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RE: MORE Questions RE: UPDATE RE: N805LA Accident

Tuesday, March 14, 2017 10:38:39 PM

Dear Mr. Huhn:

I assisted Mr. Rigoberto Linares in filling out the 6120 form and at that time the doctors didn't think his injuries were very severe, however the Neurosurgeon was off island and we waited for over a week for his return. When the Neurosurgeon finally arrived and did a CT scan he discovered that Rigo had a fractured L1 vertebra and recommended that he be medevaced to the Philippines. Rigo will undergo surgery on 3/16/17 and is expected to make a complete and speedy recovery. Rigo is working under a contractor's agreement with Jim's Air Repair out of Vanuatu.

The only other person in the aircraft was the Spotter, Kazuya Hiratsuka, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Japan

Phone: [REDACTED] He was able to walk off the boat and board an airplane back to Japan. I haven't received any updates on his medical condition.

We received no written statements from the PIC, Rigoberto Linares (other than his statement in the 6120 form), or the Spotter.

Hansen Helicopters provides employment recruiting, training and logistical support for Jims Air Repair.

The helicopter was conducting survey flights looking for tuna fish. It is our understanding that survey flights are not applicable for 135 operations under FAR 119.1 (e)(4)(iii).

Sincerely,

Rufus Crowe