



NTSB RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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The following is a summary of an electronic mail conversation with the above mentioned:

The pilot reported that he brought in the power to make the helicopter light on the skids, and then added more power to bring the helicopter to hover. He added that he brought the helicopter to hover about 2-3 ft. He reported that, during the takeoff, the helicopter lifted to a hover, and almost immediately began rolling to the right. He added that he was startled at what was happening and immediately added more power to increase the hover altitude, as well as applied left cyclic to counteract the right-rolling movement. He estimated the entire accident sequence took only seconds.