

Mr. PICKLE. I do recall now it was Secretary Boyd and Mr. Murphy who headed this Commission. I regret that neither one of them are here. I will address those questions to them later. I can see why you would hesitate to speak for them. But it is so secret we don't even know who is a member of this special Commission. Why would that be, gentlemen?

General McKEE. I can't answer that question.

Mr. PICKLE. I sure am full of questions but I have the wrong man to ask.

Mr. ROGERS. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. PICKLE. Yes.

Mr. ROGERS. Does the FAA have to wait for an outside commission before you can make a recommendation concerning the safety of airports?

General McKEE. No, sir; we don't.

Mr. ROGERS. What recommendations has your agency made?

General McKEE. We do all we can in terms of the appropriations we have under the Federal Aid to Airport Act. There is an authorization, as you know, of \$75 million a year. I am sure you are aware of the action Congress has taken on these appropriations. Within the resources we have we are taking every step forward we can.

Mr. ROGERS. I am not very encouraged by that answer. I don't even find a request for more radar and more towers in your budget to the Congress. You are not even requesting them. I don't think that is a very good answer.

I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. PICKLE. Mr. Chairman, I am going to address my questions on this point to the CAB and the Secretary of Transportation, Mr. Boyd.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Watson.

Mr. WATSON. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I am sure the gentlemen sitting at the witness table are as concerned as I am. They say in golf that it is not only the way you address the ball or approach it but the followthrough that gives you a good shot.

I have been concerned about the interest that has been shown by this committee and by your agencies whenever we have these tragedies occur.

Perhaps the answer has been given to the chairman of the committee or to the staff, but as I recall there was an extensive investigation on several 727 crashes. So far as I know, I have never seen any followthrough on the part of those making the investigation.

We are concerned about congestion, but as I understand it this crash in Hendersonville was not a question of any congestion, but simply a matter of a plane in the process of taking off colliding apparently with one in the process of landing. Is that about it, Mr. Allen?

Mr. ALLEN. Yes, sir. You had one aircraft, the Piedmont flight 22, departing Asheville Airport and the Cessna 310 was approaching for a landing at the Asheville Airport.