



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: May 31, 2017
Where: Harborview Medical Center, Seattle, Washington
Person Contacted: Chad Valentine
NTSB Accident Number: WPR17FA108

Mr. Valentine was the passenger in the accident airplane (N7376Y) and was seated in the rear seat. I interviewed Mr. Valentine at the Harborview Medical Center, Seattle, Washington where he was receiving medical treatment for his injuries sustained in the accident. At the time of the interview, he was aware of his surrounding and could speak clearly, and at length. During the interview, he stated that about 20 minutes into the flight the pilot intentionally shut down the right engine and was demonstrating how to restart the engine during flight. Despite several attempts, the engine would not rotate through with electrical power to start the engine. The pilot then made several attempts to air-start the engine by gaining altitude and diving the airplane down to use airflow to assist in rotating the engine. After two unsuccessful attempts to air-start the engine, the pilot made the decision to descend at a lower altitude and fly to the airstrip at Glacier Point and use the battery booster located in the baggage compartment, to start the engine after landing. As they approached the airstrip, they made a low-level pass to check for the condition of the airstrip surface. He concluded by stating this was the last he remembers of the flight.



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