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Feather Lab # 220110.3

Dear Mr. Simpson,

The Smithsonian Institution's Feather Identification Lab received 2 bags of minute samples for examination on 10 January 2022 that were collected by you from the horizontal and vertical stabilizer for investigation NTSB# WPR22FA048. The accident occurred in Temecula, CA on 23 November 2021. Additional samples (12 total) were collected from windscreen and propeller parts by Smithsonian Feather Lab staff at the NTSB headquarters in Washington, DC on 7 March 2022.

All of the samples were submitted for DNA and microscopic analysis. None of the samples contained bird material. Insect and plant material were found in several samples.

If you have any questions, please call.

Good luck with this investigation.

Sincerely,

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