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MEDICAL INFORMATION

The following medical information was extracted by NTSB Medical Officer, Mitchell A. Garber, from the notes maintained on the pilot, Joseph Brinell, by his gastroenterologist:

10/8/98 – "... he will have maybe several bowel movements a day, takes Imodium on a regular basis, and has urgency. ... He states that this is beginning at least to interfere in some small portion with his daily activities." Impression noted as "Chronic diarrhea."

10/30/98 – colonoscopy report indicates "Normal colon – small polyp cecum removed, random biopsies left colon ..." Pathology report indicated "the cecal polyp is an adenoma ... the second specimen consists of colonic mucosa with no significant histologic abnormality."

11/24/98 – "...still having loose stools which seem to concern him. ...started on Bentyl [dicyclomine] 10 mg. 4 times a day..."

5/12/99 – "Patient calls with complaint of diarrhea and urgency. Script for Questran Lite..."

5/24/99 – "Patient calls to report Questran not working. He states he has lots of gas and bloating. Wants to go back to dicyclomine. ..."

7/8/99 – "...continues having diarrhea and only comes in spells. ... Biggest problem is that it occurs when he is out flying his plane, et cetera, usually on days when he has to fly he does not eat. He takes a couple of Imodium and does all right. ..."

9/1/99 – "... patient continues having diarrhea, although somewhat better ... The symptoms still sound most like irritable colon ...started on Doxepin 25 mg at bedtime. ..."

The following information was obtained by NTSB Medical Officer, Mitchell A. Garber, from a telephone inquiry to the pilot's pharmacy on 4/27/00.

According to pharmacy staff, the pilot had filled his prescription for doxepin (30 capsules of 25 mg each, to be taken one at bedtime) only once, on 11/12/99.