

If it appears that it should be done, I am prepared to come in and recommend it.

Mr. ROGERS. That is encouraging, General. I think that would be helpful.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Harvey.

Mr. HARVEY. General McKee, in your judgment, is a good system of radar a solution to this problem, or should research and development develop a system that is not yet in existence?

General McKEE. Both, Mr. Harvey. The radar system but even more important, really, than radar, is the instrument landing approach systems. I think they go hand in hand. This will give us right now, with the state of the art being here, a substantial improvement.

I covered for you the collision avoidance system and where we stand with it. We are also carrying on research and development in air traffic control systems beyond what we see today. We have to look beyond 1975 and look at the environment with which we will be confronted in the hopes that we will be able to manage and control the traffic in that era, where you will have jumbo jets, jets of all kinds, more and more jets coming in, the supersonic transport operating. So that is the picture we are confronted with.

But we cannot relax in the area of research and development.

Mr. HARVEY. But the airport actually had ILS, didn't it?

Mr. THOMAS. Yes, sir; it did.

Mr. HARVEY. It was not on in this case?

Mr. THOMAS. No, sir; it was on the opposite direction. It was on a 34 end for north landings and they were using a 16 end, for a south landing.

Mr. HARVEY. Last year we were talking about the New Orleans crash, General, where a Delta airliner had been practicing landing and takeoffs, with two engines out on landing, and so on. We all generally agreed at that time that that was a poor practice, of doing that over a metropolitan area.

Has the FAA issued any regulations since that time to prevent that sort of thing from happening again?

General McKEE. As a result of that hearing and my commitment to the committee, the FAA had a series of meetings within the Air Transport Association, the Airline Pilots Association, and we did take a number of actions.

As a matter of fact, Mr. Chairman, I made a report in writing to the committee of the actions that we had taken. I have carried out my commitment. I don't know whether you want to take time now, but we are prepared to go into it.

Mr. HARVEY. Have you reported that to this committee?

General McKEE. Yes, it has been reported to this committee.

Mr. HARVEY. I was not aware of that, Mr. Chairman. I don't believe the membership of the committee has received that information, so far as I know.

Those are all the questions I have, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. The clerk will be instructed to see that every member of the committee receives the information referred to.

Mr. Van Deerlin?

Mr. VAN DEERLIN. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.