

Mr. BROYHILL. How is this enforced or how is it policed by the FAA?

General McKEE. The pilot statement. It is up to him to prove it in case anything goes wrong. It is not something that we could conveniently enforce or police any more than we can the last time he drove an automobile.

Mr. BROYHILL. The controllers are also continually trained and re-trained? Do you have a program in this regard?

General McKEE. Yes, sir. The controllers get a great deal of training. They are checked frequently. They are checked for each position which they operate. They are under constant supervision. This is an entirely different situation than a case where a member of the general public operates something, and not under direct supervision, as in the case of a controller, or an airline pilot, for that matter.

Mr. BROYHILL. In the Asheville-Hendersonville case, are you in a position at the present time to state whether or not you feel there was any lapse in the procedures, the prescribed procedures?

General McKEE. I don't think we should comment on that at all, Mr. Broyhill.

Mr. BROYHILL. I have no other questions, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Pickle.

Mr. PICKLE. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

General McKEE, I address this question to you, and to any representative of the CAB who might be here.

Why is it that the special Commission which has been set up to study airport congestion has not been more aggressive in making some announcement of plans or in holding public meetings, or in making recommendations either to us or to the Congress?

It seems to me that this special Commission has been both hesitant, timid, and certainly secretive in making known to the Congress its recommendations.

I will admit that you and Mr. Murphy, whom I assume head this Board jointly, have done a lot of planning. But so far as I know you have not given to us a plan or some kind of a concerted approach to this problem.

Your Commission has been in existence now for 8 or 9 months. I know that members of our subcommittee met with you and we know you are sympathetic to the problem. You said early this morning that the main problem here is airport congestion, and not just this one accident. Though, of course, we are looking into that this morning. But the biggest problem that faces us is airport congestion. That covers the whole field.

Why haven't you all made some sort of recommendations?

General McKEE. Sir, I think there is a little misunderstanding about the Commission. This committee is cochaired by the Secretary of Transportation, Mr. Boyd, and the Chairman of the CAB, Mr. Murphy. I wanted to get that straight on the record. I am not in very much of a position to speak for those two distinguished gentlemen.

I can say that it is my understanding, and I have to underline that, that Mr. Murphy and Mr. Boyd have made a recommendation to the White House. It is further my understanding that their recommendations are under review. As to when a report will be made on these recommendations, Mr. Pickle, I am not in a position to answer.