

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This is to certify that I have read the relevant sections of Keith Nell's book and can confirm that the information contained therein, is factual in all respects.

I was present at the initial investigation into the circumstances of the accident to Viscount VP-WAS (Hunyani) which was - due to the ever present possibility of a terrorist attack - somewhat perfunctory. However, evidence of a HE explosion was found in the number four engine, jet pipe fairing.

I also conducted the flight simulator tests to determine the most probable flight path after departing from Kariba

Some six weeks later, I returned to the accident site and was able to conduct a more in-depth investigation during which, I found a large section of a SAM 7 missile embedded in the starboard outboard main wheel. Positive evidence that the missile had struck the wheel-well just aft of the number three jet pipe.

Qualifications;

Licensed maintenance engineer

A & C licence Viscount 700 series and Rolls Royce Dart 510 engines

Airline Transport Pilot licence

Total flight hours ± 20,000. (13313 hours on Viscount)

Aircraft accident investigation course. UCAL

Aircraft accident investigation course. Cranfield College of Aeronautics under the auspices of Air Accident Investigation Branch UK.

Fourteen years experience of air accident investigation with South African DOT. All types ranging from B747 to micro-light aircraft.



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