



RECORD OF COMMUNICATION

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Date: August 10, 2018
Person Contacted: Mr. Skyler Gardner (pilot)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR18LA214

Narrative: The following is a verbatim extract of NTSB questions & pilot answers regarding the subject accident in an email exchange between the NTSB by Mr. Gardner on this date:

1. Your Approx total time (TT)
950hrs
2. TT in rotorcraft
900hrs
3. TT in Bell 206
600hrs
4. What was the max gross weight for the conditions?
3200 Lbs
5. How much did you weigh?
2950 lbs
6. What was your power margin for the day?
100% torque for 5 min / 810 degrees C max Turbine outlet temp for 5 min
85% torque continuous operation / 738 degrees C Turbine outlet temp
continuous operation
7. Did you have hover OGE power?
Yes
8. How slow do you think you were going when you did the left pedal turn to check your spray pattern?
Between 40-50 MPH

9. Do you often do pedal turns at speeds of 50 mph?

No

10. If so, then why?

Used as a maneuver to assist in looking behind the helicopter to see where spray laying down

11. Is it common for you to lower the collective and along with left pedal inputs?

yes

12. Did you hear a low rotor RPM audio or see a low rotor RPM light?

I do not recall hearing or seeing Low Rotor RPM audio or light

13. Did you ever come to a hover?

No

14. You said you were low speed, how slow did you get?

Just prior to the skids contacting the ground I was moving forward about 3-5 mph