

RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Contacted: FAA Inspector Glen Longnion NTSB Accident Number: CEN19TA178

Narrative:

During the conversations Inspector Longnion stated the following:

- The pilot had just flown the helicopter over powerlines and made a left turn into a right quartering headwind
- The helicopter started to descend, and the pilot responded by pulling up on the collective
- The pilot was unable to arrest the descent, so he increased the engine throttle and the descent continued
- The pilot flared the helicopter close to the ground and the skids and tail hit the cotton crop
- The helicopter tail boom separated, and the helicopter did a "summersault" through the field
- The pilot was wearing a helmet and was not injured
- There were no mechanical malfunctions or concerns with the helicopter or related systems