



N26498 Accident Report

AIRCRAFT SN: 836	ACFT TT: 15,782.8	TSO: 1049.7
ENGINE SN: L-16416-39A	TT: 4964.4	TSO: 1049.7

Aircraft sustained hard landing and MR strike to tailcone. Most visible damage is at end of tailcone where the strike caused the tailcone to separate just in front of the TR guard. TR blades also struck ground on flare causing one blade to split open. MR blades have scores and dents on both bottom and top. Both FWD and AFT cross tubes and bent closer to RH elbows. Frames look to be in good condition and no visible firewall damage. Possible inflight engine and MR blade overspeed.

Pilot was flying low doing agriculture work, no external loads present. Simply using the down wash to pollinate rice fields. While flying low he noticed GOV light illuminate, and momentary clutch light illumination. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Upon inspection in the field the actuator seemed to engage and disengage properly. Drive belts looked in good condition and clutch rotated normal. Although, the governor light stayed on regardless of governor switch position. Opened instrument console and tapped on B280-4 relay and the light started working again. Ran 12 volts to gov motor and it operated properly.

Helicopter will be repaired once an estimate is drawn up for parts and labor.