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ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION BRANCH



AIR BULLETIN

No.8/93

Aircraft type & Registration: :BELL 206B JET RANGER1 5H-BAG
Date and Time :5 NOVEMBER 1993
Location :BUJUMBURA, BURUNDI
Type of Flight :CHARTER FLIGHT
Persons on board :1
Injuries :NIL
Nature of damage :DAMAGE CONFINED TO TAIL. BOOM AND
REAR LEFT SKID
Commander's Licence :CPL
Commander's total
Experience :3000hours

ALL TIMES UTC

The aircraft was on a charter flight from Ruyigi to Bujumbura. The were no passengers or freight on board. The pilot said that the flight was normal and he flew at flight level 125. When the helicopter was near Bujumbura he obtained permission to land. While descending on Bujumbura he commenced what he called auto-rotative descent (descent without power). As 5H-BAG passed 6,500feet while still in auto-rotation, the ENGINE OUT caption illuminated. The pilot chose not to re-light the engine, and instead concentrated on executing an engine off Landing. The aircraft touched down heavily and bounced once. In the process, the rear starboard skid and the tail boom were damaged. The pilot was not injured.