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Date: May 1, 2023

Subject: WPR21LA200

Contact: Michael W. Polit, pilot, Jones Aviation

Mr. Polit reported that he had just taken off with a load of rice seed and was about 100 ft above the ground when the engine failed. He looked for a spot to land and off to his right was a dirt road. The airplane lost energy and altitude and struck the ground hard.

Mr. Polit stated that he did not refuel the airplane because the fuel gage indicated a half tank. He did not believe that he needed fuel based on the reading from the fuel gage. He recalled that maintenance told him that the fuel float arm had gotten caught on a rivet, which gave an erroneous reading.

From: [Mike Polit](#)
To: [Cornejo Tealeye](#)
Subject: Re: N6596K updated Record of Conversation
Date: Tuesday, May 2, 2023 9:25:26 AM

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I concur.

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On May 1, 2023, at 4:12 PM, Cornejo Tealeye <[REDACTED]@ntsb.gov> wrote:

Good Afternoon, Mike

This version of the record of conversation is the most current copy.

Regards,

Tealeye

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