



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: April 25, 2022
Person Contacted: Mr. Chuck Dunlap (Pilot/Owner)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR20LA040

Narrative:

During a telephone conversation with Mr. Dunlap, he reported the following:

After the airplane was recovered to the hangar, he ensured that ignition and fuel were still available to the engine. Since all appeared normal, he elected to start the engine. It started normally and operated; however, it was smoking a lot and not operating very well. Shortly thereafter, the engine quit. He disassembled the engine and noted that the internal components and the two rotors appeared normal. However, he observed that one of the six apex seals was broken in half.

He further stated that he was unsure if the apex seal broke before or after the accident sequence since the engine was still able to run postaccident, and no other anomalies were noted.

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Submitted by: Samantha Link