



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: June 20, 2016
Person Contacted: Chris Mard, FAA FSDO, Boston, MA
NTSB Accident Number: ERA16LA216

Narrative:

Mr. Mard was interviewed via telephone. He stated that the helicopter came to rest on its left side at the edge of a pond. He observed substantial damage to the airframe and also noted that a rocker arm was protruding from the engine crankcase.



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Date: June 27, 2016
Person Contacted: John Ryan, Plymouth, MA
NTSB Accident Number: ERA16LA216

Narrative:

Mr. Ryan was interviewed via telephone. He stated that the helicopter was at 300 feet, over water, approaching a house to photograph. During a left turn, Mr. Ryan noted that the helicopter began shaking and the low oil pressure light illuminated. The shaking became progressively worse; however, the engine was still developing partial power. Mr. Ryan did not enter an autorotation immediately as the helicopter was over deep water and he feared drowning. He flew the helicopter toward a shallow marsh area and entered an autorotation upon reaching the marsh, but the helicopter landed hard.