



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: September 5, 2018
Person Contacted: Mr. Frank Motter (FAA Inspector)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR18FA249

Narrative:

During a telephone conversation with Mr. Motter he reported that the airplane's mechanic Mr. Tony Ast arrived at the Flight Standards District Office with the airplane's maintenance logs. During their conversation Mr. Ast reported the following:

- Mr. Ast witnessed the accident. He reported that he observed the airplane takeoff at a high angle of attack. The airplane was mushing, and the engine made "popping" sounds. However, the pilot never lowered the airplane's nose.
- The pilot used the checklists for everything, and he did exactly as the checklist said. He wouldn't do anything beyond the checklist.
- He mentioned that last year the pilot had disappeared for a few months. When he returned, he had lost a lot of weight.
- The airplane sat for an extremely long time at the Hawthorne Airport starting in about 1989. The previous owner had purchased the airplane and he went through restoring and fixing it; the airplane was "essentially rebuilt". That owner recently sold the airplane.

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