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Subject: ERA24FA003

Contact: Loraine Newcomb (Witness)

The individual noted above provided the following information during an interview near the accident site. The below contents are a summary of what was reported:

- She resides at an address near the flight path.
- She described that she was inside watching television. She could not recall the exact time. She then heard a helicopter and described that "it was so loud" and "so low."
- She immediately went outside. She recalls seeing the helicopter with its lights on. She described that it appeared to be flying "very fast" and the engine was "very loud."
- The helicopter disappeared from her view and the sound of the helicopter abruptly stopped, but she did not hear the sound of an impact.
- She described that on past occasions, she has heard helicopters depart from the
 residence near her property. She believed that this helicopter was louder and
 lower, and faster, than other helicopters she has seen flying in this area in the
 past.
- She recalled observing the stars after the helicopter flew by. She could not recall seeing the moon and described the night as a "dark night." There was no wind, nor any rain, or clouds she observed. She remarked that usually when she can see the stars, as she did the accident night, it needs to be a dark night.