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## AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION DIVISION

### SPAN

### Systems Performance Analysis Network

File: C30166

Aircraft Type: Cessna A185E (Ski wheels)

Reg: CF-RZV

Date: 12 Dec 73

Time: 1142 CST

Operation: State

Locale: Bush

Damage: Substantial

Place: Near Cumberland House Sask. 54/04N 102/59W

Weather: Sky clear, vis 15 + variable to 5 miles occasional ice crystals, temp 30°F wind ENE

Pilot: Commercial

Total hrs. All: 1400

On Type: 75

Last 90 Days All: 75

On Type: 75

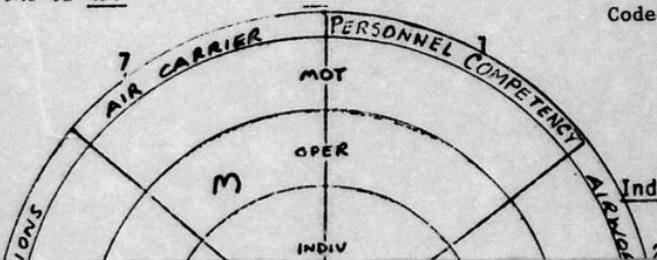
Casualties: Crew 1 killed: pass 3 killed.

Description of Occurrence: The aircraft did not reach its destination and was found three hours later having struck the ground inverted at a steep angle at 125-132 mph.

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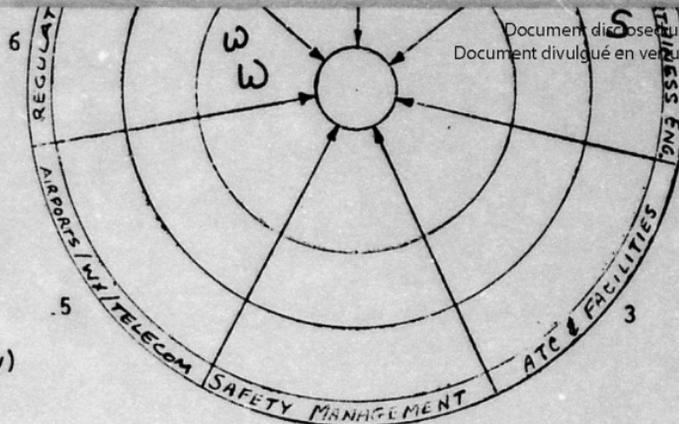
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0-OTHER (Specify)

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ANALYSIS

- |   |   |   |  |
|---|---|---|--|
| 1 | W | X | Pilot did not maintain airspeed in a steep turn            |
| 6 | W |   | Pilot low flying   |
| 6 | W |   | No flight plan or notification filed                       |
| 7 | M |   | Company did not apply adequate supervision                 |
| 2 | S |   | F.T installation standard inside aircraft not satisfactory |
| 4 | W |   | Good field investigation.                                  |
| 4 | W |   | Good aeromedical investigation.                            |

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On Type: 75

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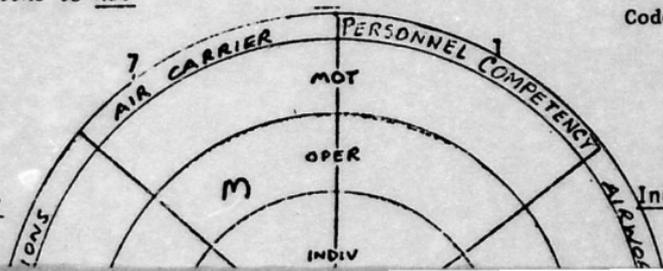
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Casualties: Crew 1 killed: pass 3 killed.

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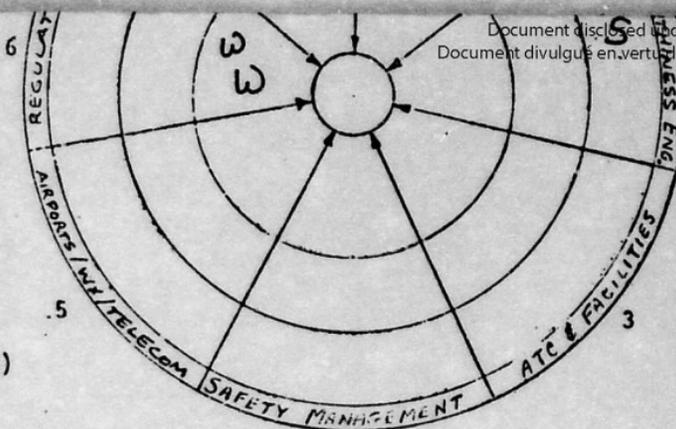
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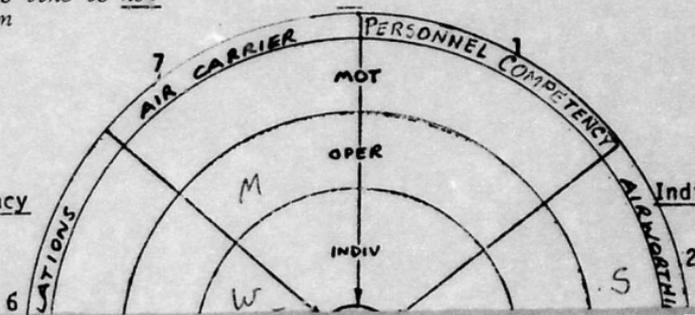
### Systems Performance Analysis Network

File: C 3D166 Aircraft Type: Reg: CF-R2V  
 Date: 12 DEC 73 Time: 1142 CST Operation: STATE Damage: SUBSTANTIAL  
 Locale: BUSH Place: NEAR CUMBERLAND HOUSE SASK.  
 Weather: ~~SKY~~ CLEAR, VIS 15+ variable to 5 miles, occasional ice crystals, temp. -30°F, wind ENE  
 Pilot: Commercial Total hrs. All: 1400 On Type: 75  
 Last 90 Days All: 75 On Type: 75  
 Casualties: crew, killed; pass 3, killed  
 Description of Occurrence:

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**AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT REPORT**  
**RAPPORT D'ACCIDENT D'AVIATION**

ACCIDENT REPORT NO.  
C30166

AIRCRAFT MAKE & MODEL - <i>Marque &amp; modèle d'aéronef</i> Cessna A185E (ski-wheels)		REGISTRATION -- <i>Immatriculation</i> CF-BZV	DATE-TIME - <i>Date-Heure</i> 12Dec73 1142 CST	OPERATION - <i>Opération</i> SIA RE
PLACE - <i>Endroit</i> Near Cumberland House, Sask		LATITUDE 54/04N		LONGITUDE 102/59W
LOCALE - <i>Scène</i> Lightly wooded soft soil area, 940 ft asl				
WEATHER - <i>Conditions météorologiques</i> Sky clear, vis 15+ variable to 5 miles in occasional ice crystals, temp -30°F, wind ENE / 7 mph				

PILOT PILOTE	LICENCE Commercial	TOTAL HOURS - <i>Heures totales</i>	TOTAL HOURS, LAST 90 DAYS - <i>Total d'heures (90 derniers jours)</i>
		1400 200 ALL TYPES - <i>Tous types</i> ON TYPE - <i>Type et cause</i>	75 75 ALL TYPES - <i>Tous types</i> ON TYPE - <i>Type en cause</i>

DESCRIPTION OF OCCURRENCE - *Description de l'événement*

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The circumstances of the accident and the condition of the wreckage indicate a loss of control during a steep turn at low altitude.

	TOTAL	FATALITIES - <i>Perles de vie</i>	SERIOUS INJURIES - <i>Blessures graves</i>	MINOR INJURIES - <i>Blessures légères</i>
CREW - <i>Équipage</i>	1	1		
PASSENGERS	3	3		
OTHERS - <i>Autres</i>				

## FINDINGS:

During a steep turn at low altitude the aircraft was allowed to enter a high speed stall from which recovery was not effected before it struck the ground.

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AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT REPORT  
RAPPORT D'ACCIDENT D'AVIATION

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REFER TO REPORT NO.  
REF. RAPPORT N°  
C30166

AIRCRAFT MAKE & MODEL - Marque & modèle d'aéronef Cessna 1A185E (ski-wheels)	REGISTRATION - Immatriculation CF-BZV	DATE-TIME - Date-Heure 12Dec73	OPERATION - Opération 1142 CST
PLACE - Endroit Near Cumberland House, Sask.		LATITUDE 54/04N 102/59W	LONGITUDE 102/59W
LOCALÉ - Scène Lightly wooded soft soil area, 940 ft. asl			
WEATHER - Conditions météorologiques Sky clear, vis 15+ variable to 5 miles and occasional ice crystals, temp -30°F, wind ENE 7mph			

PILOT PILOTE	LICENCE	TOTAL HOURS - Heures totales	TOTAL HOURS, LAST 90 DAYS - Total d'heures (90 derniers jours)	
	Commercial	1400 200	75 75	ALL TYPES - Tous types ON TYPE - Type en cause

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ASSIGNED CAUSE(S) - Cause(s) assignée(s)

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AIRCRAFT MAKE & MODEL — <i>Marque &amp; modèle d'aéronef</i> Cessna A185E (ski-wheels)		REGISTRATION — <i>Immatriculation</i> CF-BZV	DATE-TIME — <i>Date-Heure</i> 12Dec73 1142 CST	OPERATION — <i>Opération</i>
PLACE — <i>Endroit</i> Near Cumberland House, Sask		LATITUDE 54/04N		LONGITUDE 102/59W
LOCALE — <i>Scène</i> Lightly wooded soft soil area, 940 ft asl				
WEATHER — <i>Conditions météorologiques</i> Sky clear, vis 15+ variable to 5 miles in occasional ice crystals, temp -30°F, wind ENE 7 mph				

PILOT PILOTE	LICENCE	TOTAL HOURS — <i>Heures totales</i>		TOTAL HOURS, LAST 90 DAYS — <i>Total d'heures (90 derniers jours)</i>	
		1400	ALL TYPES — <i>Tous types</i>	75	ALL TYPES — <i>Tous types</i>
	Commercial	200	ON TYPE — <i>Type en cause</i>	75	ON TYPE — <i>Type en cause</i>

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WEATHER - Conditions météorologiques Sky clear, vis 15+ variable to 5 miles in occasional ice crystals, temp -30°F, wind ENE 7 mph				

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	Commercial				

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PLACE - <i>Endroit</i> Near Cumberland House, Sask		LATITUDE 54/04N	LONGITUDE 102/59W

LOCALE - *Scène*  
Lightly wooded soft soil area, 940 ft asl

WEATHER - *Conditions météorologiques*  
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PILOT PILOTE	LICENCE	TOTAL HOURS - <i>Heures totales</i>	TOTAL HOURS, LAST 90 DAYS - <i>Total d'heures (90 derniers jours)</i>
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PLACE - <i>Endroit</i> Near Cumberland House, Sask		LATITUDE 54/04N	LONGITUDE 102/59W
LOCALE - <i>Scène</i> Lightly wooded soft soil area, 940 ft asl			
WEATHER - <i>Conditions météorologiques</i> Sky clear, vis 15+ variable to 5 miles in occasional ice crystals, temp -30°F, wind ENE 7 mph			

PILOT PILOTE	LICENCE	TOTAL HOURS - <i>Heures totales</i>		TOTAL HOURS, LAST 90 DAYS - <i>Total d'heures (90 derniers jours)</i>	
		ALL TYPES - <i>Tous types</i>	ON TYPE - <i>Type en cause</i>	ALL TYPES - <i>Tous types</i>	ON TYPE - <i>Type en cause</i>
	Commercial	1400	200	75	75

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Accident - Cessna 185, CF-BZV  
Cumberland House, Manitoba  
12 December 1973

DATE COMPLETED - TERMINÉ LE

28 February 1974

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Following a 22 day search, the aircraft was located without the aid of the emergency locator transmitter (ELT). On discovery, the transmitter was held in the open and the transmitted signal was received by an overflying aircraft. The ELT was forwarded to the Engineering Laboratory by CCAI, Winnipeg with a request for technical investigation.

1.2 The technical examination of the transmitter was to consider five questions: Was the ELT in working order? Did the inertia switch function as designed? Would the ELT have transmitted as designed had it not been completely shielded in the luggage compartment of this all-metal aircraft? The ELT functioned when set to "test" after recovery. Could the batteries conceivably be of sufficient power to maintain a signal for so long a period? Any other relevant information that the examination might reveal was also requested.

2.0 EXAMINATION

2.1 A cursory check of the transmitter involved triggering the unit and establishing that a signal was being transmitted. This check was carried out in an electromagnetically shielded room using a Sony 8500 VHF receiver. A signal was received following activation of the inertia trigger switch in the transmitter. The original batteries were used.

2.2 It was noticed that an intermittence in the signal was present. This was traced to the antenna connection. Although, the connection seemed secure, the transmitted signal could be interrupted by manipulating the antenna.

2.3 The ELT was then tested in accordance with RSS 147 issue 2, the current performance standard for emergency locator transmitters, to establish the quality of its transmitted signal. This standard sets out the test procedure and performance requirements to be met by these devices. The parameter of interest in this instance was in the transmitter's radiated power, which was measured using the substitution method. This involved measuring the field strength of the transmitter. A power signal generator was then adjusted to produce the same field strength using a monopole antenna. The power of the signal generator output would then be the same as the radiated power of the ELT. This test was carried out on a test range as specified in RSS 147 issue 2 with the ambient temperature approximately 0°C and using new batteries. The results are tabulated below:

FREQUENCY (Mhz)	FIELD STRENGTH (dBuv)	RADIATED POWER (mW)
121.5	79	40
243	77	32

TABLE 1

2.4 A qualitative test of the switch resulted in it triggering the transmitter when subjected to accelerations well below those encountered during the catastrophic deformation of metal aircraft structure

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DISCUSSION

3.1

The results of the radiated power measurements must be compared to the requirements defined in RSS 147 issue 2. These requirements are tabulated below:

ENVIRONMENT	CONTINUOUS RADIATED POWER	
	AFTER 24 HRS.	AFTER 48 HRS.
+ 40°C	≥ 100 mW	≥ 50 mW
cold soak at -40°C warm to -20°C	≥ 50 mW	≥ 25 mW

TABLE 2

These values must be achieved on both frequencies. The 40mW radiated power of the unit tested was at a temperature well above the severe environment specified in the standard yet its initial signal strength at a frequency of 121.5 Mhz is only 80% of the required value after 24 hours of continuous transmission. The signal strength of the 243 Mhz carrier was even lower, 64% of the strength specified in the standard.

3.2

An interesting finding was that the readings provided in Table 1 were obtained when the ELT was sitting in contact with a wire-mesh groundplane conductor. When the unit was hand-held, the field strength at a point 100 feet from the transmitter was reduced by 4dB on 121.5 Mhz and 2 dB on 243 Mhz. In other words, hand-holding this unit results in a 50% reduction in its radiated field strength.

3.3

The question of shielding of the transmitter by the aircraft structure would require extensive testing in situ. In view of the evidence available, it is felt that the metal airframe would have inhibited the proper propagation of the emergency signal.

3.4

The battery life is a function of temperature and power consumption rate. The life of a battery is greatly reduced when ambient temperatures are lowered. It would be expected that after some 22 days of continuous transmission, the battery power remaining would be much lower than necessary to operate the transmitter. However, there seems to be an anomaly in the evidence presented in the request for technical investigation. It is stated that the ELT functioned when set to "test" after recovery. On this unit, the "test" function does not cause a signal to be transmitted. The selection of the "test" position will either; indicate the condition of the batteries when the unit is not transmitting or indicate that the unit is transmitting if the inertia switch has been activated. Therefore, it can only be concluded that either the transmitter was jarred sufficiently during handling to trigger it and subsequently the signal was received or the unit had in fact been operating continuously for the duration of the search.

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4.0 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 The emergency locator transmitter is capable of transmitting a signal on both 121.5 Mhz and 243 Mhz when activated by the inertia switch.
- 4.2 The output on both frequencies is below that required in the current standard for these devices.
- 4.3 The inertia switch is capable of functioning as designed.
- 4.4 The metal airframe of the aircraft would provide an effective shield that could eliminate or greatly reduce the normal radiation characteristics of the transmitter.
- 4.5 Although not generally accepted as possible, evidence indicates that the power supply was adequate to provide continuous transmission for the duration of the search.
- 4.6 The antenna connection was found to produce an intermittent interruption in the transmitted signal.
- 4.7 When the unit was hand-held, the signal strength was 50% of the signal strength from the unit when standing alone on the ground.

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ACCIDENT SYNOPSIS

	+10	
accident report	+11	C 30166
aircraft type	+12	<del>Cessna</del> Cessna A185R
reg	+13	ski-wheelplane fixed-wing piston 1-em.
date/time	+14	CF-RZV
operation	+15	12 Dec 73 +16 1142 CST
damage	+17	<del>Private</del> <sup>State</sup> Transportation
place	+18	Substantiated
locale	+19	54/04N 102/59W Nr Cumberland House, Sask
weather	+20	Bush
pilot	+21	Sky clear, vis 15, temp -30, wind ENE 7
	+22	Commercial
		(totals) all on type (90 days) all on type
TOTAL HOURS	+23	1400 +24 200 +25 75 +24 75 +26
casualties	+27	crew: 1 killed; pass: 3 killed
description of occurrence	+28	The aircraft did not reach its destination and was found three weeks later having
	+29	struck the ground inverted at a very steep angle.

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MEMORANDUM

TO / À

CAI OTTAWA

FROM / DE

CCAI WINNIPEG

SUBJECT / OBJET

Aircraft Accident, Cessna A185E, CF-BZV  
CUMBERLAND HOUSE, Saskatchewan  
December 12, 1973

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION - DE SECURITE

OUR FILE - N/REFERENCE

5002/C/3166

YOUR FILE - V/REFERENCE

DATE April 2, 1974

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Enclosed is the completed Regional Accident Report for the subject aircraft.

*G. A. Saul*  
G. A. Saul  
Regional Superintendent  
Accident Investigation

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TO / À

CAI OTTAWA

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FROM / DE

CAI WINNIPEG

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION - DE SÉCURITÉ
OUR FILE - N/ RÉFÉRENCE 5002/C/3166
YOUR FILE - V/ RÉFÉRENCE
DATE January 9, 1974

SUBJECT / OBJET

Aircraft Accident - Cessna 185E, CF-BZV  
NEAR CUMBERLAND HOUSE, Saskatchewan  
December 12, 1973

Further to our CCAI 262 enclosed are pages 1 and 2 of the Regional Accident Report for the subject aircraft.

*G. A. Saull*  
to G. A. Saull,  
Regional Superintendent  
Accident Investigation

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REGIONAL REF.  
**C-3166**  
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AIRCRAFT REG.  
CF-BZV

# REPORT OF THE INQUIRY INTO AN AIRCRAFT

① **ACCIDENT**  **DISAPPEARANCE**  **INCIDENT**   
**NEAR MISS**  **OTHER**

FOR INSTRUCTIONS SEE REVERSE SIDE OF EACH PAGE

**AT** (Name of nearest gazetted place) **Near Cumberland House** **PROVINCE** **Saskatchewan**

**GEOGRAPHIC CO-ORDINATES**  
**54 04' 45" N 102 59W** **DATE**  
DAY **12** MONTH **Dec** YEAR **73** **TIME** (Standard Time Local)  
**1142 CST**

**REGION** PACIFIC  WESTERN  CENTRAL  ONTARIO  QUEBEC  ATLANTIC

## PERSONNEL IDENTIFICATION ②

<b>OWNER</b>	<b>NAME</b> <b>Province of Saskatchewan Central Vehicles Agency</b>		<b>ADDRESS</b> <b>Room 28, Legislative Bldg., Regina, Sask.</b>	
	<b>NAME: SAME AS OWNER</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>OR</b> <b>Province of Saskatchewan "Northern"</b>		<b>A.T.C. LICENCE CLASSIFICATION THIS FLIGHT</b>	
	<b>ADDRESS:</b> <b>Legislative Bldg. Regina, Sask.</b>		NONE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 7 RF <input type="checkbox"/> 7 AAD <input type="checkbox"/> 7 AAM <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>OPERATOR</b>	<b>ATC LICENCE NUMBER</b>		1 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 7 FT <input type="checkbox"/> 7 AIRA <input type="checkbox"/> 8 <input type="checkbox"/>	
	<b>H.Q. USE OPER. CODE</b>		2 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 <input type="checkbox"/> 7 AP <input type="checkbox"/> 7 AC <input type="checkbox"/> 9 <input type="checkbox"/>	
	<b>STATUS RESPECTIVE TO THIS AIRCRAFT</b>		3 <input type="checkbox"/> 7 APS <input type="checkbox"/> 7 A CONST. <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>PILOT IN COMMAND</b>	<b>NAME: SAME AS OWNER</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>OPERATOR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>OR</b> <b>JOHN, Paul J.</b>		<b>STATUS IF NOT OWNER OR OPERATOR</b>	
	<b>ADDRESS:</b>		UNAUTHORIZED USER <input type="checkbox"/> EMPLOYEE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	<b>LICENCE NUMBER</b> <b>WGC 8974</b>		OWNER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RENTER <input type="checkbox"/> LESSEE <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>OTHER CREW ON BOARD</b> ③	NONE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> THIRD PILOT <input type="checkbox"/>		FLIGHT ENGINEER <input type="checkbox"/> FLIGHT OBSERVER <input type="checkbox"/>	
	SECOND PILOT <input type="checkbox"/> NAVIGATOR <input type="checkbox"/>		CREWMAN <input type="checkbox"/> TECHNICIAN <input type="checkbox"/>	
			<b>PASSENGERS NUMBER ON BOARD</b> <b>3</b>	

## MATERIAL IDENTIFICATION

S/N 185-02023

AIR-CRAFT	REGISTRATION	MAKE	MODEL	TOTAL HRS.	MAXIMUM CPT. TAKE-OFF WEIGHT	YEAR OF MANUFACTURE
	CF-BZV	Cessna	A185E	760	3350	1972
<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>LANDING GEAR</b> AMPHIBIOUS <input type="checkbox"/> FLOATS <input type="checkbox"/>		<b>LANDING GEAR CONFIGURATION</b>		<b>SPECIAL EQUIPMENT</b>	
AEROPLANE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	GLIDER <input type="checkbox"/>	VTOL <input type="checkbox"/>	RETRACTABLE WHEELS <input type="checkbox"/>	FIXED WHEELS <input type="checkbox"/>	TRICYCLE <input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER <input type="checkbox"/>
HELICOPTER <input type="checkbox"/>	GYRO COPTER <input type="checkbox"/>	GLIDER <input type="checkbox"/>	SKI-WHEEL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	WHEEL FLOATS <input type="checkbox"/>	TAIL WHEEL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
DIRIGIBLE <input type="checkbox"/>	FREE BALLOON <input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER <input type="checkbox"/>	HULL <input type="checkbox"/>	SKIDS <input type="checkbox"/>	WING/ROTOR LONG-WING <input type="checkbox"/>	BI-PLANE <input type="checkbox"/>
IF OTHER SPECIFY:			SKIS <input type="checkbox"/>	FLOAT-SKID <input type="checkbox"/>	HIGH-WING <input type="checkbox"/>	MID-WING <input type="checkbox"/>
HOME BUILT	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OTHER <input type="checkbox"/>	IF OTHER SPECIFY	SINGLE-ROTOR <input type="checkbox"/>	TWIN-ROTOR <input type="checkbox"/>
ULTRA LIGHT	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			OTHER <input type="checkbox"/>	
						<b>000025</b>

ENGINE(S)	MAKE <b>Continental</b>	MODEL <b>10-520-D</b>	SERIAL NO. <b>220962-72D</b>	NUMBER INSTALLED <b>one</b>
TYPE	SUPERCHARGED PISTON <input type="checkbox"/> PISTON <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TURBO-COMPOUND <input type="checkbox"/> JET TURBINE WITH AFTERBURNER <input type="checkbox"/> TURBO PROP <input type="checkbox"/> JET TURBINE <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER <input type="checkbox"/> IF OTHER SPECIFY _____		POWER <b>285</b> RATED H.P.  RATED THRUST _____	
PROPELLER(S)	MAKE <b>McCaughey</b>	MODEL <b>D2A-34C58</b>	SERIAL NO. <b>715528</b>	
TYPE	FIXED WOODEN <input type="checkbox"/> FIXED METAL <input type="checkbox"/> VARIABLE PITCH <input type="checkbox"/> CONSTANT SPEED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSTANT SPEED FULLY FEATHERING <input type="checkbox"/>			SUB-TYPE REVERSIBLE <input type="checkbox"/> NOT REVERSIBLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**ENVIRONMENT IDENTIFICATION (1)**

**OPERATION**

SCOPE THIS FLIGHT	LOAD DESCRIPTION							LOAD POSITION
INTERNATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/>	NONE <input type="checkbox"/>	FREIGHT/EXPRESS <input type="checkbox"/>	PESTICIDES <input type="checkbox"/>	PHOTO EQUIPMENT <input type="checkbox"/>	SIG/ DROGUE <input type="checkbox"/>	INTERNAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
DOMESTIC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PASSENGERS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CARGO/PASSENGERS <input type="checkbox"/>	POLES/TOWERS <input type="checkbox"/>	FERTILIZER <input type="checkbox"/>	GLIDER <input type="checkbox"/>	EXTERNAL <input type="checkbox"/>		
NOT KNOWN <input type="checkbox"/>	PARACHUTIST <input type="checkbox"/>	WATER/CHEMICAL <input type="checkbox"/>	FISH/FISH EGGS <input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>			
	IF OTHER SPECIFY: _____							

**OBJECTIVE (2)**

ADVERTISING <input type="checkbox"/>	CONTROL <input type="checkbox"/>	DEMONSTRATION <input type="checkbox"/>	FIRE CONTROL <input type="checkbox"/>	HOISTING <input type="checkbox"/>	INSPECTION <input type="checkbox"/>
TRANSPORTATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SURVEY <input type="checkbox"/>	SPRAY/DUST/SEEDING <input type="checkbox"/>	SEARCH <input type="checkbox"/>	RECREATION <input type="checkbox"/>	TESTING <input type="checkbox"/>
TOWING <input type="checkbox"/>	TRAINING <input type="checkbox"/>	FERRYING <input type="checkbox"/>	POSITIONING <input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER <input type="checkbox"/>	SPECIFY: _____

**PRELIMINARY VERSION OF ACCIDENT (3)**

PROVIDE A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE FLIGHT AND NARRATE AS MANY OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE ACCIDENT AS ARE KNOWN AT THIS TIME, BEGINNING WITH THE FIRST IRREGULARITY OF THE FLIGHT.

The aircraft, with three passengers on board, departed La Ronge, Saskatchewan on December 12th at 10:45 on a flight to Cumberland House. There was no flight plan filed.

On January 2, 1974, the wreckage was spotted in bushland 30-32 miles west northwest of the settlement of Cumberland House and a landing at the scene was accomplished on January 3/74.

The aircraft had contacted the ground inverted at a 45 degree angle and had penetrated to the leading edge of the wings. The two occupants had died at impact and remained contained in the cabin. There was no fire. Two watches and the aircraft clock had ceased to function at

**PRELIMINARY POST-OCCURRENCE DATA**

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AIRCRAFT DAMAGE	NUMBER OF CASUALTIES					INVESTIGATION
		KILLED	SERIOUS INJURY	MINOR INJURY	UNINJURED	
NONE <input type="checkbox"/>						BY CIVIL AVIATION INSPECTOR(S) ONLY <input type="checkbox"/>
MINOR <input type="checkbox"/>	PILOT-IN-COMMAND	1				BY CIVIL AVIATION AND AIRWORTHINESS INSPECTORS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SUBSTANTIAL <input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER CREW					BY AIRWORTHINESS INSPECTOR(S) ONLY <input type="checkbox"/>
DESTROYED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PASSENGERS	3				BY CORRESPONDENCE <input type="checkbox"/>
UNKNOWN <input type="checkbox"/>	PERSONS OUT-SIDE AIRCRAFT					D.N.H.W. ASSISTANCE <input type="checkbox"/>
						TECHNICAL/METALLURGICAL <input type="checkbox"/>

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**PERSON DATA-QUALIFICATIONS**

COMPLETE A SEPARATE PAGE FOR EACH PERTINENT CREW MEMBER. (2)

<b>CREW MEMBER</b>		<b>STATION OCCUPIED</b>		<b>SPECIAL FUNCTION</b>	
PILOT-IN-COMMAND <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2ND PILOT <input type="checkbox"/>	NOT KNOWN <input type="checkbox"/>	PILOT SEAT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NONE <input type="checkbox"/>	INSTRUCTOR <input type="checkbox"/>
3RD PILOT <input type="checkbox"/>	FLIGHT ENGINEER <input type="checkbox"/>	SECOND IN COMMAND SEAT <input type="checkbox"/>	FLIGHT ENGINEER SEAT <input type="checkbox"/>	COMPANY EXAMINER <input type="checkbox"/>	D.O.T. EXAMINER <input type="checkbox"/>
NAVIGATOR <input type="checkbox"/>	CREWMAN <input type="checkbox"/>	NAVIGATOR SEAT <input type="checkbox"/>	REST POSITION <input type="checkbox"/>	TECHNICIAN <input type="checkbox"/>	STUDENT <input type="checkbox"/>
CABIN ATTENDANT <input type="checkbox"/>	FLIGHT OBSERVER <input type="checkbox"/>	PASSENGER CABIN <input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER <input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER <input type="checkbox"/>	SPECIFY: <input type="checkbox"/>
OTHER <input type="checkbox"/>	SPECIFY: <input type="checkbox"/>	SPECIFY: <input type="checkbox"/>			

<b>PERSONAL DATA</b>		<b>SURNAME</b>	<b>INITIALS</b>	<b>LICENCE NUMBER</b>
AGE <input type="checkbox"/> 24	SEX <input type="checkbox"/> Male	JOHN	P. J.	WGC 8974
<b>LICENCES AND PERMITS HELD</b>		<b>AIRCRAFT CLASSIFICATIONS</b>		<b>RATINGS</b>
NONE <input type="checkbox"/>	CANADIAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FOREIGN <input type="checkbox"/>	HELICOPTER ONLY <input type="checkbox"/>		NONE <input type="checkbox"/>
UNKNOWN <input type="checkbox"/>	AIRLINE TRANSPORT <input type="checkbox"/>	SINGLE-ENGINE LAND <input type="checkbox"/>	SINGLE-ENGINE SEA <input type="checkbox"/>	INSTRUCTOR CL 1 <input type="checkbox"/>
SENIOR COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/>	COMMERCIAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	S.E. LAND AND SEA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	S. & MULTI ENGINE LAND <input type="checkbox"/>	INSTRUCTOR CL 2 <input type="checkbox"/>
PRIVATE <input type="checkbox"/>	STUDENT PERMIT <input type="checkbox"/>	S. & MULTI ENGINE SEA <input type="checkbox"/>	S. & M.E. LAND AND SEA <input type="checkbox"/>	INSTRUCTOR CL 3 <input type="checkbox"/>
FLIGHT ENGINEER <input type="checkbox"/>	NAVIGATOR <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>AIRCRAFT TYPE ENDORSEMENTS</b>		INSTRUMENT 1 <input type="checkbox"/>
GLIDER <input type="checkbox"/>	GYROPLANE <input type="checkbox"/>	HELICOPTER <input type="checkbox"/>	GYROPLANE <input type="checkbox"/>	INSTRUMENT 2 <input type="checkbox"/>
BALLOON <input type="checkbox"/>	MAINTENANCE ENGINEER <input type="checkbox"/>			BLOCK AIRSPACE <input type="checkbox"/>
				NIGHT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

<b>EXPERIENCE - FLYING TIME (To nearest hour - if unknown complete with X) (estimated times - no log books)</b>										
ALL TYPES	THIS TYPE	DUAL ON THIS TYPE	THIS U/C CONFIGURATION	SINGLE ENGINE	MULTI ENGINE	ACTUAL INSTRUMENT	NIGHT	NIGHT X-COUNTRY	ROTOR-CRAFT	
1400	200	X	X	1400	0	10	X	X	0	
HRS. LAST 90 DAYS	75	75	0	50	75	0	0	X	X	0

<b>FATIGUE FACTORS</b>		
FLYING TIME	TOTAL LAST 3 DAYS	TOTAL THIS FLIGHT
	4	1
	HRS.	HRS.
		HOURS AWAKE SINCE LAST REST PERIOD
		approx. 4
		HRS.

**PILOT FLIGHT PREPARATION COMPLETE ON PILOT-IN-COMMAND PAGE ONLY**

<b>WEATHER BRIEFING</b>		<b>OTHER BRIEFINGS</b>		<b>DOCUMENTS CARRIED</b>		<b>FLIGHT PLAN FILED</b>	
ACCREDITED BRIEFER <input type="checkbox"/>	COMPANY FACILITY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NONE <input type="checkbox"/>	ROUTE <input type="checkbox"/>	NONE <input type="checkbox"/>	FLIGHT OR OPERATING MANUAL <input type="checkbox"/>	NONE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SVFR <input type="checkbox"/>
NONE <input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER PILOT <input type="checkbox"/>	UNKNOWN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OPERATION <input type="checkbox"/>	COCKPIT CHECK LIST <input type="checkbox"/>	ADEQUATE VFR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	IFR <input type="checkbox"/>	CONTROLLED VFR <input type="checkbox"/>
UNKNOWN <input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER OBSERVER <input type="checkbox"/>	DEPARTURE PROCEDURES <input type="checkbox"/>	NOTAMS <input type="checkbox"/>	ADEQUATE IFR <input type="checkbox"/>	INADEQUATE VFR <input type="checkbox"/>	IFR <input type="checkbox"/>	FLIGHT NO. TIFICATION <input type="checkbox"/>
ACCREDITED FORECASTER <input type="checkbox"/>		ARRIVAL PROCEDURES <input type="checkbox"/>		ADEQUATE IFR <input type="checkbox"/>	INADEQUATE IFR <input type="checkbox"/>		
SELF BRIEFING <input type="checkbox"/>							

**EXECUTION OF FLIGHT TO STATE OF OCCURRENCE**

<b>ADHERENCE TO PLAN</b>		<b>PHASE OF FLIGHT DURING WHICH FIRST IRREGULARITY OCCURRED</b>								
NO DEVIATION <input type="checkbox"/>	ALTERATION FOR WX <input type="checkbox"/>	ALTERATION FOR TRAFFIC <input type="checkbox"/>	BECAME LOST <input type="checkbox"/>	ALTERATION FOR U/S <input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	GROUND	TAKEOFF	IN-FLIGHT	LANDING	OTHER
						START-UP <input type="checkbox"/>	LINE-UP <input type="checkbox"/>	CLIMB <input type="checkbox"/>	INITIAL APPROACH <input type="checkbox"/>	LOAD-PICKUP <input type="checkbox"/>
						STATIONARY <input type="checkbox"/>	RUN <input type="checkbox"/>	DESCENT <input type="checkbox"/>	FINAL APPROACH <input type="checkbox"/>	
						TAXIING <input type="checkbox"/>	LIFTOFF <input type="checkbox"/>	CRUISE <input type="checkbox"/>	FLARE <input type="checkbox"/>	LOAD DROP <input type="checkbox"/>
						RAMPING (AMPHIBIOUS) <input type="checkbox"/>	HOVER <input type="checkbox"/>	LEVEL TURN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	HOVER <input type="checkbox"/>	
						AIR-TAXIING <input type="checkbox"/>		CLIMBING TURN <input type="checkbox"/>	TOUCH-DOWN <input type="checkbox"/>	
						SHUT DOWN <input type="checkbox"/>		DESCENDING TURN <input type="checkbox"/>	RUN-OUT <input type="checkbox"/>	LOAD POSITIONING <input type="checkbox"/>
						STEP-TAXIING <input type="checkbox"/>		TRANSLATION <input type="checkbox"/>	TURN-OFF <input type="checkbox"/>	
						PARKING <input type="checkbox"/>		HOVER <input type="checkbox"/>		
						BEACHING <input type="checkbox"/>				

<b>NAVIGATION AND APPROACH AIDS</b>							<b>RADIO COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT</b>		<b>ADEQUATE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INADEQUATE <input type="checkbox"/></b>	
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<b>AIDS AVAILABLE</b>										
IN AIRCRAFT	V.H.F. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DME <input type="checkbox"/>	VOR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TACAN <input type="checkbox"/>	ILS <input type="checkbox"/>	ASR <input type="checkbox"/>	PAR <input type="checkbox"/>	ADF <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LORAN <input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER <input type="checkbox"/>
ON GROUND										
<b>IN USE BY A/C AT TIME OF OC.</b>										

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# PRE-OCCURRENCE CONDITIONS

MATERIAL ①

DESCRIPTION OF SYSTEM CONDITIONS				FUNCTION AFFECTED	COMPONENT/SUB-SYSTEM CAUSING PROBLEM	NATURE OF COMPONENT SUB-SYSTEM FAILURE
Condition	A - NOT DETERMINED	S - SERVICEABLE	U - UNSERVICEABLE			
<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> U	B - NOT INSTALLED U - UNSERVICEABLE					
<input type="checkbox"/>	CANOPY WINDSCREEN					
<input type="checkbox"/>	DE-ICING-AIRFRAME					
<input type="checkbox"/>	ELECTRICAL SYSTEM - UP TO CONSUMER DEVICE					
<input type="checkbox"/>	EMPENNAGE - FIXED SURFACES					
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENGINES, ANCILLARIES AND CONTROLS					
<input type="checkbox"/>	FLIGHT CONTROLS					
<input type="checkbox"/>	FLAPS-SPOILERS-DIVEBRAKES AND CONTROLS					
<input type="checkbox"/>	FLUIDS AND GASES					
<input type="checkbox"/>	FUEL SYSTEM-UP TO MIXTURE CONTROL DEVICE			NO UNSERVICEABILITIES REPORTED PRIOR TO FLIGHT AND NO EVIDENCE UNCOVERED IN WRECKAGE THAT WOULD INDICATE AN INFLIGHT MALFUNCTION.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	FUSELAGE-STRUCTURE SKIN					
<input type="checkbox"/>	HYDRAULIC SYSTEM & ALL HYDRAULIC DEVICES					
<input type="checkbox"/>	INSTRUMENTS, FLIGHT DATA; DETECTORS, CIRCUITS					
<input type="checkbox"/>	INSTRUMENTS, SYSTEMS DATA; DETECTORS, ETC.					
<input type="checkbox"/>	LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEM; OXYGEN-CABIN PRESS					
<input type="checkbox"/>	LIGHTING-INTERNAL/EXTERNAL					
<input type="checkbox"/>	PANELS/DOORS/WINDOWS/HATCHES/HOUSINGS					
<input type="checkbox"/>	PROPELLER(S) AND CONTROLS					
<input type="checkbox"/>	RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM					
<input type="checkbox"/>	RADIO NAVIGATION SYSTEM-AURAL, VIS, AUTO.					
<input type="checkbox"/>	MAIN ROTOR-BLADES, STRUCTURE, DRIVETRAIN					
<input type="checkbox"/>	TAIL ROTOR-BLADES, STRUCTURE, DRIVETRAIN					
<input type="checkbox"/>	LANDING GEAR, WHEELS, TIRES, BRAKES, STRUC.					
<input type="checkbox"/>	WARNING SYSTEMS-VISUAL, AURAL					
<input type="checkbox"/>	WING-STRUCTURE, SKIN					
<input type="checkbox"/>	AUTO PILOT					

BASIC DATA ②

PRE-OCCURRENCE	I.A.S. approx 75 KTS	FUEL ON BOARD 67 IMP. GALS.	CALCULATED A.U.W. 3210 LBS	MIXTURE RICH <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LEAN <input type="checkbox"/> AUTO <input type="checkbox"/>	CARB. HEAT POSITION HOT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> COLD <input type="checkbox"/>
	C OF G POSITION	OR 45.1 IN		AFT OF DATUM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FORWARD OF DATUM <input type="checkbox"/>
	C OF G PERMISSIBLE RANGE	41.9 IN TO 46.5 IN		AFT OF DATUM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FORWARD OF DATUM <input type="checkbox"/>
AT GROUND CONTACT	I.A.S. approx 112 KTS	POWER SETTING NONE <input type="checkbox"/> PARTIAL <input type="checkbox"/> ASYMMETRIC <input type="checkbox"/> FULL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LANDING GEAR POS'N UNLOCKED <input type="checkbox"/> UP <input type="checkbox"/> FIXED GEAR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DOWN <input type="checkbox"/>	FLAP POSI 000028 NO FLAPS <input type="checkbox"/> PARTIAL <input type="checkbox"/> DOWN <input type="checkbox"/>	

AT POINT OF FIRST IRREGULARITY OF FLIGHT IF APPLICABLE

<b>AIRCRAFT CONDITIONS</b>		<b>CLOUD</b>		NONE <input type="checkbox"/>		UNKNOWN <input type="checkbox"/>			
HEIGHT AGL		HT. AGL		HT. ASL		VERTICAL EXTENT		AMOUNT	
TERRAIN ELEVATION		LOWEST LAYER		SECOND LAYER		FT		/10	
VISIBILITY		RESTRICTING PHENOMENA		NONE <input type="checkbox"/>		SMOKE <input type="checkbox"/>		CLOUD <input type="checkbox"/>	
AT AIRCRAFT HEIGHT		FOG <input type="checkbox"/>		HAZE <input type="checkbox"/>		PRECIPITATION <input type="checkbox"/>		BLOWING DUST <input type="checkbox"/>	
PRECIPITATION		TEMPERATURE AT AIRCRAFT HEIGHT		ELECTRICAL ACTIVITY		SPECIAL HAZARDS		NONE <input type="checkbox"/>	
NONE <input type="checkbox"/>		° F		NONE <input type="checkbox"/>		BIRDS <input type="checkbox"/>		PARACHUTIST <input type="checkbox"/>	
RAIN <input type="checkbox"/>		° C		UNKNOWN <input type="checkbox"/>		AIRFRAME ICING <input type="checkbox"/>		TURBULENCE <input type="checkbox"/>	
DRIZZLE <input type="checkbox"/>		WIND		STATIC <input type="checkbox"/>		TALL STRUCTURE <input type="checkbox"/>		WHITE OUT <input type="checkbox"/>	
SNOW <input type="checkbox"/>		UNKNOWN <input type="checkbox"/>		ST. ELMO'S FIRE <input type="checkbox"/>		HOAR FROST <input type="checkbox"/>		GLASSY WATER <input type="checkbox"/>	
FREEZING DRIZZLE <input type="checkbox"/>		AT AIRCRAFT HEIGHT		VIOLENT DISCHARGE <input type="checkbox"/>		SPECIFY:		OTHER <input type="checkbox"/>	
HAIL <input type="checkbox"/>		DIRECTION							
FREEZING RAIN <input type="checkbox"/>		° TRUE							
LIGHT <input type="checkbox"/>		SPEED							
MODERATE <input type="checkbox"/>		KTS							
HEAVY <input type="checkbox"/>									

IN AREA WHERE AIRCRAFT CAME TO REST <sup>3</sup>

<b>CLOUD</b>			<b>VISIBILITY</b>			<b>PRECIPITATION</b>		
NONE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			AT SURFACE <u>15+</u> Var. 5 miles			NONE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
BASE HT.			MILES RVR			RAIN <input type="checkbox"/>		
TOP HT.						UNKNOWN <input type="checkbox"/>		
AMOUNT						FREEZING RAIN <input type="checkbox"/>		
LOWEST BASE			RESTRICTING PHENOMENA			DRIZZLE <input type="checkbox"/>		
FT AGL			NONE <input type="checkbox"/>			SNOW <input type="checkbox"/>		
FT AGL			HAZE <input type="checkbox"/>			FREEZING DRIZZLE <input type="checkbox"/>		
SCATTERED <input type="checkbox"/>			CLOUD <input type="checkbox"/>			HAIL <input type="checkbox"/>		
BROKEN <input type="checkbox"/>			PRECIPITATION <input type="checkbox"/>			HAIL <input type="checkbox"/>		
OVERCAST <input type="checkbox"/>			FOG <input type="checkbox"/>			HAIL <input type="checkbox"/>		
SECOND LAYER			SMOKE <input type="checkbox"/>					
FT AGL			ICE CRYSTALS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
FT AGL			(occasional)					
SCATTERED <input type="checkbox"/>								
BROKEN <input type="checkbox"/>								
OVERCAST <input type="checkbox"/>								
<b>TEMPERATURE AT GROUND LEVEL</b>			<b>DEW POINT AT GROUND LEVEL</b>					
-30 ° F. UNKNOWN <input type="checkbox"/>			-40 ° F. UNKNOWN <input type="checkbox"/>					
<b>WIND AT GROUND LEVEL</b>			<b>CHARACTERISTICS</b>					
DIRECTION <u>060</u> MAGNETIC			STEADY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			UPWARD COMPONENT <input type="checkbox"/>		
SPEED <u>7</u>			SWINGING <input type="checkbox"/>			SUBSIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/>		
M.P.H.			GUSTY <input type="checkbox"/>					

**SPECIAL HAZARDS**

WIND SHEAR  NONE  UNKNOWN  HOAR FROST  BIRDS  TURBULENCE  SUN GLARE

AIRFRAME ICING  AIR TRAFFIC  WHITE OUT  GLASSY WATER  OTHER  DESCRIBE:

<b>WEATHER DATA SOURCE</b>		<b>LOCALE DESCRIPTION</b>		<b>OBSTRUCTIONS TO APPROACH/DEPARTURE</b>	
EYEWITNESS <input type="checkbox"/>		GENERAL		NONE <input type="checkbox"/>	
PILOT <input type="checkbox"/>		MOUNTAINS <input type="checkbox"/>		TREES(S) <input type="checkbox"/>	
MET. OBSERVATIONS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		HILLS <input type="checkbox"/>		POLELINE <input type="checkbox"/>	
AFTERCAST <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		ROLLING <input type="checkbox"/>		HIGH GROUND <input type="checkbox"/>	
		FLAT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		TOWERS(S) <input type="checkbox"/>	
		SPECIFIC		BUILDINGS <input type="checkbox"/>	
		AERODROME <input type="checkbox"/>			
		CLEARING <input type="checkbox"/>			
		URBAN AREA <input type="checkbox"/>			
		ROAD <input type="checkbox"/>			
		BUSH <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
		LAKE <input type="checkbox"/>			

<b>SURFACE GENERAL</b>		<b>N/A SPECIFIC</b>		<b>HAZARDS</b>		<b>OBSTRUCTIONS TO T.O./LDG. RUN</b>		<b>VITAL DATA</b>		<b>N/A RUNWAY PROFILE</b>		<b>AVERAGE SLOPE IN DEGREES</b>		<b>LIGHT CONDITIONS</b>	
PAVED <input type="checkbox"/>		CONCRETE <input type="checkbox"/>		NONE <input type="checkbox"/>		NONE <input type="checkbox"/>		USABLE LENGTH		LEVEL <input type="checkbox"/>		BRIGHT DAY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
SAND/ GRAVEL <input type="checkbox"/>		ASPHALT <input type="checkbox"/>		WATER FILM <input type="checkbox"/>		DITCHES/H OLES <input type="checkbox"/>		FT		UP <input type="checkbox"/>		DARK DAY <input type="checkbox"/>			
SOIL <input type="checkbox"/>		COMPACTED <input type="checkbox"/>		PUDDLES <input type="checkbox"/>		ROCKS/DEBRIS <input type="checkbox"/>		USABLE WIDTH		DOWN <input type="checkbox"/>		BRIGHT NIGHT <input type="checkbox"/>			
SNOW <input type="checkbox"/>		LOOSE <input type="checkbox"/>		ICE PATCHES <input type="checkbox"/>		RIDGES/SANDBARS <input type="checkbox"/>		FT				DARK NIGHT <input type="checkbox"/>			
ICE <input type="checkbox"/>		LOW VEGETATION/ GRASS <input type="checkbox"/>		SLUSH <input type="checkbox"/>		SNOW BANK <input type="checkbox"/>		ELEVATION							
WATER <input type="checkbox"/>		HIGH WAVES <input type="checkbox"/>		SOFT <input type="checkbox"/>		POSTS/FENCES <input type="checkbox"/>		OTHER <input type="checkbox"/>							
ROCK <input type="checkbox"/>		SWELLS <input type="checkbox"/>		ROUGH SNOW DRIFT <input type="checkbox"/>		SPECIFY:		BRAKING ACTION							
								NIL <input type="checkbox"/>							
								FAIR <input type="checkbox"/>							
								GOOD <input type="checkbox"/>							

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# 1 PRE-OCCURRENCE CONDITION - CREW

PERSONAL - COMPLETE A SEPARATE PAGE FOR EACH PERTINENT CREW MEMBER

CREW MEMBER	PILOT-IN-COMMAND <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2ND PILOT <input type="checkbox"/>	FLIGHT ENGINEER <input type="checkbox"/>	CABIN ATTENDANT <input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER <input type="checkbox"/>	SPECIFY:
	NAVIGATOR <input type="checkbox"/>	3RD PILOT <input type="checkbox"/>	CREWMAN <input type="checkbox"/>	FLIGHT OBSERVER <input type="checkbox"/>		

## TESTS AND FINDINGS 2 QUANTITATIVE RESULTS SEE ATTACHED REPORTS

ALCOHOL	BLOOD SUGAR	FOOD POISONING	DRUGS	OTHER TEST (S)
HYPOXIA	CARBON MONOXIDE	EXPLOSIVES RESIDUE	PESTICIDES	

## SENSATIONS EXPERIENCED 3 ADMITTED OBSERVED NOT INVESTIGATED

PHYSICAL		EMOTIONAL		
NONE <input type="checkbox"/>	EXCESSIVE PERSPIRATION <input type="checkbox"/>	FATIGUE <input type="checkbox"/>	CONFUSION <input type="checkbox"/>	DEPRESSION <input type="checkbox"/>
DROWSINESS <input type="checkbox"/>	MUSCLE SPASMS CRAMPS <input type="checkbox"/>	NAUSEA <input type="checkbox"/>	ANGER <input type="checkbox"/>	ELEATION <input type="checkbox"/>
FEVERISHNESS/HOT <input type="checkbox"/>	PAIN <input type="checkbox"/>	DROWSINESS <input type="checkbox"/>	IMPATIENCE <input type="checkbox"/>	LISTLESSNESS <input type="checkbox"/>
NUMBNESS <input type="checkbox"/>	DIARRHOEA <input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER:	NERVOUSNESS ANXIETY/TENSENESS <input type="checkbox"/>	PREOCCUPATION <input type="checkbox"/>
VISION DIFFICULTIES <input type="checkbox"/>	STOMACH CRAMPS <input type="checkbox"/>		OTHER:	
COLD/ CHILLS <input type="checkbox"/>	DIZZINESS <input type="checkbox"/>		NONE EXPERIENCED <input type="checkbox"/>	

## MEDICAL HISTORY - LAST ROUTINE MEDICAL

DATE Oct 13/73	PLACE La Ronge, Saskatchewan	NAME AND/OR NUMBER OF MEDICAL EXAMINER 3066-246	
MEDICAL PROFILE 1 1 1 1	RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED None	RECEIVING MEDICAL TREATMENT YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SPECIFY

## TESTS OF PASSENGER CONDITIONS 4 TO BE COMPLETED ON PILOT-IN-COMMAND PAGE ONLY

CARBON MONOXIDE	FOOD POISONING	EXPLOSIVES RESIDUE	HYPOXIA	NONE PERFORMED
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## MEDICAL ANALYSIS - REGIONAL MEDICAL OFFICER TO DISCUSS ANY MEDICAL FACTORS WHICH, IN HIS OPINION, WERE INVOLVED IN THE OCCURRENCE.

See attached Human Factors Report - Copy of Lactate Profile sent to CAIO February 7, 1974.  
 Ref: CAM file 101-2-2

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## FIRST IRREGULARITY OF FLIGHT <sup>②</sup>

NARRATE THE EVENT(S) WHICH FIRST INDICATED THAT THE FLIGHT WAS NOT PROCEEDING AS DESIRED.

The aircraft stalled (most probably it flicked during a steep low level turn)

## RESULTANT ACTION(S) • REACTION(S) <sup>③</sup>

NARRATE ALL THE ACTIONS OF THE PILOT; ALL THE REACTIONS OF THE AIRCRAFT TO PILOT DEMANDS; ALL INTERACTIONS OF PILOT, AIRCRAFT, AND ENVIRONMENT.

The aircraft inverted. The nose lowered and height was lost rapidly. The sequence was so rapid that the pilot was unable to arrest it.

## TERMINAL EVENT <sup>④</sup>

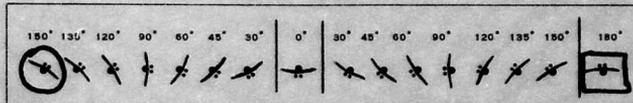
DESCRIBE THE MOVEMENTS OF THE AIRCRAFT FROM THE MOMENT BEYOND WHICH CORRECTIVE ACTION COULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO RETRIEVE THE SITUATION, OR FROM TOUCHDOWN PRECEDING A LANDING UNDER EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES.

The aircraft contacted the ground inverted at approx. 70° angle. Death was instantaneous to all four aboard.

● CIRCLE THE SILHOUETTES WHICH MOST CLOSELY DESCRIBE ANGLE OF GROUND CONTACT

● DRAW A SQUARE AROUND SILHOUETTES TO DESCRIBE ATTITUDE OF AIRCRAFT AT REST

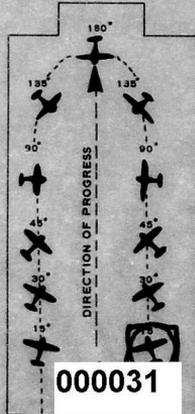
FRONT  
ELEVATION ▶



STARBOARD  
ELEVATION ▶



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# ELEVATION VIEW OF LOCALE ①

SKETCH IN SIGNIFICANT RUNWAYS, OBSTRUCTIONS, FLIGHT PATH, ETC.

SHOW IMPORTANT DISTANCES, DIMENSIONS.

# PLAN VIEW OF LOCALE ②

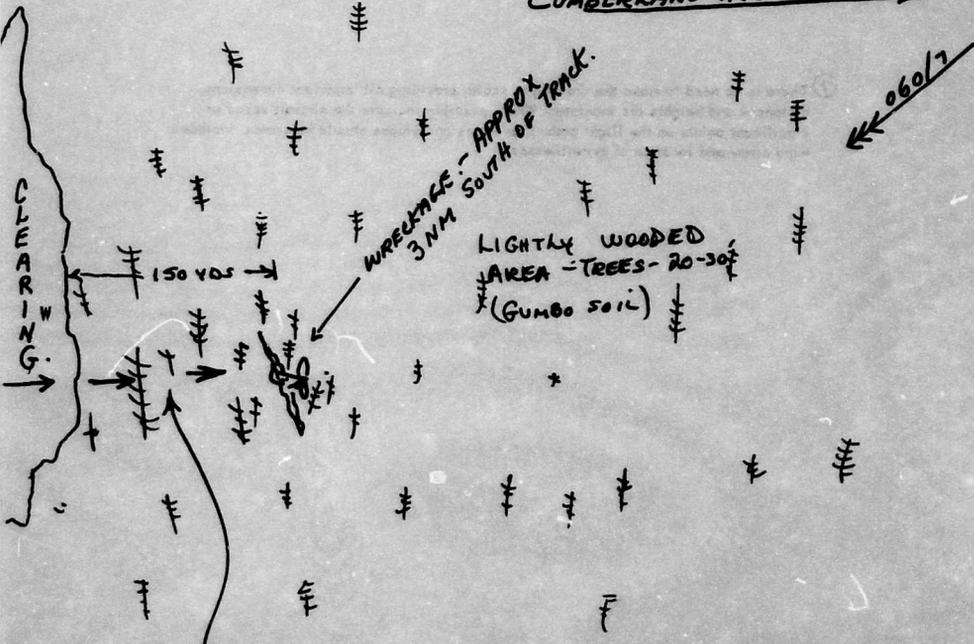
SKETCH IN SIGNIFICANT LANDING AREA, OBSTRUCTIONS, AIRCRAFT PATH, ETC.

SHOW IMPORTANT DISTANCES, DIMENSIONS.

N(Mag.)

CUMBERLAND HOUSE 28 NM →

← 060/7



APPARENT DIRECTION OF PROGRESS

ELEVATION 000032

# PERSONNEL

CREW	FATAL	SERIOUS	MINOR	UNINJURED	NOT PERTINENT	DIED AFTER 30 DAYS
PILOT-IN-COMMAND	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SECOND PILOT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
THIRD PILOT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
FLIGHT ENGINEER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ALL OTHER CREW - NUMBER						
PASSENGER(S) - NUMBER	3				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PERSONS OUTSIDE A/C	0				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

INJURY PATTERNS	HEAD	CHEST	LOWER TORSO	SPINE	ARM(S)	HAND(S)	LEG(S)	FOOT FEET	INTERNAL	MASSIVE
CREW/NO. OF PERSONS										1
PASS./NO. OF PERSONS										3
PERSONS OUTSIDE										0

EVENT CAUSING INJURY	NO. OF PERSONS INVOLVED	CREW	PASSENGERS	PERSONS OUTSIDE A/C
CONTACT WITH PROPELLER/INTAKE/EXHAUST				
FELL FROM AIRCRAFT (OR THROWN)				
STRUCK INTERIOR OF AIRCRAFT AT IMPACT		1	3	X
STRUCK INTERIOR OF AIRCRAFT IN TURBULENCE				X
STRUCK BY FLYING OBJECT INSIDE AIRCRAFT				X
STRUCK BY AIRCRAFT				X
BURNS ONLY				
BURNS FOLLOWING OTHER INJURIES				
CRUSHED IN WRECKAGE				
PULLED UNDERWATER				
CAME IN CONTACT WITH MAIN ROTOR				
CONTACT WITH TAIL ROTOR				
OTHER (SPECIFY)				

## AIRCRAFT

DEGREE OF DAMAGE	DAMAGE PATTERN	EVENT CAUSING DAMAGE	OBJECT OF AIR COLLISION	OBJECT OF GROUND COLLISION
NONE <input type="checkbox"/>	ENGINE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AIRBORNE COLLISION <input type="checkbox"/>	AIRCRAFT <input type="checkbox"/>	AIRCRAFT <input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING <input type="checkbox"/>
UNKNOWN <input type="checkbox"/>	PROPELLER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AIRBORNE COLLISION AND GROUND IMPACT <input type="checkbox"/>	BIRD(S) <input type="checkbox"/>	DETACHED PORTION OF A/C <input type="checkbox"/> FENCE(S) <input type="checkbox"/>
	NONE <input type="checkbox"/>	COLLISION ON GROUND/WATER <input type="checkbox"/>	BUILDING <input type="checkbox"/>	PEDESTRIAN <input type="checkbox"/> TREE(S) <input type="checkbox"/>
MINOR <input type="checkbox"/>	AFT FUSELAGE <input type="checkbox"/>	EXPLOSION <input type="checkbox"/>	DETACHED PORTION OF AIRCRAFT <input type="checkbox"/>	POST/WIRE <input type="checkbox"/> VEHICLE <input type="checkbox"/>
	COCKPIT <input type="checkbox"/>	FIRE <input type="checkbox"/>	POLE(S)/POST(S) <input type="checkbox"/>	POST/WIRE <input type="checkbox"/> VEHICLE <input type="checkbox"/>
	EMPENNAGE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AERIAL BREAK UP <input type="checkbox"/>	TOWER <input type="checkbox"/>	DITCH <input type="checkbox"/> RIDGE <input type="checkbox"/>
	NACELLE(S) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SUBMERGENCE <input type="checkbox"/>	TREE(S) <input type="checkbox"/>	SNOW BANK <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER <input type="checkbox"/>
SUBSTANTIAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NOSE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	GROUND/WATER IMPACT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	WIRE(S) <input type="checkbox"/>	SPECIFY:
	WING(S) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OTHER <input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER AIRBORNE OBJECT <input type="checkbox"/>	
	UNDERCARRIAGE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SPECIFY:	OTHER <input type="checkbox"/>	
	MAIN ROTOR <input type="checkbox"/>			
	TAIL ROTOR <input type="checkbox"/>			
DESTROYED <input type="checkbox"/>	TOTAL <input type="checkbox"/>			

## ENVIRONMENT

PROPERTY DAMAGE	PROPERTY DAMAGED
NONE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RESIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> VEHICLE <input type="checkbox"/> BARN/STORAGE <input type="checkbox"/> FENCE <input type="checkbox"/>
MINOR <input type="checkbox"/>	PUBLIC BUILDING <input type="checkbox"/> AIRFIELD FACILITY <input type="checkbox"/> FARM CROP <input type="checkbox"/> SPECIFY: <b>000033</b>
EXTENSIVE <input type="checkbox"/>	PUBLIC UTILITIES INSTALLATION <input type="checkbox"/> DOMESTIC ANIMAL(S) <input type="checkbox"/> AIRCRAFT <input type="checkbox"/>

## LIFE - PROTECTION DATA

### CRASH PROTECTION

#### DEVICES

CREW	NUMBER INSTALLED	SEAT(S)	SEAT ANCHORS (SETS)	LAP BELT(S)	SHOULDER HARNESS	BAGGAGE RESTRAINTS
		1		1		NONE
	NUMBER USED	1		1		
	NUMBER FAILED IN CRASH	1		0		
PASSENGERS	NUMBER INSTALLED	3		3		
	NUMBER USED	3		1		
	NUMBER FAILED IN CRASH	3		0		

#### CRASH EVACUATION

##### AIRCRAFT EQUIPMENT

	ESCAPE SLIDE	ESCAPE LADDER/ ROPE	DINGHY	NORMAL EXITS	ESCAPE HATCHES	PORTABLE EXTINGUISHER
NUMBER INSTALLED	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	<input type="checkbox"/>	
NUMBER USED	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	<input type="checkbox"/>	
NUMBER FAILED IMPROPER OPERATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	<input type="checkbox"/>	
NUMBER FAILED IN USE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	<input type="checkbox"/>	

##### REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

None

#### PERSONAL SAFETY EQUIPMENT

DEVICES	OXYGEN MASK	CRASH HELMET	LIFE VEST/INDIVIDUAL FLOTATION DEVICE	FILTER MASK	PARACHUTE	IMMERSION SUIT
NUMBER BEING USED			N/A			
NUMBER FAILED DUE TO IMPROPER USE						
NUMBER FAILED IN OPERATION						

##### REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

#### SEARCH AND RESCUE

PERTINENT

NOT PERTINENT

##### SEARCH SUCCESS

BY	DURATION	TYPE	LOCATING METHOD
NONE <input type="checkbox"/>	LESS THAN 4 HRS <input type="checkbox"/>	GROUND <input type="checkbox"/>	L/F RADIO <input type="checkbox"/>
PROVINCIAL POLICE <input type="checkbox"/>	4 HRS. BUT LESS THAN 12 <input type="checkbox"/>	AIR <input type="checkbox"/>	SARAH <input type="checkbox"/>
SAR ORGANIZATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	12 HRS. BUT LESS THAN 24 <input type="checkbox"/>	BOAT <input type="checkbox"/>	AUTOMATIC CPI <input type="checkbox"/>
MUNICIPAL POLICE <input type="checkbox"/>	1 DAY BUT LESS THAN 2 <input type="checkbox"/>	COMBINED AIR/ BOAT <input type="checkbox"/>	VHF/UHF HOMING <input type="checkbox"/>
PRIVATE AGENCY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2 DAYS BUT LESS THAN 4 <input type="checkbox"/>	COMBINED GROUND/ AIR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	VISUAL-MIRROR <input type="checkbox"/>
D.O.T. <input type="checkbox"/>	4 DAYS BUT LESS THAN 7 <input type="checkbox"/>	ALL <input type="checkbox"/>	NOT SUCCESSFUL <input type="checkbox"/>
OTHER <input type="checkbox"/>	7 DAYS BUT LESS THAN 14 <input type="checkbox"/>		IF OTHER SPECIFY <input type="checkbox"/>
SPECIFY: <input type="checkbox"/>	14 DAYS OR MORE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

#### SURVIVAL

PERTINENT

NOT PERTINENT

DEVICES	TENT	SLEEPING BAG	FIRST AID KIT	EMERGENCY RATIONS	WEAT- 'N	FISHING GEAR	FIRE SOURCE	PROTECTIVE CLOTHING
AVAILABLE-NOT USED <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NOT AVAILABLE <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
FAILED-IMPROPER USE <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
NOT SATISFACTORY <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

##### REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

None

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## INVESTIGATOR'S APPRAISAL ①

INDICATE WHICH ITEMS OF THE RECORDED FACTUAL DATA, IN THE VIEW OF THE INVESTIGATOR, CAUSED THE ACCIDENT.  
DESCRIBE IN NARRATIVE HOW THE ITEMS INTERACTED TO CAUSE THE ACCIDENT.

### The Flight

This was a VFR flight departing La Ronge, Saskatchewan at 1045 hours local on December 12, 1973. The aircraft was a Cessna 185 on wheel/skis owned and operated by the Saskatchewan Government. The pilot was Paul John, a young Native Canadian of local origin. There were three passengers as follows:

Lionel Deschambeault  
Roderick E. Morrison  
Clifford J. Stanley

There was no flight plan filed. The first point of intended landing was Cumberland House, Saskatchewan, a small community 120 NM southeast of La Ronge. When the aircraft failed to arrive a route check was initiated by Provincial Government authorities and then the RCC was alerted at 1800 hours on 12 December. An extensive air search, utilizing both Military and Civilian

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## RECOMMENDATIONS ②

Continued education through publicizing reports.

FOR REGIONAL USE

### CAUSES

The pilot allowed the aircraft to enter a high speed stall at an altitude insufficient for recovery action.

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aircraft, was conducted without success until December 23. The search was reopened December 29. On January 2, 1974 a Department of Northern Saskatchewan aircraft spotted the wreckage of the missing aircraft at position 54° 05'N 102° 59'W. Investigators from this office accompanied a rescue team to the scene and assisted with recovery action. There were no survivors and apparently all occupants died on impact.

### The Pilot - Paul John

Mr. John was a relatively experienced pilot who had been working for the Saskatchewan Government for but a few months. He had acquired approximately 1,400 hours on single engine aircraft, with approximately 200 hours on this type. He commenced training in November 69, received his private pilot's licence in July 71 and commercial licence in March 72. His commercial test record indicates that he was weak in Flight Planning, steep turns and instrument flying. These three sequences were passed after a second attempt only. The minimum pass mark is 315, Mr. John's mark was 324. There were rather strong rumours about the area regarding this pilot's ability to navigate. It appears that he could become disorientated easily and become lost. This report or rumour caused the RCC to expend more of their resources in the expanded search area leaving the close to track area for hired civilian search aircraft. Although he flew for the Saskatchewan Government he was hired directly by the Department of Northern Saskatchewan and was not processed through the Government Air Ambulance Organization as one would expect. Being a Native Canadian with an appropriate licence may have prompted those in charge to secure his services. As a matter of interest, Mr. John had been married but a few days to a young school teacher at La Ronge.

### The Aircraft

The aircraft was almost new. It was manufactured in 1972 and had flown only 760 hours. All mods had been carried out as per AWDs. There had been some trouble with the aircraft generating system that caused some depletion of the battery. For this reason an extra battery was carried aboard in case of need. There was a Dart II ELT secured by Velcro to the side of the baggage compartment. The engine had been properly winterized. An adequate supply of survival gear was aboard. The aircraft had been purchased by the Province's Central Vehicle Agency to be used by the Department of Northern Saskatchewan as an "air taxi" for their purposes. As mentioned previously, this is quite apart from the Government Air Division known as the Saskatchewan Air Ambulance Service.

### The Weather

The weather over the entire area was extremely cold and generally clear with excellent visibilities. The exceptions to this were in the immediate vicinity of built up areas and/or open water where ice crystals reduced visibility to less than a mile. On the morning of takeoff La Ronge was reporting very low visibility in one direction (Township) yet pilots reported that they had taken off to the east with good visibility. In any case, there was no open water near the crash site

itself and information received from people in the general area on the ground indicates that the visibility was excellent. The weather office aftercast is inclined to support the assessment of clear weather in the area, while at the same time allowing a possibility for isolated areas of reduced visibility dependent on moisture on the surface.

### Crash Site

The aircraft had evidently impacted the ground at a steep angle in an inverted attitude. The mean line of progress was 120° M at impact. All bodies were contained in the wreckage in their appropriate pre-impact seating positions and the passengers seated in the rear had been driven into the backs of the pilot and front passenger who were just below surface level. All components of the aircraft were present and all controls were connected. Notes taken during the on-site investigation were as follows:

- Flaps were "up"
- Elevator trim set for normal flight range
- Fuel was selected to "right" tank
- Left rear passengers arm around right rear passengers lower shoulder area
- Passengers watch stopped at 1142 hours
- Left rear passenger's seat belt done up
- \* - Right rear passenger's seat belt undone
- Pilot's seat belt done up
- \* - Right front passenger's seat belt undone
- Control column more or less centered
- Front passenger's watch stopped at 1143 hours/ 12 December
- Aircraft clock stopped at 1142 hours
- Altimeter subscale set at 30:40 inches (correct)
- Oil temperature jammed at normal cruise position
- Mixture Rich, Throttle at METO or Full setting, Pitch to fine range
- Artificial horizon jammed with reading corresponding to attitude at impact
- ELT (Dart II) in baggage compartment lying loose in "armed" position
- Pilot's notebook records takeoff from La Ronge at 1045 hours
- \* Human Factors Report page 7 (attached) in error

The engine was removed by the use of dynamite several days later as the soil was frozen to a depth of a few feet. This was carried out by a commercial salvage crew. Our investigators examined the engine and propeller before any further salvage action was taken. The results were as follows:

- One prop blade had definite signs of "power on" at impact.
- The engine had been rotated in the ground at impact a fact which was evident by bent spark plugs and attachments. This rotation was caused by residual torque as the prop was stopped by the

- frozen ground and is a good indication of power to the shaft.
- The rear right cylinder was removed. Rings and piston showed no sign of overheat as would be the case in the event of loss of oil or extreme viscosity through coring, blown seal, etc .
- There was no indication of any pre-impact damage and the main power train functioned when the prop was moved.
- The airspeed indicator was severely damaged and there was no evidence on the face to indicate speed at impact. Internally, however, there was definite tooth damage on the segment gear and pinion which was used to calculate a speed of 125-132 MPH at impact.
- The artificial horizon is of the type that can register 360° of roll and approximately 80° of pitch. As mentioned previously, it was jammed at impact. Internal inspection indicates that the reading as found on the face was the actual reading at impact.

### Witnesses

There were no witnesses to the crash. Nevertheless, some information was received in an indirect manner from local residents both at La Ronge and Cumberland House. No statements as such were volunteered therefore little factual information remained. It appears that Mr. Deschambault, one of the passengers, had on many occasions requested local pilots to spot moose while enroute during flights on which he was aboard. One transient worker at La Ronge reported that a man who had been within earshot of the group (the four deceased) during fueling operations prior to the flight, heard Deschambault ask Paul John to "find me a large moose when we get near Cumberland and I will go out on the skidoo and have him for Christmas." This individual who heard this remark could not be located. One fact does remain, however, and this is that Mr. Deschambault's brother was hunting moose within 8 miles of the crash site at the time of the crash. He did not see the aircraft at any time, he claimed, and no statement was taken. The RCMP report that they had come across a native trapper who was within 3-4 miles of the crash site at the time. He reported that the weather was "good". He claims he saw the aircraft or "an aircraft" with smoke coming from it. Considering the extreme temperature, the smoke, as he calls it, can be easily explained.

It should be noted here that the area abounds with moose and no less than a dozen were spotted within one mile of the crash site on one of the trips in and out.

### Discussion

All evidence indicates that the party left La Ronge in a serviceable aircraft with ample fuel for the flight. There was sufficient emergency equipment and a Dart II ELT which was armed. The aircraft was heavily loaded but within allowable limits for both gross and C of G. Takeoff was recorded as 1045 hours in the pilot's notebook. The average speed of this aircraft was 113 knots (average of 10 trips recorded in the notebook). The aircraft crashed 28 NM short of destination. The time of the crash was 1142 hours + or - 1 minute. The crash

site is within three miles of "on track." If track had been maintained since La Ronge it is calculated that the aircraft should have been 12 miles further on which constitutes a discrepancy of approximately 5-6 minutes.

The aircraft impacted the ground at a steep angle in an inverted attitude. Speed at impact was calculated to be between 125-132 MPH. There was power to the prop at impact. Prop and engine controls were set up for almost maximum power. The ELT triggered as designed, however it was completely shielded by airframe metal which blocked all signals.

There are but three ways that this aircraft could have achieved an inverted attitude prior to impact; (1) Purposely, by the pilot, as in the execution of a roll, (2) because of failure of an aerofoil section in flight, (3) because of a high speed stall which resulted in a flick at low level. The first has been discounted entirely for obvious reasons. The second, structural failure through overstress or previous impact, had also been discounted because of lack of physical evidence in the wreckage. It was for a time thought that this was a possibility, however, all damage can be accounted for on the one impact.

The third is considered the most logical i.e. a high speed stall emanating from a steep turn, and this is offered here as the cause of the crash. This being accepted, another more difficult question arises and this is the purpose of the steep turn that caused such a stall. There are two possible answers here. One falls in very nicely with the reports that imply moose spotting. The other is a possible weather factor which could conceivably cause the pilot to initially reduce altitude in a worsening weather condition and then to start a turn when the weather prevented further progress resulting in loss of horizon, disorientation and finally the stall.

The lactate profile shows that the pilot had a deep concern reaction for several minutes followed by an acute stress reaction of approximately 18 seconds. This is not compatible with the moose-spotting theory but would fit in very neatly with a patch of poor weather along the track.

Although this investigator feels that it was one or the other, the evidence tends to contradict each theory to some extent leaving us in a quandary. The fact that the pitch control was set for high power and the right hand passengers both front and back had not used or had undone their seatbelts, favours a low level left turn over moose. The lactate profile does not agree here. On the other hand, the weather theory compliments the lactate profile but leaves the seatbelts and pitch setting not fully explained. There is room here for endless controversy and it is felt that the chance for proving any theory is indeed remote.

This wreckage laid for nearly a month before discovery and much snow had fallen. Transport to and from the site was difficult and it proved impractical at the time to attempt snow removal in the large area around the wreckage in search of additional clues. When the opportunity permits, we will revisit the area after all snow has gone in the hope of discovering some evidence that could serve as a tie-breaker between two theories.

Quite apart from the accident itself, there appears to be some inadequacy

in supervision. This young pilot was more or less on his own. The aircraft was serviced by Norcanair and he operated the aircraft as a sort of air taxi for government employees. Such a situation might leave such an inexperienced young individual open to the influence of passengers with respect to the conduct of the flights. His situation, we feel, would be much improved had there been a senior pilot to report to and from whom to seek advice and direction.

#### General Comments

For the sake of completeness, it should be added here that the wreckage was very difficult to spot. Ironically, the wreckage was discovered quite by accident by a Saskatchewan Government aircraft that was conducting a low level survey on moose in the immediate area of the crash site. It appears that the shrubbery at and around the site is particularly delectable to the animals which accounts for their numbers.

A potentially dangerous situation arose when the military helicopter had great difficulty re-locating the site in order to transport out the investigators and two remaining bodies. As darkness was approaching a hand held flare was used to orient the helicopter crew. In future, investigators from this office will have available in such remote areas recently acquired 2-way VHF radios and a plentiful supply of flares. This equipment will be discussed by Central Region representatives at the next symposium.

#### NOTE:

New information just received (1/4/74) reveals that the lactate profile has been re-evaluated and the severe stress time could be as low as 6 seconds. All evidence now points to the pilot being engaged in moose-spotting.

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**AFFIRMATION OF THE CONTENT OF THIS REPORT**

INVESTIGATOR(S) SIGNATURE(S)

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REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

① 1,772 hours of flight were expended on this search only to have the wreckage spotted by accident from a non-search aircraft. A fine case to present to those who may still object to the new ELT order. An external antenna for the ELT would have saved the day.

REGIONAL SUPT. ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION

*R. F. Heiliger*  
 R. F. Heiliger  
 REGIONAL CONTROLLER, CIVIL AVIATION

DATE

*1/4/74*  
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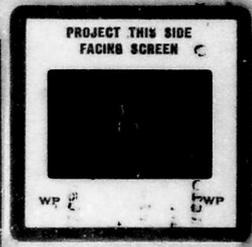
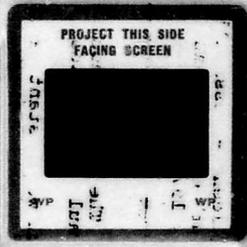
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## LP 10/74

EMERGENCY LOCATOR TRANSMITTER

Accident - Cessna 185, CF-BZV  
Cumberland House, Manitoba  
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## INTRODUCTION

1.1

Following a 22 day search, the aircraft was located without the aid of the emergency locator transmitter (ELT). On discovery, the transmitter was held in the open and the transmitted signal was received by an overflying aircraft. The ELT was forwarded to the Engineering Laboratory by CCAI, Winnipeg with a request for technical investigation.

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The technical examination of the transmitter was to consider five questions: Was the ELT in working order? Did the inertia switch function as designed? Would the ELT have transmitted as designed had it not been completely shielded in the luggage compartment of this all-metal aircraft? The ELT functioned when set to "test" after recovery. Could the batteries conceivably be of sufficient power to maintain a signal for so long a period? Any other relevant information that the examination might reveal was also requested.

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## EXAMINATION

2.1

A cursory check of the transmitter involved triggering the unit and establishing that a signal was being transmitted. This check was carried out in an electromagnetically shielded room using a Sony 8500 VHF receiver. A signal was received following activation of the inertia trigger switch in the transmitter. The original batteries were used.

2.2

It was noticed that an intermittence in the signal was present. This was traced to the antenna connection. Although, the connection seemed secure, the transmitted signal could be interrupted by manipulating the antenna.

2.3

The ELT was then tested in accordance with RSS 147 issue 2, the current performance standard for emergency locator transmitters, to establish the quality of its transmitted signal. This standard sets out the test procedure and performance requirements to be met by these devices. The parameter of interest in this instance was in the transmitter's radiated power, which was measured using the substitution method. This involved measuring the field strength of the transmitter. A power signal generator was then adjusted to produce the same field strength using a monopole antenna. The power of the signal generator output would then be the same as the radiated power of the ELT. This test was carried out on a test range as specified in RSS 147 issue 2 with the ambient temperature approximately 0°C and using new batteries. The results are tabulated below:

FREQUENCY (Mhz)	FIELD STRENGTH (dBuv)	RADIATED POWER (mW)
121.5	79	40
243	77	32

TABLE 1

2.4

A qualitative test of the switch resulted in it triggering the transmitter when subjected to accelerations well below those encountered during the catastrophic deformation of metal aircraft structure.

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3.0 DISCUSSION

- 3.1 The results of the radiated power measurements must be compared to the requirements defined in RSS 147 issue 2. These requirements are tabulated below:

ENVIRONMENT	CONTINUOUS RADIATED POWER	
	AFTER 24 HRS.	AFTER 48 HRS.
+ 40°C	≥ 100 mW	≥ 50 mW
cold soak at -40°C warm to -20°C	≥ 50 mW	≥ 25 mW

TABLE 2

These values must be achieved on both frequencies. The 40mW radiated power of the unit tested was at a temperature well above the severe environment specified in the standard yet its initial signal strength at a frequency of 121.5 Mhz is only 80% of the required value after 24 hours of continuous transmission. The signal strength of the 243 Mhz carrier was even lower, 64% of the strength specified in the standard.

- 3.2 An interesting finding was that the readings provided in Table 1 were obtained when the ELT was sitting in contact with a wire-mesh groundplane conductor. When the unit was hand-held, the field strength at a point 100 feet from the transmitter was reduced by 4dB on 121.5 Mhz and 2 dB on 243 Mhz. In other words, hand-holding this unit results in a 50% reduction in its radiated field strength.
- 3.3 The question of shielding of the transmitter by the aircraft structure would require extensive testing in situ. In view of the evidence available, it is felt that the metal airframe would have inhibited the proper propagation of the emergency signal.
- 3.4 The battery life is a function of temperature and power consumption rate. The life of a battery is greatly reduced when ambient temperatures are lowered. It would be expected that after some 22 days of continuous transmission, the battery power remaining would be much lower than necessary to operate the transmitter. However, there seems to be an anomaly in the evidence presented in the request for technical investigation. It is stated that the ELT functioned when set to "test" after recovery. On this unit, the "test" function does not cause a signal to be transmitted. The selection of the "test" position will either; indicate the condition of the batteries when the unit is not transmitting or indicate that the unit is transmitting if the inertia switch has been activated. Therefore, it can only be concluded that either the transmitter was jarred sufficiently during handling to trigger it and subsequently the signal was received or the unit had in fact been operating continuously for the duration of the search.

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4.0 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 The emergency locator transmitter is capable of transmitting a signal on both 121.5 Mhz and 243 Mhz when activated by the inertia switch.
- 4.2 The output on both frequencies is below that required in the current standard for these devices.
- 4.3 The inertia switch is capable of functioning as designed.
- 4.4 The metal airframe of the aircraft would provide an effective shield that could eliminate or greatly reduce the normal radiation characteristics of the transmitter.
- 4.5 Although not generally accepted as possible, evidence indicates that the power supply was adequate to provide continuous transmission for the duration of the search.
- 4.6 The antenna connection was found to produce an intermittent interruption in the transmitted signal.
- 4.7 When the unit was hand-held, the signal strength was 50% of the signal strength from the unit when standing alone on the ground.

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Photos C-3166, CF-BZY

- Photo #1 Aerial view of wreckage, visible in the centre of the photo.
- Photos 2 through 6 General views of the wreckage.
- Photo #7 Watch stopped at 11.43.
- Photo #8 Engine instruments - note oil temp. in middle of normal running range.
- Photo #9 Aircraft clock seized at 11:43 - 11:44
- Photo #10 Gyro horizon impact seized in a position corresponding to impact position of the aircraft.
- Photo #11 Floor control and throttle control settings.
- Photo #12 Photo of same controls in an identical aircraft taken for identity purposes.

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Attention: D.K. Lynch.

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Re: Emergency Locator Transmitter  
Cessna 185, CF-BZV  
CAIE Laboratory Report LP 10/74

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1. Please find enclosed one copy of Aircraft Accident Investigation Engineering Laboratory Report LP 10/74. This report deals with the examination and testing of a Radair Dart II emergency locator transmitter.
2. The ELT concerned was on board an aircraft involved in an accident in which all occupants were fatally injured. The wreckage was located after a 22 day search during which transmissions from the transmitter were not received.
3. The findings presented in this report may be of interest to you. In particular, the finding that field strength appears to be significantly reduced when the transmitter is hand-held.

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Re: Emergency Locator Transmitter, Cessna 185, CF-BZV  
CAIE Laboratory Report LP 10/74

1. Enclosed please find two copies of the above referenced Engineering Report. Please acknowledge receipt of this report on the attached copy of this memo and return to C.A.I.E.

M.D. Ducharme  
for Chief, Aircraft Accident Investigation Division.

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<b>February 7/74.</b>

SUBJECT / OBJET Human Factors Report on Aircraft Accident CF-BZV .

Introduction

On December 12th, 1973 at 1142 hours CST, a Cessna 185 aircraft with wheel skis, CF-BZV crashed in the north Saskatchewan bush 30 miles west of Cumberland House. The four occupants of the aircraft, Paul J. John, age 22, pilot, and passengers Lionel Deschambeault, age 33, Clifford John Stanley, age 31, and Roderick Edward Morrison, age 28, were all killed on impact.

Crash Sequence

The flight originated at 10:30 hours CST at Lac La Ronge, Saskatchewan, and was to be a routine flight from Lac La Ronge to Cumberland House, approximately 125 miles to the southeast. The passengers were employed by the Saskatchewan Government, and this was to be a routine familiarization flight to acquaint them with the area. After leaving Lac La Ronge, there was no further communication from the aircraft. When the aircraft failed to arrive in Cumberland House in reasonable time, a search was instituted which as time went on became extremely intensive and highly publicized.

On January 3, 1974, (21 days after the accident) aircraft wreckage was spotted approximately 30 miles west of Cumberland House, and approximately three miles south of track from Lac La Ronge to Cumberland House. On January 4th, the aircraft accident investigation team was flown to the crash site by a Search and Rescue helicopter. On arrival at the site, it was confirmed that the aircraft was a Cessna 185, CF-BZV. The aircraft had impacted with the ground at a high angle, and in an inverted position. Because the ground had not

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frozen solid at the time of the accident, the aircraft buried itself into the ground to the level of the fire wall. The four occupants were found in the aircraft and all four were obviously killed on impact.

The technical advisors on the accident investigation team have ascertained that the engine was running at time of impact, and it is estimated that the aircraft impacted with the ground at a velocity of 125 to 132 miles per hour.

It was necessary to cut the airplane open to remove the frozen bodies, which were then shipped via Cumberland House to Saskatoon for autopsy.

Calculations indicate that the aircraft should have reached a point on track adjacent to the crash site, approximately five minutes prior to the time of the accident. There would therefore appear to be five minutes of flight time unaccounted for in considering a straight cross-country flight from Lac La Ronge to the crash site enroute to Cumberland House. Information has also been received that the brother of Lionel Deschambeault was expected to be hunting in the vicinity of the crash site. Information has also come to light that Lionel Deschambeault was hoping to do some "moose spotting" on this flight so that he could go out by snowmobile and shoot a big moose for Christmas.

One further observation which is felt to be significant is that the AMO, a veteran moose hunter himself, has never seen so many moose in his life as in the area of the crash site. On the trip by helicopter from Cumberland House to the crash site one could spot as many as 50 moose just looking out the windows on one side of the helicopter. As many as 9 and 10 moose could be seen in some groups.

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## Pilot History

### Past History -

Mr. John is estimated to have had 1400 hours total time, and 70 hours on this type of aircraft. Information as to the pilot's previous performance has come from two separate sources to indicate that he was apparently a poor navigator. He is known on at least two occasions to have lost his way to the extent that his passengers would not consider travelling with him again. No other information is available as to his ability as a pilot.

### Psychological History -

The pilot was married four days prior to the accident. He and his wife apparently had a honeymoon lasting two days, and the pilot resumed work the day prior to the accident. On this day, the pilot took off, but because of engine trouble had to land again almost immediately and spent the rest of the day working on the aircraft. Therefore, the day of the accident was his first flight since his marriage. A telephone conversation with the pilot's wife indicates that the pilot was in a relaxed and happy frame of mind on the day of the accident. He had no particular worries and as far as she knew his mind was at rest. He was a non-smoker and practically a non-drinker, taking only a very occasional social drink. On the evening prior to the accident, the pilot played hockey, returning home at approximately 11 P.M. He had a bath and went to bed shortly thereafter, arising at 7:30 A.M. He ate a substantial breakfast and was on the job by 8:30 as was his custom. There is no evidence that the pilot was on any type of medication, and as far as is known he was in perfect health.

## Company History

The aircraft was owned by the Government of Saskatchewan, and was being maintained by Norcanair in Lac La Ronge. It is therefore reasonable to assume that the aircraft was being adequately maintained.

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## Conclusions

### Emergency Response -

A search was initiated very shortly after this aircraft was reported missing on December 12th, 1973. However, it took 21 days to locate the aircraft. During this time, many hours of flying were involved in such an extensive search. One point of note is that the aircraft was equipped with a "Dart Two" emergency locator transmitter which was in the "armed" position. Since no signal was picked up by the searching aircraft, one must assume that this "ELT" failed. It has been sent to the laboratory in Ottawa for examination.

One would conclude then that the emergency response was adequate except for the failure of an emergency locator transmitter.

### Causes of Death -

The cause of death in all four occupants of the aircraft was massive corporeal trauma due to an aircraft impacting with the ground at high speed.

### Human Factors -

It has previously been observed that the area of the accident was abounding in game. It has also been noted that the brother of one of the passengers was hunting in roughly the area of the accident, and that this same passenger was interested in doing a little "moose-spotting" during the course of the flight. A third observation is that there would appear to be approximately five minutes of elapsed time unaccounted for if one were to consider a direct flight from Lac la Ronge to Cumberland House. Although it is conjecture, it is reasonable to assume that the pilot deviated from track in order to spot moose. It would appear that approximately five minutes had been spent moose spotting at the time the accident occurred. From the attitude of the aircraft in a high angle relatively inverted position to the right, it is felt that a fairly steep turn was being executed to the left. It is highly probable that the pilot steepened the turn in order to keep game in sight, and in so doing produced a high-speed stall, causing the aircraft to flip over to the right into an inverted spin and so impact with the ground. This aircraft is noted to react in such a fashion to a high-speed stall, and such a manœuvre

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explain the position of the aircraft on impact. The fact that the engine was recovered and was found to have been under considerable power at time of impact reinforces this theory.

#### Survivability

The angle of impact and the estimated speed of 125 to 132 miles per hour indicate that this was in no way a survivable accident.

#### Safety Equipment

Seat belts were installed in the aircraft, and <sup>an error!</sup> all occupants were using them at the time of impact. There were no shoulder harnesses, and no crash helmets.

#### Recommendations

Here again, as in many accidents previously investigated, it would appear that an accident has been precipitated because the pilot has placed the aircraft in a steep turn at low altitude, while his attention was being absorbed by something on the ground. In this case, it is felt that an inverted spin was produced because of a high-speed stall at too low an altitude for recovery to be possible. Since pilots persist in low-level flying, perhaps it should be part of the curriculum to train all pilots in the "do's and dont's" of low-level flying in an attempt to minimize this type of accident. In this instance, one would have thought that a 1400-hour commercial pilot would not have been caught off-guard precipitating such a manoeuvre.

  
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A/Regional Aviation Medical Officer.

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c.c. A/Regional Director, Medical Services, Manitoba Region.

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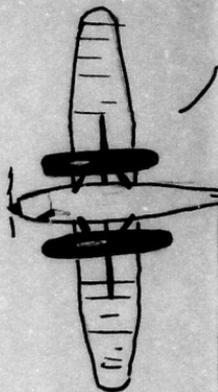
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- 3 - Sleeping bags, disposable & 1 standard bag.
- 1 - Snowshoes
- 1 - Blowpot
- 1 - Engine tent
- 1 - Rations - food for one man for 6 days.
- 1 - Battery, automotive contained in a wooden box with cables to plug in for starting.
- 1 - Bundle of flares.
- 1 - Axe
- 1 - 22 calibre rifle
- 1 - Shovel
- 1 - First Aid Kit
- 1 - Fish gillnet
- 1 - Tin alcohol (approx. 1 qt. size)

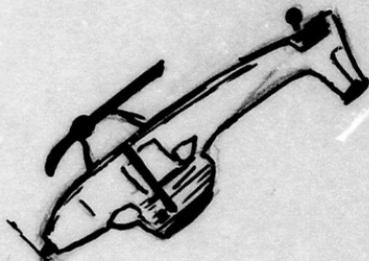
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Nose Pitches Down  
AIRSPEED INCREASES  
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ALT CONTACTS  
GROUND INVERTED  
AT APPROX 70° ANGLE  
SPEED 125-132 MPH.



ELT IN LUGGAGE  
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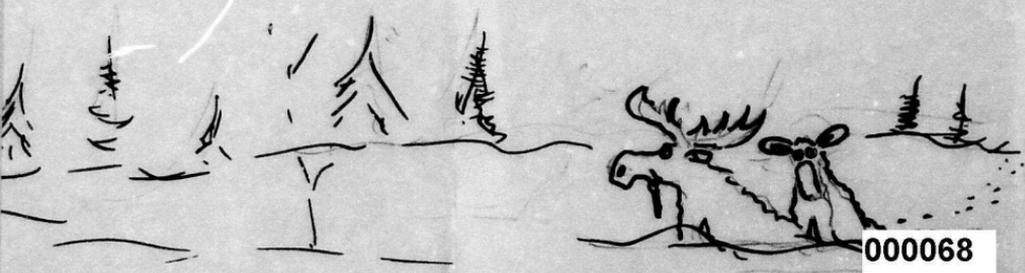
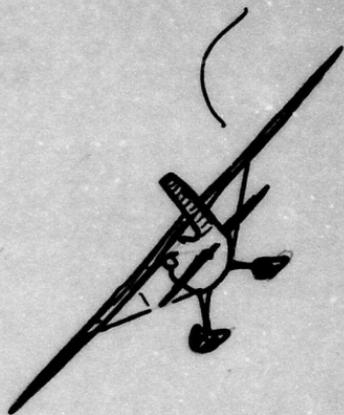
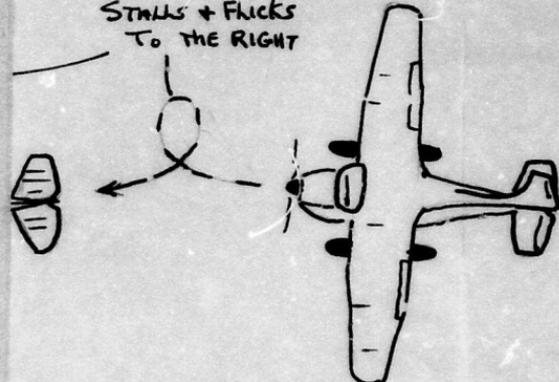
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ENTERS LEFT TURN

APPROX 125 MPH.

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# REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL INVESTIGATION

This request refers to items listed on the Disposition of Wreckage form - a copy of which is attached.

AIRCRAFT MAKE AND MODEL <b>Cessna 185</b>	REGISTRATION <b>CF-BZV</b>	SERIAL NUMBER <b>02023</b>	TOTAL A/C HOURS <b>780</b>
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PLACE OF OCCURRENCE <b>Cumberland House, Manitoba</b>	DATE <b>12 Dec 73</b>	LOCALE
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF OCCURRENCE

Aircraft struck ground at a steep angle killing all occupants instantly. ELT was armed and affixed on wall of luggage compartment. No signals were received throughout search of 22 days. On discovery, ELT was held in the open and signal was picked up by aircraft.

## STATEMENT OF REQUIREMENT(S)

This refers to item(s) \_\_\_\_\_ on the attached Disposition of Wreckage form.

### DART II ELT

- (a) Is the ELT in working order?
- (b) Did the inertia switch function as designed?
- (c) Would the ELT have transmitted as designed had it not been completely shielded in the luggage compartment of this all metal aircraft?
- (d) The ELT functioned when set to "test" after recovery. Could the batteries conceivably be of sufficient power to maintain a signal for so long a period?
- (e) Any other relevant information that examination may reveal.

(Dart II already received at Lab)

SUBMITTED BY <i>W. A. Saul CCAI</i>	DATE <b>14/1/7</b>	<b>000070</b>
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G.H. Nyhuus,  
for Chief, Accident Investigation Division

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H. AIRCRAFT APPEARED TO HAVE CONTACTED GROUND IN A NEAR VERTICAL  
ATTITUDE PENETRATING TO LEADING EDGE OF WINGS. EVIDENCE SUGGESTS  
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**ACTION SLIP - FICHE DE SERVICE**

AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION DIVISION  
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(A) ACCIDENT 5002/C/3466, CESSNA A185E CF DASH BRAVO ZULU-VICTOR

*#6778*

(B) PROV. OF SASK CENTRAL VEHICLES AGENCY, LEGISLATIVE BLDG. REGINA SASK

FOUR OCCUPANTS

(C) PAUL JOHN, LA RONGE SASKATCHEWAN LICENCE WGC 8974

(D) DEC 12/73 DEPARTED LA RONGE 1000 CST

(E) LAC LA RONGE SASK CUMBERLAND HOUSE AND CREIGHTON SASK

(F) UNKNOWN -

(G1) UNKNOWN

(G2) UNKNOWN

(H) AIRCRAFT MISSING SEARCH AND RESCUE IN PROGRESS

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