



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: September 15, 2022
Person Contacted: Don Loftis
NTSB Accident Number: CEN22FA406 – Cleveland, Tennessee

Narrative:

Mr. Loftis heard the airplane fly over his house immediately before the accident. His property was adjacent to the accident site. He recalled hearing the engine at what seemed to be a “normal” cruise power setting. About 1 to 1-1/2 seconds later, the engine sound increased abruptly to what seemed to be “full throttle.” The engine seemed to increase power smoothly with no hesitation. Moments afterward, he heard a “boom” which shook the house. There were no further sounds from the airplane and he assumed that it had crashed.

Mr. Loftis noted that it was raining hard at the time. He recalled being unable to see the tops of the 60-foot-tall trees in his yard due to the low clouds and fog when he went out to investigate. He added that the accident site ended up being about 200 yards from his home. He encountered several people outside at a nearby grocery store when he was looking for the accident site. They reported hearing the airplane fly over twice but were unable to see it due to the clouds and fog.

Mr. Loftis commented that he has held a private pilot certificate since 1974. He was familiar with the sound of airplane engines.

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