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PUTUZEN RULNNAC4839 3221543-UUUU--RUWN R 171534Z NOV 76 ZEX A COR ARNO-DAC EDGEWOOD ARSENAL MD //DAC-AVN-L// A1G 7481 ARMY INFO RUEFHOA/NOB WASH DC //NGB-ARL-A// PJR 162278Z NOV 76 FM CDR USAAVSCOM STL MO //DRSAV-FEU// TO AIG 8881 INFO AIG 9884 CDRUSABPA FT WORTH TX //SAVBE-E// CDRUSASAFSCOM HUNTSVILLE AL CDRUSAAVNO FT RUCKER AL BT UNCLAS SECTION . I OF II NOTE - THIS IS A SAFETY-OF-FLIGHT MESSAGE AND HAS NOT, REPEAT HAS NOT, BEEN TRANSMITTED TO UNITS SUBORDINATE TO ADDRESSES. ADDRESSEES SHOULD IMMEDIATELY RETRANSMIT THIS MESSAGE TO ALL SUPORDINATE UNITS, ACTIVITIES OR ELEMENTS AFFECTED OR CONCERNED. RETRANSMITTAL SHALL REFERENCE THIS MESSAGE. SUBJECT - SAFETY-OF-FLIGHT MESSAGE (ONE TIME INSPECTION) FOR UH-18/D/H HELICOPTERS, TB 55-1509-219-28-6, DEFECTIVE CONNECTING

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LINKS. (UH-1-76-25).

1. SUMMARY OF PROBLEM - DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE THAT ALL OF THE RIGID CONNECTING LINKS P/N 204-876-247-1 AND -5 MANUFACTURED BY CENTURY METAL PRODUCTS, INC. UNDER CONTRACTS DAAJ81-75-0-8633 AND DAAJ81-76-0-6388 ARE DEFECTIVE. THE INTERNAL THREADS OF THE COUPLING WHICH CONNECTS TO THE HYDRAULIC SERVO PISTON ROD ARE INCORRECTLY FORMED, WITH THE RESULT THAT THE RIGID CONNECTING LINK CAN BE SCREWED ONTO THE SERVO PISTON ROD BUT IS EXCESSIVELY LOOSE TO THE POINT OF MOBBLE. ALL OF THE PARTS HAVE BEEN DELIVERED BY THE CONTRACTOR. A MAJORITY OF THE PARTS HAVE BEEN FOUND IN DEPOT STOCK, HOMEVER, 48 TOTAL (31 OF P/N 284-876-267-1 AND 17 OF P/N 284-876-267-5) ARE UNACCOUNTED FOR AND ARE BELIEVED TO BE IN UNIT STOCKS AND/OR INSTALLED IN AIRCRAFT, THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO LOCATE THE DEFECTIVE PARTS AND REMOVE THEN FROM SERVICE.

A' EQUIPMENT IN USE - URGENT HITH LIMITATIONS, UPON RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE, THE STATUS OF THE AIRCRAFT HILL BE CHANGED TO A CIRCLED RED X. FAILURE TO ACCOMPLISH WITHIN THE HOURS/DAYS ULATED HILL CAUSE CONDITION STATUS SYMBOL TO BE CHANGED TO A RED X. EQUIPMENT IN SUE WILL BE INSPECTED AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE

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-B 0216412 DEC 76 ZEX FM ARNG-DAC EDGEWOOD MD//NGB-TO AIG 7401 -INFO RUEFHOA/CNGB WASH DC//NGB-A RUEDBJB/CT TARS GROTON CT RUVMREA/CA TARS FRESNO CA RUNTBUA/MS TARSGULFPORT MS BUNTAHR/MO TARS SPRINGFIELD MO UNCLAS 1. EXTERNAL AUXILIARY FUEL SYSTEM IS AUTH FOR USE ON UHIB HELICOPTER. THE ARMS AVIATION LOGISTICS OFFICE (ALO) WILL ALLOCATE EXTERNAL FUEL SYSTEM ON THE BASIS OF ONE SYSTEM PER 4 UH18 HELICOPTERS ASSIGNED AS UTILITY HELICOPTERS; 2. LISTED BELOW ARE ITEMS THAT COMPRISE A UHIB PYLON KIT EXT STORES RACK 1EA UH18 60 GAL EXT TANK 2EA UHIB FUEL TANK INST ANY EXCESS OF ABOVE ITEMS SHOULD BE REPORTED TO ALO, POC IS DWS JERRY NOWICKI, AUTOVON 584-2229, FOR DISPOSITION. 4. ANY UNIT DESIRING ABOVE ITEMS OR HAVING EXCESS SHOULD REPORT SAME TO ALO, CH3 JERRY NOWICKI, AUTOVON 584-2829, NLT 15 DEC 76.

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11. RECORDING AND REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS -

A: RECORD AND REPORT ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THIS INSPECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURES PRESCRIBED IN TH 38-750; THE FOLL FORMS ARE APPLICABLE - DA FORM 2407, MAINTENANCE REQUEST; DA FORM 2408-13, AIRCRAFT INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE RECORD, DA FORM 2408-15, AIRCRAFT HISTORICAL RECORD;

B. GROUNDING AND SAFETY-OF-FLIGHT MESSAGE FOLLOW-UP REPORT RCS-AMC 213. ACTION ADDRESSES UPON COMPLETION OF THE REQUIREMENT SET FORTH IN THIS MSG OF NOT LATER THAN FIVE DAYS AFTER DATE OF THIS MSG, WILL FORWARD A MSG REPORT OF ACTIONS ACCOMPLISHED TO CDR, USAAVSCOM, ATTN - DRSAV-EK, PER AR 95-18, THE REPORT MILL CITE THE TB, THE AIRCRAFT MISSION DESIGN AND SERIES, AND PERTINENT SERIAL NUMBERS OF THE AIRCRAFT, IF ALL REQUIRED ACTIONS ARE NOT COMPLETED, THE REPORT WILL ALSO CONTAIN THE DATE BY WHICH IT IS ESTIMATED THEY WILL BE COMPLETED, POUTING SYMBOL AS CONTAINED IN AR 95-18, WILL BE CHANGED AS INDICATED ABOVE.

C. LINKS FOUND TO BE DISCREPANT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS MSG
ARE TO BE REPORTED TO AVSCOM, ATTN - DRSAV-QNUA BY P/N AND QUANTITY.

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BUT NOT LATER THAN 15 FLYING HOURS OR 18 DAYS WHICHEVER OCCURS
FIRST, AFTER DATE OF THIS MESSAGE, NOTE - SEE PARA 7, AR 95-18
FOR NONCOMPLIANCE AUTHORITY OF UNIT AND MAJOR COMMANDERS,
B. EQUIPMENT IN FIELD AND DEPOT STOCK - URGENT WITH LIMITATIONS,
SERVICEABLE EQUIPMENT IN FIELD AND DEPOT STOCKS WILL BE INSPECTED.

B; EQUIPMENT IN FIELD AND DEPOT STOCK - URGENT WITH LIMITATIONS; SERVICEABLE EQUIPMENT IN FIELD AND DEPOT STOCKS WILL BE INSPECTED AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE BUT NOT LATER THAN 32 DAYS FROM THE PRINTING DATE OF THE PUBLISHED TB; STOCKS OF THIS EQUIPMENT WILL NOT BE ISSUED UNTIL INSPECTED.

3. END ITEM TO BE INSPECTED - ALL UH-18/D/H HELICOPTERS LOCATED WORLDWIDE.

4. COMPONENTS TO BE INSPECTED - N/A

5. PARTS TO BE INSPECTED .

A, RIGID CONNECTING LINK, NSN 3848-88-982-8221 P/N 284-876-267-1 B, RIGID CONNECTING LINK, NSN 3848-88-982-8222 P/N 284-876-267-5

6. APPLICATION .

A: CATEGORY OF MAINTENANCE -

(1) OPERATIONAL AIRCRAFT - ORGANIZATIONAL MAINTENANCE:

(2) AIRCRAFT UNDERGOING MAINTENANCE - ORGANIZATION PERFORMING

(3) AIRCRAFT IN TRANSIT -

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(A) IN SURFACE SHIPMENT - MAINTENANCE ACTIVITY AT FINAL DESTINATION.

(9) IN FERRY STATUS - TO BE INSPECTED AT FINAL DESTINATION; B. APPLIED BY - AIRCRAFT MECHANIC 67N.

. TIME REQUIRED -

(1) APPROXIMATELY FIVE MAN-HOURS AND A MINIMUM CREW OF ONE

MAN IS REQUIRED TO ACCOMPLISH THIS INSPECTION.
(2) DOWNTIME FOR THIS END ITEM TOTAL FIVE HOURS.

7. SUPPLY KITS/PARTS AND DISPOSITION.

A: THE FOLLOWING PARTS MAY BE REQUIRED.

(1) ONE EACH CONNECTING LINKS NSN 3P48-88-982-3221 P/N 284-876-

(2) ONE EACH CONNECTING LINK MSM 3848-88-982-8222 P/N 284-876-267-5.

B. PARTS DISPOSITION .

CONNECTING LINKS REMOVED FROM SERVICE FOR THE DISCREPANCY CITED IN THIS MESSAGE SHALL BE IMMEDIATELY FORMARDED TO COMMANDER, CCAD, TEXAS, M/F AVSCOM ACCOUNT 5-3723, ITEMS SHOULD BE TAGGED FOR REMORK SOF TO 55-1588-219-28-6

8. SPECIAL TOOLS, JIGS AND FIXTURES REQUIRED . N/A

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A: INSPECT FOR CONNECTING LINKS P/N 284-876-267-1 USED IN LATERAL CYCLIC (LEFT CYCLIC) AND P/N 284-876-267-5 USED IN COLLECT-IVE POSITION THAT WERE MANUFACTURED BY CENTURY METAL PRODUCTS INC. UNDER CONTRACTS DAAJ81-75-C-8833 AND DAAJ81-76-C-8388.

B. THE CONNECTING LINKS FROM THE ABOVE CONTRACTS WERE DELIVERED AFTER 1 MAR 76, AIRCRAFT WITH POSSIBLE AND/OR KNOWN REPLACEMENT LINKS SINCE 1 MAR 76 REQUIRE THE FOLLOWING INSPECTION, ALL OTHER AIRCRAFT MAY BE RELEASED FOR FLIGHT.

C. CONNECTING LINKS IN THEIR ORIGINAL PACKAGE CAN BE IDENTIFIED BY THE CONTRACT NUMBER ON THE PACKAGING, UPON REMOVAL FROM

PACKING THE CONNECTING LINK IS NOT IDENTIFIABLE.

AS TO MANUFACTURE UNIDENTIFIABLE UNINSTALLED

LINKS ARE TO BE CHECKED FOR EXCESSIVE LOOSENESS THROUGH THE USE OF

A SERVO ASSEMBLY AS ADVISED IN THE NEXT PARAGRAPH.

D' INSTALLED UNIDENTIFIABLE LINKS REQUIRE REMOVAL OF THE SERVO ASSEMBLY AND LINK AS A UNIT, RECORD ROD MEASUREMENT TO PRECLUDE RE-RIGGING, THE JAM NUT IS TO BE UNSCREWED; THE LINK IS TO BE TURNED TO GO UP OR DOWN ON THE SERVO CYCLE PISTON ROD TILL THE LINK COUPLING SAFETY HOLE IS ALIGNED WITH THE END OF THE PISTON ROD, BY SOME MEANS,

FIRMLY HOLD THE SERVO ASSEMBLY AND CHECK THE FULL SIDE TRAVEL OF THE CONNECTING LINK AT THE CLEVIS END, SIDE TRAVEL IS CHECKED AT CLEVIS END, TRAVEL OF P/N 204-076-267-1 LINK WITH CLEVIS INSTALLED SHALL NOT EXCEED 7/16 INCH, SIDE TRAVEL OF P/N 204-076-267-5 LINKS WITH CLEVIS INSTALLED SHALL NOT EXCEED 3/8 INCH, PROPER THREADS FOR EITHER LINK A 7/8 - 14 INF-38 PER MIL-5-7742.

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C: Links found to be disgrepant in accordance with this msg
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