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Subject: ERA25LA079, Questions for the Pilot

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On March 6, 2025 the IIC reached out to the pilot with the following question:

1. Did you complete a preflight weather briefing and did you file a flight plan for the accident flight?
 - a. If so, what company did you use to file the flight plan?
2. Did you complete a weight and balance prior to the flight?
 - a. If so, could you please provide a copy of the weight and balance for the accident flight.
3. Were you carrying any baggage or freight outside of the baggage compartment or cockpit area?
 - a. If so, where and how was it secured?

The pilot responded on the same date with the following answers:

"1. No VFR flight plan was filed that day, nonetheless VFR FLIGHT FOLLOWING was used the whole route.

a. Yes. A weather briefing was performed as usual, both the night before at the hotel -to get a preview of next day's navigation - and minutes before take off.

2. A weight and balance was performed in pre flight and found within the CG limits of the aircraft. I don't have a paper copy for this flight, as I lost a lot of items and wasn't able to retrieve many things from the wreckage. If you need me to recreate a weight and balance sheet, I can do so as I have the information of what was on board that day.

3. Items from the spray system are usually positioned outside the cockpit and baggage area secured with XL ty wraps and as near to CG as possible."

The pilot was then asked to please recreate his weight and balance sheet to the best of his ability.