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29 July 2022

Aircraft Reg. # N2158T
Feather Lab # 220713.35

Dear Ms Kemner.

The Smithsonian Institution's Feather Identification Lab received a minute sample for examination on 13 July 2022. The sample was collected by Rene Hazen (FAA Inspector) from a possible drone strike that occurred on 23 June 2022 in Boonville, NC to aircraft N2158T.

The sample was submitted for DNA and microscopic analysis. No bird material was found in the sample.

If you have any questions, please call.

Good luck with this investigation.

Sincerely,


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Carla J. Dove, Ph.D.
Feather Identification Lab
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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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July 15, 2022

Subject: ERA22LA290
Who: Dr. Carla Dove – Smithsonian Ornithologist

In an email, Dr. Dove stated the following:

- The sample results came back from the DNA lab and there was no biological DNA in the sample.
- There were some microscopic insect parts.