



## MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

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**Date: October 18, 2016**  
**Person Contacted: Steven Davidson- FAA**  
**NTSB Accident Number: ERA17LA015**

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### **Narrative:**

FAA inspector stated he has photographs of the accident site. The airplane struck the ground at a nearly vertical attitude. The nose is pushed up all the way to the cockpit and both leading edges were crushed uniformly. The pilot, his minor passenger (granddaughter) were injured and the small dog was killed.

The airplane struck the ground; fortunately, the ground was not hard, it consisted of soft compact sand that may have cushioned the impact. The cockpit remained relatively intact. It held together well. A witness, Mr. Joseph Small heard "popping" when the airplane took off; he also found the airplane after the accident.

The throttle was found in the full open position and the fuel selector was in the on position. The pilot was heavy 200 plus, but the girl was only about eight or nine years old and was small. The dog was small too. They had fuel on board and will try to recover it before it all leaks out.

The owner has a facility at the airport. This (7GA7) is a private airport community. We will try to move the airplane from the field into the owners hanger. The airport is run by Mr. Hickman who stated we could store the airplane at the airport. He will be the only one who has the keys and he can get us in anytime.

Discussed setting up a time to have the airplane and engine manufacturer come in for an on scene examination for the following week.

Discussed gathering of information such as SPAS for the pilot and airplane.

We concluded the phone call.