



NTSB RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Narrative:

The following is a summary of a conversation that occurred with a helicopter flight instructor who witnessed the accident airplane's landing.

- The time was about 11:30AM local on April 12th, 2016
- Air taxied off the runway to taxiway A
- The last wind report recalled was 140 degrees at 7 knots, but it was shifting from the north east to the south east.
- Performing hovering auto-rotations over taxiway alpha and then performed one "quick stop" maneuver, which simulates taxiing and beginning a takeoff from a hover and then abruptly stopping to a hover.
- The helicopter remained over the taxiway A surface the entire time.
- Saw the accident airplane and witnessed the wings rocking back and forth pretty severely just prior to touchdown.
- Then the airplane bounced once and then it appeared as if a go-around was attempted. But during the go-around the airplane immediately departed the runway.
- Traveled off the runway, hit a sign, and then it appeared as if the airplane was still trying to takeoff well after the runway excursion.