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Controller partly to blame for 2002 crash

A Swiss air traffic controller noticed too late that a cargo plane and a Russian charter airliner filled with schoolchildren were on a collision course, German investigators said. All 71 people aboard died when the two planes collided July 1, 2002, over southern Germany. The report said the controller was the only staff member on duty at Zurich air traffic control.



The report also said that confusing rules and manuals led the Russian crew to make the wrong choices.
