

MEMORANDUM OF RECORD

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Subject: Pilot statement (Christopher Cox)

In a telephone discussion with the pilot, he stated that he was taxiing when the engine sputtered. He landed on the taxiway and the helicopter got into Ground resonance. The pilot then told me that it was not a accident. I asked what type of damage occurred as a result of the landing; the pilot stated that the tail boom separated from the helicopter. The pilot was informed that this was considered substantial damage. He asked if it was going to go on his record, and I said that we will have to conduct an accident report on the event. The pilot then told me that his father was a FAA inspector in the Atlanta FSDO and he to him it was not a accident, but he would not be working the accident. I was then informed that Steve Newcomer will be working the accident.

On 5/20/2019, I was contacted by FAA inspector Greer Parramore of the Atlanta FSDO, and informed that the FAA was not going to consider this event a accident because there was no "intent for flight." I was informed that FAA general consul was going to send a letter to the FAA IIC stating this and that's how they plan on interpreting "intent for flight."