



# National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Final Report

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<b>Location:</b>	MISSING ACFT, Bahamas	<b>Accident Number:</b>	MIA87LA164
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	05/27/1987, 0000	<b>Registration:</b>	N2652B
<b>Aircraft:</b>	CESSNA 402C	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Destroyed
<b>Defining Event:</b>		<b>Injuries:</b>	1 Fatal
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 91: General Aviation - Positioning		

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## Analysis

ON 5/27/87 AT ABOUT 0915 EDT, THE PLT DEPARTED PALM BEACH INTL ARPT (PBI) ON A FLT TO MARSH HARBOUR, GREAT ABACO ISLAND, BAHAMAS. WHEN THE ACFT DID NOT ARRIVE AT THE DESTINATION, A SEARCH WAS INITIATED. THE ACFT WAS NOT FND & WAS PRESUMED TO HAVE BEEN DESTROYED. THE PLT WAS PRESUMED TO HAVE BEEN FATALLY INJURED. RADAR DATA REVEALED THAT THE ACFT HAD DEPARTED TOWARD MARSH HARBOUR, BUT THE LAST CONTACT WITH THE FLT WAS APRX 12 MI EAST OF PBI. AN ACFT WAS SEEN FLYING EASTBOUND OVER THE DESTN ARPT AT ABOUT THE TIME OF THE ESTIMATED ARRIVAL TIME. ALSO, ANOTHER PLT THOUGHT SHE HEARD A RADIO TRANSMISSION FROM THE MISSING ACFT WHEN THE PLT RPRTD IN THE VCNTY OF GRAND BAHAMA ISLAND.

## Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be:

### Findings

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Occurrence #1: MISSING AIRCRAFT  
Phase of Operation: UNKNOWN

#### Findings

1. (C) REASON FOR OCCURRENCE UNDETERMINED

## Factual Information

### Pilot Information

<b>Certificate:</b>	Airline Transport; Commercial	<b>Age:</b>	56, Male
<b>Airplane Rating(s):</b>	Multi-engine Land; Single-engine Land; Single-engine Sea	<b>Seat Occupied:</b>	Unknown
<b>Other Aircraft Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Restraint Used:</b>	
<b>Instrument Rating(s):</b>	Airplane	<b>Second Pilot Present:</b>	No
<b>Instructor Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Toxicology Performed:</b>	No
<b>Medical Certification:</b>	Class 1 Valid Medical--w/ waivers/lim.	<b>Last FAA Medical Exam:</b>	04/27/1987
<b>Occupational Pilot:</b>	<b>Last Flight Review or Equivalent:</b>		
<b>Flight Time:</b>	16740 hours (Total, all aircraft), 165 hours (Total, this make and model), 12500 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 85 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft)		

### Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

<b>Aircraft Make:</b>	CESSNA	<b>Registration:</b>	N2652B
<b>Model/Series:</b>	402C 402C	<b>Aircraft Category:</b>	Airplane
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>		<b>Amateur Built:</b>	No
<b>Airworthiness Certificate:</b>	Normal	<b>Serial Number:</b>	402C0345
<b>Landing Gear Type:</b>	Retractable - Tricycle	<b>Seats:</b>	10
<b>Date/Type of Last Inspection:</b>	05/21/1987, AAIP	<b>Certified Max Gross Wt.:</b>	6850 lbs
<b>Time Since Last Inspection:</b>	23 Hours	<b>Engines:</b>	2 Reciprocating
<b>Airframe Total Time:</b>	9151 Hours	<b>Engine Manufacturer:</b>	CONTINENTAL
<b>ELT:</b>	Installed	<b>Engine Model/Series:</b>	TSIO-520-VB
<b>Registered Owner:</b>	CHARLES E. JOSEPH	<b>Rated Power:</b>	325 hp
<b>Operator:</b>	AERO COACH AVIATION INT'L, INC	<b>Operating Certificate(s) Held:</b>	Commuter Air Carrier (135); On-demand Air Taxi (135)
<b>Operator Does Business As:</b>	AERO COACH	<b>Operator Designator Code:</b>	EZIA

## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Unknown	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	ZFB, 7 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	0 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	0840 EDT	Direction from Accident Site:	0°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Unknown / 0 ft agl	Visibility	0 Miles
Lowest Ceiling:	Unknown / 0 ft agl	Visibility (RVR):	0 ft
Wind Speed/Gusts:	/	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	60°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	30 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	25° C / 18° C
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	WEST PALM BEACH, FL (PBI)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	MARSH HARBOUR, OF (MYAM)	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	0805 EDT	Type of Airspace:	Class E

## Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Fatal	Aircraft Damage:	Destroyed
Passenger Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Fire:	Unknown
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	Unknown
Total Injuries:	1 Fatal	Latitude, Longitude:	

## Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	RONALD W BIRD	Report Date:	08/19/1988
Additional Participating Persons:	TIMOTHY W MONVILLE; MIAMI, FL		
Publish Date:			
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