



RECORD OF CORRESPONDENCE

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Date: May 14, 2013
Person Contacted: Mr. Louis Bettis, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
NTSB Accident Number: CEN13LA252

Narrative:

Mr. Bettis reported the following information, based on his interview with the pilot and examination of the airplane.

- While on left base of the traffic pattern, the pilot was instructed by air traffic control to make a short approach, due to another airplane on final.
- The pilot thought he put the gear handle in the gear down position, but didn't visually verify gear down with his mirror and was unsure if the gear down indicator had illuminated prior to landing.
- During the approach, the pilot stated that he was distracted with testing his air conditioner and thought he noticed an odd smell in the cockpit, which he thought may have been the air conditioner malfunctioning.
- Following the accident, the landing gear was sequenced several times by maintenance personnel, using both normal and emergency modes, with no abnormalities noted.
- The red gear up warning light, green gear down light and audible warning horn all functioned normally.
- The pilot stated that during the airplane's last annual inspection the audible warning system was noted to be out of adjustment. This issue was not able to be duplicated during the examination.