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## Memorandum

Date: January 25, 2017

To: Aircraft Accident File: BKL-FCT-0003

From: Cleveland Burke Lakefront Airport FAA Contract Tower

Subject: **INFORMATION**: Partial Transcript  
Aircraft Accident; N614SB  
Cleveland, OH, December 30, 2016

This transcription covers the Cleveland Burke Lakefront Airport FAA Contract Tower (FCT) Local Control position for the time period from December 30, 2016, 0317 UTC, to December 30, 2016, 0429 UTC.


Agencies making transmission

N614SB, C525  
Cleveland Burke Lakefront Airport FCT, Local Control  
Cleveland Hopkins Airport, TRACON  
United States Coast Guard  
Cleveland Center

Abbreviations

N614SB  
LC  
CLE  
CG  
ZOB

I certify that the following is a true transcription of the recorded conversations pertaining to the subject aircraft accident involving N614SB.

  
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0317  
(0318-0346)  
0347

0347:48      N614SB      burke uh clearance citation six one four sierra bravo i f r to uh  
oscar sierra uniform

0347:57      LC      citation six one four sierra bravo lakefront ground cleared to the

o s u airport via radar vectors herak hotel echo romeo alpha kilo  
waahu whiskey alpha alpha hotel uniform appleton alpha papa  
echo direct climb and maintain two thousand expect one two  
thousand one zero minutes after departure departure control  
frequency one two five point three five squawk five seven four  
four

0348:33 N614SB it's uh o s u radar vectors herak waahu appleton two thousand one  
two thousand in ten one three five five five and five seven four  
four on the squawk for four sierra bravo

0348:49 LC citation four sierra bravo read back correct except it's uh departure  
control frequency one two five point three five twenty five thirty  
five

0348:57 N614SB twenty five thirty five four sierra bravo

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0349:47 N614SB clearance what are the uh phonetics for waahu again

0349:55 LC waahu is whiskey alpha alpha hotel uniform

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0350:01 N614SB thanks

0350:48 N614SB ground six one four citation citation six one four sierra bravo uh at  
uh signature ready for taxi

0350:59 LC citation six one four sierra bravo lakefront ground two four right  
taxi via golf hotel

0351:06 N614SB two four right golf hotel six one four sierra bravo

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0354:54 LC cleveland approach lakefront tower request release

0355  
0355:02 CLE cleveland

0355:03 LC request release on citation six one four sierra bravo two four

0355:06 CLE six one four sierra bravo's released heading three three zero

0355:08 LC three three zero a f

0355:43 N614SB lakefront tower citation six one four sierra bravo holding short of two four right we're ready for takeoff

0355:53 LC citation six one four sierra bravo lakefront tower runway two four right turn right heading three three zero maintain two thousand cleared for takeoff

0356:00 N614SB right turn to three three zero six one four sierra bravo

0357  
0357:25 LC citation four sierra bravo contact departure safe flight

0357:33 LC citation four sierra bravo lakefront tower you on

0357:41 LC alright anyway

0358  
0358:35 LC cleveland approach lakefront tower

0358:40 CLE cleveland

0358:41 LC that citation four sierra bravo come on with you

0358:43 CLE no i saw something come up hit three disappeared on me

0358:47	LC	alright let me try him again
0358:48	CLE	alright
0358:49	LC	alright (unintelligible) citation four sierra bravo lakefront tower
0358:59	LC	citation six one four sierra bravo lakefront tower how do you hear
0359		
0359:24	LC	citation six one four sierra bravo lakefront tower
0359:33	LC	cleveland lakefront
0359:36	CLE	cleveland
0359:37	LC	i'm still not i've tried him four times five times he hasn't answered one time
0359:41	CLE	i don't even see him
0359:42	LC	i i didn't see him either i saw that he was there then exed out and i haven't seen him since
0359:46	CLE	alright
0359:47	LC	alright
0400		
0400:13	LC	citation citation six one four sierra bravo lakefront tower how do you hear
0400:54	LC	citation four sierra bravo lakefront tower

0401  
0401:35 LC citation citation six one four sierra bravo lakefront tower how do you hear

0402  
0402:40 CLE lakefront cleveland

0402:46 LC lakefront lakefront

0402:49 CLE yeah have you ever got a hold of that citation

0402:52 LC negative

0402:53 CLE okay because all i saw when this happened was something come off it looked like it it flashed three thousand triple exes and turned like northeast bound about a mile northeast of your field at thirteen hundred and then disappeared on me

0403  
0403:06 LC i seen it at three thousand i haven't seen it like i thought that they (unintelligible) twenty eight ah i mean he was at twenty eight ah uh

0403:12 CLE yeah i saw three thousand then the twenty eight and then it looked like it turned northeast bound at thirteen on a wrong like on a wrong code and then disappeared

0403:21 LC yeah i been

0403:22 CLE like all i had was a twenty eight thousand pass over so i don't know if that was interference or something else

0403:26 LC yeah i don't know like i said i i don't have anybody to talk i mean i don't know if that united you have on final could see if he could grab a hold of him

0403:33 CLE i don't see anything i don't see him or i haven't talked to him at all (unintelligible) cleveland approach cleveland altimeter two nine seven six

0403:40 LC like i don't see this i don't see anything out there you know

0403:43 CLE yeah

0403:44 LC um um do you know did he like i said i seen nothing out there right now i don't know um

0403:54 CLE alright

0403:55 LC uh can you see if the center can maybe he's talking to center i i don't know

0403:59 CLE well there's nothing if he didn't depart i mean if he departed and i don't even see any primary or anything come off like i said i don't know if he disappeared acey fifty five seventy cleveland approach cleveland altimeter two nine seven six cause i don't know if we might have to start search and rescue because like i said all i saw was that thirty three thousand twenty eight

0404:18 LC i'm thinking should we do that

0404:21 CLE yeah i think we'll have to because like i said i'm not talking to him i see nothing and he where he's supposed to be going he's supposed to be going south

0404:27 LC right so i don't know like i said i see nothing right now i don't know if they he i saw him turn he made the turn i switched him he never replied back i called back again so i figured that's when i called you

0404:38 CLE yeah cause i saw the three and then the because i'm like i have a

guy at forty right in front of him on the i l s i saw the three then  
twenty eight thirteen and disappeared on me

0404:47 LC so um so do you wanna start that or i mean i mean

0404:53 CLE yeah we might need to start that cause like i said it's about a half  
mile northeast of the airport where i last saw a thirteen hundred  
altitude

0404:58 LC okay

0404:59 CLE and that's about it

0405:00 LC alright

0405:01 CLE alright alpha (unintelligible)

0405:56 LC citation six one four sierra bravo lakefront tower  
0406  
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0408:40 LC cleveland lakefront

0408:47 CLE cleveland

0408:48 LC are you gonna initiate the uh search and rescue

0408:50 CLE huh

0408:51 LC are you gonna initiate that

0408:52 CLE i'm i'm try'nto i hate to say i'm we're so far behind  
because i'm i'm trying to get to the calls but i don't know

who i need to call

0409:00 LC alright um because i'm talking to my boss now and um he's asking if you're gonna start this

0409:05 CLE yeah because i think we might have if nothing else somebody has to get a hold of that coast guard if he did crash about a mile off the lake

0409:11 LC um alright then i'll i'll give you a call back

0409:14 CLE alright (unintelligible)  
0410  
(0411-0412)  
0413  
0413:14 CLE lakefront cleveland

0413:20 LC lakefront

0413:21 CLE yeah just wondering what phone calls you have made

0413:23 LC i i'm calling the coast guard now see if find have em fly over

0413:27 CLE you're calling them now

0413:28 LC yeah

0413:29 CLE how bout the police department or anything like that

0413:30 LC nah i haven't made made that call yet i i'm try'n to get the coast guard first and then we're going to do everything after that

0413:35 CLE sounds good



0413:36 LC alright

0413:37 CLE thanks

0413:38 LC hello  
0414  
(0415-0417)  
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0418:37 CLE lakefront cleveland

0418:42 LC lakefront

0418:43 CLE yeah (unintelligible) we're making some phone calls but wondering if you've called the city or police

0418:48 LC uh (unintelligible) i'm doing that right now

0418:51 CLE thank you (unintelligible)  
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0421:49 LC lakefront tower

0421:59 CG hey uh this is (unintelligible) from the coast guard

0422  
0422:02 LC yes

0422:03 CG uh just wondered uh confirm the number they uh had my boss try to call you didn't answer are you talking to uh them right now

0422:10 LC no i am not u i i i am not talk'n to anybody can you guys get a boat out there

0422:16 CG yeah uh we we just need more information have you heard

anything

0422:19 LC we haven't heard anything at all anything at all it was two north of the field uh like i said there's people in the potentially went down and there's people out there i mean it's cold out there right now

0422:31 CG alright so can you do me a favor and can you call this number for me

0422:35 LC alright give me the number

0422:37 CG [REDACTED]

0422:40 LC [REDACTED]

0422:41 CG [REDACTED]

0422:42 LC [REDACTED]

0422:43 CG [REDACTED]

0422:44 LC [REDACTED] you guys gonna send somebody out

0422:46 CG yes but you need to call them first so they can get more information

0422:49 LC okay (unintelligible) alright bye

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0424:51 CG coast guard (unintelligible)

0424:52 LC coast guard this is uh burke lake tower

0424:55 CG hey how's it going

0424:56 LC good um we need a boat out there north of the airport we potentially might have a plane that went in the water (unintelligible) about twenty minutes ago

0425  
0425:04 CG oh okay sir eh eh eh you know what right now sir we're we're working up search efforts to uh get a uh helo airborne to to assist um but right now currently with the weather right now we we we're unable to get a small boat out but we are working for a helo

0425:17 LC and what's the e t a on that

0425:18 CG uh the e t a on a helo would probably be about thirty minutes but actually (unintelligible) depending on where it's at is it is it do you think it's inner harbor or outer harbor

0425:25 LC it's outer harbor

0425:26 CG outer harbor okay it's about eight footers out there we may be able (unintelligible) our boats normally six foot's the max but (unintelligible) we're (unintelligible) at eight we may be able to get a waiver for that and see what we can do

0425:36 LC i mean if there's people in the water i mean it's it's cold out there you know that

0425:40 CG absolutely i i i'm gonna work on that right now uh did you have a lat long of where you think this went down

0425:46 LC uh a lat long i i would say probably about a three nah probably about a zero one zero heading and about two miles north of the field i mean i don't have the the right lat long

0425:56 CG zero one zero two nautical miles north directly north of burke

lakefront

0426:00 LC yeah they said it went north uh cleveland said they saw him going northeast a bit so it might be a three six zero zero one zero bout two or three miles north of the airfield

0426:07 CG okay zero zero to zero one zero

0426:10 LC yeah i would go at zero zero i would go between three fifty and ten

0426:14 CG three fifty and ten you got it uh and uh okay two miles off and can i get your contact like your callback number

0426:19 LC uh standby hold on [REDACTED]

0426:24 CG [REDACTED] okay (unintelligible) your name's fleming right

0426:28 LC what was that

0426:29 CG fleming

0426:30 LC nope my name tower car two is clear on echo (unintelligible) my name is alex

0426:34 CG oh (unintelligible) roger that sir i'm i'm gonna call you back

0426:36 LC alright thanks a f

0427:00 LC lakefront tower

0427:03 ZOB hey this is uh mike from cleveland center how ya do'n

0427:05 LC good how's it go'n

0427:06 ZOB so um we're kinda try'n to help look for this six one four sierra bravo

0427:11 LC yes

0427:12 ZOB and do you have anything on him

0427:13 LC i have nothing i've called the coast guard um they're gonna try to see if they can get a waiver they said the boat (unintelligible) about six feet or they can deal with uh six footers they think there's eight footers out there they may get a waiver to get a boat out there to start check'n they have a helo inbound e t a is about thirty minutes they said okay um i called the cleveland police they're aware of it i'm gonna call the roc and the den let them know what's go'n on

0427:35 ZOB cause i'm gonna get on there with them right now they're ask'n for what we we we're look'n in the radar data to try to pinpoint what we can find here

0427:42 LC i mean they they the actual coordinates i when i talked to cleveland approach they said he he turned to three three he turned north then he went they said to a northeast heading

0427:51 ZOB okay

0427:52 LC we saw i saw him on there that's when you know i tried to switch him i was trying to call back i called cleveland um i told the coast guard between a three fifty and a ten heading

0428:00 ZOB okay

0428:01 LC and about two to three miles north in that vicinity right there that's all i i mean

0428:05 ZOB alright so so but you haven't seen it heard it in uh as far as we know the aircraft's lost

0428:09 LC yeah we don't know like i called cleveland we saw it it popped it went to three thousand went down to twenty eight exed out and that was it no primary no nothing

0428:17 ZOB okay and you think that's uh between a three fifty heading and a ten heading of the airport

0428:21 LC that's what i mean cleveland said they saw him turn northeast bound so i'm guessing that because initially they wanted him on a three thirty heading on departure he made that turn i switched him tower car two uh request alpha to the ramp car two proceed to the ramp via alpha

0428:35 ZOB okay and so

0428:37 ZOB and just do you think a half mile off short

0428:37 LC no no no about two miles

0428:40 ZOB two miles off shore okay

0428:41 LC two to three miles (unintelligible)

0428:43 ZOB just tryin' (unintelligible) pull (unintelligible) radar see if we can see anything out there but you you don't what code was he on do you remember

0428:50 LC he was on a five seven four four code

0428:51 ZOB five seven four four code (unintelligible)

0428:53 LC affirmative and uh um so you are on the phone with the roc and den

0428:57 ZOB i'm gonna call the roc right now

0428:58 LC should i call the den

0428:59 ZOB yeah i would do it right after i uh you know give it a second take care of what you need to take care of and then we'll get a hold of it

0429:04 LC alright thanks

0429:05 ZOB thanks

0429 LC (unintelligible)

End of Transcript