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Subject: ERA26LA201, telephone conversation with pilot

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During a telephone conversation, the pilot reiterated that the fuel selector had been inadvertently left in the OFF position prior to takeoff, which resulted in a total loss of engine power shortly after departure. The pilot stated that he was not aware of any mechanical malfunctions or anomalies with the airplane that would have precluded normal operation before the accident flight.

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