



RECORD OF COMMUNICATION

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Person Contacted: Inspector Troy Meskimen (Helena FSDO)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR17LA064

Narrative: The following is a verbatim extract of information that was provided in an email sent by Inspector Meskimen on this date:

I have attached what I have so far, still need to add up all the weights and look the numbers, I will be out of the office most of the day today (Friday) Then RDO on Monday, you have my cell if you need to get in touch. I will contact Mr. Burks today and ask him to contact you. He is a little overwhelmed with all this. Alex Athens & Dustin Woods both told me what they told you. As for my conversations with Mr. Burks, it seems he is a creature of habit and always takes off uphill on runway 12, regardless of the winds. After the accident, he actually sought out additional flight instruction on his own and he went to Alex Athens. Long story short, he has come to the realization that he may be at least partially at fault.