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Re: File # WPR 12LA407

Dear Mr Jones:

I am still sick & the task of typing here in the public library is too daunting, therefore I am mailing my notes & diagrams to you at the above address.

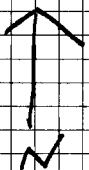
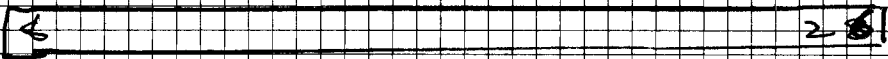
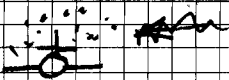
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I am sending you the originals and did not retain copies.

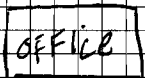
Sorry for arrows and interliniations and my handwriting.

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~~was~~ PIC, PRIOR to event Reinaldo BYER ^(RB)
was flying, for ^{an} aerobotic pilot, ^{in a} ~~high~~
~~orbits, gentle turns, none, as I~~ benign manner,
~~recall aerobotics~~

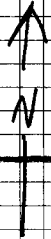
to the North of LDB's runway.
~~at times over the aerobotic bar.~~
I do not know his altitude, but
he appeared to be at a high
altitude. (^{I understand} the altimeter in the
A1E WAS in OP) so he probably
eyeballed a higher than normal altitude.



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I observed₂ at diag #1, ~~1~~ a puff of debris
using my binoculars

(give specs) ← see Bino spec page

UNKNOWN material at the tail of the A/C as
it flew S, towards me as I looked N. I

continued to observe, looking for additional
debris departing the A/C. I did not see
any additional debris. I ~~was~~ stated at

the time I saw, what I described as
chaff, or a puff of boom^{pieces}, as the cloud

glistened white or silver at the tail area.

AS I^{continued to} observed through my binos
the A/C¹ seemed to "mush" or slow & I thought



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that looks strange. I thought maybe
he just was turning ^{to the} East.
The A/C made a
beginning turn to the east.

then R said "Don't fool around, that's
not funny." I took the binos from my
eyes to yell I would never joke about
something departing the A/C in flight.

I did not resume using my binos. #2
depicts my last view through the binos. The
nose seemed to pause, and then the turn
began.

③ moments after my retort to R, as I watched the ALC, R said, to paraphrase, oh my God, Reminds poll out, oh my God.

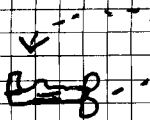
At that point the time sequence was

1. saw the PUFF
2. saw something odd, slowing, (estimate 2-5 seconds) I was not counting, it all happened rapidly
3. R's statement "Don't fool around..." within the 2-5 seconds. it was a quick reproaching retort
4. ^{within} 1-2 sec. I replied "I would never..." as I took bins from my eyes
5. seconds later 2-5, R said "oh my god..."



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AT 3, as I watched through my glasses, the ^{maybe sun glasses} A/C departed controlled Flight ASR exhorted RB to pull out.

As the A/C continued to circle, I am not experienced enough to know if it was a Flat Spin, or a regular ~~spin~~ spin. It appeared to me to be an upright spin.

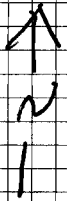
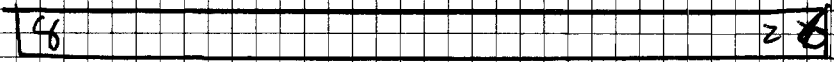
As the A/C continued to rotate, and I knew RB was in trouble, I waited to see if he could eject, As the canopy is to my understanding, non jettensable.

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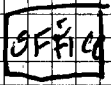
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At #4 RB successfully ^{finally} departed the A/C. I did not count revolutions before he ejected. Time span, seemed like a long time ⁵: 10 seconds perhaps - could be 15 sec. after R 1st said "pull out..." it seemed like a long time AS I knew time was running out. I can't estimate altitude. but the ground, nor mountains were not visible ^{to me} as he ejected.

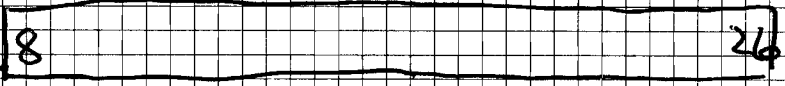
His body described a parabolic ARC & I remember thinking its a parabolic arc. once RB left the A/C, #4, my eyes were glued on him and I never revisualized the A/C. I yelled "he's out... he's out -"

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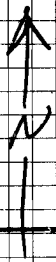
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At 5 I yelled "chute deployed, .. chute deployed"
the ARC continued, and I waited for the chute
to open. My eyes were glued on RB & the chute.
it was deployed but streamed, and I waited for
it to open. I have seen movies of skydiving,
and base jumpers & war movies and the
chute opens rather quickly once it is out of
its canister. I jumped once, a tandem jump,
just to get a feeling as to what to expect if
I ever had to jump. I own a Pitts SZ-B.

I continued to wait, AS relation that RB
was out, and the chute was deployed,
turned to abject horror as RB continued
to plummet to earth under a streaming
non opening chute.



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his chest area. ^{All the buckles were} ~~with~~ there was
a lady officer who took us (R&J)
out to find RB, ^{we found him} ~~got here~~ ^{maybe 3-5}
~~just a~~ ^{minutes after}
Properly Attached.

I ~~opened~~ ^{Relieve} the chest
buckles to ~~note~~ ^{relieve} constriction
of restriction ^{to} RB's chest area.

Rescue personnel arrived, in mass,
he hit the ground shortly thereafter

RB's chute opened, ^{but streamed,} and when I found him in the desert he had the "D" ring in his right hand.

By streamed, and I am not a skydiver nor base jumper and have done only 1 tandem jump, I mean

~~RB~~ RB WAS underneath the chute, the chute WAS completely out, and it WAS collapsed and fluttered as he plunged earthward. ~~the strands were~~ when I arrived at RB, R gave mouth to mouth, and I unbuckled the parachutes harness over

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At #6 I watched expecting the chute to pop open any second. it never opened. I had seen base jumper movies pop the chute at the last second. that's what I began to hope for.

Eventually the earth entered my visual field and I knew it was now or never, but the chute never gave a hint of opening.

I remembered a war movie with Dan Ladd, and they were paratroopers doing a 1st jump, and the 1st guy jumped and it streamed all the way down.

post script:
I told the investigating officer that I had been watching through binos that I saw something depart the A/C that, for ease of explanation & visualization, I described as chaff. He did not understand chaff, I analogized to action movies where the hero is flying an A/C, bad guy

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launches a missile, and the hero
deploys chaff and goes on his way as
the missile becomes confused. He did
not understand "depart from controlled
blight".

I stressed to him, this is very
important, I WAS the only person
looking through binos, I saw a
PUFF of something depart the A/C,
and within seconds the A/C
departed from controlled blight.

In a conversation with the NTSB
9 days later,
I learned that he did not
memorize what I had told him
was very important. I

~~will not neglect and will~~

shall keep my opinion as to that
revelation and the officers
interview techniques to myself.

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my Focus WAS the A/C
 while looking through the binos
 when I used my eyes only
 I Focused on the A/C to
 see if ~~the~~ RB could get out
 when he ejected I focused
 ON RB & the chute - I saw NO
 MOUNTAINS NOR ground

My FOCUS WAS ON RB & the chute
waiting for the chute to pop open

Eventually he plummeted down
and the earth came into
focus

* NO odor of
fuel at crash
site, NO drips
NOR pooling.

I arrived mere minutes after the crash, and although
hot & only a light breeze WASTED - not enough to blow



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Away.

