271st Aviation Company CH47C S/N 69-17101 17 October 1980 Korea

Class C Ground Mishap

Maintenance personnel were performing a ground check of the fuel system for security and leaks. With APU running and the fuel boost pumps on, a crewman noted fuel coming from the vent pipe for the lift main tank.

Pumps and APU were immediately shut down. Examination of the aircraft revealed structual damage to the floor and lower lift fuselage section between Sta 275 and Sta 300.

Trouble shooting the fuel system disclosed a check valve stuck in an open position due to sand particles. The aircraft will be repaired locally.

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