



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: March 17, 2020
Person Contacted: Bruce Mathews
NTSB Accident Number: CEN20LA122 – LaCrosse, Kansas

Narrative:

Mr. Mathews heard and saw the airplane immediately before the accident. He was at his farm located about 0.68 miles northwest of the accident site. The airplane flew directly overhead. He recalled hearing the airplane and initially thought it was a crop duster. He went outside as the sound got louder and subsequently observed the airplane descend out of a low overcast cloud layer at a high rate of descent. The airplane then abruptly transitioned into a steep climb before re-entering the clouds. A few seconds afterward, he heard the impact and responded to the accident site.

Mr. Mathews noted that during the brief time he saw the airplane, it appeared to be intact with no smoke or fire. The clouds were low, with light winds and mist. There was no precipitation at the time.

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