



TELEPHONE CONVERSATION RECORD

Richard Parker, ASI

Date: March 26, 2001

Person Contacted: Mr. Matt Rigsby

Organization: Bell Helicopter

Phone Number:

Subject: Bell Helicopter Meeting

In response to my request of 3/22, Matt met with flight test pilots and rotor system engineers to discuss other areas for investigation of the Montello accident.

The hydraulic system engineers reported that a hydraulic hard over would produce a maximum roll rate of 15 degrees per second. At the reported hover height the rotor tips would have gone into the dirt at a 45-degree bank angle. They suggested sending the actuators to the manufacturer, HR Textron, for examination.

The rotor system engineer reported that a failure of the pitch change horns or links would have produced a severe vibration [none was reported]. Similarly, throwing a tip weight would have produced severe vibration. To get the rate of roll reported it would have been necessary to lose about one-half of one of the main rotor blades.

The flight test pilots think this had to be a dynamic roll-over accident.



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Date: July 5, 2001

Person Contacted: Lisa (Brenner) Bye

Organization:

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Subject: Discussions of Accident Prior to Preparing Witness Statements.

Ms Bye said that the statements on Elko Sheriff's forms were prepared the morning following the accident. Regarding collaboration, she said that no one talked much during the bus trip back to Elko or during dinner on the evening of the accident. After dinner she went to her room; however, several of the others went to the bar. She did not recall discussing the circumstances surrounding the accident prior to preparing her statement.



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Date: July 12, 2001

Person Contacted: Mr. Cameron Dingman

Organization:

Phone Number:

Subject: Witness Statements

Mr. Dingman said the witness statements prepared on Elko County Sheriff's forms were prepared the morning following the accident. In the interim between the time of the accident and the time the written statements were prepared the witnesses discussed their observations "some" but "not a great deal".