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RE: ERA17FA274

Dear Mr. Gunther,

On 31 January 2018, I collected 16 samples from the rotor, nose, windscreen and cockpit areas of a helicopter involved in the above referenced accident investigation. Samples from each separate bag were examined for microscopic avian material. No bird remains were found in any of the samples.

Good luck with this investigation.

Sincerely,

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