



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: 2/28/17
Person Contacted: Mr. Perry Luig, Pilot
NTSB Accident Number: CEN17LA113

Narrative:

Mr. Luig stated that he departed his ranch and was flying to inspect a cattle herd near Archer, TX. He was flying about 100 ft agl and at 50 kts airspeed. He stated that he was pretty low and slow. He reported that he intended to check his carburetor heat to ON, but he unintentionally pulled the mixture control to the fuel cutoff. The engine had an immediate total loss of power.

He immediately entered an autorotation, but because he was so low and slow, there was not enough time and altitude to put the helicopter into a flare. He stated that the main rotor blade stalled and the helicopter just dropped. The airspeed decreased immediately and it only took seconds to impact the terrain.