



NTSB RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Contacted: SULTAN ESUFAN (Private Pilot, Receiving Instruction)

NTSB Accident Number: ERA21LA322

Narrative:

The individual noted above provided the following information via telephone. The below contents are a summary of what was reported:

- He reported that they entered an emergency descent at 5,000 ft. He entered a left bank and nosed down.
- He, as the student and pilot flying, initiated the emergency descent, and then the left engine was shut down on purpose to simulate an engine fire.
- During the emergency descent, the AHRS failed. It advised to keep the wings level, however, it never returned to a normal configuration.
- He attempted to recover, but questioned, "why are we descending" and recalled "something is weird we can't pull up."
- He recalled saying, "the controls do not feel right."
- He believes that there was nothing blocking the flight control stick to prevent its movement, such as a checklist.
- He recalled that the right engine sputtered in the descent.
- The flight instructor took over, and they both were attempting to pull back on the stick.
- The student recalled that neither he, nor his flight instructor, attempted to adjust manual elevator trim during the described uncontrolled descent.
- He added flaps and put the gear down as they got lower and lower.
- In the descent, the airspeed was increasing. He never heard a stall warning horn during the descent.

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