

Inspector Record of Conversation
Gregory C. Nolting telephone conversation with James P. Previti on 05/20/2015

Mr. Previti was asked to describe the events that took place on May 16, 2015 when he had loss of electrical power during a flight from Palm Springs, CA in Beechcraft KingAir N505SP that resulted in a gear-up landing at Palomar Airport in Carlsbad, CA. Mr. Previti said that he had departed from Palm Springs on a flight to John Wayne Airport in Santa Ana, CA when he started losing electrical power about fifteen minutes after takeoff. He said that he was in and out of clouds when he lost all of his navigation aids and decided to fly west to the coast, then proceeded south until he saw Palomar Airport. He stated that he was not able to communicate with Air Traffic Control, but saw a green light from the control tower so he proceeded in for landing. He said that he selected the landing gear handle to the down position and the flaps down. He stated that he could not tell what his airspeed was and that he didn't realize that the landing gear was not down until the aircraft was skidding on its belly.

When asked if he had tried to extend the landing gear using the emergency extension system, he said that it never occurred to him that the landing gear was not down. I asked him if he used the aircraft checklist for landing or emergency procedures and he stated that the checklist was in a cabinet behind the flight deck and the he could not reach it.