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Subject: CEN24FA095 Memorandum of Conversation

Contact: Shane Knoernschild, Witness, [REDACTED]

Shane Knoernschild stated during a telephone conversation that he was inside Signature Aviation at Bill and Hillary Clinton National Airport/Adams Field, Little Rock, Arkansas. He said that his airplane was parked next to N255JP, and he was planning his flight inside the Signature Aviation. He said that Signature Aviation provided a ground power unit (GPU) for N255JP, and the airplane started after about two or three start attempts. He said once N255JP started, the GPU was disconnected, the wheel chock was removed, and within two minutes at the most, N255JP taxied to taxiway A and made a right turn onto taxiway A. He said that the pilot of N255JP did not allow the engine to warm after engine start prior to its moving. He said that typically on cold days in his airplane you must wait at least 6-8 minutes before moving the airplane. He said that the pilot of N255JP just taxied out to the end of the runway. He did not know if the pilot of N255JP performed a runup prior to departure. He said he did not see enough time elapse since the N255JP was started to the time of the accident for the engine oil to have warmed up enough. He did not see N255JP but only saw black smoke after the accident. He said that he could not see the takeoff of N255JP from his vantage point because a building was in his view. He said that he has about 900 hours of flight time.