



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: 3/13/2020
Person Contacted: Roger Freeman (Pilot)
NTSB Accident Number: CEN20CA105

Narrative:

Mr. Freeman confirmed that he was the pilot of the WWI replica SE5A that was involved in an accident on 2/27/2020 about 1225 CST, in Kingsbury, TX. He provided me with the following information for the report:

Pilot name: Roger M Freeman



Certificates and ratings: ATP, ASEL, AMEL, Instrument airplane

Hours: 10000+ TT, 2 M&M, 12 last 90 days, 6 last 30 days, 1 last 24 hours, 2 M&M last 30 days, 1 M&M last 24 hours.

He stated that he and others had built the airplane and it was to be delivered to a museum in Virginia. The accident flight was a test flight and was the second flight after getting the airplane flying. The flight was uneventful for about 1 hour and he was returning to land on runway 32 at Kingsbury. He said the touchdown was harder than expected and the airplane bounced to the left. He was able to straighten it out, but it bounced a second time to the left. When it came down the third time the airplane ground looped, and the landing gear collapsed during the ground loop. He stated that he thought that everything would have been fine, but the landing gear collapsed during the ground loop. When asked if a mechanical malfunction or deficiency caused the accident he replied "no".

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