



Memorandum For Record

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A 1 minute 24 second 1200Aero Audio Recording was provided by personnel of the Moore County Airport (KSOP), Pinehurst/Southern Pines, North Carolina. The airport manager (Scott Malta) of SOP sent an e-mail to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) inspector-in-charge on February 14, 2022, at 1003 EST, indicating, "Corey, the recording came from our 1200 Aero Flight Tracking system at the time of the Accident. The recording is of our Unicom frequency 123.050."

A review of the recording revealed the following transmissions¹:

0:05 Military Helicopter and moore county traffic army copter eight three two four three approximately two miles to the east of the field will be no factor *²

0:26 Military Helicopter moore county traffic army copter nine three two six one³ a two mile short final for runway five moore county traffic

0:46 Military Helicopter moore county traffic army copter nine three two six one is uh departure to the east, off of centerline *

1:09 Military Helicopter moore county traffic army copter nine three two six one is uh three miles east will be⁴

1:16 Moore County Unicom moore county unicom there has been an aircraft accident with fire on uh on the side of the runway there

¹ The time is expressed as elapsed time of the recording. Correlation to actual time was not performed.

² * indicates unintelligible

³ According to Mr. Denton, who was the Brigade Aviation Safety Officer for the 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 93261 was a AH64, and was conducting a low approach to runway 5.

⁴ The end of the transmission was stepped on