



## RECORD OF CONVERSATIONS

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**Date: January 20, 2017**  
**Person Contacted: Mr. Kai Lin (Colleague and Friend)**  
**NTSB Accident Number: WPR17FA055**

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### **Narrative:**

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Mr. Lin in a telephone conversation on this date:

- Mr. Lin was a colleague and friend of the pilot
- They had previously both worked at the same company, based in Torrance
- Mr. Lin left that company recently, but continued contact with the pilot
- The pilot's regular work schedule in Torrance was Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday each week
- They had met several years ago, when the pilot ran an "electronics lab" at UCLA
- Mr. Lin said the pilot was formerly a Navy SEAL
- Mr. Lin said that he was "a very experienced pilot"
- Mr. Lin said that he was also a licensed airplane mechanic
- Mr. Lin said that he was previously held a "helicopter license" but that it had "expired"
- Mr. Lin characterized himself as "a very cautious person" and only flew once with the pilot, despite multiple requests/offers
  - He said the one flight was a "very pleasant experience"
- Mr. Lin had dinner with the pilot on January 8
- In that or other discussions, the pilot told Mr. Lin about an airplane accident that killed a friend of his (in Irvine, about 5 years prior) and that "every accident is human error"
- He was told by the pilot that the pilot had the Mooney engine rebuilt because metal had been found in the engine oil