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24 June 2022

NTSB# ERA22FA227
Feather Lab # 220608.69

Dear Mr. Brazy,

The Smithsonian Institution's Feather Identification Lab received windscreen samples for examination on 8 June 2022 that were associated with a crash investigation (NTSB# ERA 22FA227) that occurred in Blairstown, NJ on 15 May 2022. A photograph of a bird foot was also submitted for identification but may not have been involved in this event.

No viable avian DNA was obtained from the DNA analysis, and no feather material found in the microscopic exam of the material. The bird foot in the photograph has been identified as Chicken (*Gallus gallus domesticus*). The windscreen samples will be returned to you by hand-carry on 27 June 2022.

If you have any questions, please call.

Good luck with this investigation.

Sincerely,

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Figure 1 Bird Foot Found 20 ft Right and Abeam Struck Tree