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References: 1) Helicopter Technology Company letter to the FAA, dated 12/18/97
2) Helicopter Technology Company letter to the FAA, dated 3/2/98

Dear Mr. Van Horn:

Request for Alternative Method of Compliance to AD 96-10-09,
MDHS 369A, 369H, 369HE, 369HM and 369HS Series Helicopters


This office has reviewed your request for an alternative method 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) SR09184RC.

This office concurs that MDHS 369A, 369H, 369HE, 369HM, and 369HS series helicopters modified by HTC STC SR09184RC, which installs main *rotor* blades with machined titanium root fittings with interference fit aluminum bronze bushings and vibration dampers, 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 alternative method of compliance, do not hesitate to contact Mr. John Cecil, 369/500N Program Manager, at (562) 627-5229.

Sincerely,



Gilbert L. Thompson
Manager, Los Angeles Aircraft
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