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Subject: Re: WPR20CA276 NTSB request for clarification
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Tom, sorry again for the delay. I appreciate your patience.

Regarding what I called "sink:"

I believe the sink was initially related to a downdraft probably caused by the farm field which was being irrigated south of the river, therefore cooler than the unirrigated surroundings, then exacerbated by the relative coolness of the river itself. Further, I believe we encountered negative windshear on short final because the headwind followed the downslope toward the river.

I hope that clarifies the issue.

Regards,

Philip Mandel CFI
Beaverton OR

CC: Robert Spitzer, attorney at law

On Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 11:19 AM Little Thomas [REDACTED] wrote:

Not a problem. That was the only item outstanding, so when I enter that additional information into the report, Washington will then be able to close this investigation out.

Thanks again for you assistance. Much appreciated.

Thomas M. Little

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I'm so sorry, I forgot to forward that to you. I will do it tonight when I get home. I'm not sure how I can be so busy when I'm retired, when did I ever have time to work. I can't even remember to send a simple email. I promise it will come tonight, I will set a reminder in my phone. Again, I apologize for the delay.

Philip Mandel

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