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Subject: ERA23FA382, FAA Inspector onsite correspondence

Contact: Richard Hudgins, FAA Inspector

While on scene with Inspector Hudgins, he reported visiting the pilot's hangar, where he spoke with an individual who stated he had assisted the pilot, Mr. Smith, with the engine removal and replacement. The individual told Inspector Hudgins that he was not a certificated mechanic and that his involvement was limited, though he did not specify the tasks he performed. A subsequent attempt to reinterview this individual was unsuccessful. While searching for the logbooks, Inspector Hudgins observed nonstandard washers on a table that resembled those installed on the engine mount. He also noted a single washer consistent with the proper hardware, but no additional standard hardware was located.