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The following is an excerpt from an email exchange between NTSB IIC Leah Read and pilot Tom Deppmeyer regarding how the fuel selector valve got turned off when Mr. Deppmeyer was taking-off at MTV:

NTSB IIC: *"I received the form from our HQ today. All good. However, when I read your statement, I was unaware that you dropped your radio on takeoff. Sounds like you may have knocked the fuel selector off when you went to pick it up??"*

Mr. Deppmeyer: *"I'm 99% sure that's exactly what happened. Thanks for getting back to me."*