



NTSB RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: 8/18/2021
Person Contacted: NATHAN FORTIN (PILOT IN COMMAND)
NTSB Accident Number: ERA21FA309

Narrative:

The below conversation occurred via telephone. In addition to the pilot, Mr. PAUL LANG identified himself as an additional person in the room as the attorney and representation for Mr. Nathan Fortin. The below contents are a summary of what was reported:

- The two flights conducted before the accident flight were Beta instructional flights. There was nothing abnormal that occurred during these flights.
- Fuel was added prior to each flight on the day of the accident.
- The purpose of the accident flight was a "proficiency flight" for Mr. Fortin.
- He flew from BTV to Plattsburg. At Plattsburg, pattern work was performed.
- He departed Plattsburg for BTV over a normal route that he is accustomed to, which included flight over the causeway. The helicopter and engine had functioned normally throughout the flight.
- While enroute to BTV he leaned the mixture to 1500° EGTs. He then noticed that the EGTs started increasing. He saw 1510, then 1520, and 1530 EGTs and so on. It was rising rapidly. He applied full rich mixture when he observed this, however about this same time he "noticed something burning" and then he observed smoke in the cockpit. Shortly thereafter he experienced a partial loss of power and then a complete loss of power.
- He initiated an autorotation for a precautionary landing.
- He reported that the landing was "relatively controlled." The helicopter then spun to the right 90° after impact.
- When he exited there were flames and smoke coming from the engine compartment. He did not observe any fuel leaking onto the ground.

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