



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Pilot Interview

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Interviewee: Mattia Filiaci (Pilot)

FAA Certificate # [REDACTED]

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Mr. Filiaci stated he hangered his airplane at Republic Airport (FRG) Farmingdale, New York. On the morning of the accident, he preflight the airplane and found no anomalies before departing about 1300 for Francis S Gabreski Airport (FOK) Westhampton Beach, New York. He stated remaining at FOK until 1545 before returning to FRG. After take-off he requested flight following and stated he was at an altitude of 4500 ft. He stated flight following transferred him to the FRG tower and stated the airport was busy with 4 other airplanes in front of his. As he descended, he was setting up for right hand traffic to runway 01. The tower requested that he continue to the south and called his turn back to FRG over the shoreline. Mr. Filicai stated he experienced a loss of power at 600 ft above the ground and about .5 miles from the runway. The pilot responded by first switching the fuel selector from the right tank to the left tank, then tried to restart the engine before impacting terrain about .5 miles from runway 01. He stated after the force landing, he impacted trees and a pole with the left wing before coming to rest.