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The following is an excerpt from an email from the pilot to the NTSB IIC regarding the helicopter that was operating at the time of the accident involving N8290C:

Good morning Kurt-

My father spoke with another person at KGEO yesterday who witnessed the accident that my daughter and I had. He provided the attached short video that he took from his front porch of the military helicopter in a hover. The time stamp on the video that he took is 19:38 local time. Looking back at my phone call history, I called my father at 19:43 to tell him about the crash.

I guess I was paying so much attention to safely landing my aircraft that I did not notice that the helo was in fact in a hover instead of sitting on the ramp idling when I went by.

Last week I had the misfortune of working on an aircraft next to a medivac hangar. They operated the civilian version of this helicopter and I can confirm that it puts off an unholy amount of wind when it arrives/departs/hovers.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need anything else.

Thanks,

David

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