



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: 08/15/2016
Person Contacted: Mr. Robert Kelly (Witness)
NTSB Accident Number: ANC16FA057

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Mr. Kelly in a telephone conversation.

Robert reported that he was working in his hangar with the door open. His hangar is hangar number 5, in front of Alaska Airframes. He saw the accident airplane earlier in the day, and the engine sounded normal while the pilot was conducting traffic pattern work.

Later on in the day, in the early afternoon, he heard the engine produce a sputtering noise. The sputtering noise quit, the sputtering noise started again, and the sputtering noise then quit again.

Robert was watching the airplane after the second sputtering noise, and observed the airplane make a steep right turn after departure from Runway 2R. The steep right turn appeared to be 90 degrees.

In the turn, the nose of the airplane dropped, the airplane went straight down.

Robert stated that this was a stall as the nose went straight down at a lower altitude and there was no time for a spin to develop.

Robert did not see the impact with terrain due to the location of the hangars obscuring his view.