



RECORD OF CORRESPONDENCE

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NTSB Accident Number: CEN16CA383

The pilot, Mr. Earl Bradford, provided the following information and perspectives:

- He arrived to the turf strip to attend a fly-in on the day of the accident.
- During departure from the turf strip, he applied full aft yoke during the takeoff roll so as to lift off quickly.
- Soon after takeoff, the airplane banked left and descended into a cornfield, which damaged the firewall.
- He attributed his steep climb immediately after takeoff to a nose up trim setting, due to not setting the elevator trim to the takeoff position prior to departure.
- He reported no preaccident mechanical malfunctions or failures with the airplane that would have precluded normal operation.