



RECORD OF CONVERSATIONS

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Date: January 20, 2017

Person Contacted: Mr. Dennis Chan (Colleague and Friend)

NTSB Accident Number: WPR17FA055

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Mr. Chan in a telephone conversation on this date:

- Mr. Chan was a colleague and friend of the pilot
- They both worked at the same company, based in Torrance
- Mr. Chan is not a pilot, but took a few lessons, due in part to the exposure to flying by the pilot
- The pilot retired from his full time job at the company about 1.5 years ago, but returned on a part time basis
 - When he worked full time, he lived in Topanga, and drove to work
 - After he retired, he moved to near Tehachapi, and commuted 3 days a week to work, by airplane
 - He typically worked Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and flew back and forth each day between TSP and TOA
- Mr. Chan would pick the pilot up at TOA and drive him to work, and drive him back to TOA each evening
- Normally, the pilot would call or text Mr. Chan when he was "a half hour out" (from TOA) and give Mr. Chan an ETA so Mr. Chan could pick him up in his car
- Mr. Chan reported that the pilot missed very few flights due to weather
- Sometimes Mr. Chan would query the pilot as to whether he was flying in on one of his regular days if the pilot hadn't contacted him first
- On the day of the accident, Mr. Chan hadn't heard from the pilot but forgot to query him about his plans or whereabouts
- Mr. Chan had flown with the pilot "a lot" in both the Yankee and the Mooney
- He was told by the pilot that the pilot had the Mooney engine rebuilt because metal had been found in the engine oil

- Mr. Chan reported that the pilot's "passing was a shock to everyone," in part because he flew so regularly, and he was considered to be a good pilot
- Mr. Chan said the pilot regularly spoke with "Art," a mechanic at "Able Air" at Whiteman (WHP)
- Mr Chan only saw the pilot use the handheld GPS device(s) once, because most of their flights were short, local flights
- Mr. Chan thought the pilot might keep the logbooks in the airplane