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## Memorandum

Cleveland ARTCC 326 East Lorain Street Oberlin, Ohio 44074

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Subject: INFORMATION: Partial Transcript;

Aircraft Accident; N591UA (UAL93); Somerset, PA

September 11, 2001

From: Cleveland ARTCC

To: Aircraft Accident File ZOB-ARTCC-287

This transcription covers the Cleveland ARTCC, Indianhead Radar position for the time period from September 11, 2001, 1358 UTC to September 11, 2001, 1418 UTC.

Agencies Making Transmissions	Abbreviations
CFMDE Cleveland ARTCC Indianhead Radar Position Cleveland ARTCC Imperial Radar Associate Position N20VF Cleveland ARTCC Imperial Radar Position Unknown	CFMDE IHD-R IRL-RA N20VF IRL-R UNKN

I hereby certify that the following is a true transcription of the recorded conversation pertaining to the subject aircraft accident involving N591UA (UAL93):

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1359:18 CFMDE

ah cleveland center mike delta echo ah we'd like lower now i guess for

johnstown ah

1359:24

IHD-R

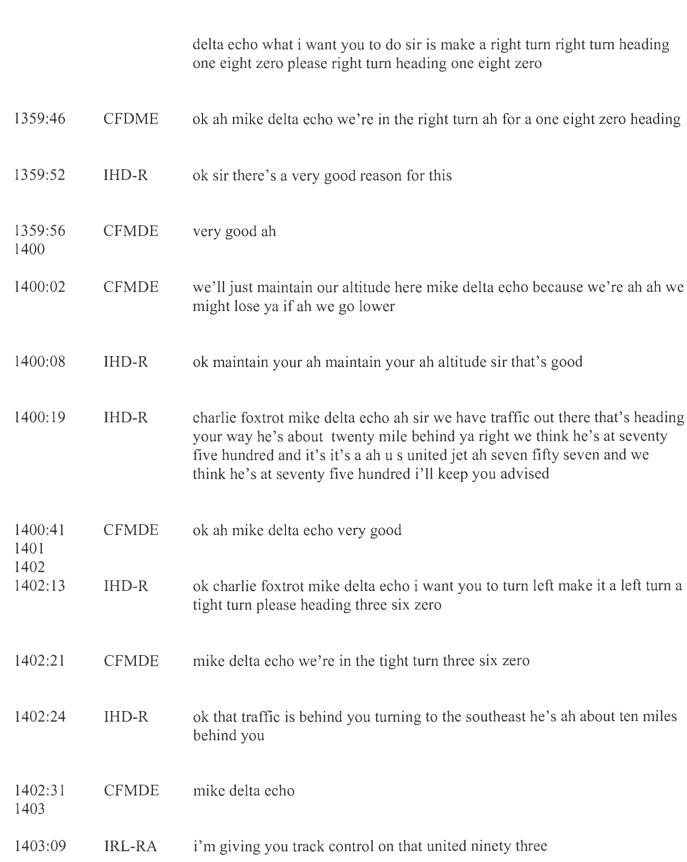
ok ah charlie foxtrot mike delta echo roger um i'll tell you what ah charlie

foxtrot mike delta echo hold on one second here ok charlie foxtrot mike

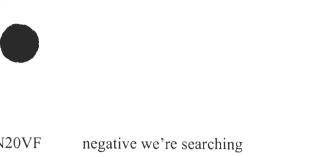
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IHD-R

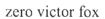
alright thank you



1403:13	IRL-RA	alright
1403:25	IHD-R	ok charlie foxtrot mike delta echo sir you're cleared direct johnstown when you're able sir if you could take a look or have somebody in the back take a look and see if you see traffic he would be in your five o clock position and ten miles we think he's at eight thousand feet
1403:44	CFMDE	ah mike delta echo is looking and negative contact at this time you said you wanted us to go direct johnstown
1403:50	IHD-R	direct to johnstown sir you can start that descent again
1403:54	CFMDE	mike delta echo
1403:55 1404	IHD-R	sir i've lost the ah primary on this guy too i think he's ah to your south now but i'll keep you advised
1404:01	CFMDE	thank you and we're still ah negative contact there ah lookin at ah five o clock
1405 1406 1406:27	IRL-RA	(unintelligible) it's likely that united is down we've got a report from a guy at twenty four of a column of black smoke off his left
1406:32	IHD-R	thank you
1406:34	IRL-RA	alright but we don't have confirmation
1406:38	N20VF	hello cleveland falcon twenty victor fox descending to niner thousand out of ten point eight
1406:40	IHD-R	falcon two zero victor foxtrot sir check for an elt do you see any ah activity out there probably on your right side smoke or anything like that



1406:53	N20VF	negative we're searching
1406:57	N20VF	yeah we do have ah smoke puffs now at about ah oh probably two o clock
1407:03	IHD-R	ok your two o clock and i need to know how many miles sir
1407:18	IHD-R	ok ah three zero victor fox two zero victor foxtrot sir can you give me a ah position on the ah activity there
1407:29	N20VF	yeah its ah guesstimating maybe ten miles for two zero victor foxtrot maybe a thousand feet or so below us
1407:36	IHD-R	ok a thousand feet below you and its in your two o clock position you say ten miles
1407:41	N20VF	affirmative appears to be just a ah dark cloud like a puff of black smoke
1407:46	IHD-R	ok sir i uh i don't want to put you in any kind of situation but if you can you see anything over there sir do you see any flames or anything
1407:57	N20VF	ah negative on the flames ah we don't detect any flames can't see that much of the ground from here
1408:03	IHD-R	ok two zero victor foxtrot you can descend at your discretion maintain five thousand sir do you have g p s on board is there any way you can give me any kind of ah fix on this
1408:15	N20VF	ah we do have g op s i don't know how we can give you an accurate fix without flying over the position over there
1408:21	IHD-R	ok sir i don't want to put you in any kind of situation but ah if you can think you can fly over it you can have whatever altitude you want and give us the exact g p s on that ah that would probably help us out
1408:35	N20VF	ok we'll head over in that direction and we're goin to five thousand two



1408:40	IHD-R	ok two zero victor foxtrot let me know when you get there sir and we'll get a ah lat long from it thank you
1408:48 1409 1410	N20VF	will do ah two zero victor fox
1410:13	IHD-R	and two zero victor foxtrot ah you about over that now?
1410:18	N20VF	we're coming on it i'm gettin ready to call you with the coordinates do you want me to do that
1410:23 1411	IHD-R	yes please sir
1411:01	N20VF	and center two zero victor fox we're coming up on that our coordinates are four zero zero two point two seven eight five four point seven and ah it looks like ah dark smoke on the ground on the edge of a field ah bordered by a treed area or forest area at the end of a road
1411:19	IHD-R	ok sir you seeing any kind of flames or anything
1411:23	N20VF	ah no flames ah black smoke and its the end of a dirt road ah ah near a wooded area we're circling now
1411:36	IHD-R	can we do that with johnstown through tower when he goes over to tower ok yeah go ahead
1411:41	IRL-R	yeah this is imperial gopher zero six
1411:43	IHD-R	uh huh
1410:44	IRL-R	if i can i'm going to take him down towards that report of smoke area
1411:49	IHD-R	i i just got it bill i have it i have the a guy right over it right now you can do

what you want but i have a guy down there at five thousand feet overflew it we got the lat longs and everything

1411:56	IRL-R	is that him
1411:59	IHD-R	and a report
1412:01	UNKN	that was the united
1412:04	IHD-R	he sees smoke and he didn't see flames he sees smoke and and
1412:04	IRL-R	visual positive i d on alright
1412:05	IHD-R	right
1412:15	IHD-R	ok sir can you see any kind of wreckage or anything out there
1412:17	N20VF	as we get around this side of it ha the smoke is blowing away from us we do se flames ah its on the edge of like i say a wooded area ah and a very fairly ah clean ah field but i don't see wreckage i do see flames now and ah dark smoke
1412:33	IHD-R	ok two zero victor foxtrot roger ah i'm gonna keep you there for just one more second in case we need a little more information if that's ok with you sir
1412:43	N20VF	yeah everything appears to be ok with us
1412:46 1413 1414 1415 1416	IHD-R	ah we think it was a united jet sir that was bombed

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