

Memorandum of Conversation

Date: April 28, 2008

Conversation Included: Jim Cowan



Summary & Factual Information from Conversation:

Mr. Jim Cowan was asked how long the skydiving operation was in business and he responded since 1993. The operation was originally a corporation controlled by Jim and Scott Cowan. Jim sold his portion to his brother about November of 2003. The accident airplane was owned by a LLC controlled by Scott. He estimated that there were 10,000 to 12,000 skydivers flown per year. He stated that one year, a maximum of about 15,000 skydivers were flown. He indicated that skydivers, flying tandem, would strap together above 2,500 feet usually between three to ten minutes before exit. Mr. Cowan was asked how issues found by maintenance personnel were conveyed to the operator. He said that maintenance informed the operator through face-to-face or telephone conversations.

I can attest that the above summary and factual information was taken on the above stated day, and is correct to the best of my knowledge:

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