



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: July 11, 2017
Where: Orange County Global Medical Center
Person Contacted: Francis Xavier Pisano
NTSB Accident Number: WPR17LA136

Mr. Pisano was the pilot in the accident airplane (N87297) and was seated in the left forward seat. I interviewed Mr. Pisano at the Orange County Global Medical Center, Santa Ana, California 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, the pilot stated after departing the runway on the accident flight, and at about 400 feet above ground level (agl), the right engine "cutout." He subsequently transmitted a mayday to a tower controller, where they immediately cleared him for landing. The pilot stated he feathered the right propeller after the loss of engine power to the right engine, and was able to maintain an altitude of 400-500 feet agl as he turned right into the downwind portion of the traffic pattern. At this time, controller had questioned him about his gear position, and he replied by stating that he knew of his landing gear position and would position the landing gear down on final. The pilot stated that the fuel selector valve handles remained in the main position during the accident flight. After he was abeam the numbers, his intension was to keep up the airspeed into the base and final turns and crab back to the approach end of the runway. During the turn to final, the pilot positioned his landing gear down, the airplane started to descend, and he realized he was not going to make the runway. The pilot subsequently lined up with the Interstate 405, and pushed the rudder to the left. He further stated that his flaps were positioned 15 degrees down during the flight. In a follow-up conversation, Mr. Pisano stated that he checked that the fuel selectors were in the 'main' position before starting and during runup, prior to departing.



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