



**National Transportation Safety Board
Office of Aviation Safety – Central Region**

Transcript – Flight Request

This call initiated approximately 0120. The call was one minute and 43 seconds in length.

Morgan: PHI Texas, this is Morgan how can I help you?

Robin: Hi Morgan, this is Robin in Huntsville Texas, the emergency room. And I need um... a helicopter and we had Herman coming but they had to abort because of a some kind of cloud overhead a patch of fog apparently they can't land in...just wondering if you could do a weather check and see if your guys could come.

Morgan: For Huntsville?

Robin: Yes.

Morgan: Where are they going to?

Robin: Herman.

Morgan: Herman downtown?

Robin: Yeah.

Morgan: Ok...Med one is currently out of service um...temporarily. They just got back from a flight and they need to re-stack. So the next closest that would do a weather check it looks right now for me...would be med twelve out of Brian Call Station.

Robin: That's pretty close. Will it go to Herman?

Morgan: Yes.

Robin: They might not have the same fog. Can you call 'em and do a weather check?

Morgan: Yes ma'am I can let me...hold on one second.

Robin: Ok.

Robin (to someone in the background): The closest helicopter she's got is in Brian which is great for us...because that's right there and they might come from the other way.

Male: (unintelligible)

Robin: Maybe they can fly over it. They're not going to abort turn around and bring him back.

Male: No 'cause it's (unintelligible)

Robin: Once they air lift him up they'll have to go...they can go from...

Morgan: What's a call back number for you?

Robin: (936) 291-4589

Morgan: Ok. Hold on one second ok.

Robin: Ok thanks.



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Transcript – Weather Discussion between Pilot and EOC

This call initiated approximately 0120 and was two minutes and 21 seconds in duration.

Rick: Yeah, Rick

Wayne: Rick. This is Wayne Med twelve Wayne College Station.

Rick: Yes sir.

Wayne: We just got an alert for a call from a Huntsville to ah Houston...and ah life flight has turned this down. I'm looking at it here and I'm seein' ah, right at a thousand around Houston let's see....

Rick: (key strokes) Well Hobby's nineteen hundred. Intercontinental is twenty five hundred. You guys are seventeen hundred.

Wayne: Right. (background radio traffic) I was, I was just trying to figure out why they turned that flight down.

Rick: Yeah. I don't know if they were going on the forecast...its forecast at fifteen hundred ah and six miles after 1 o'clock

Wayne: uh, huh.

Rick: Um..I'm not seeing, yeah...I don't know if that's Crockett...that and I mean that's a ways east of you guys but.

Wayne: Right, Yes

Rick: Um... I'm seeing ten miles everywhere. I'm not seeing... (unintelligible, possibly hugely great) but a...I think it's...ya know, I'm not seeing anything that jumps out at me.

Wayne: No, I'm not either and that's, that's why I was calling you but...

Rick: Well that's, that's two of us that both of us are gettin' the same story here um...I honestly don't see anything here. I don't know if it's a crew that wants to sleep and you know in the old days they just had the pilot do weather...

Wayne: uh, huh.

Rick: And stuff which has been done more than once and I'm not saying it is, usually they're hungry for business but I'm not seeing anything that jumps out um...good breeze, ah good spreads everywhere. You just got some a...

Wayne: Uh, huh.

Rick: Marginal conditions there but above cross country minimums here...um looks ok to me if you're comfortable with it. I'm, I, I don't see anything jumping out at me.

Wayne: OK.

Rick: Alrighty

Wayne: Alright.

Rick: Ok.

Wayne: You bet.

Rick: Ok, hey take Care.

Wayne: Alright

Rick: 'K, bye.



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Transcript – Second Weather Discussion between Pilot and EOC

This call was three minutes and 16 seconds in duration.

Rick: Yeah, Rick.

Wayne: Hey Rick, this is Wayne again...

Rick: yeah.

Wayne: I just talked to Texas ops...

Rick: Uh, huh.

Wayne: and ah Huntsville told them life flight turned it down due to fog somewhere and she didn't know where it was. But ah I don't see it on there. Is med one flying anywhere?

Rick: uh, well we don't dispatch them here but ah, let me take a look at Outerlink

Wayne: yeah, just ah.

Rick: Give me two se...no they're on the ground. Oh, so this is...

Wayne: What's that?

Rick: Huntsville to Houston?

Wayne: Right

Rick: Oh ok well. Yeah, they're sitting on the ground I'm not showing them out of service unless they've ah done ah something else...let me well hang on a second...(radio traffic)...Conroe is ten, Hewitt eighteen hundred scattered twenty-five hundred, broken thirty eight hundred and about a three degree split but its ah six knots

Wayne: Uh, huh.

Rick: Out of the southeast let me a see, let me look at the EOC thing. He's showing green...so, um, I'm not showing anybody in Texas on the yellow side. I don't know where that guys coming from ah, where there base is ya know it might not be the closets the closets one if he's up there at Crockett or someplace up over there, I don't know they put them out in the boondocks usually, so ah, I don't know it looks...it looks good to me

from what I can see um... ten miles overcast fourteen hundred at 150 at 10 gusting to sixteen and seven degree spread over at Huntsville...

Wayne: Yeah, right

Rick: I don't know I'm not seeing anything if you don't feel comfortable don't take it but I'm just saying from what I'm seeing it looks Ok to me.

Wayne: Right. Well I'm just curious as to why they turned it down you know...and where this fog is they're reporting and I certainly don't see it.

Rick: Ah, I don't either. Like I say, I'm seeing nine, ten miles everywhere.

Wayne: Uh, huh.

Rick: So.

Wayne: Ok, well I guess we'll...

Rick: In fact at ah Crockett that's that one that's ...it's showing ten miles and and I think that's that sensor there is always goofing up its showing over cast 100 feet. I kind of think it was 100 feet you wouldn't have ten miles so.... I think that's the one that's always actin' up over there anyway so. I don't know what they're see I'm not saying it's not out there, but ah...its not anywhere that's being reported so...

Wayne: Ok.

Rick: Yeah, that's that local knowledge boss that you would know better than I do but I'm not seeing it anywhere here anywhere being reported.

Wayne: Ok.

Rick: So

Wayne: I appreciate the information

Rick: Ok.

Wayne: Be back with the ops

Rick: Ok. Alrighty. Take care. Bye.



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Transcript – Third Weather Discussion between Pilot and EOC

The duration of this call was one minute and 55 seconds.

Rick: EOC this is Rick.

Wayne: Hey Rick this is Wayne. We're over here in Huntsville with no problem ah...but I can see there's a lot of moisture coming up from the south ya know there's an (unintelligible) I can see stars...but ah, can you see anything that's changed since, ah... (unintelligible) still look good down toward Houston? We're going to Houston Harmon...

Rick: Ok, let me get over there...fortunately I got crews in over the D.C. area, it's getting ready to get foggy there...ah, Huntsville is currently ten statute broken, one thousand variable at five knots, seventy-nine and seventy-three ah Conroe, Conroe is ten statute scattered seventeen hundred broken twenty five hundred broken thirty three hundred wind thirty at four seventy eight and seventy five and...let's see, intercontinental ten statute scattered two thousand broken twenty eight hundred winds out of the south at seven, eighty and seventy three, Hobby is eight statute, broken nineteen hundred broken twenty five hundred overcast, I'm sorry, ah, one sixty at seven, eighty one and seventy three so you've got some lower clouds there, but still some good breezes around there so far..

Wayne: uh, huh...well you know that's, we got just what was forecast ah, on the way over here, but ah...I just wanted to keep checking, we're still waiting on the patient to come out now. We still got sixty miles to run from here so ah, won't take us very long to get there but ah...

Rick: Yeah, it's lookin' good to me, sir

Wayne: Alright

Rick: Alright I'll keep an eye on it...

Wayne: If you see anything change just give me a holler on the air

Rick: Sure, I will do, ah...Actually I can't talk directly to you guys, I'll talk to ah Montgomery County ah and go through them and, I always can...when I give you guys an update I always have them put me on hold and give you the information and stand-by if you need anything else so...

Wayne: Ok. I appreciate

Rick: Okey dokey, Wayne take care.

Wayne: Ok

Rick: Ok bye

Wayne: Thank you.