



MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

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Date: January 29, 2018
Person Contacted: Dr. Marvell Scott (Pilot)
NTSB Accident Number: GAA18CA115

Narrative:

Spoke with Dr. Scott via telephone. Inquired as to his physical condition and status. He mentioned he would continue to fly. He acknowledged his wounded pride but was glad nobody got hurt. He has just over 150 hours; and he just recently received his private pilot license.

The flight was uneventful up until landing.

After the gear up landing, the aircraft caught on fire very quickly. They didn't wait to evacuate the airplane, but as soon as they got out, it went up fast. He was surprised at how quickly the aircraft became engulfed in fire.

He said he thought he put the gear down but realized that he probably recycled the gear up when he was operating the manual trim wheel as he had done that before. The gear handle and trim wheel are right next to each other. There was nothing mechanically wrong with the airplane as far as he knew.

During the flare, the tail hit first, and it drove the nose down hard and they skidded to a stop. They promptly got out. We discussed the possibility that the fuel strainer got damaged and all the gravity fed fuel came rushing out as a possible reason for the quick fire.

He stated he would complete the accident report as soon as possible. He mentioned the airplane was in the hangar.