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Subject: ERA22LA025
Who: Jim Stoia – Glider Recovery Personnel

In a telephone conversation, Mr. Stoia stated the following:

- He is a mechanic and does work on gliders. He has not worked on this specific glider.
- During the recovery of the accident glider, he noted:
 - The whole nose was impact damaged to the leading edge of the wings.
 - Left wing exhibited damage 4 ft from the tip.
 - The engine was put away.
 - The empennage was intact.
 - He had difficulty getting the wing pins out during the recovery as a result of the impact damage.
 - It was a steep impact angle to destroy the nose of the airplane. The control stick and instrument panel were shattered. It damaged back to the trailing edge.
 - The dive brakes operated without anomaly.
 - There were no anomalies with the airframe that would have precluded normal operation.