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Aircraft type and registration: Westland Agusta Bell 47 G-CHOP (light single engined helicopter)

Year of Manufacture: 1966

Date and time (GMT): 17 June 1985 at 1215 hrs

Location: Upper Clatford, Nr Andover

Type of flight: Training

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — None

Injuries: Crew — None Passengers — None

Nature of damage: Main rotor, tail rotor and tail rotor drive shaft damaged

Commander's Licence: FAA Airline Transport Rating and UK Private Pilot's Licence (Helicopters)

Commander's Age: 63 years

Commander's total flying experience: 5700 hours (of which 454 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the Chief Pilot.

The pilot was undergoing refresher training in order to validate his American licence for crop spraying. He had completed the task during a solo application flight and was leaving the field when the main and tail rotors struck some high tension cables.

The main rotor was scarred and the tail rotor arrested by the wires, shearing the tail rotor drive shaft. The aircraft landed safely.