ATIS and field conditions, highlighting the braking action and his concern about the last 1/3rd of the runway. The remainder of the flight is covered by the attached transcript.

The recording ended at 11:44:27 as the crew pulled the CVR circuit breaker.

As part of the Safety Board's accident investigation process, the flight crew was invited to review the CVR transcript and suggest corrections or additions. The first officer declined the invitation. The captain accepted the invitation and reviewed part of the transcript on March 14, 2011.

The captain's only addition was that when the transcript identifies, "[sound of multiple mechanical clicks and thumps]" at 11:37:44.8, the captain believed one of the clicks recorded was the sound of spoiler handle automatic actuation.

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#### **CVR Quality Rating Scale**

The levels of recording quality are characterized by the following traits of the cockpit voice recorder information:

#### **Excellent Quality**

Virtually all of the crew conversations could be accurately and easily understood. The transcript that was developed may indicate only one or two words that were not intelligible. Any loss in the transcript is usually attributed to simultaneous cockpit/radio transmissions that obscure each other.

#### **Good Quality**

Most of the crew conversations could be accurately and easily understood. The transcript that was developed may indicate several words or phrases that were not intelligible. Any loss in the transcript can be attributed to minor technical deficiencies or momentary dropouts in the recording system or to a large number of simultaneous cockpit/radio transmissions that obscure each other.

#### **Fair Quality**

The majority of the crew conversations were intelligible. The transcript that was developed may indicate passages where conversations were unintelligible or fragmented. This type of recording is usually caused by cockpit noise that obscures portions of the voice signals or by a minor electrical or mechanical failure of the CVR system that distorts or obscures the audio information.

#### **Poor Quality**

Extraordinary means had to be used to make some of the crew conversations intelligible. The transcript that was developed may indicate fragmented phrases and conversations and may indicate extensive passages where conversations were missing or unintelligible. This type of recording is usually caused by a combination of a high cockpit noise level with a low voice signal (poor signal-tonoise ratio) or by a mechanical or electrical failure of the CVR system that severely distorts or obscures the audio information.

#### Unusable

Crew conversations may be discerned, but neither ordinary nor extraordinary means made it possible to develop a meaningful transcript of the conversations. This type of recording is usually caused by an almost total mechanical or electrical failure of the CVR system.

Transcript of a L-3 Communications FA2100-1020 solid-state cockpit voice recorder, serial number 107348, installed on an American Airlines Boeing-757-200 (N668AA), which overran the runway at Jackson Hole Airport (JAC) in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

### **LEGEND**

CAM	Cockpit area microphone voice or sound source
НОТ	Flight crew audio panel voice or sound source
RDO	Radio transmissions from N668AA
CTR	Radio transmission from Salt Lake center controller
ATIS	Radio transmission from Jackson Hole Automatic Terminal Information Service
OPS	Radio transmission from the Jackson Hole American Airlines operations
PA	Public address system in aircraft
TWR	Radio transmission from the Jackson Hole airport tower controller
<b>EGPWS</b>	Enhanced Ground Proximity Warning System
AC	Delta flight 1331
SAAB	SAAB friction tester vehicle
ARFF	Airport rescue and firefighters
CRASH	Airport crash and rescue
-1	Voice identified as the captain
-2	Voice identified as the first officer
3	Voice identified as the flight attendant
-?	Voice unidentified
*	Unintelligible word
#	Expletive
@	Non-pertinent word
( )	Questionable insertion
[ ]	Editorial insertion

- Note 1: Times are expressed in mountain standard time (MST).
- Note 2: Generally, only radio transmissions to and from the accident aircraft were transcribed.
- Note 3: Words shown with excess vowels, letters, or drawn out syllables are a phonetic representation of the words as spoken.
- Note 4: A non-pertinent word, where noted, refers to a word not directly related to the operation, control or condition of the aircraft.

### INTRA-AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATION CONTENT

TIME and SOURCE

AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION CONTENT

09:40:20.0

START OF RECORDING

10:58:29.7

START OF TRANSCRIPT (APPROACH BRIEFING PORTION)

10:58:29.7

**CAM-1** are you comfortable with the approach you want to go over it?

10:58:32.5

**CAM-2** ah yeh basically just like what we've been doing all month one oh nine one one eighty seven inbound we need three quarters of a mile sixty six

fifty one is the M-D-A six fifty one.

10:58:46.1

**CAM-1** ah six fifty one I was doin' I was doin' the outbound I have the seventy

four fifty for the outbound.

10:58:51.5

CAM-2 yep.

10:58:51.9

CAM \*

10:58:52.4

**CAM-2** uh if we \* if we miss and we're prior to that two point eight D-M-E we'll do

the left hand turn back around we'll probably hafta' do the whole thing

back around.

10:59:01.9

**CAM-1** yeah \* have to go up to DUNOIR.

10:59:03.7

CAM-2 right.

10:59:04.0

**CAM-1** if we're burnin' if were burnin' we'll turn right around and come in if we're

have a other maintenance issues if not we're on fire let's go to Salt Lake

you know what I mean with this weather.

TIME and SOURCE

AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION CONTENT

10:59:04.1

**CAM-2** and the weather is.

10:59:12.8

CAM-2 okay.

10:59:14.0

CAM-2 yep.

10:59:14.9

CAM-2

um missed is in the box be straight out there to KICNE at \* there is terrain we know about that I'll get slowed down for the turn comin' out of DUNOIR and we will \* if we come in below five hundred feet or so and uh and maybe a little bit earlier I'll be droppin' down to about a half a dot maybe a little more and touchdown in the first five hundred feet.

10:59:36.2

CAM-1

kind'a like what I did yesterday and I just closed the throttle and went for it because uh \* 'cause this thing'll float you know.

10:59:37.3

CAM-2 yeah.

10:59:39.8

CAM-2 right.

10:59:42.2

CAM-2 correct.

10:59:44.2

**CAM-2** speed 'ill be on and everything so I'll make sure all that.

10:59:48.2

CAM \*

10:59:49.2

**CAM-2** if you \* don't like what you see tell me to go around.

10:59:52.2

**CAM-1** okay one thirty one on the numbers.

TIME and SOURCE

AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION CONTENT

10:59:55.2

**CAM-2** one thirty one that works for me...left hand turn off...max brakes yeah.

11:00:02.6

**CAM-1** \* be slippery slippery max auto it'll be slippery at the end there.

11:00:04.7

CAM-2 yeah.

11:00:06.3

**CAM-2** right once we get down you know we're slowin' down I'll whenever you either want it or I'll hand it over to ya'.

11:00:13.3

CAM-1

yeah \* probably I'll get it just 'cause wanna make sure I'm comfortable with the steering in the turn before I get to the turn...cause it's got that ninety degree turn.

11:00:13.8

CAM-2 \*.

11:00:19.5

**CAM-2** right okay.

11:00:23.9

CAM-2 right.

11:00:26.6

**CAM-2** with those M-Us I almost stop before I turn.

11:00:30.1

**CAM-1** yeah well that's it.

**END OF TRANSCRIPT (APPROACH BRIEFING PORTION)** 

11:00:30.1

### INTRA-AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATION CONTENT

TIME and SOURCE

# AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION CONTENT

11:13:23.2

#### START OF TRANSCRIPT (LAST PORTION OF FLIGHT)

11:13:37.8

HOT-1

...at seventeen ten the guy landed after that called it good first two thirds poor the last one third but he was a uh Challenger thirty so little light guy.

11:13:37.9

CTR ...thirty two Salt Lake center roger other aircraft say again.

11:13:42.0

PA-3

ladies and gentlemen we are very shortly beginning our descent if you would make sure your seat belts is securely fastened once again thank you.

11:13:48.2

**HOT-2** skip we'll get her slowed down no matter what.

11:13:50.0

HOT-1

yeh um (ramp's a) light snow base is sixty nine hundred foot no ice in the arrival or turbulence.

11:14:00.5

**CAM-1** s'that last one third I'm worried about.

11:14:02.5

CAM-2 okay.

11:14:03.6

**CAM-1** but it's a light airplane.

11:14:05.0

CAM-2 right.

11:14:07.7

**HOT-1** alright I'm off just a minute.

11:14:08.7

HOT-2 okay.

### INTRA-AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATION CONTENT

TIME and SOURCE

AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION CONTENT

11:14:13.8

PA-1

well as you can tell we've started our descent into Jackson Hole, there are a few breaks in the clouds uh not sure all what we're going to see but ah give you an idea cause ah if the clouds do break a little bit its so spectacularly beautiful here uh (id would) be kind'a nice to know what we're gonna look at. we arrive in Jackson Hole from the Northeast ah through ah the (Togwotee Pass). ah if your lookin' off the left hand side uh out there through the clouds you can see the Wind River Range that works its way to the Northwest. we're gonna come up over the ah the south end of the (af sirc) range and the valley between them is the (Togwotee Pass) route twenty six. if you've ever driven that and that's ah the route we kind'a take into the ah valley as we fly due west. once we get in (to) the center of the valley we make a left hand turn start our descent to the south land to the south at the ah Jackson ah Hole airport. as you make that ah left turn to the south ah Jackson Lake will ah be close in on the right hand side it still has a little bit of open water and last we looked at it. and (then) of course the Tetons will be off our right. the highest one will be Grand Teton. Teton Villages will be a little bit south of the airport you won't be able to see them on landing if you're on the ah left hand side, as we enter the valley ah as we make that turn you'll have a nice view of the Snake River it'll be following us all the way, ah as we make the approach into the airport the ah the (Gros Ventre) Range is ah off to the left hand side. and ah on short final ah very close in it looks like it's right off the left wing tip you'll see Black Tail Butte if there is a break in the clouds an ah we didn't see it yesterday we saw it a couple days ago ah off the right as we ah just as we make the turn to the South we can look way off the right wing ah about thirty miles up we often get a nice view of ah Yellowstone Lake. we should be on the ground in Jackson Hole in ah about twenty minutes maybe just a little bit more than that.

11:16:07.3

**HOT-1** thank you sir.

11:16:08.2

**HOT-2** ah you're welcome.

11:16:21.0

**HOT-2** [sound of person humming]

11:16:26.8

**HOT-2** there goes the traffic we were up-

TIME and SOURCE

AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION CONTENT

11:16:28.5

HOT-1 yep.

11:16:29.0

**HOT-2** -above.

11:16:32.5

**HOT-1** I'm back to yah.

11:17:03.1

CTR American twenty two fifty three descend and maintain one six thousand Jackson altimeter two niner one five.

11:17:11.3

**RDO-1** descend to one six thousand altimeter two niner one five American ah

twenty two fifty three.

11:17:17.8

**HOT-2** two nine one five? holy #.

11:17:21.8

**HOT-1** yep two nine one six on theirs.

11:17:22.4

HOT-2 wow.

11:17:24.3

**HOT-2** sixteen thousand set.

11:17:43.1

PA-1 and now as we descend into the clouds here at Jackson a fairly strong wind about ah eighty miles an hour across the (Absircs) here could give us a little bump or two so at this time I would like to ask our flight attendants to complete their duties take their seats and remain seated

for the rest of the flight thank you.

11:17:59.7

**CAM-1** one six is what they give us.

TIME and INTRA-AIF SOURCE

INTRA-AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATION
CONTENT

TIME and SOURCE

AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION CONTENT

11:18:00.6

PA-3

in final preparation for our landing please adjust your seat back to the upright position and stow your tray table if you have taken carry on luggage out during the flight it does need to be once again beneath the seat in front of you please turn off and put away all electronic devices flight attendants will be collecting remaining service items we'll be landing soon.

11:18:01.8

**HOT-2** sixteen alright that's way down there two niner one six.

11:18:06.0

**CAM-1** this has two nine one six yeah.

11:18:07.9

**HOT-2** alright that works for me.

11:18:10.5

**CAM-1** that's low.

11:18:11.6

**HOT-2** it is.

11:18:22.5

**HOT-1** did the airplane perform ok?

11:18:24.3

**HOT-1** cruise checklist complete.

11:18:25.8

**HOT-2** yeah it did.

11:18:26.2

**HOT-1** we didn't divert did we?

11:18:27.3

**HOT-2** no not yet.

11:18:28.0

**HOT-1** alright.

**TIME and INTRA-AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATION** SOURCE CONTENT 11:18:36.8 HOT-1 uh-oh last time crew coordination last one for the year. 11:18:39.7 HOT-2 11:18:41.4 HOT-1 close close your eyes touch your nose yeah alright good. 11:18:43.5 HOT-2 good cool. 11:19:09.5 **HOT-2** v-ref one thirty one. 11:19:11.1 HOT-1 one thirty one set and cross checked. 11:19:14.1 flight instruments and bugs altimeters. HOT-2 11:19:15.9 HOT-1 two nine one six. 11:19:17.3 HOT-2 two nine sixteen. 11:19:19.2 HOT-2 brakes. 11:19:20.8 HOT-1 max auto. 11:19:21.1 HOT-2 maximus set. 11:19:44.9 [sound of person humming] HOT-2

TIME and

SOURCE

**AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION** 

CONTENT

### INTRA-AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATION CONTENT

TIME and SOURCE

### AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION CONTENT

11:19:55.3

**HOT-2** cloudy down here.

11:20:37.5

**CAM-1** I can see ah the reservoir up there.

11:21:15.4

**CAM-1** mu's forty three forty three thirty nine.

11:21:22.4

**CAM-1** so that's the only difference I can hear.

11:21:23.7

**HOT-2** what was it.

11:21:25.4

**CAM-1** forty three forty three thirty nine.

11:20:39.3

CTR American twenty two fifty three information Whiskey is now current.

11:20:42.5

**RDO-1** we'll pick it up.

11:20:43.3

**ATIS** 

...\* temperature minus five dewpoint minus seven altimeter two niner one four I-L-S approaches landing and departing runway one niner runway one niner M-U's forty three forty three thirty nine at one eight one zero reported by a SAAB friction tester thin loose snow over packed thin packed snow and ice on runway taxiway and ramps runway one niner MALS four hundred foot light bar out of service personnel and equipment on runway for snow removal braking action advisories are in effect hazardous weather information for the Northwest region available from flight watch or flight service PIREP time one seven three seven a Challenger thirty I-L-S runway one niner reported the first and second third of the runway braking action good last third braking action poor advise on initial contact you have information Whiskey. Jackson Hole tower information Whiskey time one eight one five wind one niner zero at six visibility three quarter light snow ceiling four hundred broken one thousand overcast temperature minus five...

TIME and **INTRA-AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATION** TIME and **AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION** SOURCE SOURCE CONTENT

11:21:27.6

HOT-2 okay I like that.

11:21:29.6

HOT-2 ah I heard men and equipment are clearing the runway right now too.

11:21:31.5

CAM-1 what.

11:21:33.0

CAM-1 what.

11:21:33.2

HOT-2 they they're clearing the runway right now is what they are saying on

ATIS too right so.

11:21:35.4

CAM-1 yeah.

11:22:03.4

CAM-1 fourteen.

11:22:08.6

HOT-2 fourteen set.

11:22:10.8

I-L-S one niner basically ah one ninety at six on your winds three CAM-1

quarters light snow and still four hundred over.

11:22:16.8

**CAM-2** alright.

11:22:26.9

RDO-1 American twenty two fifty three has Whiskey.

CONTENT

11:22:30.4

**CTR** American twenty two fifty three roger.

11:24:00.6

**HOT-2** heat?

### INTRA-AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATION CONTENT

TIME and SOURCE

# AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION CONTENT

11:24:01.7

**HOT-1** yep go ahead.

11:24:06.4

PA-1

ah there's also one other thing I would like to mention going to Jackson Hole if you've not been here before relatively short runway up here in the mountains it's been snowing today we don't ah try and make a smooth landing here at Jackson Hole we just ah put the aircraft ah on the runway very quickly and firmly and go into full reverse and then use a heavy amount of braking make sure we stop in the first ah part of the runway so ah just be aware of that that's normal procedure for a mountain airport.

11:24:29.5

CTR American twenty two fifty three descend and maintain one five thousand.

11:24:32.8

**RDO-1** one five thousand American twenty two fifty three.

11:24:35.6

**HOT-2** fifteen thousand.

11:24:36.6

**HOT** [sound of single chime]

11:25:21.2

**HOT-2** sixteen for fifteen.

11:25:24.1

**HOT-1** check we're sterile seat and smoking signs on.

11:25:35.8

**HOT-2** I see a little ice out there on the window and I got it on my probe my ah

windshield wiper out here.

11:25:43.9

**HOT-1** I'm not showing anything uh is it?

11:25:44.0

HOT-2 little flake I got a couple little flakes on my eh forward edge of that ole

windshield wiper out there.

### INTRA-AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATION CONTENT

TIME and SOURCE

### AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION CONTENT

11:25:53.8

**HOT-1** oh yeah just a little bit on that ah leading edge ju-

11:25:56.5

HOT-2 yeah.

11:25:57.3

**HOT-1** little light rime level at fifteen.

11:26:14.3

RDO-1 Jackson twenty two fifty three.

11:26:19.2

**OPS** hey captain @ @ here.

11:26:21.1

**RDO-1** how you doin' ah looks like the runway's pretty good we got forty three forty three thirty nine ah little bit light snow eh.

. . .

11:26:27.1

okay did you just get that the SAAB just came off um so yeah its uh a

little better maybe than it was in the run out especially.

11:26:35.8

RDO-1

yeah that's what it looks like to us he just came off and they uh quickly changed the ATIS on it so uh it shouldn't be a problem we're just about eight miles out of DUNOIR so ah it should be on the ground in ah about thirty five after the hour.

11:26:46.4

**OPS** very good uh we'll see you there.

11:26:48.6

**RDO-1** see you then.

11:26:55.0

CTR

American twenty two fifty three cross DUNOIR V-O-R at or above one three thousand cleared I-L-S approach Jackson airport.

### INTRA-AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATION CONTENT

TIME and SOURCE

# AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION CONTENT

11:26:56.5

CAM-1 look at the ice.

11:27:01.5

RDO-1

okay cross DUNOIR at or above one three thousand ah cleared for the I-L-S ah runway one niner approach to ah Jackson Hole American ah twenty two fifty three.

11:27:11.6

RDO-1

and f-y-i up here at fifteen thousand American twenty two fifty three's getting light rime ice.

11:27:19.9

CTR

Cactus seventy eight roger and American twenty two fifty three say again.

11:27:23.7

**RDO-1** ah we're gettin' light rime ice here at ah one five thousand.

11:27:27.2

**CTR** American twenty two fifty three roger.

11:27:31.6

**HOT-1** you don't see much on this machine so you know you're gettin' it.

11:27:34.8

**HOT-1** remind me to hit the tail ah as we get to ah to FAPMO.

11:27:37.3

HOT-2 okay.

11:27:39.1

**HOT-2** alright.

11:28:00.2

**CTR** American twenty two fifty three do you have a ah temperature there.

11:28:05.7

**RDO-1** standby.

11:28:10.8

**HOT-1** where's my temperature?

11:28:22.9

**HOT-2** alright inside of DUNOIR if you set eleven for me.

11:28:26.9

**HOT-1** inside DUNOIR one one thousand for ah QUIRT.

11:28:33.2

**HOT-1** one one thousand.

11:28:34.9

HOT-2 eleven thousand set.

11:28:35.0

**HOT-1** I show you on the radial.

11:28:37.1

**HOT-2** thank you.

11:29:03.6

**HOT-2** below two forty flaps one.

11:29:06.8

**HOT-1** below two forty verified.

11:29:08.1

**CAM** [sound similar to flap handle movement]

TIME and SOURCE

AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION CONTENT

11:28:12.3

**RDO-1** minus sixteen degrees ah ah's what we're showin' up here.

11:28:18.2

CTR American twenty two fifty three roger let me know if you get out'a that ice

please.

11:28:22.2

RDO-1 wilco.

TIME and SOURCE

AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION CONTENT

11:29:09.8

**HOT** [sound of weak ident] (continues for approximately 30 seconds,

increasing in volume and clarity)

11:29:13.6

**HOT-1** little weak on the ah ident here.

11:29:31.7

**HOT-2** below two twenty flaps five.

11:29:35.7

**HOT-1** verified flaps five.

11:29:36.8

**CAM** [sound similar to flap handle movement]

11:29:38.9

**HOT-1** ah I-L-S one niner identifies Jackson Hole.

11:29:42.7

**HOT-2** thank you.

11:29:46.9

**HOT-1** there's the ground.

11:29:48.2

**HOT-2** below two ten flaps fifteen.

11:29:52.7

**HOT-1** verified.

11:29:53.7

**CAM** [sound of mechanical click]

11:30:05.8

**RDO-1** and Salt Lake American twenty two fifty three we came out of the ice about one three thousand.

11:30:13.4

**HOT-2** below one ninety five flaps twenty.

#### **INTRA-AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATION** CONTENT

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#### **AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION** CONTENT

11:30:17.8

CAM-1 verified.

11:30:18.5

CAM [sound similar to flap handle movement]

11:30:22.8

HOT-1 it's startin' tah come off do you see that.

11:30:24.7

HOT-2 yep.

11:30:28.0

CAM [sound of mechanical clicks]

11:30:29.8

HOT-2 spoilers are armed.

11:30:31.1

HOT-1 armed.

11:30:34.5

HOT-1 okay eleven ah twelve for eleven thousand.

11:30:37.1

HOT-2 twelve for eleven.

11:30:37.9

HOT-1 there's the dam at Jackson Lake.

11:31:11.4

HOT-2 in the turn. 11:30:14.9

CTR American twenty two fifty three roger contact Jackson tower one one eight point zero seven good day.

11:30:19.3

eighteen zero seven talk to you on the way out American twenty two fifty RDO-1 three.

TIME and SOURCE

AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION CONTENT

11:31:12.8

**HOT-1** there's the turn.

11:31:18.0

**HOT-2** come'n inside of QUIRT I got the localizer thank you ninety seven

hundred feet please.

11:31:20.4

**HOT-1** altitude capture.

11:31:23.9

**HOT-1** ninety seven.

11:31:24.8

**HOT-2** ninety seven.

11:31:32.0

**HOT-2** and approach is armed.

11:31:33.9

**HOT-1** 'kay good.

11:31:36.4

**RDO-1** Jackson ah tower American twenty two fifty three is at QUIRT.

11:31:42.1

**TWR** American twenty two fifty three Jackson tower report FAPMO.

11:31:45.9

**RDO-1** report FAPMO American twenty two fifty three missed you yesterday

what happened?

11:31:49.5

**TWR** American twenty two fifty three I thought it was noon that's what I was

told I'm real sorry about that we need to try again though.

11:31:56.6

**RDO-1** yeah we will ah fortunately I'll talk to you on the ground about it.

### INTRA-AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATION CONTENT

TIME and SOURCE

11:32:00.2 **TWR** 

# AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION CONTENT

American twenty two fifty three roger.

11:32:03.7

**HOT-2** alright loc capture glide slope's armed.

11:32:08.6

**HOT-1** loc captured glide slope armed that's confirmed.

11:32:21.3

**HOT-2** gear down.

11:32:23.4

**HOT-1** below two hundred fifty knots gear down.

11:32:25.0

TWR

American twenty two fifty three at one seven three seven a Challenger landed reporting the first and second half braking action good \* last oh sorry the first and second third braking action good the last third braking action poor.

11:32:38.1

**RDO-1** ah twenty two fifty three copy that an' uh we got the latest mu on the latest ATIS we got that ah PIREP too thank you very much.

11:32:45.4

**RDO-1** you're gonna see us ah brake real hard in the first part of the runway.

11:32:50.1

**TWR** American twenty two fifty three roger and request braking action upon arrival.

11:32:54.6

RDO-1 wilco.

11:32:55.9

**HOT-2** gear's down below one ninety flaps twenty five.

11:32:57.0

CAM-1 verified down.

### INTRA-AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATION CONTENT

TIME and SOURCE

# AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION CONTENT

11:32:59.0

**HOT-1** verified.

11:32:59.6

**CAM** [sound of mechanical click]

11:33:10.4

**HOT-1** gear.

11:33:11.2

**HOT-2** gear's down.

11:33:11.9

HOT-1 down.

11:33:13.1

**HOT-1** cleared the approach.

11:33:15.0

**HOT-2** glide slope's captured missed is comin' in.

11:33:17.3

**HOT-1** okay glide slope capture fourteen thousand that's set.

11:33:19.5

HOT-2 set.

11:32:57.7 **TWR** 

American twenty two fifty three if you could take note of bases tops turbulence and icing I'd appreciate that as well .

11:33:03.1

**RDO-1** wilco the only icing we've had so far we were at about fifteen thousand

feet got light rime ice.

11:33:09.5

TWR roger.

11:33:23.0

**RDO-1** and American ah twenty two fifty three is FAPMO.

### INTRA-AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATION CONTENT

TIME and SOURCE

# AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION CONTENT

11:33:26.0

**TWR** 

American twenty two fifty three wind two six zero at five runway one niner cleared to land.

11:33:31.9

**RDO-1** cleared to land ah runway one niner American twenty two fifty three.

11:33:34.5

**HOT-1** two sixty at five now so that's a crosswind okay.

11:33:38.1

**HOT-2** yes and ah below one sixty two flaps thirty.

11:33:41.4

**CAM** [sound of mechanical double click]

11:33:42.6

**HOT-1** verified.

11:33:43.0

**CAM** [sound of mechanical click]

11:33:47.4

HOT-1 flaps.

11:33:48.2

**HOT-2** I see thirty.

11:33:49.3

**HOT-1** thirty checklist complete cleared to land brakes f\* everything's good.

11:33:51.8

**HOT-2** okay got loc glideslope.

11:34:08.3

**HOT-2** radio altimeter's alive.

11:34:12.6

**HOT-2** right FAPMO lookin' got that good.

TIME and SOURCE

AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION CONTENT

11:34:16.9

**EGPWS** twenty five hundred.

11:34:30.1

**HOT-1** ice is breakin' up a little bit.

11:34:34.7

**HOT-1** minus six.

11:34:40.7

**AC** American at Jackson Delta thirteen thirty one.

11:34:45.4

**RDO-1** go ahead this is American twenty two fifty three.

11:34:47.5

AC yeh could you give us a PIREP when you br\*k \*--

11:34:49.2

TWR broadcasting tower.

11:34:52.4

**RDO-1** we're still airborne.

11:34:53.8

**RDO** [sound of double microphone click]

11:35:04.5

**HOT-2** I see the ground.

11:35:06.3

HOT-1 yep.

11:35:40.2

**HOT-1** see the ground way out here.

11:35:41.8

HOT-2 yeah.

TIME and **INTRA-AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATION** SOURCE CONTENT 11:35:42.4 HOT-1 yeah. 11:35:43.2 HOT-2 forward visibility's not very good. 11:35:45.0 HOT-1 no. 11:35:47.3 HOT-1 should be good because we're fifteen hundred feet above the ground we see down real well. 11:36:07.4 HOT-1 yeah Moose Lodge should be right here somewhere I... 11:36:13.0 HOT-1 there's Black Tail Butte right there...I see it...Moose Lodge is ah twelve o'clock low I see the lodge. 11:36:17.8 HOT-2 yep we got the river a-here I got the river and a bridge. 11:36:22.0 HOT-1 yep. 11:36:30.1 HOT-1 one thousand feet checklist complete cleared to land. 11:36:30.8 **EGPWS** one thousand. 11:37:05.2 **EGPWS** five hundred.

TIME and

SOURCE

11:36:30.8
EGPWS one thousand.

11:37:05.2
EGPWS five hundred.

11:37:06.7
HOT-2 pickin' up the runway.

11:37:07.3
HOT-1 speed's good pickin' up the runway I agree with you.

**AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION** 

CONTENT

TIME and SOURCE	INTRA-AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATION CONTENT
11:37:10.8 <b>HOT-1</b>	there's the lights sixty nine fifty.
11:37:12.3 <b>HOT-2</b>	get the lights.
11:37:13.9 <b>HOT-2</b>	autopilot's comin' off.
11:37:15.3 <b>HOT-1</b>	
11:37:16.3 <b>HOT-1</b>	ease er' down there.
11:37:18.0 <b>HOT-2</b>	throttles are off.
11:37:28.4 <b>HOT-1</b>	'bout two knots one knot slow.
11:37:31.9 <b>HOT-1</b>	keep er' comin' down push 'er down.
11:37:35.9 <b>EGPWS</b>	one hundred.
11:37:39.2 <b>EGPWS</b>	fifty.
11:37:40.3 <b>EGPWS</b>	forty.
11:37:40.7 <b>HOT-1</b>	
11:37:41.4 <b>EGPWS</b>	thirty.

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TIME and SOURCE	INTRA-AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATION CONTENT
11:37:42.3 <b>EGPWS</b>	
11:37:43.1 <b>EGPWS</b>	ten.
11:37:44.5 <b>HOT-1</b>	very good.
11:37:44.8 <b>CAM</b>	
11:37:46.3 <b>HOT-1</b>	deployed.
11:37:47.0 <b>CAM</b>	[sound of multiple mechanical clicks and thumps]
11:37:47.5 <b>HOT-1</b>	two in reverse.
11:37:48.0 <b>HOT-2</b>	no reverse [voice sounds strained].
11:37:48.8 <b>HOT-1</b>	I got it.
11:37:49.4 <b>HOT-1</b>	get the (rers) get the reverse.
11:37:51.1 <b>HOT-1</b>	I got it you steer.
11:37:51.1 <b>HOT-2</b>	I can't get it.
11:37:52.9 <b>HOT-2</b>	I'm steerin'.

AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION CONTENT

TIME and **TIME and INTRA-AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATION AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION** SOURCE SOURCE CONTENT CONTENT 11:37:53.6 HOT-1 auto brakes. 11:37:54.5 CAM [sound of physical exertion] [sound of multiple mechanical clicks and thumps] 11:37:58.9 HOT-1 heh. 11:37:59.6 alright I got max brake. HOT-1 11:38:03.6 HOT-2 #. 11:38:05.4 HOT there we go. 11:38:06.4 HOT-2 I don't know what the # is wrong. 11:38:08.3 **HOT-2** son of a #. 11:38:11.1 HOT-2 we're screwed. 11:38:13.9 RDO-2 and American ah twenty two fifty three is goin' off the end of the runway. 11:38:17.3 CAM [sound of rumbling] 11:38:19.4 **TWR** American twenty two fifty three roger.

11:38:24.3 **HOT-1** 

shut that.

TIME and **INTRA-AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATION** TIME and **AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION** SOURCE SOURCE CONTENT CONTENT 11:38:26.5 HOT-2 mother #. 11:38:32.4 RDO-1 call the ground crew. 11:38:35.0 PA-1 flight attendants stay in the airplane passengers stay in the airplane. 11:38:40.0 HOT-1 what happened? 11:38:41.3 CAM-2 I didn't get \* - auto \* - I couldn't pull-11:38:42.0 **TWR** American twenty two fifty three the...American twenty two fifty three trucks are rollin'. 11:38:49.4 HOT-1 thank-11:38:50.7 RDO-1 thank you we're gonna stay in the airplane. 11:38:53.0 **TWR** American twenty two fifty three roger. 11:38:56.1 **SAAB** Jackson gr- ah Jackson tower airport SAAB can you close the runway please.

11:38:58.0

**CAM-2** they would not come up.

11:38:59.2

CAM-1 I know it.

11:39:00.8

**TWR** airport SAAB copy wilco.

### INTRA-AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATION CONTENT

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# AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION CONTENT

11:39:00.9

**CAM-1** brakes di- they did not release.

11:39:03.9

**SAAB** and uh myself and the ARFF equipment will be on the runway.

11:39:05.1

**CAM-1** well...end of our career.

11:39:06.9

**HOT-2** # @...it's not the end we did everything right we didn't get the thrust

reversers.

11:39:12.2

HOT-1 yeah.

11:39:15.6

**HOT-2** son of a #.

11:39:18.1

**HOT-2** ape- you got the A-P-U goin'.

11:39:19.4

PA-1

ah ladies and gentlemen ah our ah thrust reversers didn't come on and we're gonna roll the ah ground crew. went off the edge of the runway here and uh ground crews are gonna come here and they're gonna assist us off the airplane. I've been here nineteen years and ah we got virtually no assist on the braking.

11:39:34.9

ARFF and American this is airport ARFF ah do you need any more assistance

as far as injuries er' ah you have any-

11:39:41.3

RDO-2 ah we're checkin' in the back right now for American twenty two fifty

three.

11:39:44.7

TWR Ameri

American twenty two fifty three you're checkin' for injuries right now is

that what you said?

### INTRA-AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATION CONTENT

TIME and SOURCE

# AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION CONTENT

11:39:44.8

**HOT-1** any injuries?...yeah that's the engines...right.

11:39:48.5

RDO-2

yeah captains on the horn ah ah talkin' to the ah flight attendants here right now.

11:39:52.9

**HOT-1** shut the engines.

11:39:54.9

**HOT-2** A-P-U up?

11:39:55.7

HOT-1 nobody no injuries yeah A-P-U's up.

11:40:03.8

**HOT-2** son of a #.

11:40:07.4

HOT-1 well.

11:40:08.8

PA-3

ah ladies and gentlemen just please remain seated with your seat belts fastened until further advised thank you.

11:40:14.7

PA-1

ah ladies and gentlemen captain @. they're gonna ah ah send out a ah trucks and ah check out the airplane first and then ah get us off to ah to the terminal here. ah we'll find out a way in just a minute. we're not sure what ah happened we're not sure if the braking didn't work. looked like it was but our reversers did not work so ah we're not sure what happened here. ah we'll talk to you as soon as I get more information. please remain please remain seated until you hear instructions from myself or the flight attendants.

11:40:41.8

HOT-2

did \* the flight attendants everybody okay in the back and everything? they're wantin' to know on the ground.

TIME and INTRA-AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATION SOURCE CONTENT

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AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION CONTENT

11:40:44.8

**HOT-1** yeah...yeah they're okay.

11:40:49.9

**HOT-2** (we) told fire fire department that.

11:40:52.0

HOT-1 hm.

11:40:53.0

**HOT-2** we tell the fire department that everybody's ok no injuries.

11:40:55.0

**HOT-1** yeah yeah.

11:41:10.2

**HOT-1** we got no braking action.

11:41:12.8

**HOT-2** we didn't get thrust reversers out .

11:40:47.7

**RDO-1** Jackson ops uh we off the runway did you copy that.

11:40:56.7

and uh fire department and ground American twenty two fifty three there are no injuries uh everybody's fine ah we'll just need to have ah ah \* may as well come out and check the airplane out and we'll go from there.

11:41:01.0

RDO-1 Jackson ops copy.

11:41:12.8

**ARFF** 

ah this is the airport ARFF ah we copy all that ah we'll get some maintenance techs out here and we'll start ah doin' snow removal to get you out.

11:41:22.4

RDO-2 okay thank you.

TIME and SOURCE

AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION CONTENT

11:41:23.7

**HOT-1** alright I'm gonna walk the airplane you stay on the radios.

11:41:25.5

**HOT-2** okay to park the brakes?

11:41:26.9

HOT-1 yeah.

11:41:29.5

**HOT-2** 'kay brakes are parked.

11:41:30.7

**CAM-1** there was no way to go around by the time we saw it either.

11:41:33.3

HOT-2 no we were sliding and uh uh I couldn't get the thrust reverser would not

come out they were stuck.

11:41:39.7

**CAM-1** that's why I tried \* gimme the thrust reversers you wouldn't give 'em to me yeah.

11:41:41.3

**HOT-2** and I went back and um pulled again and we would not could not get thrust reversers.

11:41:56.8

**HOT-2** I'm a run a ah after landing checklist here.

11:41:58.4

**CAM-1** yeah go ahead.

11:42:02.8

**HOT-2** flight directors are off autothrottle arm switch is off.

11:42:06.8

**TWR** crash commander all vehicles have ah access to runway one niner.

### INTRA-AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATION CONTENT

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# AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION CONTENT

11:42:07.1

**CAM-2** flaps \* spoilers stab trim.

11:42:11.8

**ARFF** roger copy that thank you.

11:42:14.4

PA-1

I apologize for that I'm not sure why the brakes didn't ah they didn't take and the thrust reversers didn't come on. there's no use ah getting off the airplane. is everybody okay uh alright we're going to uh bring up and they're gonna bring a uh a crew up here to remove the snow uh so that we can uh get a truck so uh may have to walk back to the terminal but uh we're just a little bit off the edge of the runway into the overrun and uh we don't want anybody to get hurt jumpin' into this heavy snow down here so we stay with the airplane as long as everything is runnin' good and uh should be just about fifteen twenty minutes we'll have more information. sorry about that.

11:42:47.1

**RDO-2** and ah fire rescue American ah twenty two fifty three.

11:43:01.9

**CAM-1** did we hit the uh \*.

11:43:03.1

HOT-2

no that's I don't that's what I'm askin' about there's one back here that's why I kicked it to the right.

11:43:17.5

**RDO-2** and tower American twenty two fifty three.

11:43:20.1

**TWR** American twenty two fifty three Jackson tower.

11:43:22.9

RDO-2

yeah is there any ah vehicles out there that can look I just want to confirm that we missed the ah the ah the ah lighting ah the departure end light er approach end lighting here ah we steered just to the right of it I just want to make sure we didn't clip that.

### INTRA-AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATION CONTENT

TIME and SOURCE

# AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION CONTENT

11:43:36.7

**TWR** 

American twenty two fifty three copy break airport SAAB did you copy that request?

11:43:47.8 **TWR** 

Airport SAAB Jackson tower.

11:43:57.3

**TWR** Crash Jackson tower.

11:43:58.1

**CAM-1** all right.

11:44:01.1

HOT-2

I asked 'em they're checking with a uh a uh truck out here to make sure we missed that other stanchion there's one just like that right behind us that's why I kicked it I kicked us right to make sure we're gonna' clear that.

11:44:01.2

**CAM-1** where ya at?

11:44:09.2

**CAM-1** yeah I can't see it.

11:44:09.5

**AC** Jackson hole tower Delta thirteen thirty one.

11:44:13.0

**TWR** Delta thirteen thirty one standby.

11:44:16.2

**HOT-2** should we pull the uh circuit breaker?

11:44:17.8

**CAM-1** yeah find it.

11:44:19.6

CRASH Jackson tower Crash two.

# INTRA-AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATION CONTENT

TIME and SOURCE

# AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION CONTENT

11:44:22.9

TWR Crash two Jackson tower American twenty two fifty three-

11:44:26.6
END OF TRANSCRIPT (LAST PORTION OF FLIGHT)
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