



NTSB SUMMARY OF CONVERSATION

Investigator: Dennis Hogenson, DRC

Mode: Aviation

Region: Western Pacific Region

Date: May 11, 2016 @ 0830

Person Contacted: Jiri Hanis (pilot)

NTSB Accident Number: ANC16LA022

Today I meet with Cory Theriot, VP of Safety for ERA Helicopters, and Jiri Hanis at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, WA. Mr. Hanis was the pilot of N194EH, an Airbus AS350 that was involved in an accident on May 5, 2016, near Juneau, AK. Mr. Hanis is a patient at Harborview and is recovering from injuries sustained in the accident. The purpose of the meeting was to obtain a statement from Mr. Hanis regarding the circumstances of the accident that occurred. The conversation was digitally recorded. In summary, Mr. Hanis reported that he was on the approach to the landing zone when the helicopter collided with terrain. Mr. Hanis stated that he experienced flat light conditions just before the helicopter collided with glacial terrain; he further characterized the accident as a CFIT (control flight into terrain) and added that there were no pre-accident mechanical anomalies with the engine or airframe. A complete digital recording of the interview was emailed to Mike Hodges, the Investigator-in-Charge, on May 11, 2016.