



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: September 10, 2018

Person Contacted: Robert Smith – FAA Flight Standards, Lubbock FSDO

NTSB Accident Number: CEN18LA378 – Hereford, Texas

Narrative:

Inspector Smith responded to the accident site. He reported that the initial ground impact was located about 200 yards north of the main wreckage. The left wing had separated and was located about 50 yards from the fuselage. The fuselage was resting on its right side. There was no post-impact fire.

A witness informed Inspector Smith that he was in a T-hangar on the airport when he observed a portion of the takeoff. The witness stated that the airplane was in a nose-high, tail-low attitude. The engine sounded like it was operating at full power. The witness subsequently lost sight of the airplane behind a line of hangars and did not see the accident itself.

The airport manager informed him that the airplane was topped off before the flight.

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