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Aircraft Type and Registration: Lockheed L-832G, N916SJ

No & Type of Engines: 4 Allison 501-D22A turboprop engines

Year of Manufacture: 1966

Date & Time (UTC): 1 or 2 March 1995

Location: Southampton (Eastleigh) Airport

Type of Flight: Oil pollution dispersal exercise

Persons on Board: Crew - 3 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Tail skid and adjacent structure

Commander's Licence: Not known

Commander's Age: Not known

Commander's Flying Experience: Not known

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the Operator

The aircraft had been conducting a series of flights over a three day period in conjunction with offshore oil pollution dispersal tasks. Following takeoff from Southampton on 2 March the crew reported difficulty with achieving aircraft pressurisation. After landing at Luton damage was found to the tail skid and adjacent structure consistent with a tail scrape.

The aircraft was fitted with a Sundstrand UFDR. Of the 12 parameters which were intended to be recorded only 3 were operational. It was not possible to determine from this limited data, or from interviews with the two crews involved in the exercise, when the damage had been sustained.