



NTSB RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date Interviewed: 3/30/2020
Person Interviewed: Fouad Hussain, owner Houston Aviation Center
NTSB Accident Number: ERA19LA264

The following is a summary of a conversation that occurred with the above-named individual:

- Mr. Hussain was familiar with this airplane and, last week, spoke to the mechanic who performed the last inspection of the airplane, as well as Ram Aircraft who performed the overhaul.
- Mr. Hussain explained the last inspection done on this airplane was their first Annual Inspection experience with the airplane, and that when they receive an airplane that is new to them, it is their policy to go back and look at airplane's complete history. For the engine, based on the engine model number and serial number, they pull up the relevant information.
- For this airplane, there was an assumption that the Critical Service Bulletin (CSB) did not apply and that the airplane had the newer camshaft gear since: The airplane was manufactured after the original date of the service bulletin (SB), and the engine had been overhauled by a reputable facility.
- He stated that there is no visible traceability for every part of the engine, and that it would not have occurred to them that the overhauler would have put a camshaft gear that was the subject of the SB into an overhauled engine. They simply had no reason to believe that the camshaft gear on this engine was subject to this CSB.
- He stated that his shop did not receive a service letter from Ram, and they were not aware that Ram had obtained an FAA-approved alternate means of compliance for the CSB. He was surprised to learn that this gear was still in circulation at the time of this engine's overhaul.
- He expressed surprise that Ram pulled an engine that was out of circulation with the part that was the subject of a CSB and put all new parts in it yet did not replace the camshaft gear.



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- He added that from his shop's perspective, all previous records of that engine are not traceable.

This record of conversation was reviewed by Mr. Hussain and reported as accurate in an email received from Mr. Hussain at 3:15 pm on 3/30/2020.