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provision as he shall deem appropriate authorizing the performance by any officer, employee, or administrative unit under his jurisdiction of any function under this Act; or, with its consent, authorizing the performance by any other Federal department or agency of any function under section 307(b) of this Act.

AUTHORITY OF PRESIDENT TO TRANSFER CERTAIN FUNCTIONS

SEC. 304. [72 Stat. 749, 49 U.S.C. 1345] The President may transfer to the Administrator any functions (including powers, duties, 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