



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Contacted: David Johnson, FAA Aviation Safety Inspector

NTSB Accident Number: CEN17LA303 – Marshall, Missouri

Narrative:

The pilot informed Inspector Johnson that he had departed from runway 18 and had reached an altitude of about 50 feet agl before the airplane started “sagging.” The pilot was unable to establish a climb and descended into an agricultural field. He was advised that the accident flight was the first flight of the day, and that the airplane had been loaded with a full load of chemical and fuel before the flight. The pilot also stated that the airspeed indicator had been inoperative “for some time.”

Inspector Johnson stated that no issues with respect to the flight controls or the engine were observed during the post-accident examination. The wing flaps were positioned at 20 degrees at the time of the examination.

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