



Aviation Investigation Factual Report

Location: JAMAICA, New York Accident Number: NYC90FA104

Date & Time: May 11, 1990, 12:25 Local Registration: N381MQ

Aircraft: SHORT BROTHERS SD3- Aircraft Damage: Substantial

Defining Event: 2 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Positioning

Factual Information

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Airline transport	Age:	33,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land; Multi-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane	Second Pilot Present:	Yes
Instructor Rating(s):	Airplane single-engine	Toxicology Performed:	Yes
Medical Certification:	Class 1 Valid Medicalw/ waivers/lim	Last FAA Medical Exam:	February 22, 1990
Occupational Pilot:	Yes	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	3800 hours (Total, all aircraft), 44 hours (Total, this make and model), 1965 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 46 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 33 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft)		

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Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	SHORT BROTHERS	Registration:	N381MQ
Model/Series:	SD3-60-200 SD3-60-200	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	SH3703
Landing Gear Type:	Retractable - Tricycle	Seats:	40
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	Continuous airworthiness	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	26553 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	2 Turbo prop
Airframe Total Time:		Engine Manufacturer:	P&W
ELT:	Installed, activated, did not aid in locating accident	Engine Model/Series:	PT6A-65AR
Registered Owner:	U.S. WEST FINANCIAL SERVICES	Rated Power:	1425 Horsepower
Operator:	COMMAND AIRWAYS	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	Commuter air carrier (135)
Operator Does Business As:	AMERICAN EAGLE	Operator Designator Code:	CAIA

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	JFK ,13 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	1 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	12:50 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	340°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Unknown	Visibility	20 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	Broken / 4800 ft AGL	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	22 knots / None	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	270°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	29 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	12°C / 4°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipita	ation	
Departure Point:	JAMAICA (JFK)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	IFR
Destination:	POUGHKEEPSIE (POU)	Type of Clearance:	IFR
Departure Time:	00:00 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class E

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Airport Information

Airport:	JOHN F. KENNEDY JFK	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	13 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	0	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:		VFR Approach/Landing:	None

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	2 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:		Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	2 None	Latitude, Longitude:	40.649654,-73.790695(est)

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Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC): Hancock, Robert

Additional Participating Persons: JOSEPH STUPIELLO; FARMINGDALE, NY

Report Date: February 6, 1995

Last Revision Date: Investigation Class: Class

Note: https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=36531

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