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## Memorandum

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 From: Dillingham Flight Service Station  
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 Aircraft Accident, N455A  
 Dillingham, AK, August 09, 2010

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This transcription covers the Dillingham Flight Service Station (FSS) IF1 IF position for the time period from August 10, 2010, 0217 UTC, to August 10, 2010, 0341 UTC.


### Agencies Making Transmissions

Dillingham FSS Inflight 1  
 GCI Lodge  
 N43M  
 Rescue Coordination Center  
 Alaska State Troopers  
 Peninsula Airways, Inc. (Anchorage, AK),  
 PEN257  
 Fresh Water Adventures, Inc.  
 Kenai FSS  
 Unknown  
 Piper PA-28, N30541  
 Cessna 207, N1549U  
 N61T  
 Cessna 207, N1749U  
 Robinson Helicopter R44, N944TA  
 Aerofab Lake, N58RD

### Abbreviations

IF1  
 GCI  
 N43M  
 RCC  
 TROOPER  
 PEN257  
 FRESHWTR  
 ENA  
 UNKN  
 N30541  
 N1549U  
 N61T  
 N1749U  
 N944TA  
 N58RD

I hereby certify that the following is a true transcription of the recorded conversations pertaining to the subject aircraft accident involving N455A.

  
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0217  
 (0218-0221)  
 0222  
 0222:05 IF1 dillingham flight service

0222:08 GCI yeah uh my name is dave roseman i work for g c i up on the agulowak um i'm wondering if you guys have seen ah otter four five five alpha ah recently or had any reports about it's whereabouts

0222:23 IF1 um let's see let me take a look here real quick see in the last let's see a cherokee i'll double check the computer here real quick

0222:46 GCI okay

0222:48 IF1 four five five alpha

0222:48 GCI they they were en route yeah

0222:54 IF1 let's see the last time we talked to him last contact we had um i showed he was on the ground at ah just you know before noontime today i'm sorry um yeah

0223:14 GCI about one

0223:14 IF1 yeah like eleven ah ah eleven eleven a m this morning

0223:22 GCI okay okay um they they departed ah ah the agulowak lodge up here

0223:28 IF1 uh uh

0223:28 GCI on on on lake lake nerka

0223:31 IF1 okay

0223:31 GCI ah this afternoon at probably two two p m en route to ah h r m fish camp on the nushagak

0223:39 IF1 um um um um

0223:40 GCI and ah i i was just informed that they they never arrived over there

0223:44 IF1 okay (unintelligible)

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0223:45 GCI so and we we

0223:46 IF1 o okay hang on one second i've just got to take this quick call i'll be right with you

0223:50 GCI oh okay thank you  
0224

0224:40 IF1 okay um so let's see what time was he supposed to be getting to the camp do you think er

0224:46 GCI he he should have arrived at the camp about (unintelligible)

0224:53 IF1 okay about two thirty p m

0224:56 GCI that's correct

0224:56 IF1 kay  
0225

0225:06 IF1 okay alright um oh there you go okay so about two thirty p m he was supposed to be on the a agulowak

0225:18 GCI he

0225:18 IF1 camp

0225:19 GCI he ah he at around two thirty p m he he left the agulowak and and was en route to h r m fish camp on the nushagak ah near ah near portage creek

0225:32 IF1 portage creek okay

0225:33 GCI um yeah no he he would have flown a straight line

0225:37 IF1 uh uh

0225:38 GCI ah from the top top of the agulowak river over to ah (unintelligible)

0225:42 IF1 let me ask this one airplane let me ask this airplane

taxiing out see if he knows any seen \*(him) anywhere

0225:48 IF1 and cessna four three mike dillingham radio have you seen ah that otter four five five alpha out to the southeast today

0225:56 N43M i haven't seen four five five alpha i heard him this morning when i was going to king salmon that's the only time i seen him why is he missing

0226:04 IF1 ah i'm not sure right now we're checking with company

0226:07 N43M call ah did you call the g c i lodge up there

0226:10 IF1 yeah yeah their their company is talking to us now eh we weren't reporting it but they were stand by

0226:16 N43M okay

0226:17 IF1 um yeah i just talked to a guy he's been in and out (unintelligible)

0226:20 N43M it's pretty crappy in the area today even though it's been good here so i don't know

0226:24 IF1 roger that

0226:25 IF1 um yeah i had an airplane he's been out to the southeast and ah he hadn't seen the aircraft out that way anywhere

0226:34 GCI okay

0226:36 IF1 he said he heard it heard him

0226:37 GCI okay ah

0226:37 IF1 this morning but he hasn't seen did you need to put out search and rescue for him er

0226:43 GCI um ah i think that ah let let let me make one more phone call

0226:50 IF1 okay

0226:50 GCI before

0226:51 IF1 alright

0226:51 GCI we go down that route

0226:51 IF1 okay sure

0226:52 GCI and ah ah can i give can i give you a call back

0226:55 IF1 yes sir yeah

0226:56 GCI and then ah you can help me put that into effect

0226:58 IF1 yes we can do that yes just give me a call back

0227:00 GCI (unintelligible) take care of that

0227:01 IF1 and then we'll take care of that for ya your welcome uh  
uh

0227:03 N43M let me know if (unintelligible) i can i can run up there  
on the trail he follows from manokotak

0227:07 IF1 \*(cessna) four three mike roger he was supposed to be at  
the h r m camp over by portage

0227:13 N43M how long ago was that

0227:15 IF1 uh about he should have been there about two thirty this  
afternoon his company said

0227:20 N43M i'll tell eric to go look eric's heading that way right  
now

0227:23 IF1 oh thanks john

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0227:24 N43M yep  
0228

0228:50 N43M four three mike is on twenty two three  
0229

0229:09 IF1 cessna four three mike (unintelligible)

0229:11 N43M seven to manokotak and one back two on the fuel give me  
an hour and ah let's get this straight because eric is  
going to go down and check that h r m camp he was going  
from the lodge to h r m camp correct

0229:24 IF1 he was ah he departed agul agulowak for the h r m camp  
and ah was supposed to be there about two thirty this  
afternoon they haven't heard from him (unintelligible)  
he was going to call me back he was going to make a  
couple other calls to see if he could locate the  
airplane and ah so he hasn't called me back yet

0229:43 N43M so just let me know on this one because eric eric's on  
this one he'll swing down there and check  
(unintelligible) h r m please you're saying he never  
showed up at h r m camp or nobody knows

0229:54 IF1 i think right now nobody knows for sure

0229:56 N43M okay  
0230  
(0231-0237)  
0238

0238:56 IF1 dillingham radio

0238:59 GCI hi ah this is dave rosemann with g c i again

0239:01 IF1 uh uh

0239:02 GCI i think i may have spoken to you earlier about ah ah ah  
otter four five five alpha

0239:07 IF1 yes uh uh

0239:08 GCI um i (unintelligible) i wonder if if ah if we could go  
ahead and and put a search and rescue into effect

0239:15 IF1 okay let me get right back with you i got two things to do real quick on inflight and i'll get some more information from you and then we'll send it out pretty quickly

0239:23 GCI okay

0239:24 IF1 and i'll just put you on hold real quick

0239:25 GCI i'll hold

0239:25 IF1 okay thanks

0239:26 GCI yep  
0240  
0241

0241:49 IF1 okay sir and ah let me let me get your ah full name again please

0241:57 GCI sure ah david roseman r o s e m a n

0242:01 N43M dillingham four three mike twenty two three

0242:03 IF1 stand by one please

0242:05 IF1 cessna four three mike dillingham radio go ahead

0242:07 N43M any word on five five alpha

0242:09 IF1 ah ah no not at this time nothing new i'll be right back with you

0242:14 N43M let me know i can go look (unintelligible) let me know if you hear from him

0242:19 IF1 okay let me put you on hold real real quick

0242:24 IF1 ah (unintelligible) four three mike dillingham yeah i was just on the phone with company and they're going to go ahead and call him overdue so they know you know what you had in store as far as (unintelligible)

0242:37 N43M he was going from ah wood river lodge to to the ah h r m  
camp  
0243  
0243:26 IF1 and ah (unintelligible) four three mike do you want to  
stand by i was going to get more information from the guy  
if you want to stand by on this frequency if you have  
time  
0243:34 N43M i'll stand by for you  
0243:35 IF1 thanks  
0243:37 IF1 and ah yes sir i had another aircraft that said he was  
going to try to go look for him for you and ah that's  
why i had a little delay there and okay had your name as  
david and r o s e m a n  
0243:51 GCI r o s e m a n  
0243:53 IF1 okay  
0243:53 GCI yeah that's right  
0243:54 IF1 and you're at the g c i lodge  
0243:58 GCI correct yes  
0243:58 IF1 okay alright and ah you said his departure point was the  
agulowak  
0244:06 GCI yes the top of the agulowak at g c i's lodge  
0244:09 IF1 that's at g c okay the g c i lodge okay and ah overdue  
at the h r m camp and he was due there at ah two thirty  
and no one has seen or heard from him since  
0244:24 GCI correct  
0244:24 IF1 okay alright  
0244:28 GCI ah as as far as we know from from g c i lodge he headed



ah east up the the lake

0244:36 IF1 kay

0244:37 GCI and then ah ah made a right a right turn ah ah toward  
the nushagak river

0244:43 IF1 okay okay alright and ah let's see do you have any of  
the i have some of the information here on the aircraft  
i did not know if you had anything else as far as ah  
pilot's name anything

0245:03 GCI (unintelligible)

0245:05 IF1 or number of people on board that kind of thing

0245:06 GCI red otter

0245:08 IF1 yeah yeah right

0245:09 GCI there um eight eight eight passengers

0245:11 IF1 eight people okay

0245:12 GCI passengers ah pilot's name terry smith

0245:16 IF1 terry smith okay and i think i have your number here but  
if you would just go ahead and give me whatever numbers  
you have for a phone

0245:29 GCI sure ah nine o seven eight six eight

0245:32 IF1 kay

0245:33 GCI five five four three

0245:34 IF1 okay

0245:36 GCI ah another number to call would be ah eight six eight  
five five one eight

0245:45 IF1 it was eight was that eight six eight five five one eight

0245:50 GCI yeah that's right

0245:51 IF1 okay

0245:51 GCI the first number i gave you is the best one though

0245:53 IF1 okay got it okay so that both your i got your name and the numbers pilot and you wouldn't know how much fuel he had on board or any of that kind of stuff

0246:05 GCI um i i i don't know exactly how much

0246:07 IF1 okay

0246:08 GCI i know he had sufficient fuel to get there and back

0246:10 IF1 right okay alright and ah i am going to go ahead and issue a alnot on the aircraft and i'll be calling the ah rescue coordination center there in anchorage and ah we'll go ahead and get the thing rolling for that and ah i got your numbers if i need any other information i'll give you a call

0246:30 GCI okay (unintelligible)

0246:31 IF1 and i do have another

0246:31 GCI very much

0246:32 IF1 yeah i do have another aircraft that said he is going to go down there to take a look

0246:36 GCI okay

0246:37 IF1 okay

0246:37 GCI what's your name again

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0246:38 IF1 uh my name is uh initials are charles lima name is carl and i'm here at ah dillingham flight service

0246:46 GCI okay

0246:46 IF1 okay

0246:47 GCI alright thank you

0246:47 IF1 alright okay uh uh

0246:49 GCI alright alright bye

0246:50 IF1 uh uh  
0247

0247:12 IF1 cessna four three mike dillingham radio

0247:14 N43M yeah go ahead

0247:15 IF1 yes \*(cessna) four three mike ah he departed the ah about two o'clock this afternoon from the g c i lodge and was due at the h r m camp at two thirty p m and ah the last thing they saw he was eastbound over the lake and made a right turn to the nu nushagak river and they haven't been able to get hold of anybody that's seen or heard from him since so i am going to go ahead and call him overdue so any help you can have would be most appreciated

0247:48 N43M okay you ought to call the coast guard and the state troopers right now at this time and i'm going to head up to the end of ah nerka lake to the ah g c i lodge and follow his tracks back so you can extend me give me an hour en route okay and i got two on the fuel

0248:00 IF1 november four three mike roger we'll give you an extra hour here on the ah time en route we appreciate your help and i'll be calling rescue coordination center too and they'll be helping me get all that coordinated

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(0250-0251)  
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0252:06 N43M dillingham four three mike twenty two three

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0252:09 IF1 \*(cessna) four three mike dillingham radio go ahead

0252:10 N43M they don't know if the guy went down nerka lake or aleknagik lake do they

0252:15 IF1 they just said ah not really he said he was eastbound over the lake after he departed the lodge and made a right turn over to the nu nushagak river and that's all all that's all they know

0252:29 N43M okay i'm gonna i'm going to go up nerka lake i guess behind aleknagik here fly down towards the lodge i guess

0252:41 IF1 four three mike roger thanks  
0253  
(0254-0256)  
0257

0257:02 N43M dillingham ah four three mike twenty two three

0257:05 IF1 cessna four three mike dillingham go ahead

0257:06 N43M yeah four nine u freshwater's plane is going to head up to the lodge and ah fly the route back to the ah eh to the muklungs i'm picking it up from the muklungs where they pop out and then i am going to go straight to h r m then look that way four nine u searching from the lodge to ah where it breaks out of the mountains

0257:26 IF1 cessna ah cess four three mike roger and thanks for the help

0257:32 N43M yep  
0258  
0259

0259:26 RCC r c c captain williams

0259:27 IF1 yeah this is dillingham flight service station just issued a alnot due to a overdue aircraft called overdue by company and i went ahead and went to alnot stage because it's ah he's been missing for so long i just decided that wait wait awhile he was supposed to be at a particular location at two thirty this afternoon so they hadn't heard from him which is quite unusual by now so i got two other aircraft that already going to do an active search that's already in progress so maybe we'll know here in a few minutes if they see him or not i i just issued the ah alnot so you probably just now have

it coming up

0300:09 RCC okay and you said you got you got two other \*(aircraft)

0300:13 IF1 yeah well well there's two aircraft you know they were out ah dropping off passengers and picking people up out here in the bush and i let the one guy know you know this guy maybe coming overdue so he's not (unintelligible) any of our flight plans or anything so he says well we'll go ahead and look and he contacted another aircraft and he's going to look in one part of his route and the other guy is going to look down his other part of his route to his destination and so maybe we'll know here pretty shortly if they see him or not

0300:40 RCC (unintelligible) okay

0300:42 IF1 uh uh

0300:42 RCC and do we have a route of flight or anything on him

0300:45 IF1 ah not not a very good one and ah it's kind of hard to follow right exactly where he's going but there's a lodge up on the lakes ah northwest of dillingham and it's up i think close to lake nerka and he was going to a fish camp called h r m and i'll try get more information on those locations a little more accurately it's on the ah nushagak river north of ah dillingham area and ah so anyway he was wanting some people out there there was eight people on board it's a turbine powered otter red colored otter and so that's all the information i have for now and i got the ah lodge owner's ah phone numbers on the alnot and everything there so i got that and i got

0301:34 RCC have you talked to them

0301:35 IF1 i have yeah they're they're the people that you know reported it and i got the information on the pilot's name that kind of stuff

0301:41 RCC \*(okay)

0301:42 IF1 i didn't have anything on the ah

0301:44 RCC on the ah

0301:45 IF1 yes uh uh they didn't know how much fuel he had on board would be the only thing that we don't know ah because he didn't file a flight plan with us or anything but

0301:56 RCC \*(okay)

0301:57 IF1 uh uh but

0301:59 RCC (unintelligible)

0301:59 IF1 just wanted to let you know what was uh uh

0302:02 RCC is it nerka you said

0302:03 IF1 yeah lake nerka it's ah northwest of ah dillingham it's up and there's a huge chain of lakes up

0302:11 RCC (unintelligible)

0302:11 IF1 northwest of dillingham that's kind of south of golden horn lodge over in that area

0302:16 RCC (unintelligible)

0302:17 IF1 and so anyway i've got two aircraft on an active search they should be able to ah let me know if they spot him or not here pretty you know before much longer now

0302:25 RCC okay

0302:26 IF1 so i just wanted to let you know and i didn't know who else you needed if you if you were going to call the ah state troopers or whoever whoever else you were gonna maybe call or anybody else that i need to call for you

0302:41 RCC okay yeah i just didn't know there's no ah they didn't file a flight plan

0302:45 IF1 no uh uh it's just information

0302:47 RCC (unintelligible)

0302:48 IF1 through their company and so anyway he's on usually he would have checked in a long time ago and they haven't seen or heard from him but like i said i do have people heading out there looking for him visually on the ground so they should be able to spot him i would think here before much longer but

0303:06 RCC do we know where he took off from where he was going anything

0303:10 IF1 um i'll have to pinpoint a little more detail for you but ah you know where the camp is and all that stuff but ah it's it's been north of dillingham up on the nushagak river you know a little ways north of dillingham so it's kind of out in the middle of nowhere so

0303:29 RCC okay

0303:30 IF1 uh uh

0303:30 RCC turbine powered otter they were dropping off eight persons

0303:32 IF1 well they were going ah i think what they probably what they were going to do was they were going to land and maybe do some fishing and i did not know if he was heading back to the camp or he was going to be staying there with the ah people but he was due at two thirty this afternoon and no one has seen or heard from him i guess nobody at the camp maybe has seen or heard from him either so i went ahead and issued the alnot since it's been quite ah quite awhile ago

0303:58 RCC (unintelligible)

0303:59 IF1 (unintelligible)

0303:59 RCC we don't know where he took off from did he take off we don't know if he took off from the camp was headed to the camp or

0304:05 IF1 no he took off from the g c i lodge is where he departed

0304:09 RCC okay

0304:10 IF1 g c i lodge and his destination was the h r m camp

0304:15 RCC (unintelligible) do we have do we know where the g c i lodge is located

0304:19 IF1 yeah it's up by lake nerka

0304:22 RCC okay

0304:22 IF1 uh uh

0304:26 RCC (unintelligible) and h r m is a

0304:29 IF1 like a fish camp yeah a fish camp

0304:31 RCC fish camp

0304:32 IF1 uh uh uh uh

0304:33 RCC okey doke

0304:34 IF1 alright and when i get any other details i'll give you a call back and ah do do i need to call state police or anything like that or do you take care of all that stuff

0304:45 RCC ah you might want to just to give them a heads up

0304:48 IF1 okay

0304:49 RCC ah and then we'll follow up with them

0304:51 IF1 okay because i do have you know two pretty good bush pilots out there looking for him right now so

0304:56 RCC yeah that would be great

0304:57 IF1 so they'd they'd be able to find him quicker than



anybody else so

0305:01 RCC

yeah

0305:01 IF1

uh uh

0305:03 RCC

so and your name again sir

0305:07 IF1

ah initials are c l charles lima dillingham flight  
service okay

0305:13 RCC

okay that works (unintelligible)

0305:14 IF1

i'll give you a call back as soon as i hear anything  
else okay uh uh

0305:17 RCC

okay thank you

0305:17 IF1

bye uh uh

0305:18 RCC

bye bye

0306

0307

0307:09 TROOPER

hello you've reached alaska state troopers dillingham  
post no one is available to answer the phone right now  
please leave your name number and brief message and  
we'll get back to you as soon as we can if this is an  
emergency please hang up and dial nine one one thank you

0307:24 IF1

hello this is dillingham flight service station got a  
overdue aircraft that we're looking for ah an otter  
november four five five alpha he departed out of g c i  
camp heading up to the nushagak river ah to h r m camp  
and he was reported overdue by his company and i have  
the r c c already ah called and i got two other bush  
pilots that are looking for the aircraft so i just  
wanted to give you guys a heads up on that and that's it  
i'll give you a call back here from dillingham flight  
service if i hear anything else thank you

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0310:00 IF1

and peninsula two fifty seven got a overdue aircraft  
alert on a ah otter four five five alpha ah just monitor  
one twenty one five if you pick up anything

0310:11 PEN257 okay we'll do that and let you know  
0311  
0312  
0312:48 PEN257 and dillingham radio ah peninsula two fifty seven ah  
we'd been listening to one twenty one point five ah  
negative response on that ah no e l t s that's been about  
from about forty d m e through thirty two d m e here now

0313:00 IF1 two fifty seven roger thanks

0313:02 PEN257 you bet

0313:24 IF1 dillingham flight service

0313:26 FRESHWTR yes sir this is jerry ball here at freshwater somebody  
was telling me an otter was missing there g c i's is  
that true or

0313:34 IF1 ah yes yes hang on one sec be right with you  
0314

0314:02 IF1 dillingham radio

0314:04 ENA yeah carl this is jim at kenai

0314:05 IF1 yeah

0314:06 ENA ah what's what's the story (unintelligible) four five  
five alpha

0314:09 IF1 oh i'll have to get back with you i'm busy

0314:09 ENA (unintelligible)

0314:10 IF1 yeah ah i'll call you back i'm busy

0314:13 IF1 dillingham flight service

0314:14 UNKN hey this is ah (unintelligible)

0314:16 N43M dillingham four three mike twenty two three

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0314:18 IF1 oh hang hang on one second please

0314:18 UNKN okay

0314:19 IF1 uh uh

0314:20 IF1 cessna four three mike dillingham radio go ahead

0314:22 N43M we're over h r m (unintelligible) now and ah no sign of the otter so we're going to head back to the ah outlet of the muklungs where they pop out

0314:31 IF1 cessna four three mike roger thanks for that report

0314:34 N43M sure sounds like you got one down somewhere

0314:37 IF1 i hope not

0314:38 N43M no it ain't looking to hot at this point

0314:41 IF1 four three mike roger thanks for your help sir

0314:43 N43M yep---heading back to the muklungs

0314:45 IF1 yes sir go ahead this is dillingham

0314:46 UNKN o okay

0314:47 IF1 uh uh

0314:48 UNKN um ah i'm calling on on regards to that g c i otter

0314:51 IF1 yes uh uh

0314:52 UNKN any information on that

0314:53 IF1 ah i got two bush pilots out there looking local guys ah out looking for him ah john just called bouker and he just went over the h r m camp which is his destination

and there was no aircraft there so he's going to go a little further up and there was another guy that's looking out on the other part of his route to see if he can see anything also

0315:14 UNKN okay ah

0315:15 IF1 so i called r c c rescue you know coordination center and they've ah got the information on it too

0315:22 UNKN okay so so it was ah supposed to close with you guys at five thirty at

0315:26 IF1 no no no no he he did not file anything with us

0315:29 UNKN okay

0315:29 IF1 it's just a company flight plan he was supposed to have been at that fish camp h r m

0315:34 UNKN right

0315:34 IF1 about two thirty this afternoon

0315:36 UNKN correct

0315:37 IF1 so that's why i went ahead and did the full search and everything since it's been so long

0315:41 UNKN okay

0315:42 IF1 since they've heard from him

0315:43 UNKN oh very good

0315:43 IF1 and hey i've got a question

0315:45 UNKN lay it on me

0315:45 IF1 where is h r m camp (unintelligible)

0315:47 UNKN okay it's it's ah it will be about a mile north of the  
of where the ah confluence comes together on the  
nushagak right there below portage creek

0315:57 IF1 below portage okay

0315:58 UNKN yeah so if you going up the ah

0315:59 IF1 got it

0315:59 UNKN west channel

0316:00 IF1 uh uh

0316:01 UNKN on the on the right hand bank

0316:02 IF1 okay alot of help

0316:03 UNKN okay bud

0316:04 IF1 alright and that g c i camp that's up by lake nerka  
right

0316:08 UNKN that's that's at the top of the agulowak

0316:11 IF1 (unintelligible)

0316:11 UNKN in ah in in it would be ah lake lake nerka

0316:15 IF1 lake nerka right

0316:15 UNKN uh uh

0316:16 IF1 okay

0316:16 UNKN and then ah a contact number up there is dave roseman

0316:20 IF1 uh uh

0316:20 UNKN he's the manager his number is eight six eight sixty five forty three

0316:25 IF1 okay thanks

0316:26 UNKN and ah we'll probably launch something here pretty soon (unintelligible)

0316:30 IF1 okay right like i said i've got those two guys and their pretty good at searching and so we'll see and if you can give us ah a hand will appreciate it thanks

0316:39 UNKN (unintelligible) thanks

0316:39 IF1 i just wanted to give you a call too let you know what was going on

0316:41 UNKN appreciate it

0316:42 IF1 because they just called me like ten minutes fifteen minutes ago

0316:44 UNKN okay yeah rosemann just called me a minute ago

0316:46 IF1 okay

0316:46 UNKN (unintelligible)

0316:47 IF1 alright thanks uh uh

0316:48 N30541 dillingham radio cherokee three zero five four one on twenty two three

0316:52 IF1 cherokee three zero five four one dillingham radio

0316:55 N30541 yes five four one were fifteen to the east and i i tried ah listening on one twenty one five and twenty two nine for that five five alpha the otter and no response

0317:09 IF1 \*(cherokee) five four one roger thanks

0317:14 N30541 yeah i tried that over portage creek

0317:17 IF1 roger thanks

0317:18 IF1 yes sir

0317:19 FRESHWTR yes

0317:20 IF1 yeah ah yes

0317:21 FRESHWTR wondering if we can be any assistance

0317:22 IF1 um i've got john bouker and (unintelligible)

0317:59 IF1 ah sorry it's been busy um anyway um he's overdue um (unintelligible) g c i lodge and the h r m camp is where he's heading to (unintelligible) you still there sir

0318:16 FRESHWTR yes

0318:16 IF1 yeah john bouker went over and looked at h r m camp area and that's a little further up the river didn't see anything and ah four nine one five four nine uniform was going up on the other side um you know towards the lake up that way and see if he could spot him or not

0318:32 FRESHWTR okay

0318:32 IF1 uh uh

0318:33 FRESHWTR alright

0318:34 IF1 but so i do have those two guys looking and i think (unintelligible) when you called and state troopers called on the other line and they said they were probably going to launch an airplane and they'll look too

0318:44 FRESHWTR okay

0318:44 IF1 okay we appreciate it

0318:46 FRESHWTR thank you

0318:46 IF1 thanks much uh uh bye  
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0322:14 N1549U dillingham four nine u ah twenty two three

0322:29 N1549U dillingham four nine u twenty two three

0322:31 IF1 (unintelligible) four nine uniform dillingham radio go ahead

0322:33 N1549U ah yeah um i guess i am gonna search up here in the muklungs ah i'm just going up the \*(i whistle) here into the muklungs right now extend my flight plan here ah be down that way in in an hour or less

0322:48 IF1 four nine uniform roger sir we'll add ah an extra hour to your flight plan and thanks for your help

0322:54 N1549U roger  
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0324:31 ENA kenai radio

0324:32 IF1 hey this is dillingham radio

0324:34 ENA yep

0324:35 IF1 yeah

0324:37 ENA just curious what's the story is on four five five alpha

0324:40 IF1 he's a ah otter ah overdue he was departing g c i camp which is up by lake nerka and he was

0324:47 ENA (unintelligible)

0324:48 IF1 he was heading over

0324:49 ENA did company did the company call it in or



0324:51 IF1 yeah they called it in he was supposed to have been there like two thirty this afternoon they hadn't heard from him since so hang on

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0325:04 IF1 and so it's been so long since he's been gone it's getting you know closer to night i went ahead and just stuck the alnot in real quick and called the r c c and then called the state troopers and i got two bush pilots looking for him right now but the one bush pilot went over to by portage creek which is the h r m camp and said they didn't see him over there so they're looking along his route of flight to see if they can find him anywhere

0325:28 ENA okay

0325:29 IF1 so this this this

0325:30 ENA okay

0325:30 IF1 really looks like you know a possibility of an aircraft crash more than likely because no one seen or heard from him so

0325:37 ENA okay and he was supposed to back at two thirty

0325:39 IF1 yes

0325:39 ENA okay

0325:40 IF1 uh uh so i went ahead

0325:41 ENA (unintelligible)

0325:41 IF1 and just issued the alnot because of the urgency of getting him found and

0325:46 ENA yeah yeah

0325:47 IF1 and it's

0325:47 ENA okay

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0325:47 IF1 you know he's not like a private pilot out you know  
so it's a little bit different never

0325:52 ENA (unintelligible)

0325:52 IF1 checked in with his company so they're they had pretty  
bad conditions up there from what the pilot said they're  
pretty low

0325:58 ENA just a half hour just supposed to be a half hour flight

0326:00 IF1 yeah because he just went from there over to the portage  
creek about a thirty minute flight in that turbine otter  
is what they said

0326:07 ENA okay

0326:08 IF1 uh uh okay

0326:10 ENA okay thank you

0326:10 IF1 thank you jim

0326:10 ENA thank you carl

0326:11 IF1 uh uh

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0328:39 N61T dillingham six one tango taxiing out oscar southwest

0328:44 IF1 cherokee six one tango dillingham radio roger have no  
other known traffic

0328:48 N61T six one

0328:52 N61T that ah aircraft alert you had on the atis there was cut  
off what's what's that about

0328:57 IF1 ah yeah i was kinda busy trying to ah deal with it but  
ah anyway ah four five five alpha was overdue over h r m  
camp by portage and ah they've already checked that area  
and ah he's not located there so they're checking the rest

of his route of flight back up to the g c i camp so if you happen to spot or see anything just let us know

0329:17 N61T okay will do  
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0330:14 IF1 dillingham flight service

0330:16 RCC hey sir this is captain williams at the r c c how you doing

0330:18 IF1 yes pretty good

0330:20 RCC good hey calling up on the ah that overdue g c i aircraft

0330:25 IF1 yes uh uh yeah we had ah yeah we had a aircraft that flew over that h r m camp it's over by portage creek airport about a mile north of portage creek

0330:35 RCC okay

0330:36 IF1 airport kind of towards the east of dillingham and ah hang on

0330:39 N1749U dillingham one seven four nine \*(uniform) is taxiing with oscar be up in the ah northwest area there (unintelligible) looking for the ah otter

0330:51 IF1 (unintelligible) four nine uniform roger ah only known traffic is that cherokee six taxiing out toward the ah southwest and ah yeah they already checked the h r m camp by portage and he wasn't located there so they're looking further northwest now

0331:07 N1749U okay we're holding for the cherokee and ah did he have an e l t does anybody know

0331:13 IF1 ah no one has heard an e l t i have had several aircraft check at higher altitudes

0331:18 N1749U okay we'll give you a report on our progress

0331:24 IF1 um anyway

0331:26 N944TA dillingham helicopter ah nine forty four tango alpha

0331:31 IF1 helicopter nine four four tango alpha dillingham radio

0331:34 N944TA yeah we're on location up by aleganik lake we're on search mode eh to ah we're working up towards \*(seno) canyon now

0331:43 IF1 helicopter nine four four tango alpha roger thanks for the help dillingham altimeter two nine six zero

0331:47 N944TA two nine six zero

0331:53 IF1 (unintelligible)

0331:55 RCC yes sir  
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0332:07 IF1 you get somebody overdue that's more serious like that you know like a hundred calls all of a sudden

0332:12 RCC (unintelligible)

0332:13 IF1 (unintelligible) all the traffic by you know working by yourself trying to do all the traffic and stuff

0332:16 RCC exactly

0332:17 IF1 ah let's see okay had one two o seven flew over ah the camp where he's supposed to be there was no aircraft there and so they're continuing the search and just had another helicopter call up i don't know if that's the state trooper or not but i called state troopers up and they called me back and said they were thinking about maybe launching an aircraft \*(stand by)

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0333:17 IF1 ah anyway um i don't know what else to tell ya there was i don't know if that's a state trooper helicopter or what but it was a helicopter was launching out he was gonna fly up the up that way to out of the aleganik area and fly further north and so it looks like ah three people looking now and then the state troopers said they

were going to maybe launch an aircraft too i'm not sure if they were or not but

0333:46 RCC we'll give them a call here quick i was trying do you guys know where that g c i cabin is

0333:51 IF1 it's ah well if you look on the i'm not sure how to pinpoint the exact location i'll have to look on i may have it on a map over here around the corner haven't really had time to look at it um it's ah kind of up let's see

0334:09 RCC is it on lake nerka

0334:11 IF1 yeah it's on around there there's ah two cabins there's one up at ah east end of the lake and then there's another one up on the ah west end of the lake over there and let me see if i have it on a map over here real quick

0334:53 RCC position (unintelligible)

0334:56 N58RD dillingham radio lake five eight romeo delta twenty three six over  
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0335:05 IF1 lake five eight romeo delta dillingham radio \*(go ahead)

0335:07 N58RD yes i've got coordinates on the downed aircraft five five alpha and we need a helicopter dispatched asap it's fifty nine nineteen dot forty three one fifty eight twenty three dot twenty five it's in the hillside at a thousand feet and it's been found by one of the air taxi pilots i'm on my way back there now but we need a helicopter as quick as we possibly can out there

0335:31 IF1 \*(november) five eight romeo delta roger we copy those coordinates on that and ah helicopter niner four four tango alpha dillingham radio are you on frequency

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\*This portion of the re-recording is not entirely clear, but this represents the best interpretation possible under the circumstances.