

Blossom Point - Marine One Helicopter Crash

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I have more information in reference to the Blossom Point - Marine One helicopter incident. The Unsolved Mysteries episode will air 14 Feb.

The following is a copy of a letter my department received after the 19 May 93 Helicopter incident near Blossom Point, MD.

United States Marine Corps
Marine Helicopter Squadron One
Marine Corps Air Facility
2102 Rowel Road
Quantico, Virginia 22134-5064

IN REPLY REFER TO
1650
HMX-11
10 Jun 93

Charles County Sheriff Department
P. O. Box 1890
La Plata, Maryland 20646

The Marines of Marine Helicopter Squadron One owe the Charles County Sheriff Department a great debt of appreciation. Your professionalism and cooperation during the period following the 19 May aircraft mishap made a particularly difficult situation as painless as possible for all concerned. The magnitude of your assistance to the squadron was remarkable and would take volumes to document. A representative sample of the help you provided is as follows:

Over the three days following the mishap, your department provided key assets that allowed our Aircraft Mishap Board to conduct an unhampered investigation at the site and our salvage crews to remove the wreckage in an expeditious manner. Allowing us full use of your command post enabled us to communicate timely and accurate information to the squadron at Quantico. This was critical both for the mishap investigation effort and for the notification of the next of kin. Your understanding of our need to secure the mishap site from the press and local populace prevented unnecessary release of sensitive and potentially damaging information. The photographs taken by your crime lab technician were very helpful in piecing together data, and critical to the investigation effort.

We understand that there are members of your department who contributed in ways not mentioned above nor even imaginable by us, and to those we also give our sincere appreciation. There is a special feeling among many of us in the squadron that there will always be a part of us across the Potomac in your department and in the people of Charles County. Again, our heartfelt thanks to the men and women of the Charles County Sheriff Department.

For the Marines of HMX-1,
(signature)
E. R. LANGSTON, JR.
Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps
Commanding

TO:
(Officers names omitted due to volume)

The military maintains that 2 Load Demand Spindle (LDS) pins were installed incorrectly and that is the reason the aircraft went down. It turns out

however, that the pins were installed 3 weeks prior to the accident and the aircraft had flown several times between.

An independent investigation led by Frank Owens, a local archeologist who happened to be working near the crash when the aircraft went down, seems to believe that the aircraft went down as a result of an EMP weapon based at the Blossom Point facility.

The military states it does not operate an EMP device at the facility nor does it intend to. However, a similar facility run by a company called Harry Diamond in Woodbridge, Virginia was shut down in 1989 due to environmental concerns about EMP testing. When the military began looking for a new place to continue its testing, Blossom Point was at the top of the list. The facility at Blossom Point is also run by Harry Diamond -- a strange coincidence.

These are just some of the points brought up by Mr. Owens in his investigation. I will soon be in contact with him to discuss putting his findings on the Internet.

I have copies of all 4 of the articles run in the local press here. If enough people are interested, I can transcribe them and post them to the news group as well.

The Articles ran as follows:

"NBC show will probe 1993 crash of helicopter" Maryland Independent 10 Jan 97

"Magnetic pulse testing never done at Blossom Point, states military" La Plata - Indian Head Ledger 8 Feb 95

"Brother seeks answers in pilot's 1993 death" La Plata - Indian Head Ledger 8 Feb 95

"Looking for clues - Local man asks for Congressional investigation into 1993 helicopter crash in nanjemoy" La Plata - Indian Head Ledger 1 Feb 95

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