



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Contacted: Jerry Burns (Pilot of Mini 500 Helicopter)
NTSB Accident Number: CEN15LA396

Narrative:

I spoke with Mr. Burns regarding the accident involving his Mini 500 helicopter. I asked him if he had a chance to examine the helicopter and if he was able to determine what caused the problem that he encountered. He told me that he was just flying in the traffic pattern of the airport and heard a noise that he described as sounding like a tire blowing out on a car. He said his initial thought was that the drive belts had broken. After he got the helicopter on the ground he looked and saw that the drive belts were intact. When asked what he believed happened, he said that the only thing he could think of was that the one-way clutch failed and prevented the engine power from getting to the rotors. I asked him if he had disassembled the helicopter for examination and he said he had not and didn't think he would. He said that he was debating selling it as is, but hadn't decided yet.

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