



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Contacted: Thomas Holden-FAA
NTSB Accident Number: WPR17LA206

In a phone conversation, Mr. Holden described the accident site and helicopter wreckage. He stated that the helicopter originated its flight from a loading area near the accident site. The large power transmission line towers are positioned from the southwest to the northeast and parallel the southeast edge of the field that was being sprayed. The 40-foot poles that support power, telephone and cable lines, run southeast to a northwest direction and parallel the northeast edge of the field being sprayed. A wire was installed at a height of about



20 feet up the 40-foot poles and is used for attaching a larger cable data line. The data line had not been installed in this stretch of line. The main rotor assembly was observed separated from the helicopter, and remnants of the wire was found wrapped around the main drive shaft. The main wreckage was distorted and found on its side. The main rotor blades had impact damage consistent with ground impact. The examination of the wreckage revealed no evidence of mechanical malfunctions or failures that would have precluded normal operation.

Figure 1-Aerial view of the accident site.



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