

November 7, 2001

Mr. Robert Ford
Marine Accident Investigator
National Transportation Safety Board
Office of Marine Safety
490 L'Enfant Plaza East
S.W. Washington, D.C. 20594-2000

Dear Mr. Ford,

This letter is to follow up on our conversation following the fire aboard the Sea Streak New York. I have obtained a diploma from Sea School, who is an authorized United States Coast Guard testing center. However, to this point I have not received a license from the Coast Guard. The delay in getting the Coast Guard license is that I am not an American citizen. Since the events of September 11th, Immigration and Naturalization Services has been slow to schedule dates to become citizens. As soon as my citizenship comes through, I will be getting my license, and a copy will be forwarded to you. I apologize for any misunderstanding regarding the status of my license.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter please feel free to contact me at anytime (201) 662-8557. Thank you very much for your attention.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pedro Rodriguez', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Pedro Rodriguez