



MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

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Date: 09/03/2020
Person Contacted: Pilot Ron Cross
NTSB Accident Number: ERA20LA293

Narrative:

When asked about the circumstances surrounding the accident. The instructor (he) stated the student (she) as doing an excellent job. She made a good landing at wheels down, but then she abruptly jammed the stick forward to keep the tail in the air. He said "my airplane" but he was sitting in the back and it may not have been acknowledged. He attempted to regain control of the airplane as the yawing condition was developing. Using the brakes was not enough to keep the airplane on the runway, he "may have drug the left heel brake during the recovery." The tailwheel was still in the air when the airplane departed the runway.

It went off the side of the runway; the propeller hit the ground and the airplane flipped over. The strut was damaged and he was unaware how that damaged occurred. He received a minor head wound when he unbuckled his seatbelt and hit his head on the frame.

There was no preimpact mechanical malfunction or failure.