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The following is a synopsis of the information provided by [REDACTED] in a telephone conversation.

While at the accident site, shortly after the airplane crashed, [REDACTED] reported that he removed the right and left wing tank fuel caps of N143AW and visually inspected the tanks for fuel quantity. The fuel tanks appeared to be empty. An airplane mechanic was at the accident site as well and inspected the wing fuel tanks using a lighted borescope. The mechanic reported to [REDACTED] that he did not observe fuel in the fuel tanks. [REDACTED] also noted that the fuel tanks appeared to be intact and did not notice any fuel leaking from the airplane at the accident site.