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Albert Nixon, NTSB

Here is my written statement re Cessna N2323Y:

1. Goleta Star has been developing and flite testing our radar technology in a number of different platforms since approximately 2006.
2. We began testing in this Cessna 177 locally at Zamperini Field in 2017 and conducted many flites. We simply rented flight time from the previous owner, Heading West, who rented the plane to us and provided a pilot for the short and simple flight test.
3. This flite on 19 September 2019 was actually our very first flite after acquiring the aircraft from the previous owners.
4. We hired a local mechanic to oversee the plane for us, maintain it, rent it out, and provide us with a pilot.
5. The procedures were identical to what they had been for the two previous years. Nothing was done differently than during the past two years.
6. The pilot was late and seemed rushed and under pressure. This was his first time flying for us. He ran the engine for a while near the tie-down location and then proceeded to the runway.
7. There was a long wait at the end of the runway. The plane ahead of us aborted takeoff halfway down the runway.
8. Our plane then went down the runway and climbed slowly. The plane then turned to the right as it normally does to go into an orbit around the airport. It then seemed to stall and with right wing down came strait down. There was no smoke.

Sincerely,

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