



MEMORANDUM for RECORD

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Date: December 13, 2016
Person Contacted: Mr. John Spears – FAA FSDO (Atlanta GA)
NTSB Accident Number: ERA17LA057 – Columbus, GA

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

- Mr. Spears examined the wreckage of N41565 at Atlanta Air Recovery, Griffin, GA.
- The engine could not be rotated due to impact damage (crankshaft and propeller bent).
- He removed the carburetor. The accelerator pump operated normally and squirted fuel. The throttle linkage was intact. The carburetor inlet fuel screen was removed and it was clear with no obstructions or contamination. Carburetor bowl was clean.
- Both wing fuel tanks were breached from impact and contained no fuel.