



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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NTSB Accident Number: GAA17CA151

Aircraft Registration & Make/Model: N4534G, Robinson, R44

Accident Location: Holtville, CA

Accident Date: 13FEB2017 @ 2130 pst

Subject: Memorandum for Record of conversation with the PIC (John Reed)

In support of the NTSB air safety accident investigation involving accident Helicopter N4534G, the NTSB Investigator-in-charge (IIC) spoke with the above mentioned, via telephone on 28FEB2017@1200 pst. The following is a summation of the conversation.

PIC

- Part 137 Operation in the evening
- Just took on a load for application
- Headed southbound and made a left; had a tailwind
- A/S was about 20 mph
- ALT was about 20 feet AGL
- He made it part of the way through the turn and the helicopter began to shake and descend
- He added power, could not establish a climb, and he heard the low rotor RPM horn
- The Apollo application equipment was certified for day/night VFR use but it is not jesttisonable
- He landed in the soft field and the skids became stuck
- The helicopter rolled over

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