



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Contacted: Richard Pottinger – FAA Inspector
NTSB Accident Number: CEN16LA031

Narrative:

During the telephone conversation Inspector Pottinger stated the following:

Inspector Pottinger and Inspector Sanso examined the gyrocopter following the accident. The pilot reported a loss of engine power during the takeoff. The fuselage, tailboom, and main rotor were damaged during the accident. The main rotor clutch was impact damaged.

The fuel tank contained fuel and a sample of fuel taken from the system was free of visible contamination and water. The spark plugs were clean and exhibited signs of normal operation. There was no evidence of a catastrophic engine failure.

The red alarm light that illuminated on the pilot's instrument panel during the accident flight was designed to illuminate if the exhaust gas temperature or cylinder head temperature was exceeded. The inspector was unable to determine why this light illuminated.

An examination of the engine, airframe, and systems revealed no anomalies that would have precluded normal operation of the engine prior to the impact.