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Mitchell Gallo
NTSB – Air Safety Investigator
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8 November 2023

FAA#2023-10-17-185724
Feather Lab # 231024.68

Dear Mr. Gallo

The Smithsonian Institution's Feather Identification Lab received a sample for examination on 24 October 2023 that was collected from an Air EVAC Life Team event that occurred on 17 October 2023, and reported as FAA Wildlife Strike Report number 2023-10-17-185724.

The feather remains from the sample have been identified as Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*). Avian DNA was not obtained from this degraded sample. The species information has been added to the FAA Wildlife Strike Database for the report number above.

Good luck with this investigation.

Sincerely,

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