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Ron Barrett
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Dear Mr. Barrett:

In 2005, George Jackson led the evaluation of the CASA 235 aircraft. At the time, George was a fire management specialist doing special projects for the Director of Fire and Aviation Management and was no longer an employee of the Missoula Technology and Development Center (MTDC). Other than providing photographic services for the evaluation team MTDC was not involved in the aircraft evaluation and therefore cannot verify the results of the evaluation.

Sincerely,

/s/ Dave Aicher

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Center Manager, Missoula Technology &
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