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Subject: Phone call and e-mail with passenger.

Contact: Sean Yokum @ [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Thank you, sir, for the brief conversation. I appreciated your brief of the accident and hope for a full recovery; it sounds like you are!

The summary as you stated was as follows. Your height and weight were 5' 10" and 158/160 lbs respectively. Mr. Yokum corrected this to 156 to 158 lbs)

- You believe there was something wrong with the engine.
- The engine sounded great on the ground. The airplane just wanted to move when full power was applied. (Note: Just wanted to move was an excited description of the power.)
- The airplane sounded good on the ground and during the takeoff roll. It climbed and climbed, then the pilot told us to be quite because he was on the radio with the controller, there was something going on.
- The airplane was not going up. It leveled off and felt like it was descending. The pilot put it into a glide. He saw houses and trees.
- He doesn't remember if the airplane/pilot made a left turn. Doesn't recall due to accident/concussion. The engine sounded good. No unusual sounds, smells, bangs or other things that he noticed. But he did notice that the throttle was full forward, and the airplane/engine was not performing. The speed started dropping and the throttle was full forward.

When asked about Gerardo's (Other Passenger) height and weight, he estimated (not confirmed) that he was about the same height and weight. Maybe a couple pounds heavier.

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