



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: 05/13/2014
Person Contacted: Gerald Eid
NTSB Accident Number: CEN14CA223

Narrative:

In a telephone conversation with Mr. Eid, he stated the following:

- He approached the airport from the southeast and was headed to the northwest
- The wind was variable and mostly from the northwest
- When he approached the landing spot the nose of the helicopter was point to the northwest
- He made a left rotation to face the nose of the helicopter to the east
- When it was about 2 feet above the ground, the wind shifted and gusted
- He believes that the gust of wind lift the tail boom and allowed the nose to drop significantly
- Since he was so low, he could not correct the movement and the helicopter impacted the ground
- The IIC asked him if he thought this occurrence was due to a loss of tail rotor effectiveness (LTE) and he did not believe that it was
- He lost control of the helicopter because the wind gusted and lifted the tail boom

This was the end of the conversation.