



NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Record of Telephone Conversation

Person Interviewed: Reginald Washington, ATL FSDO

Subject: ERA15LA160

During a telephone conversation, Inspector Washington stated that he and several other Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) safety inspectors conducted an on-scene examination of the airplane. He said the nose gear separated from the airplane and was fractured in several pieces. The firewall was wrinkled and the propeller was also damaged. Examination of the nose gear revealed that an AN4-31 bolt and associated washer and nut that attached the upper torque assembly to the nose gear steering arm assembly was missing. The pilot said that he saw the bolt during his preflight inspection. Inspector Washington said that he and the other inspectors walked the grass runway in search of the bolt to see if it came out during either takeoff or landing, but the bolt was not located.

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