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WHEELS UP: New U.S. Air Force HH-53B helicopter (Sikorsky S-65) makes its first flight at Sikorsky Aircraft plant in Stratford, Conn., March 15, 1967.

The aircraft, largest and fastest helicopter scheduled for the Air Force inventory, will be used for long range rescue missions by the Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service. It can be refueled in flight from standard tanker airplanes so that flight endurance will be limited only by crew endurance greatly enhancing its rescue capabilities. An earlier version of the S-65, the CH-53A, is in service with the U.S. Marine Corps in Vietnam as a heavy lift troop and cargo transport.