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INCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration: Boeing 767-200, N335AA

No & Type of Engines: 2 CF6-80-A turbofan engines

Year of Manufacture: 1987

Date & Time (UTC): 21 December 1993 at 1317 hrs

Location: Glasgow Airport

Type of Flight: Public Transport

Persons on Board: Crew - 12 Passengers - 83

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Tear in right engine nose cowl lip and localised cowling

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Commander's Licence: Airline Transport Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 57 years

Commander's Flying Experience: N/A

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot and

investigation report by Glasgow Airport Limited

The aircraft was parked at Stand 9 and being loaded with freight prior to departure. The ground staff were having some problems transferring a freight pallet from a high-loader into the front hold, and the pallet was placed on the ground beside the aircraft. The operator of the high-loader was then taken off this task to assist with other loading jobs; subsequently, after completing these tasks, he returned to the high-loader and finished transferring the last containers into the front hold. He then began to reverse the high-loader away from the aircraft and applied full right lock to avoid the freight pallet on the ground; he avoided the pallet but struck the right engine cowling of the aircraft.