



MEMORANDUM for RECORD

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Person Contacted: Mr. Joel Clark – FAA Coordinator – FAA Birmingham AL FSDO

NTSB Accident Number: ERA17LA006 – Scottsboro, AL

This investigator interviewed Mr. Clark by telephone. He reported the following:

- He examined the wreckage after the accident. The airplane was force landed and came to rest on a dirt road. The landing gear collapsed during the landing rollout. There was structural damage to the wings and the engine firewall.
- Mr. Clark examined the engine and could find no evidence of a mechanical failure or anomaly with the engine. One propeller blade was straight and the other was bent aft. Internal engine continuity was confirmed. Compression and suction were observed on all cylinders and valve action was correct. There was an adequate supply of engine oil.
- All four fuel tanks contained an adequate supply of fuel. Examination of the fuel selector valve revealed that the valve was stuck in the partially closed position, restricting fuel flow to the engine. Moving the tank selector handle did not open the valve.