

MISHAP REPORT  
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352 Aviation Co.  
CH47B S/N 66-19110  
19 August 1980  
Pasto - Columbia, S.A.

CLASS 'A' AIRCRAFT MISHAP

Aircraft 19110 was lead aircraft on a (2) two ship mission. While enroute under visual rules the weather deteriorated to a point that the flight elected to turn back. Weather continued to rapidly deteriorate, and severe turbulence was encountered. Pilot attempted to land on a 10,000 A.S.L. ridge line. At touch down the 500 lb. sling load was released, and the aircraft impacted hard, it then became airborne again passing over power lines. The aircraft impacted again and rolled down an incline coming to rest on its right side. The aircraft was totally consumed in a ground fire.

The (4) four crewmen and (22) twenty-two Columbian passengers evacuated the aircraft with only (2) two persons reportedly sustaining minor injuries.

A team from the USA Safety Center was dispatched to provide assistance. No request for Boeing Vertol technical assistance has been made to date.

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