

## **RECORD OF ATC INFORMATION**

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NTSB Accident Number: CEN21FA360

The investigator reviewed the FAA replay for the Flying Cloud Airport (FCM) air traffic control tower (ATCT). The following information was revealed:

17:38:39: The pilot initiated communications with FCM ATCT. The pilot's transmission was disjointed: "Mooney 56 Zulu ...... ah ......with you"

17:38:47: ATCT cleared Mooney N9156Z to land on Runway 10R. The pilot did not respond.

17:39:03: ATCT repeated a landing clearance. The pilot did not respond.

During this time period, the airplane tracked left of the approach course, accelerated about 50 knots groundspeed, and descended about 300 ft.

17:39:17: ATCT repeated a transmission to Mooney N9156Z. The pilot stated: "go ahead".

17:39:22: ATCT repeated a landing clearance and the pilot stated: "ah 56 Zulu".

During this time period, the airplane turned right (back toward the approach course) and descended an additional 300 ft.

17:39:30: ATCT transmitted a low altitude awareness alert. The pilot stated: "roger, 56 Zulu".

No further transmissions were received from the pilot.

17:39:40: The airplane turned left abruptly and began to rapidly descend.