

Record of Conversation DCA20SA034AB

Bill English AS-10 IIC

Elijah Smith PIC N71HD

6pm EST, Friday, Dec 6

In response to questions, Mr. Smith stated:

The incident occurred about 715 pm PST, conditions were full dark. It is difficult to make out individual lights in the area due to high concentration of city lights.

They were northwestbound at about 1100 – 1200 feet msl, cruising at 100-110k, transitioning between story locations. There were some clouds above but not in the area.

He did not see anything prior to hearing the loud noise. He attributed what he might have mentioned as a flash of light as actually from his own strobes reflecting off the main rotor blades.

He has experienced bird strikes in the past. He has never seen a small drone while flying the helicopter. He related one time that he saw a strange light in the sky that was moving very quickly, but attributed it to an illusion.

He said the camera was stowed, but the company is checking to see if it was running and sending feed to the TV station.

He described the area of the event as east of City Hall bounded by Los Angeles St, Alameda St, Cesar Chavez Ave, and East 2nd St. This location was passed on to the LAPD.

-----No more follows.-----