



MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

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Accident Number: ERA18LA113

Person Contacted: Brian Lang (Pilot)

Subject: Conversation with pilot regarding the accident and fuel selectors.

Pilot stated that before departing MQY, he had a full fuel load of 44 gallons for his 700-mile flight and that he was planning on several fuel stops along the way. About 30 minutes after departing at an altitude of 2,500 feet he switched the fuel selector handle from the left tank to the right to balance the fuel load and the engine coughed and shut down. He stated that it's possible he switched the selector to the incorrect position, but he could not be sure. When asked to explain the fuel system, he mentioned that two of the airplanes he flies are similar make and model with similar design and flight characteristics however, the accident airplane (N1131Z) has a different fuel selector handle than the other airplane he operated more recently and frequently. When asked for a photograph of the fuel selector for comparison, he stated he would send it. [End]

Note: Pilot sent photograph (below right) shortly after call



Figure 1: N1131Z Accident Airplane Fuel Selector



Figure 2: Other (M62C) Airplane Fuel Selector