

To: Mr. Tom Latson, Air Safety Investigator
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Regarding the small airplane crash that occurred mid-afternoon October 28, 2014 in Mountain Spring Farms, Boerne, Texas; the following narrative is what I observed that afternoon:

My husband and I reside at [REDACTED] Mountain Spring Drive. The elevation of our building site is approximately 1600 ft. Our small dogs' barking alerted us that a small plane was flying low directly above our back yard. Of course, we could hear the engine and thought at first that the plane was "buzzing" us. We walked into the clearing of our backyard and I saw the plane traveling overhead from East to West. It seemed too low, perhaps around 500 ft. to 550 ft.? It then turned to travel to the East again. It was then that the engine noise stopped. I did not hear a "sputter" – just the engine cutting off. I wondered if the pilot was trying some sort of "stall"? But the engine never resumed again. It was directly overhead our backyard when this happened. Watching the plane, it continued to maneuver east and at a decent that led us to believe that the pilot was attempting to reach a landing strip that parallels Sisterdale Hwy. We finally lost sight of the plane as trees obscure the horizon and a valley surrounds our hilltop. A minute or so later, we both heard a loud "whump". I heard a loud pop after that. Not sure if the pilot had a rough landing or what, we drove our car down the road to investigate and then spotted the planes' burning crash site near the airstrip in a grove of brush and cedar trees.

If I can assist with anything else in your investigation, please do not hesitate to let me know.

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