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Subject: WPR23LA177 / Record of Conversation

Contact: Mark Peterson / Airplane Owner

In a telephone conversation with Mr. Peterson, he stated that he asked Larry to pick up the airplane for him. He said that he owned the airplane for about 30 years, and he only had to replace a component on the landing gear a few times. He said that he replaced the engine with a brand-new Continental, from the factory, engine and that it only had about 150 hours on it. He said that he had no suspicions about why the engine failed.

In a follow-up conversation with the owner that occurred around December 2023, he stated that he understood that the NTSB had released the airplane to him, and he sent the magnetos out to Aircraft Magnetos Service, Stevensville, Montana, for another examination to determine their condition. The IIC assured the owner that the airplane had not been released and that the airplane and the magnetos were still under an accident investigation. The owner understood the statement and assured the IIC that he would not do anything further with the airplane or components of the airplane.