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Case File # 13 - Otter 303 (U-1A) S/N 53201 - Usumbura - 16 Dec. 1961

07/03/1962 - 11/07/1963

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PROPERTY SURVEY BOARD

Minutes of 59th Meeting
Held on 11 July 1963

Case No. ONUC/SB/1357. Damage to Light Aircraft OTTER 303 in the hangar at N'djili airport while undergoing routine maintenance

On 27 Jun 62 at 0700 hours routine maintenance work proceeded on Otter 303. Detailed to the task in hand, the removal of the fuel tanks, were two Swedish mechanics WO/3 Appelblom and WO/3 Thorelius who were assisted by two Congolese workers.

The Board noted from the Court of Inquiry that:

- a) both Swedish mechanics had been fully briefed by the Line Chief (WO/2 Sundberg), Light A/c Helicopter Squadron, as to the work to be performed and that he had additionally warned both Swedish mechanics not to permit the work to proceed without his supervision. Despite the instructions given they went for breakfast without stopping the work in progress
- b) during this period of absence the right landing gear strut was removed by the Congolese who believed that this would facilitate the work in hand. This caused the aircraft to lean to the right at such an angle that the right wing was badly damaged
- c) the cost of repairing the aircraft was \$942.00 and Congolese Francs 73,298 a total of \$2087.28
- d) the Air Commander (Major Gen. John Ryg) in forwarding a copy of the Court of Inquiry Proceedings to the Swedish Liaison Officer referred to the dereliction of duty on the part of the Swedish Mechanics and, in concurring with the findings of the Court, that the mechanics were to blame, recommended that consideration be given to the taking of disciplinary action against the personnel concerned.

The Board concurred with the findings of the Court of Inquiry, and the Air Commander, and recommended that the case be referred to UN Headquarters, New York, for consideration to be given to the possibility of recovering the cost of repairs (\$2087.28) from the Swedish Government.

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Otter 303 - Forced landing, USUMBURA

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