

INT. SPORTS FACILITY AT UMD - DAY

Claire and Sally are running at the track.

CLAIRE

Have you ever heard of electromagnetic pulses?

SALLY

No.

CLAIRE

I got a package today sent from someone in St. Paul, I'm guessing it's from John Jacobs.

SALLY

The reporter?

CLAIRE

Yeah. It contained articles about this EMP device that police are now using to end high speed chases.

SALLY

How?

CLAIRE

By using an electromagnetic pulse. It shuts down all the electronics in a car, forcing it to stop.

SALLY

Wow!

CLAIRE

What if a device that can shut down all the electrical systems in a car was used on an aircraft?

SALLY

You think that was used on Wellstone's plane?

CLAIRE

It would knock out the radio, no communication, no mayday call. It would make it impossible to steer, but the engine would still be running.

SALLY

That's what was happening on Wellstone's plane.

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CLAIRE

Exactly. It would also knock out anything computer related, even cell phones.

SALLY

Would there be any trace of damage in the wreckage, that the electrical systems failed?

CLAIRE

Not after a fire. It's the perfect no trace weapon.

SALLY

Okay, but would it have the range to reach an airplane? I mean you said they were used on cars.

CLAIRE

The plane was flying pretty low on its approach to land. But that remains a vital question.

SALLY

This is some scary information.

CLAIRE

Use of an EMP device is the most consistent explanation for what happened. I'm more convinced than ever that Wellstone was assassinated.

CUT TO:

INT. CLAIRE'S HOUSE - NIGHT

Claire is writing on her computer. She has all her Wellstone research spread out before her, including the EMP data she just received. Her cell phone rings and she answers it.

CLAIRE

Hello?

AMANDA

Hey sis, how are you?

CLAIRE

I'm good.

AMANDA

I just wanted to apologize for the other night. Robert was out of line.

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