



RECORD OF INTERVIEW

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Person Interviewed- Bruce Zeir – Mechanic
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Narrative:

Mr. Bruce Zeir was interviewed by telephone.

Bruce remembered working on N9285 back in November 25, 2016. Bruce also pulled up the work order to help refresh his memory. He did replace the driveshaft and couplings on the helicopter after a tail rotor strike in 2016. He remembers balancing the tail rotor and verified all part numbers changed.

Bruce also told me he has seen this type of separation of the drive shaft before, he stated it happens after several hours of training on auto-rotations. He even said they try to change out the couplings after 10-20 hours to help prevent this type separations from happening. He stated when the student pilots rotate the throttle really hard during auto-rotation, all that energy is transferred to the driveshaft and it can separate at the taper pin.

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