

WITNESS STATEMENT

NAME: CONE, JOE B. SFC OCCUPATION: Avn Elec Eq Rpmn Supv

ADDRESS: B Troop 2/17th Cav
101st Abn Div
APO SF 96383DATE OF ACCIDENT: 2 July 1969
DATE OF STATEMENT: 4 July 1969

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On the 2d of July Aircraft No. 67-17694 was in PE. At this time all radios were removed, plugs and connectors were all cleaned and checked. The radios were reinstalled and checked out by the use of calls to ground stations at this time all radios were operating correctly.

CW2 Holditch was one of the finest men I have ever worked with, this man was most capable of performing his duty as a test pilot. He worked long hours, but was the type of man that would not fly an aircraft if he was so exhausted that he felt like he could not perform his duty. I saw CW2 Holditch right before this aircraft left on this flight. At this time he was in good physical condition and in a very good spirit.

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