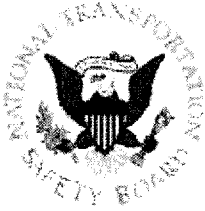


National Transportation Safety Board
Washington, D.C. 20594



March 31, 2010

Mr. Guy Cobb
9010 Country Downs Cove
Cordova, Tennessee 38016

Dear Mr. Cobb:

I am writing in response to your December 30, 2009, letter regarding the National Transportation Safety Board's (NTSB) investigation of the September 19, 2004, accident in Memphis, Tennessee, involving a FedEx MD-11 that struck the runway with its tail during a go-around maneuver.

In your letter, you expressed concern about the condition of runway 9/27 at the Memphis International Airport and the effects of a tunnel that runs beneath the runway. A review of the NTSB's investigation revealed that the accident airplane had already experienced the bounced landing and tailstrike before reaching the areas of concern described in your letter. However, I appreciate you bringing this matter to our attention, and I thank you for your interest in aviation safety.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. E. Haueter".

Thomas E. Haueter
Director, Office of Aviation Safety