



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Pilot Statement

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Subject: Email from student pilot to FAA with account of the accident involving N68727 dated April 9, 2019.

Mr. Grossley:

This email is in response to your request for my observations concerning the accident involving N68727 at Lancaster, PA (KLNS) on April 8, 2019.

I was conducting touch and goes in a Cessna 152 on Runway 13 at KLNS from about 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on April 8, 2019. On my eighth touch and go I was cleared for the option by ATC and I landed without incident. I retracted my flaps to 0 degrees and pushed in full power on the throttle in an attempt to take off. As soon as the plane powered up I felt it drifting hard to the left. I attempted to use right rudder to compensate but failed. The plane went off the runway to the left, crashed into a runway marker, and stopped nose down in the grass.

I sustained minor injuries, a cut on my right thumb and a sprained right hand.

While the fire department report says the runway was wet, and there were still puddles on the runway from the previous night rain, I do not believe this had any impact on the accident as I had not had any problems in my previous touch and goes. Rather, I lost control of the plane, and froze for a split second in not being able to make the proper adjustments to regain control the plane.

I accept full responsibility for my actions, and any consequences. I am at your full disposal if you need further information from me.

Jeff Pijanowski

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