

**Docket No. SA-539**

**Exhibit No. 5-E**

**NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD**

**Washington, D.C.**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 09, 2016 10:31 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]  
**Attachments:** IMG\_0478.JPG; IMG\_0479.JPG; IMG\_0480.JPG; IMG\_0481.JPG; IMG\_0482.PNG

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 09, 2016 1:19 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:**

So here are some pics that were taken by our phones last Saturday morning as we drove down highway 80 coming out of Luling going to San Marcos ,it was about 7 : 10 and we were leaving our home and dropped of my grandson across the road from fentress airport at 7 : 30 we proceed on towards San Marcos hwy 80 westbound hust as we were getting up to the 130/80 cross roads we see the balloon and were very excited they always look beautiful floating in the sky even though this time the balloon was partially in the fog as we got closer on spot of cross rd I noticed something didn't look right and verbally repeated this to my wife and granddaughter , at that time we see the balloon, people , and the pilot , the pilot was pulling the handle to give more fire ( mind you I am not an expert on flying a balloon or working with the equipment ) but I can recognize when I see something wrong and the next few moments convinced us there was something wrong we still took pics and seen the !

balloon going up and down several time like struggling to stay in the air and again pilot yanked on the fire cord so many times I lost count , the ground crew ( what we believed were there to help the balloon ship ) so we pay no more attention to this , we figured they were gonna land cause of the circumstances excessive fog, equipment failure , pilot responsibility ????? So we continued on our way no thinking the worst of any situation and certainly not the final outcome , our prayers go out to the families of all who lost their loved ones who ever they may B , I hope this helps you as it is what we seen !!! You know how to contact me for further info !