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Below are two excerpts from an email from Jeff McCutcheon to the NTSB IIC:

Excerpt 1:

I have attached an interpretation from one of our engineers, below. Lastly, please find pictures of the aircraft when received at our facility. Repairs included the following:

- Replaced radio and receiver
- Replaced 2 arms with 2 motors each
- Replaced propellers
- Replaced lower parts of landing gear

Excerpt 2:

Summary: Immediately after takeoff, a magnetometer interference was detected which was potentially the reason for control failure. There is not a record indicating that the user was presented this fault in form of an LED color change or any OSD data.

At some “unknown” time between 29secs and 30secs, the roll value recorded weird behavior again – change of value indicating an overall 90deg turn

At 29.3 sec mark, the recorded roll value is 20deg

At 30.2sec mark, the recorded roll value is 0 deg

At the 32sec mark, the roll of the drone recorded a 70deg

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