



RECORD OF CORRESPONDENCE

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Persons Contacted: Robert Smith, Federal Aviation Administration
NTSB Accident Number: CEN17LA226

Narrative:

Robert Smith reported that the airplane was in cruise flight when the engine's forward main seal (crankshaft seal) began to leak engine oil. The engine lost power shortly afterward, and the pilot performed a forced landing to a field about five miles west of Dehart, Texas. A post-accident photo of the seal shows that the bottom half of the seal slipped forward from its placement. The airplane exterior was covered with engine oil.

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