



MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

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Date: 12-1-2020
Person Contacted: Blackstone Aviation; Mr. Sherman Powell
NTSB Accident Number: ERA18LA182

Narrative:

Telephone conversation with the operator, Mr. Sherman Powell to discuss the circumstances surrounding the accident.

The airplane was totaled and sold to someone in Mexico he thinks. The logbooks went with the airplane and he does not have a copy or any photographs of the maintenance records. He stated that he only put about 200 hours on the airplane and had recently purchased it.

Once of the previous owners send the landing gear for an NDT or an overhaul, which he thought was odd, unless there was an issue with the gear that wasn't disclosed. He thinks the gear went to a facility in Washington, but can't be sure.

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Date: 12-2-2020

Person Contacted: Joe Cropduster, LLC; Mr. Joe Woollayer (Previous Owner)

NTSB Accident Number: ERA18LA182

Narrative:

Telephone conversation with the previous owner to discuss the airplane condition, with emphasis on the landing gear.

He purchased the airplane in 2015; once he started doing maintenance on it, he realized how "bad a shape" it was in. It looked good on the outside. He never sent the landing gear out for inspection or overhaul; it must have been the previous owner.

He did not keep the airplane long, and sold it at a loss to the new owner. The airplane was airworthy, but it was in rough shape. He did not feel like putting \$100,000 dollars into it.

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