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The following is an excerpt from an email from the FAA to the NTSB IIC regarding the wreckage examination of N8045H:

Review of the helicopter maintenance logs appear to show a current and valid annual inspection. Pilots logbook shows what appears to be a valid student solo endorsement. The aircraft appears to be complete loss with the only discernible features being the tail boom, tail rotor, main rotor and engine. We were able to verify control continuity of the tail rotor drive shaft and pitch change linkage up to the fuselage. The tail rotor gear box appears intact and adequate oil quantity in the sight glass. Unfortunately we could not determine tail rotor continuity forward of the tail boom due to the fire damage.

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