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N2157S: "Corpus, five seven sierra"

Fisher: Five seven sierra, Corpus Approach.

N2157S: I've got a, I've got a problem here.

Fisher: November 57S say request.

N2157S: ...direct Corpus Christi please.

Fisher: November 57S roger, proceed direct Corpus Christi, this will be straight in Runway 35, can you maintain at or above 3500?

N2157S: I'm not sure this thing is good enough to keep running, it's going to quit on me.

Fisher: November 57S roger, I'm going to go ahead and declare an emergency for you, say nature of request, souls on board, and fuel remaining.

N2157S: I've got one on board and the nature of the emergency is looks like the engine is uh...it's about ready to crap out give me a heading please.

Fisher: Cessna 57S fly heading 360, that should take you direct to the airport, you're one zero miles South.

N2157S: Yeah, I don't think...it's running but it's barely running.

N2157S: Okay, I'm getting smoke in the cockpit now. There's oil too, it's oily smoke.

Fisher: November 57S roger, I copied smoke in the cockpit. You're still one zero miles South. There are antenna's ahead and to your left, that zero one zero heading should keep you to the east of them.

Fisher: C6578, I'm probably not going to put you on the runway now reference this inbound emergency. What would you like to do?

C6578: We can stand by for emergency response if you need us.

Fisher: C6578 turn left heading of zero four zero, I'm going to put you right behind him.

C6578: Left zero four zero, six five seven eight.

Fisher: Five seven sierra does it look like you're going to be able to make it sir?

N2157S: I'm trying to do it- I'm shutting the engine down. I'm coasting now.

Fisher: November five seven sierra roger. November five seven sierra. Cabaniss field is at your two o'clock and about six miles just in case.

N2157S: I don't think I can make Corpus. Okay I'm heading straight for Cabaniss, that's about the best I think I'm going to be able to do.

Fisher: November 57S roger, there is a Coast Guard helicopter following you right now. He's right behind you.

N2157S: There looks like a north runway; uh...I'm on like a left base to it. Is that a good runway there?

Fisher: November 57S whatever runway you need, they're moving all their traffic for you.

Fleetwood: Cabaniss Tower, Corpus Approach.

Tower: Cabaniss.

Fleetwood: That Cessna is now three mile south of your airport, northeastbound descending out of two thousand, he's gonna try to make your airport and land there for the left base. He's a Cessna two ten, he's at one thousand eight hundred descending now, he's about two miles southwest of your field.

Tower: Copy.

Fleetwood: And he's got smoke in the cockpit, negative engines - he's already turned his engines off so he should be landing there hopefully if he makes it. He's coming in for the left base for three five and he's gonna try to land there is he can.

Fisher: C6578 the emergency aircraft is going to Cabaniss Field, descend and maintain 2100.

C6578: 578 we're leaving three thousand for two thousand one hundred.

Fisher: November five seven sierra I'm showing wind at International, zero four zero at one one, visibility one zero, few clouds four thousand five hundred, altimeter three zero zero one.

N2157S: Okay.

Fleetwood: And Cabaniss Tower, Corpus Approach, request.

Tower: Cabaniss Tower.

Fleetwood: Yes, uh can we get a clearance to land for your airport just in case we can't frequency change?

Tower: That's affirmative.

Fleetwood: Okay is he cleared to land?

Tower: Yes.

Fleetwood: Thank You.

Fisher: November 57S, one one niner point six five once you're on the ground.

N2157S: -teen sixty five.

Fisher: November five seven sierra, you are cleared to land whatever runway you can make.

N2157S: Looks like uh 35.

Fisher: Roger.

Fleetwood: Safe on deck there for Cabaniss Tower?

Tower: He is safe on deck, we're send our Crash out now to check on him.

Fleetwood: Nicely done guys, good work.

Tower: You too.

Fleetwood: F-E

Tower: N-J