



RECORD OF E-MAIL CORRESPONDENCE

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NTSB Accident Number: WPR21LA123

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Mr. Hallesy in an e-mail correspondence.

On March 30, 2021 he conducted an exam of the recovered wreckage of N155TP, a Aermacchi, MB – 326M Impala. The airplane was located in a hangar at the Mojave Air and Space Port (KMHV), Mojave, California.

Post-accident examination of the airplane revealed that:

- The elevator control tubes were found intact from elevator forward to tail section attachment point. The tubes forward fractured from impact.
- The rudder control tubes were intact at the tail section attachment point.
- Both rudder and elevator connection from tail section severed from impact.
- The right wing aileron control tubes found intact to wing spar, where control tube were broken from impact.
- The left wing has extensive thermal damage from post-accident fire.
- The left wing aileron control tube were found intact to burn area. Broken control tube attachment missing in the thermal damage area.
- The center fuselage control tubes for flaps found intact to thermal damage area.
- All flight controls tubes that were identified still had attach points mounted, and appeared to have impact separated.
- All flight control surfaces were accounted for at the exam site.

In summary all flight controls were found either intact, broken by impact or burned by the post-crash fire. No evidence was found of flight control malfunction in flight.