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Interview Summary of Karen Forcht
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Ms. Forcht was interviewed at Presbyterian Hospital on July, 7, 1994. Her interview is summarized below:

Sec #1

~~we were landing and it kind of felt funny like it felt like he gave it full engines and we were going to do a go around~~

~~there was shaking and then all of a sudden we hit the ground and we slid for awhile and then stopped~~

~~I started shouting commands, "RELEASE SEATBELTS AND GET DOWN!"~~

Sec #2

~~I felt the door in the back and tried to open it - I turned the handle and pulled and pulled and couldn't get it open~~

~~a big guy tried to help me pull it and then a woman came and she tried to help me and we couldn't pull it and then we got it cracked open and I could see smoke. Heat came out. I think the handle was hot but I just didn't know it because I burned my hands. Maybe because of all the commotion we didn't realize because her hands were also burned (her hands were also on the door handle)~~

~~I said, no, no, there's smoke, come this way, follow me and I wanted to go to aircraft right overwing exit but it had collapsed.~~

~~I looked up and I looked down and I couldn't get anywhere on the~~

#1 - While I was in my jumpseat, I felt the aircraft suddenly lose and gain altitude. The aircraft began to shake and then impacted.

- Upon our impact, I saw the front of the aircraft erupt in flames, forming a fireball which raced down the aisle towards me. Debris and passengers were thrown about the cabin.

- As the fireball approached me, debris from the collapsing fuselage blocked the aisle and protected me from becoming engulfed in the flames.

- When the aircraft came to a complete stop, I shouted my commands "Release seatbelts! Get out!", and unfastened my harness. The cabin was dark.

#2 - I assessed the tailcone door. Finding no signs of danger I tried to open it. I turned the handle, pulled with all my strength and couldn't get the door open.

- I instructed a large male passenger to help me pull the door open, but still with no success. A woman appeared and I instructed her to do the same. The three of us managed to open the door a slight amount, at which point I saw smoke and determined the exit to be unusable. I shouted "Exit blocked - turn around!"

- I then said, "Come with me to the window exits!", and tried to reach my secondary exit. The aisle was blocked in front of me. The air was filled with heavy smoke and fumes.

- I was looking on aircraft right for light coming through a break in the fuselage. We could only move forward about two or three rows. I turned to aircraft left to look for any openings. I found a small hole through which I could see light below passenger seats. Myself, one adult male, one adult female, and a small boy were able to escape through the small opening in the fuselage.

- After we exited the aircraft, I realized we had crashed into a residential area. I sought out a woman who appeared to be a passerby to confirm help was called and on the way. I then assisted others in the search for passengers until rescue personnel arrived. I accompanied other flight crew members while they entered the house to check for occupants.

- We assembled in a grassy area with the other survivors while rescuers and medical personnel began transporting the injured to medical facilities.

~~right side of the aircraft~~

~~then I was going to try to get to the left exit~~

~~I started walking and I could see like just a little bit of light on the left hand side and I crawled down below and I just started to crawl hands first through a hole in the floor and I got out that way and the woman got out that way and a little boy~~

~~I ran around to the back because I figured that man couldn't get through that man couldn't get through that little spot but the tail cone wasn't there I couldn't figure out where it was~~

-I saw a brick wall in the carport

-there was a family that moved from row 21 DEF and they told me it was the little boy's first flight and they wanted to move up to a window. I told them they could move up after all the passenger came on - they moved up about five rows

-an unaccompanied minor also moved up

~~I think there was a woman on the right side with a baby - I am not sure because I might have been confusing the accident flight with a previous flight~~

-I remembered the little girl with her "hair up in a little thing." They were running late and she asked me about her baggage and ~~I'm pretty sure that~~ she made it out because I saw her.

-there ~~might have been~~ ^{was} another lap baby

-She was ~~not~~ the flight attendant who said that the mother could strap the in-lap into a seat

-she had burns on her arms, ~~and~~ hands, legs, and face.

-she did not have trouble getting out of her seatbelt and she thought the seatbelt on the back jumpseat was very good. It is centered and you don't have to ever adjust it.

-she saw fire during the impact-it was a wall of fire when they hit the ground ~~and she put her arms up in front of her face and then it stopped~~

-overhead bin in front of her collapsed - the ceiling and floor came together

~~It was a continuous impact until we stopped.~~
~~she thought there were two impacts~~

-the restraining strap was up across the back. ~~She wanted that guy to help her with the door. She did not release the~~

~~restraining strap but she kept yanking on it and then he saw that she needed help and it came down. He tried to help.~~

-If it had been a useable exit, then she would have let the strap down, but it wasn't a useable exit so she left it up there.

-It was very "small back there" with everything caved in

-she exited to the left and down

-she had the "crew manifest" in her ^{dress} ~~apron~~ pocket and she gave it to rescuers-she couldn't hand it to them but someone pulled it out of her pocket

because both arms and hands were burned.
(Left & Right)

~~Karen Forcht~~ 83094

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Date