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Memorandum for the Record
Passenger Statement
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I was riding with Mr. Walters as he practiced autorotations. After executing two autorotations to a powered recovery, Mr. Walters set up for a third.

Everything was going just as the previous two until he started to throttle up. What was missing, to me, was the sound of the engine revving up and the governor taking over. Instead, it felt as if the helicopter wobbled left and right. (At this point I was focused on the ground) Mr. Walters seemed to level the helicopter to ensure a flat landing.

The initial impact was not as violent as I was expecting. We bounced and rolled on to the left side of the aircraft. The rotors made contact with the ground. What I was expecting and didn't hear was the sound of the engine. It was silent, just the beep of the ELT coming from the aft of the aircraft.

I was prepared to wait for the rotor to stop before exiting the aircraft, but it was already stopped.

I am very thankful to Mr. Walters for his quick response. I was able to walk away with absolutely no injuries.

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