



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Contacted: Bryan Larimore, SAFRAN Engines, Grand Prairie, TX

NTSB Accident Number: ERA17LA126

Narrative:

Mr. Larimore was interviewed via telephone. He stated that the engine's free wheeling turbine is designed for the turbine blades to separate at 150% turbine speed. This design is to prevent the turbine disk from separating at 170% turbine speed. During his examination of the accident helicopter, Mr. Larimore observed evidence consistent with the free wheeling turbine blades separating, which resulted in a subsequent engine fire. A vehicle engine multi display (VEMD), digital engine control unit (DECU), hydromechanical unit (HMU), and adjusted valve were retained for data download.