Memorandum

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To: Aircraft Accident File N90-TRACON-0122

From: LaGuardia Airport Traffic Control Tower

Subject: INFORMATION: Full Transcript

Aircraft Accident, AWE1549
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This transcription covers the LaGuardia Airport Traffic Control Tower (ATCT) CC CC position for the time period from January 15, 2009, 2025 UTC, to January 15, 2009, 2058 UTC.

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I hereby certify that the following is a true transcription of the recorded conversations pertaining to the subject aircraft accident involving AWE1549.

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2025
2026
2026:13 TMU hey laguardia tracon tm u
2026:17 CC okay
2026:18 TMU um the wavey apreq is out until midnight zula
2026:21 CC okay laguardia got it
and white i need five minutes in trail over white no exclusion until midnight zulu

five minutes white no exclusion midnight z

yup

got it

thanks

coordinator final request

ah i didn’t call did you call me

yeah piedmont forty three sixty two overhead ah i’d like to go overhead behind his company

piedmont forty three sixty two overhead okay that’s good yeah you got it

alright thanks

tower stop your departures got an emergency returning

who is it

it’s (unintelligible) fifteen twenty nine he uh bird strike he lost all engines he lost the thrust to the engines he’s returning immediately

cactus fifteen twenty nine which engines

he lost thrust in both engines he said

got it

hey sequencer departure
2028:10  CC  yes go ahead

2028:13  DEP  yeah the cactus fifteen forty nine that just departed ah he

2028:15  CC  fifteen twenty nine or forty nine somebody else said fifteen twenty nine

2028:19  DEP  fifteen forty nine

2028:21  CC  okay fifteen forty nine i got it a bird strike he lost his thrust in both both engines he’s returning (unintelligible)

2028:26  DEP  ah he wants to return immediately and au he wants to land runway ah three one

2028:29  CC  got it landing runway three one

2028:32  DEP  okay

2028:33  CC  okay

2028:37  CC  and runway four’s available if he needs it

2028:42  DEP  okay runway four’s available thank you tower we’ll get back to you

2028:49  CC  tower

2028:50  PA  yeah tower bird strike which which airline

2028:53  CC  okay listen ah we're going to tell you something important it's cactus fifteen forty nine we see somebody low level in the hudson river below four hundred okay you're gonna need to um alert the new york and new jersey port authority police over there

2030:06  PA  new york and new jersey port authority police

2030:09  CC  okay he's in the hudson river he's just about a mile and
a half north of the lincoln tunnel last sighted below nine hundred feet we still got a target on him but he looks like he’s low level

2030:18 PA okay
2030:19 CC okay
2030:20 PA alright
2030:21 CC good and that's cactus fifteen forty nine one five four niner
2030:24 PA one five four niner and what is what airline is that
2030:28 CC ah it’s u s air cactus
2030:29 PA okay thanks
2030:38 CC kennedy laguardia
2030:41 JFK kennedy
2030:42 CC get me a police department helicopter have you got one on your frequency
2030:45 JFK say again
2030:48 CC get me a police department helicopter if you got one on your frequency right now
2030:52 JFK we don’t have one right now but we we’ll make a call
2030:54 CC you get anybody you send them right into the lincoln tunnel we had a cactus airbus go down in the water
2030:57 JFK got it okay
2030:58 CC okay
2031:15  CC    sequencer tower
2031:25  CC    okay that cactus we got a report he went down in the river abeam the intrepid
2031:28  SEQ  yeah tower
2031:29  SEQ  okay thank you
2031:30  CC    okay
2031:30  SEQ  okay
2032  
2032:25  SEQ  laguardia tower
2032:29  SEQ  laguardia tower approach
2032:31  CC    you calling
2032:34  SEQ  yeah you have ah do you have that cactus in sight
2032:37  CC    no the cactus is gone he’s down in the river right now
2032:39  SEQ  he actually went down
2032:40  CC    he went down in the hudson river abeam the intrepid ah he’s sending out the rescue everybody’s been notified and just be careful with your arrivals okay
2032:47  SEQ  okay
2032:48  CC    mike whiskey
2033  
2034  
2034:35  CC    sequencer tower
2034:42  CC    sequencer tower
2034:43  SEQ  yeah what do you have
2034:44  CC    do you recall the position of the air strike or when he reported it

2034:47  SEQ   ah let me talk to the controller hang on

2034:49  CC    call me back

2035:05  SEQ   yeah tower he was about five north of the airport when he

2035:09  CC    five north of the airport altitude

2035:10  SEQ   ah he said he was out of four thousand feet

2035:12  CC    thank you

2035:13  SEQ   okay

2036:07  SEQ   hey sequence ah

2036:08  CC    yes

2036:10  SEQ   if you want to let departures go they're released

2036:11  CC    alright well let me just ah okay okay we will ah we i got your release we will let you know if we're gonna roll anybody right now okay

2036:20  SEQ   okay b r

2036:21  CC    mike whiskey

2037:23  FNL   sequencer approach

2037:25  CC    sequence

2037:26  FNL   yeah ah what's the status of the airport are we just gonna run normal arrivals to the airport
2037:30  CC    ah right now the airport is open we're not releasing any departures until we make a decision on that okay

2037:37  FNL    keep the arrivals that we're holding coming in now

2037:39  CC    ah stand by let me call you right back

2037:40  FNL    okay check

2037:59  SEQ    approach

2038:00  CC    tower

2038:01  PA    yeah are you holding everything or you gonna let them go

2038:03  CC    we we're not releasing anybody we're still holding arrivals what would you like us to do

2038:08  PA    well we're still doing a surface check right now wait to see what they say but he definitely went in the hudson

2038:13  CC    that's that is ah i'm pretty ah i'm ninety nine percent sure because he ain't here and we watched him low and when he dropped off the radar near the intrepid we got a report that they're dispatching float ah floatation ah rescue ah equipment

2038:27  PA    by (unintelligible) the intrepid

2038:28  CC    right right abeam the intrepid is where he went down and ah the last report is he was still floating

2038:32  PA    he was still floating in the water

2038:34  CC    that's the last report that i overheard in the tower cab

2038:37  PA    okay thank you

2038:38  CC    mikes whiskey
2038:39  PA     thank you
2038:44  CC     hey sequence
2038:50  SEQ    yeah tower
2038:51  CC     listen ah we’re gonna continue to hold the arrivals port authority’s gotta do surface checks on the airport before we can really send the arrivals
2038:56  SEQ    okay we’ll hold all arrivals you get back to us
2039    SEQ    2039
2039:01  CC     i’ll call you as soon as they can
2039:02  SEQ    and you’re not gonna depart anyone else (unintelligible)
2039:03  CC     we’re not departing anybody now mike whiskey
2039:04  SEQ    okay
2040    SEQ    2040
2041    SEQ    2041
2041:39  CC     hey port
2041:47  PA     yes tower
2041:48  CC     hi how you doing
2041:49  PA     hi
2041:50  CC     ah listen just to ah we’re just gonna let you know ah and confirm with you that we’re gonna take arrivals to runway three one you guys are done with your surface check correct
2041:56  PA     yes ah let me call and i’ll call you right back
2041:59  CC     okay they’re gonna start running arrivals because we we spoke to one of the vehicles on the tower frequency call me back and confirm we can accept arrivals to runway three one
2042:06 PA okay

2042:07 CC mike whiskey

2042:07 PA okay

2042:23 FNL hey sequence i'm sorry coordinator final we're gonna start running them in slowly

2042:27 CC okay mike whiskey

2042:37 CC teterboro laguardia

2042:40 TEB teterboro

2042:41 CC do you guys know what's going on over in the hudson

2042:45 TEB ah airbus went down right

2042:46 CC yeah i don't know if you guys got any activity going over that way ah

2042:50 TEB no they told us there was a t f r around it

2042:52 CC i'm sorry

2042:53 TEB they told us there was a t f r around it

2042:55 CC (unintelligible) give you a heads up thanks mike whiskey

2043:01 UNK are you the one that gave me the (unintelligible)

2043:02 CC (unintelligible)

2043:07 UNK are you tango tango

2043:08 CC i'm sorry
2043:09 UNK what's your initials

2043:10 CC alpha golf

2043:11 UNK alpha golf

2043:13 CC okay thanks
2044 (2045-2046) 2047

2047:17 SEQ hey coordinator ah coordinator sequence

2047:22 CC i'm here al

2047:23 SEQ hey billy how much mile how many ah how much spacing you want on the expressways

2047:27 CC we really don't need much you know what we're we're holding off on the departures until we get a little bit more guidance from ah maybe leo ah akin ah we really don't need much just give us four four to five

2047:41 SEQ okay we'll give you we'll give you five

2047:41 CC okay

2047:42 SEQ okay thanks

2048 (2049-2054) 2055

2055:43 PA hello (unintelligible) what's up

2055:47 CC did you got words about the (unintelligible)

2055:48 PA (unintelligible) we got survivors we got survivors alright they're picking em up

2055:52 CC okay very good

2055:55 PA there are numerous survivors

2055:56 CC thank you very much
2055:57  PA      the plane's still afloat
2055:58  CC      thank you so much
2056:00  PA      you welcomed bye
2057  
2057:01  CC      tower
2057:03  DEP     hey how you doing
2057:04  DEP     have we started departing again
2057:07  CC     ah we you guys released us we're just gonna we we are released for departure but we haven't released any departures yet
2057:14  DEP     okay (unintelligible) is there a particular reason why you're doing that
2057:15  CC      i can call you back with a reason okay
2057:16  DEP     i certainly appreciate that
2057:17  CC      okay
2057:18  DEP     bye

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