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Long-Fall Survival Is More Common Than Previously Thought According to Report by Green Harbor Publications

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Marshfield, Massachusetts – Green Harbor Publications announced today the release of a report called “Long-Fall Survival: Analysis and Publication of the Collected Accounts.” This report is the culmination of nearly five years of work collecting and documenting the stories of people who have survived long falls without a working parachute. The report includes descriptions of over 200 incidents, each with an assessment of the validity of the account and a listing of the supporting references.

Incidents documented in the report include:

- *Alan Magee's 20,000-foot fall from a disabled bomber in January of 1943:* Falling without a parachute, Magee crashed through the skylight of the St. Nazaire train station. His arm was badly injured, but he recovered from that and other injuries.
- *Vesna Vulovic's 33,000-foot fall in the wreckage of a passenger jet:* Vulovic, the only survivor of an apparent terrorist bombing, was badly injured and was paralyzed from the waist down, but later recovered and now can walk.
- *Juliane Koepcke's two-mile fall on Christmas Eve of 1971:* The commercial airliner she was flying in broke up during a severe storm. She fell, strapped in her seat, into the Amazon rain forest. Surviving the fall was just the beginning of her ordeal. She walked for 11 days before she finally found help.

This research indicates that survival from long falls is more common than one might expect. It is natural to assume that anyone falling from 10,000 feet or more would die, but this report documents dozens of incidents of humans surviving falls of 10,000 feet or higher. Factors contributing to survival include falling with wreckage; landing in trees, snow, sand, or mud; or hitting on a slope (or some combination of all of the above).

The full report is available from Green Harbor Publications. Visit www.greenharbor.com for additional information. Journalists interested in viewing the report should send an e-mail request to publisher@greenharbor.com.