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Helicopter Technology Company  
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References: 1) Helicopter Technology Company letter, dated September 6, 1996  
2) Helicopter Technology Company letter, dated September 12, 1996  
3) Helicopter Technology Company letter, dated October 4, 1996

Dear Mr. Van Horn:

Request for Alternate Means of Compliance to AD 96-10-09,  
MDHS 369D and 369E Helicopters

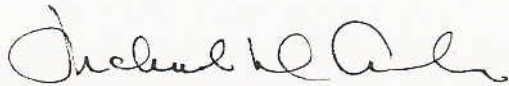
This office has reviewed your request for an alternate means of compliance, reference paragraph (c) of AD 96-10-09, to remove the inspection and removal requirements of paragraphs (a) and (b) of AD 96-10-09 for helicopters modified by Helicopter Technology Company (HTC) Supplemental Type Certificate (STC) SR09074RC.

This office concurs that MDHS 369D and 369E helicopters modified by HTC STC SR09074RC, which installs main rotor blades with machined titanium root fittings with interference fit aluminum bronze bushings, do not require compliance with paragraphs (a) and (b) of AD 96-10-09. Therefore, the above alternate means of compliance, reference paragraph (c) of AD 96-10-09, is granted.

At this time no reported unsafe condition exists with the above modified helicopters, however if such condition were to arise in the future, an AD may be required for your modification as required by FAR Part 39.

If you have any questions with respect to the above alternate means of compliance, do not hesitate to contact Mr. John Cecil, 369/500 Program Manager, at (310) 627-5322.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gilbert L. Thompson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Gilbert L. Thompson  
Manager, Los Angeles Aircraft  
Certification Office