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**Date:** July 8, 2024  
**Subject:** ERA24LA279 Record of Conversation  
**Contact:** Roberto Chang-Mera, pilot

The following is a record of conversation with Mr. Chang-Mera. Mr. Chang-Mera was interviewed by phone on July 8, 2024, at 1037 EDT.

At the beginning of the interview, he was advised that for transparency I would be typing the notes and would send them to him for review and comment.

Mr. Chang-Mera stated that after he woke up from his surgery, he had very little recollection of the accident. He recalled that he was supposed to ferry another airplane for a friend and was at the airport talking to an avionics person about a different airplane (N727TK) that had an issue with avionics (AHRS). The avionics person, Norman Borge-Carcamo, stated that he believed that he had fixed the issue and was ready to test fly the airline. Mr. Chang-Mera agreed to go test fly the airplane.

Mr. Chang-Mera recalled losing partial power at takeoff. He clarified that it was not a full power loss, but more like "when you pull the power back for a descent." He added full power, turned both fuel pumps on, and then does not recall anything further.

He experienced a dislocated right ankle that required surgery, as well as stitches in his chin.

The digest was e-mailed to him for review on July 8, 2024. He replied on July 30, 2024, at 1953 EDT with no edits. The final digest was e-mailed to him on July 31, 2024.