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eign countries, and shall take into consideration any applicable laws and requirements of foreign countries and the Board shall not, in exercising and performing its powers and duties with respect to certificates of convenience and necessity, restrict compliance by any air carrier with any obligation, duty, or liability imposed by any foreign country: *Provided*, That this section shall not apply to any obligation, duty, or liability arising out of a contract or other agreement, heretofore or hereafter entered into between an air carrier, or any officer or representative thereof, and any foreign country, if such contract or agreement is disapproved by the Board as being contrary to the public interest.

NATURE AND USE OF DOCUMENTS FILED

SEC. 1103. [72 Stat. 797, 49 U.S.C. 1503] The copies of tariffs and of all contracts, agreements, understandings, and arrangements filed with the Board as herein provided, and the statistics, tables, and figures contained in the annual or other reports of air carriers and other persons made to the Board as required under the provisions of this Act shall be preserved as public records (except as otherwise provided in this Act) in the custody of the secretary of the Board, and shall be received as prima facie evidence of what they purport to be for the purpose of investigations by the Board and in all judicial proceedings; and copies of, and extracts from, any of such tariffs, contracts, agreements, understandings, arrangements, or reports, certified by the secretary of the Board, under the seal of the Board, shall be received in evidence with like effect as the originals.

WITHHOLDING OF INFORMATION

SEC. 1104. [72 Stat. 797, 49 U.S.C. 1504] Any person may make written objection to the public disclosure of information contained in any application, report, or document filed pursuant to the provisions of this Act or of information obtained by the Board or the Administrator, pursuant to the provisions of this Act, stating the grounds for such objection. Whenever such objection is made, the Board or Administrator shall order such information withheld from public disclosure when, in their judgment, a disclosure of such information would adversely affect the interests of such person and is not required in the interest of the public. The Board or Administrator shall be responsible for classified information in accordance with appropriate law: *Provided*, That nothing in this section shall authorize the withholding of information by the Board or Administrator from the duly authorized committees of the Congress.

COOPERATION WITH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

SEC. 1105. [72 Stat. 798, as amended by 76 Stat. 921, 49 U.S.C. 1505] The Board and the Administrator may avail themselves of the assistance of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and any research or technical agency of the United States on matters relating to aircraft fuel and oil and to the design, materials, workmanship, construction, performance, maintenance, and operation of aircraft, aircraft engines, propellers, appliances, and air navigation