No: 10/83

Ref: EW/G83/06/13

Aircraft type and registration:

Hiller UH 12E G-BBBA (light single-engine

helicopter)

Year of Manufacture:

1961

Date and time (GMT):

25 June 1983 at 1010 hrs

Location:

Barton Stapleford, 10 miles SW of Lincoln

Type of flight:

Aerial application

Persons on board:

Crew - 1

Passengers - Nil

Injuries:

Crew - Nil

Passengers - Nil

Nature of damage:

Aircraft damaged beyond economical repair

Commander's Licence:

Commercial Pilot's Licence (Helicopters)

Commander's Age:

39 years

Commander's total flying experience:

3280 hours (of which 3040 were on type)

The pilot was doing his final spray run alongside an 11 Kv power line and failed to see a spur that ran from this line to a farm via a pole which was some distance away. The helicopter collided with the wires which damaged the control rods and caused the aircraft to climb out of control and then fall into the field.