



RECORD OF INTERVIEW

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Person Interviewed- Adam White-CFI
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Narrative:

Mr. White was interviewed by telephone.

Mr. White stated that he was a flight instructor for Curtis Sloop. This accident flight was the introductory flight for the student pilot. Mr. White stated that during the introductory flight, it is normal for the student to take the cyclic control and get used to the “feel” of the helicopter. The student pilot hovered the helicopter at 10 ft above ground level for about 10 minutes with no anomalies, then suddenly, the student pilot pushed the cyclic forward and to the right “very fast.” So fast that the flight instructor could not gain control quickly enough to prevent the main rotor blade from contacting the ground. The helicopter rolled to the right came to rest on the right side sustaining substantial damage to the main rotor mast, tail rotor and fuselage. The flight instructor stated there were no preimpact mechanical malfunctions with helicopter.

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