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April 10, 2006

Mr. Fidel Ballesteros Sr. ASI, MIDO-42 Federal Aviation Administration 2610 Meacham Blvd. Ft. Worth, Texas 76913

Dear Mr. Ballesteros,

This letter is to advise that Bell Helicopter Textron has determined that the TR918 Unmanned Aerial Vehicle, registration number N5916A, serial number 91801, that impacted the ground on April 5, 2006, is not repairable and no longer meets airworthiness status.

Per your instructions, I am providing the Experimental Airworthiness Certificate along with the FAA issued Experimental Operating Limitations for your disposition.

Sincerely,

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•____• Mary Anne Brooks

Mary Anne Brooks UAS Quality Program Manager Bell Helicopter Textron 817-280-4752

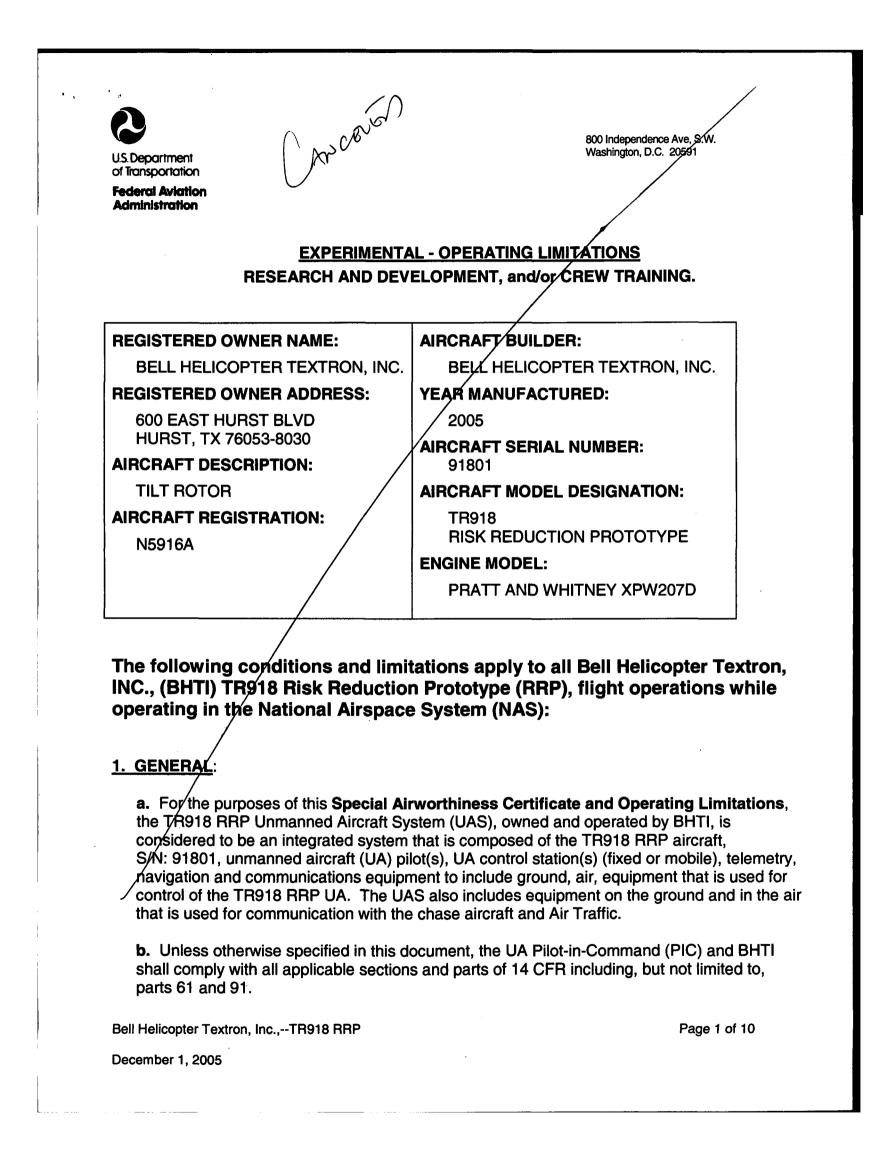
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cc: Charles Shepard, XworX UAS Program Manager

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D	This airworthiness certificate certifies that, as of the date of issuance, the aircraft to which issued has been inspected and found to meet the requirements of the applicable FAR. The aircraft does not meet the requirements of the applicable comprehensive and detailed airworthiness code as provided by Annex 8 to the Convention On International Civil Aviation. No person may operate the aircraft described on the reverse side; (1) except in accordance with the applicable FAR and in accordance with conditions and limitations which may be prescribed by the Administrator as part of this certificate; (2) over any foreign country without the special permission of that country.
Е	Unless sooner surrendered, suspended, or revoked, this airworthiness certificate is effective for the duration and under the conditions prescribed in FAR Part 21, Section 21.181 or 21.217.



c. No person may operate this UA for other than the purpose of Research and Development, and/or Crew Training, to accomplish the flight operation outlined in BHTI Program Letter dated December 1, 2005, which describes compliance with § 21.193(d), and has been made available to the pilot in command of the UA. In addition, this UA must be operated in accordance with applicable air traffic and general operating rules of part 91, and all additional limitations herein prescribed under the provisions of § 91.319(e).

d. The UA PIC must determine that the UA is in a condition for safe operation, and in a configuration appropriate for the purpose of the intended flight.

e. No person may operate this UA to carry property for compensation or hire.

f. This UA must be marked with its U.S. Registration number in accordance with 14 CFR part 45.

g. This UA must display the word "EXPERIMENTAL" in accordance with § 45.23(b).

h. Prior to conducting the initial TR918 flight operations, BHTI must forward a copy of the TR918 Program Letter, Special Airworthiness Certificate, and Operating Limitations to the FAA Central En Route Service Area, Operations Branch CJE-530.4. The documents should be sent to the attention of Mr. Roger Trevino, Airspace Specialist, at email <u>roger.trevino@faa.gov</u>, or via fax at 817-222-5547.

i. Section 47.45 requires that the FAA Aircraft Registry must be notified within 30 days of any change in the aircraft registrant's address. Such notification is to be made by submitting AC Form 8050-1 to AFS-750 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

<u>2. PROGRAM LETTÉR</u>: The BHTI TR918 Program Letter, dated December 1, 2005, shall be used as a basis for the determination of the operating limitations prescribed in this document. All flight operations must be conducted in accordance with the provisions of this document.

3. AUTHORÍZED FLIGHT OPERATIONS AREA:

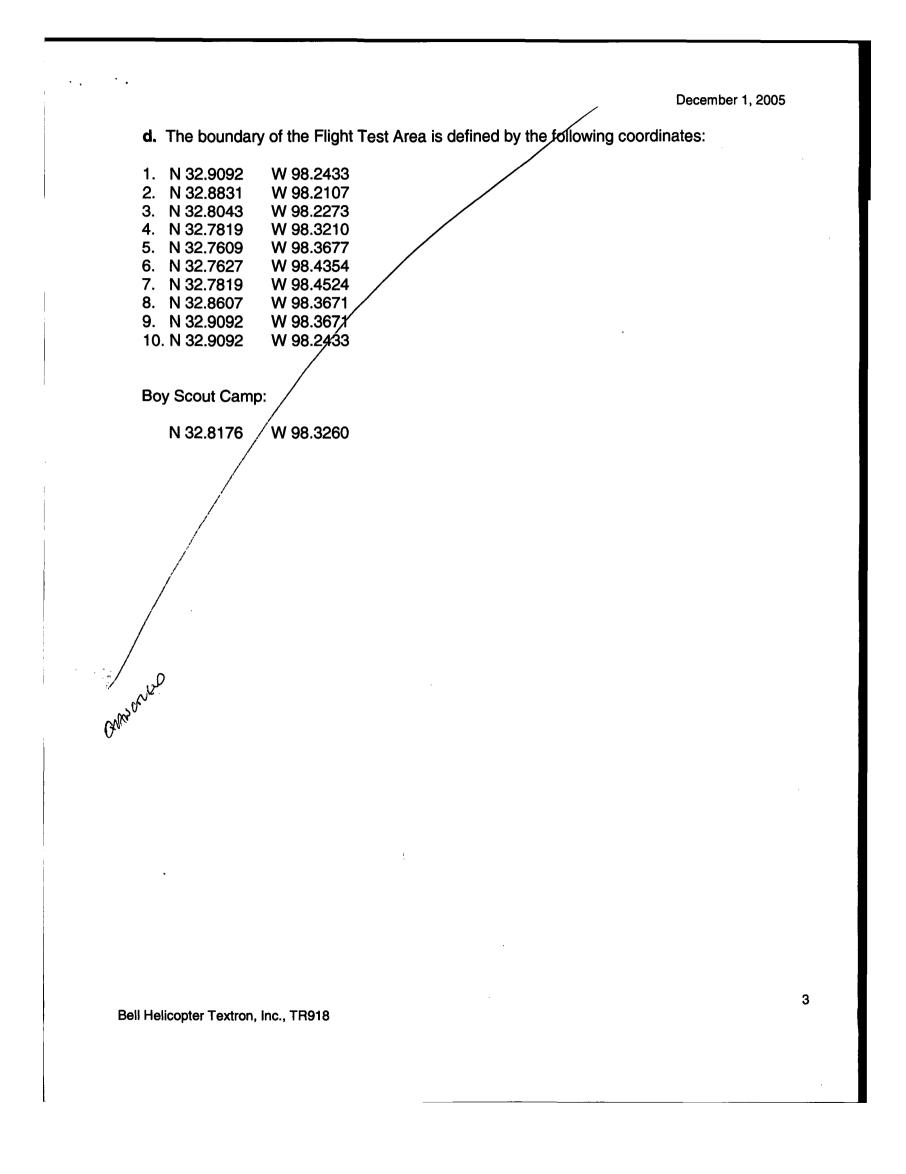
a. The base of operations for the UA shall be Wrangler Field, south of Graford, TX.

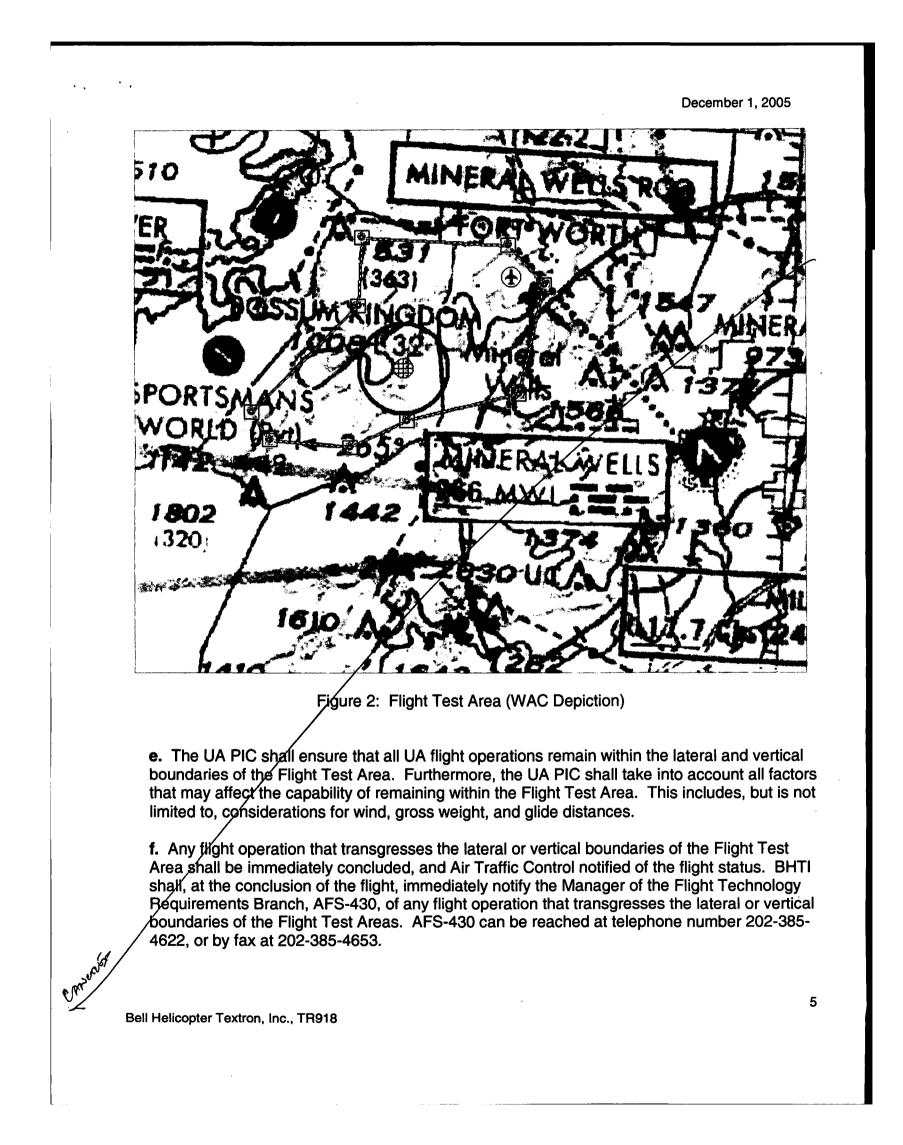
b. All flight operations shall be conducted during daylight hours under Visual Flight Rules (VFR). The flight operations area authorized for the UA is depicted graphically below. This area shall be referred to as the "Flight Test Area."

c. Flight operations in the Flight Test Area shall be conducted at or below 5,000 feet MSL within the boundaries defined below. The Flight Test Area excludes the 2 nautical mile radius around the Boy Scout Camp during those times when principal activities are ongoing, and by prior coordination with camp personnel.

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g. Further flight operations shall not be conducted until the incident is reviewed by AFS-430, and authorization to resume operations is received.

4. UA PILOTS and OBSERVERS:

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a. All flight operations shall have a designated UA Pilot-In-Command (PIC). Any additional UA pilot(s) assigned to a crew station during UA flight operations shall be considered a Supplemental UA Pilot. The UA PIC shall have responsibility over each flight conducted and be held accountable for the UA flight operation.

b. The UA PIC is responsible for the safety of the UA as well as persons and property along the UA flight path. This includes, but is not limited to, collision avoidance and the safety of persons and property in the air and on the ground. The UA PIC shall avoid densely populated areas (§ 91.319) and exercise increased vigilance when operating within or in the vicinity of published airway boundaries.

c. The UA PIC shall hold, at a minimum, an FAA Private Pilot certificate, with either an Airplane or Rotorcraft category, Single or Multiengine class ratings, or military equivalent, and have it in his/her possession.

d. The Supplemental UA Pilot need not be a certificated pilot, but must have successfully completed a recognized Private Pilot ground school.

e. The UA PIC shall have operational override capability over any Supplemental UA Pilot(s), regardless of position.

f. The UA PIC shall maintain currency in manned aircraft in accordance with § 61.57.

g. The UA PIC shall have a Flight Review in manned aircraft every 24 calendar months in accordance with § 61.56.

h. All UA Pilots shall maintain currency in unmanned aircraft in accordance with BHTI company procedures.

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j. All/flight operations conducted in the Flight Test Area shall have an Observer to perform traffic avoidance and visual observation to fulfill the "see and avoid" requirement of § 91.113.

All Observers shall:

1. Hold at a minimum, an FAA Private Pilot certificate or military equivalent. An Observer does not require currency as a pilot; or,

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2. In lieu of a Pilot certificate, have successfully completed specific Observer training acceptable to the FAA.

I. All UA Pilots and Observers shall have successfully completed applicable BHTI training for the UAS.

m. The UA PIC and Observer(s) must have in their possession a valid third class (or higher) airman medical certificate that has been issued under 14 CFR part 67.

n. UA Pilots and Observers shall perform crew duties for only one UA at a time. When the observer is located in a chase aircraft, the Observer's duties shall be dedicated to the task of observation only. Concurrent duty as pilot is not authorized.

o. All Observers must be thoroughly trained, familiar with, and possess, operational experience with the equipment being utilized for observation and detection of other aircraft for collision avoidance purposes as outlined in BHT/TR918 Program Letter.

p. Observer Responsibilities: The task of the Observer is to provide the UA pilot(s) with instructions to maneuver the UA clear of any potential collision with other traffic. Observer duties require continuous visual contact with the UA at all times in such a manner as to be able to discern UA attitude and trajectory in relation to conflicting traffic. To satisfy these requirements:

- 1. At no time shall the Observer permit the UA to operate beyond line-of-sight necessary to ensure that maneuvering information can be reliably determined.
- 2. At no time shall Observers conduct their duties more than one (1) statute mile laterally or 3000 feet vertically from the UA.
- 3. Observers must maintain continuous visual contact with the UA.
- 4. Observers may be positioned in a chase aircraft. When a chase aircraft is utilized, it must maintain a reasonable proximity, and shall position itself relative to the UA in such a manner as to reduce the hazard of collision in accordance with § 91.111.

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

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a. Two hours prior to each UAS Flight, BHTI must contact the Fort Worth Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC), Milsap Low Sector, at (817) 858-7525, to obtain a transponder code. Upon initial contact with Air Traffic, the UA PIC must indicate the experimental nature in accordance with § 91.319.

b. Appropriate Air Traffic frequencies shall be monitored during flight operations.

c. All UAS positions must maintain two-way communications with each other during all operations. If unable to maintain two-way communication, the UA will be expeditiously returned to its base of operations while remaining within the Flight Test Area, and conclude the flight operation.

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d. Spectrum used for operation and control of the UA must be approved by the Federal Communications Commission or other appropriate government oversight agency prior to operations being conducted.

6. FLIGHT CONDITIONS:

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a. All flight operations must be conducted during daylight hours in visual meteorological conditions (VMC), including cloud clearance minimums as specified in § 91.155. Flight operation in instrument meteorological conditions (IMC) is not permitted.

b. The UA is prohibited from aerobatic flight, that is, an intentional maneuver involving an abrupt change in the UA's attitude, an abnormal acceleration, or other flight action not necessary for normal flight (§ 91.303).

c. Flight operations must not involve carrying hazardous material or the dropping of any objects or external stores.

d. The UA and chase aircraft shall be equipped with operable strobe/anti-collision lights and shall be illuminated during operations.

e. The UA must be equipped with, and operate, an approved operational Mode C altitude encoding transponder during all flight operations.

f. The chase aircraft transponder must be on standby while performing chase operation flight with the UA. In the event of UA transponder failure, the chase aircraft will operate the transponder in Mode C.

g. In the event of transponder failure on either the UA or the chase aircraft, the UA must conclude all flight operations and expeditiously return to its base of operations within the prescribed limitations of this authorization.

h. BHTI must request the issuance of a Notice to Airman (NOTAM) through the Fort Worth Automated Flight Service Station at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to flight operation.

7. FLIGHT/TERMINATION & LOST LINK PROCEDURES:

a. In accordance with BHTI Program Letter, dated December 1, 2005, flight termination must be initiated at any point that safe operation of the UA cannot be maintained.

b. In the event of lost link, the UA must provide a means of automatic recovery that ensures airborne operations are predictable and that the UA remains within the Flight Test Area. The chase aircraft/Observer will be immediately notified of the lost link condition and the expected UA response.

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8. MAINTENANCE:

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a. This UAS must not be operated unless it is inspected and maintained in accordance with the BHTI Bell Model TR918 Pilot Ground and Flight Test Procedures, BHT-TR918-1-FM, Sections 7, 13, and 15, dated November 14, 2005. Each inspection must be recorded in the UAS maintenance records.

b. No person may operate this UAS unless within the preceding 12 calendar months it has had a condition inspection performed in accordance with, FAA approved, Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc., Inspection and Maintenance Program, and was found to be in a condition for safe operation. This inspection will be recorded in the UAS maintenance records.

c. Only those individuals authorized by Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc., and acceptable to the FAA, may perform inspections required by these operating limitations.

d. Inspections of the UAS must be recorded in the UAS maintenance records showing the following, or a similarly worded, statement: "I certify that this UAS has been inspected on [insert date] in accordance with the scope and detail of the Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc., Inspection and Maintenance Program, and was found to be in a condition for safe operation." The entry will include the UAS's total time-in-service, and the name and signature of the person performing the inspection.

e. UAS instruments and equipment installed must be inspected and maintained in accordance with the requirements of the Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc., Inspection and Maintenance Program. Any maintenance or inspection of this equipment must be recorded in the UAS maintenance records.

f. No person may operate this UAS unless the altimeter system and transponder have been tested within the preceding 24 calendar months in accordance with 14 CFR § 91.411 and § 91.413 respectively. These inspections will be recorded in the UAS maintenance records.

<u>9.</u> EQUIPPAGE: The UAS shall be equipped with an operable transponder with Mode-C and two-way communications equipment allowing communications between the UA pilot, chase aircraft, and Air Traffic.

10. REVISIONS and OTHER PROVISIONS:

a, The Experimental Certificate, Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc., FAA-accepted Program Letter, and operating limitations cannot be reissued, renewed, or revised without application being made to the Fort Worth Manufacturing Inspection District Office (MIDO), and coordinated with the Production and Airworthiness Division, AIR-200. AIR-200 will be responsible for headquarters internal coordination with the Aircraft Certification Service, Flight Standards Service, Air Traffic, Office of Chief Council, and Office of Rulemaking.

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c. All revisions to BHTI FAA-approved Inspection and Maintenance Program, Sections 7, 13, and 15, of BHT-TR918-1-FM, must be reviewed and accepted by the Fort Worth Aircraft Evaluation Group (FTW-AEG). The AEG can be reached at telephone number is 817-222-5269.

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Fidel T. Ballesteros Senior Aviation Safety Inspector Fort Worth Manufacturing Inspection District Office 2601 Meacham Blvd. Fort Worth, TX 76193

Date: December 1, 2005

I certify that I have read and understand the operating limitations, and conditions, that are a part of the Special Airworthiness Certificate; FAA Form 8130-7 issued on December 1, 2005, for the purpose of Research and Development and/or Crew Training.

This Special Airworthiness Certificate is issued for Bell Helicopter UA model "TR918 Risk Reduction Prototype," serial number <u>91801</u>, registration number <u>N5916A.</u>

Applicant (signature)

Date: December 1, 2005

Name (Printed): Mary Anne Brooks

Title: Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Quality Program Manager

Company: Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc.

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EXPERIMENTAL - OPERATING LIMITATIONS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, and/or CREW TRAINING.

REGISTERED OWNER NAME:	AIRCRAFT BUILDER:
BELL HELICOPTER TEXTRON, INC.	BELL HELICOPTER TEXTRON, INC.
REGISTERED OWNER ADDRESS:	YEAR MANUFACTURED:
600 EAST HURST BLVD	2005
HURST, TX 76053-8030	AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBER:
AIRCRAFT DESCRIPTION:	91801
TILT ROTOR	AIRCRAFT MODEL DESIGNATION:
AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION:	TR918
N5916A	RISK REDUCTION PROTOTYPE
	ENGINE MODEL:
	PRATT AND WHITNEY XPW207D

The following conditions and limitations apply to all Bell Helicopter Textron, INC., (BHTI) TR918 Risk Reduction Prototype (RRP), flight operations while operating in the National Airspace System (NAS):

1. GENERAL:

a. For the purposes of this **Special Airworthiness Certificate and Operating Limitations**, the TR918 RRP Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS), owned and operated by BHTI, is considered to be an integrated system that is composed of the TR918 RRP aircraft, S/N: 91801, unmanned aircraft (UA) pilot(s), UA control station(s) (fixed or mobile), telemetry, navigation and communications equipment to include ground, air, equipment that is used for control of the TR918 RRP UA. The UAS also includes equipment on the ground and in the air that is used for communication with the chase aircraft and Air Traffic.

b. Unless otherwise specified in this document, the UA Pilot-in-Command (PIC) and BHTI shall comply with all applicable sections and parts of 14 CFR including, but not limited to, parts 61 and 91.

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c. No person may operate this UA for other than the purpose of Research and Development, and/or Crew Training, to accomplish the flight operation outlined in BHTI Program Letter dated December 1, 2005, which describes compliance with § 21.193(d), and has been made available to the pilot in command of the UA. In addition, this UA must be operated in accordance with applicable air traffic and general operating rules of part 91, and all additional limitations herein prescribed under the provisions of § 91.319(e).

d. The UA PIC must determine that the UA is in a condition for safe operation, and in a configuration appropriate for the purpose of the intended flight.

e. No person may operate this UA to carry property for compensation or hire.

f. This UA must be marked with its U.S. Registration number in accordance with 14 CFR part 45.

g. This UA must display the word "EXPERIMENTAL" in accordance with § 45.23(b).

h. Prior to conducting the initial TR918 flight operations, BHTI must forward a copy of the TR918 Program Letter, Special Airworthiness Certificate, and Operating Limitations to the FAA Central En Route Service Area, Operations Branch CJE-530.4. The documents should be sent to the attention of Mr. Roger Trevino, Airspace Specialist, at email **roger.trevino@faa.gov**, or via fax at 817-222-5547.

i. Section 47.45 requires that the FAA Aircraft Registry must be notified within 30 days of any change in the aircraft registrant's address. Such notification is to be made by submitting AC Form 8050-1 to AFS-750 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

<u>2. PROGRAM LETTER</u>: The BHTI TR918 Program Letter, dated December 1, 2005, shall be used as a basis for the determination of the operating limitations prescribed in this document. All flight operations must be conducted in accordance with the provisions of this document.

3. AUTHORIZED FLIGHT OPERATIONS AREA:

a. The base of operations for the UA shall be Wrangler Field, south of Graford, TX.

b. All flight operations shall be conducted during daylight hours under Visual Flight Rules (VFR). The flight operations area authorized for the UA is depicted graphically below. This area shall be referred to as the "Flight Test Area."

c. Flight operations in the Flight Test Area shall be conducted at or below 5,000 feet MSL within the boundaries defined below. The Flight Test Area excludes the 2 nautical mile radius around the Boy Scout Camp during those times when principal activities are ongoing, and by prior coordination with camp personnel.

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d. The boundary of the Flight Test Area is defined by the following coordinates:

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2.	N 32.8831	W 98.2107
3.	N 32.8043	W 98.2273
4.	N 32.7819	W 98.3210
5.	N 32.7609	W 98.3677
6.	N 32.7627	W 98.4354
7.	N 32.7819	W 98.4524
8.	N 32.8607	W 98.3671
9.	N 32.9092	W 98.3671
10.	N 32.9092	W 98.2433

Boy Scout Camp:

N 32.8176 W 98.3260

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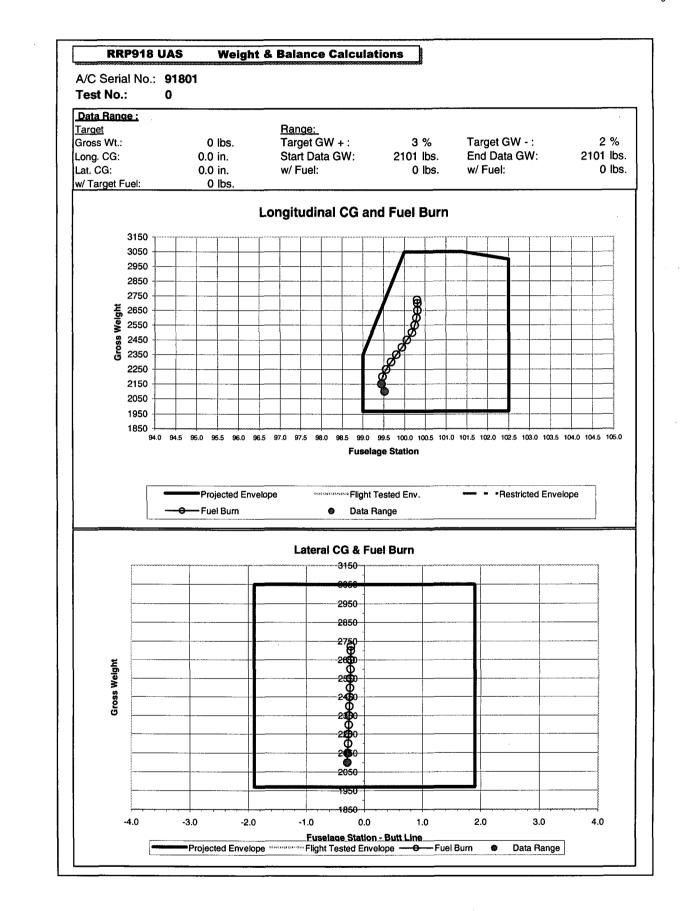
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