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To the team members of Air Traffic Control, Fort Worth Center:

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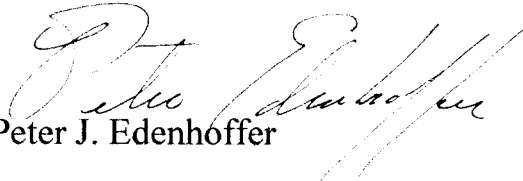
I find myself with the difficult task of expressing my thanks for all your efforts in working together to help save my life in the late-night hours of February 5, 2017 near KPRX; but, there are no sufficient words. After all, how can simple words of thanks ever express the depths of saving a life? There are, however, only words of appreciation which can be offered.

Had your team not been willing to think outside the box, to use personal ingenuity even against the conventional rules in place, I might not be sitting here to write today. So often rules are so ingrained in individuals that they impede even the goals they are designed to reach. Thankfully, such was not the case that night.

Thanks to someone having the initiative to leave the tower, obtain a cell phone, and text me directly, I was able to come out of a situation beyond any expectation I might have had. The one hour flight that night in IFR without electrical power was the longest hour of my life in a surreal space between earth and heaven, which ended anti-climatically as a “squeaker” landing at KGVT amid the flashing red lights of fire trucks at KGVT. In my minds eye I somehow thought you guys would be there to say thank you.

Words cannot express my thanks sufficiently, but I offer them wholeheartedly regardless. Your dedication, ingenuity, and genuine concern will not be forgotten.

With Most Sincere Thanks and Appreciation

  
Peter J. Edenhoffer