

activities, facilities, and parts of functions) of the executive departments or agencies of the Government or of any officer or organizational entity thereof which relate primarily to selecting, developing, testing, evaluating, establishing, operating and maintaining systems, procedures, facilities, or devices for safe and efficient air navigation and air traffic control. In connection with any such transfer, the President may provide for appropriate transfers of records, property, and for necessary civilian and military personnel to be made available from the other office, department, or other agency from which the transfer is made.

FOSTERING OF AIR COMMERCE

SEC. 305. [72 Stat. 749, 49 U.S.C. 1346] The Administrator is empowered and directed to encourage and foster the development of civil aeronautics and air commerce in the United States and abroad.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AND CIVIL NEEDS

SEC. 306. [72 Stat. 749, 49 U.S.C. 1347] In exercising the authority granted in, and discharging the duties imposed by, this Act, the Administrator shall give full consideration to the requirements of national defense, and of commercial and general aviation, and to the public right of freedom of transit through the navigable airspace.

AIRSPACE CONTROL AND FACILITIES

Use of Airspace

SEC. 307. [72 Stat. 749, 49 U.S.C. 1348] (a) The Administrator is authorized and directed to develop plans for and formulate policy with respect to the use of the navigable airspace; and assign by rule, regulation, or order the use of the navigable airspace under such terms, conditions, and limitations as he may deem necessary in order to insure the safety of aircraft and the efficient utilization of such airspace. He may modify or revoke such assignment when required in the public interest.

Air Navigation Facilities

(b) The Administrator is authorized, within the limits of available appropriations made by the Congress, (1) to acquire, establish, and improve air-navigation facilities wherever necessary; (2) to operate and maintain such air-navigation facilities; (3) to arrange for publication of aeronautical maps and charts necessary for the safe and efficient movement of aircraft in air navigation utilizing the facilities and assistance of existing agencies of the Government so far as practicable; and (4) to provide necessary facilities and personnel for the regulation and protection of air traffic.

Air Traffic Rules

(c) The Administrator is further authorized and directed to prescribe air traffic rules and regulations governing the flight of aircraft, for the navigation, protection, and identification of aircraft, for the