

Transcript of Audio Excerpts Used in Cactus 1549 for Orchestra

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		AWE1549	US Airways (callsign Cactus) flight 1549
		CD	LaGuardia Airport Clearance and Delivery
		CC	LaGuardia Airport Cab Coordinator
		GC	LaGuardia Airport Ground Control
		LC	LaGuardia Airport Local Control
		LI16	New York TRACON LaGuardia Departure Tower
		EGF4718	American Airlines Eagle flight 4718
		OPS (TEB)	Teterboro Airport Operations
		AS (TEB)	Teterboro Air Traffic Control Area Supervisor
		CBA	LaGuardia Airport Class B Airspace
		NI52TA	"Two Tango Alpha" (2TA) - Private Company Helicopter
		N46ISA	"One Sierra Alpha" (ISA) - Charter Tour Helicopter
		PA	LaGuardia Port Authority
		SEQ	LaGuardia Area Sequencer Position
		JFK	Kennedy Airport Air Traffic Control Tower
CUE # IN SCORE	TIME STAMP in original transcript	SOURCE	
1			This re-recording is being prepared by the New York TRACON. The subject concerns an aircraft accident involving Cactus 1549 on January 15, 2009 at approximately 20:31 coordinate universal time. [...] My name is John Harris; I'm employed as quality assurance specialist at the New York TRACON. [...] I hereby certify that the following is a true re-recording of the original recorded transmissions pertaining to the accident during the period 20:20 to 20:40 Coordinate Universal Time on January 15, 2009.
2	2010:41	AWE1549	Cactus 1549 is squawking 7-1-3-4 and we're runway 4, 3-60 at 5000
	2010:49	CD	1549 LaGuardia clearance, readback correct ground point seven verify information papa
	2010:54	AWE1549	We have papa thank you Cactus 1549
3	2015:19	GC	Cactus 1549 follow Northwest you can monitor tower
	2015:22	GC	Cactus 1549 follow Northwest monitor the tower thank you
4	2024:54	LC	Cactus 1549 runway 4 cleared for takeoff
	2024:56	AWE1549	Cactus 1549 cleared for takeoff
5	2025:44	LC	Cactus 1549 contact New York departure good day
	2025:48	AWE1549	Good day
6	2025:51	AWE1549	Cactus 1549 700 climbing 5000

	2026:00	LI16	Cactus 1549 New York departure radar contact climb and maintain 1-5000
7	2026:04	AWE1549	Maintain 1-5000 Cactus 1549
8	2027:32	LI16	Cactus 1549 turn left heading 2-7-0
	2027:36	AWE1549	[t]his is Cactus 1549 hit birds we lost thrust in both engines we're turning back towards LaGuardia
	2027:42	LI16	Okay yeah you need to return to LaGuardia turn left heading 2-2-0
	2027:46	AWE1549	2-2-0
	2027:50	SEQ (LI16)	Tower stop your departures got an emergency returning
	2027:54	CC	Who is it
	2027:57	SEQ (LI16)	It's 1529 he uh bird strike he lost thrust to the engines, he's returning immediately
	2027:59	CC	Cactus 1529 which engines
	2028:01	SEQ (LI16)	He lost thrust in both engines he said
	2028:04	CC	Got it
9	2028:05	LI16	Cactus 1549 if we can get it to you do you want to try to land runway 13
10	2028:11	AWE1549	We're unable we may end up in the Hudson
11	2028:31	LI16	All right Cactus 1549 it's going to be left traffic to runway 31
	2028:34	AWE1549	Unable
12	2028:36	LI16	Okay what do you need to land
	2028:50	AWE1549	I'm not sure if we can make any runway; oh what's over to our right anything in New Jersey maybe Teterboro
	2028:55	LI16	Okay yeah off to your right is Teterboro airport
	2029:02	LI16	Do you want to try to go to Teterboro
	2029:03	AWE1549	Yes
13	2029:51	OPS (TEB)	Operations
	2029:52	AS (TEB)	I have an Airbus declaring an emergency wants to land at Teterboro
	2029:56	OPS (TEB)	An Airbus what
	2029:57	AS (TEB)	An A320
	2029:59	OPS (TEB)	Ah I believe he's too heavy but let me talk to supervisor

	2030:01	AS (TEB)	Yeah he's he's gonna land here cause he's he's he's he's falling down right now he's coming in he's gonna land
	2030:07	OPS (TEB)	All right ah have you rolled the trucks
	2030:09	AS (TEB)	I'm calling them I'm calling the trucks right now
14	2029:21	LI 16	Cactus 1549 turn right 2-8-0 you can land runway one at Teterboro
	2029:25	AWE1549	We can't do it
	2029:26	LI 16	Okay which runway would you like at Teterboro
15	2029:28	AWE1549	We're gonna be in the Hudson
16	2029:33	LI 16	I'm sorry say again Cactus
	2030:09	EGF4718	I don't know I think he said he was going in the Hudson
17	2029:19	CBA	Two-Tango-Alpha [2TA] traffic at your 12 o'clock and uh five miles southbound Airbus 320
	2029:28	NI52TA	We're looking for the traffic 2TA
	2029:33	CBA	Yeah 2TA he's at 900 feet abeam the north Hudson he's ah looks like he's descending into the Hudson river
	2029:44	CBA	2TA looks like this may be an incident here
	2029:48	NI52TA	Roger keeping my eyes out 2TA
	2029:50	CBA	2TA he's 12 o'clock and two-and-a-half miles
	2029:53	NI52TA	Got him in sight maintaining visual
	2029:55	CBA	2TA roger
18	2029:51	LI 16	Cactus 1549 radar contact is lost you also got Newark airport off your 2 o'clock at about 7 miles
	2030:14	LI 16	Cactus 1529 uh are you still on
19	2030:16	CBA	2TA is he still flying
	2030:18	N461SA	Still flying
	2030:19	CBA	Thank you
	2030:21	NI52TA	Flying past right now, looks like he's getting lower
	2030:23	CBA	2TA roger
20	2030:40	N461SA	Going down
	2030:35	NI52TA	2TA course reversal

	2030:37	CBA	2TA roger
	2030:40	N46ISA	Guys he's going down
	2030:43	CBA	Roger
21	2030:45	N46ISA	Hit the water
22	2030:38	CC	Kennedy LaGuardia
	2030:41	JFK	Kennedy
	2030:42	CC	[...] Get me a police department helicopter if you got one on your frequency right now
	2030:52	JFK	We don't have one right now but we'll make a call
	2030:54	CC	You get anybody you send them right over to the Lincoln Tunnel we had a Cactus Airbus go down in the water
	2030:57	JFK	Got it okay
23	2031:25	CC	[...] he went down in the river abeam the Intrepid
	2031:02	N152TA	Roger I got him in sight right next to the USS Intrepid mid-river
24	2031:32	N152TA	Uh, it appears that they are deploying the rafts right now
	2038:13	CC	[...] they're dispatching float ah flotation ah rescue ah equipment
25	2034:20	N46ISA	The airplane is still floating and it looks like there's the Circle Line that's approaching it right now
	3032:40	CC	[...] he's sending out the rescue [...]
	2038:53	CBA	[...] the aircraft was still floating [...]
	2055:48	PA	We got survivors we got survivors all right they're picking em up they're on the move
26	2038:28	SEQ	[...] the last report is he was still floating
27	2038:32	PA	He was still floating in the water
28	2055:55	PA	[...] numerous survivors
29	2055:57	PA	And the plane's still afloat
30			This is the end of the re-recording concerning the aircraft accident involving Cactus 1549 [...] on January 15, 2009.
31			CLICK (sound of tape recorder being shut off)