

(The information requested follows:)

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION STATEMENT ON CRITERIA ESTABLISHED FOR  
AIRPORT NAVIGATIONAL FACILITIES

Submitted herewith is a copy of FAA Handbook 7031.2 dated May 11, 1965, entitled "Airway Planning Standard Number One-Terminal Air Navigation Facilities and Air Traffic Control Services". (The handbook referred to has been placed in committee files.) That Handbook contains the current criteria for the establishment of air navigation facilities and air traffic control services. The table below indicates the extent to which FAA, at the end of the Fiscal Year 1967, has installed in accordance with that criteria four of the major types of terminal air navigation facilities and air navigation services at airports served by air carrier aircraft.

| Facility or service             | Airports where installed | Airports which meet criteria but where not installed |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Control towers.....             | 238                      | 29                                                   |
| Airport surveillance radar..... | 109                      | 10                                                   |
| Instrument landing system.....  | 206                      | 35                                                   |
| Approach lighting.....          | 187                      | 56                                                   |

Mr. BROWN. General, I could not agree more with you, and I think if the chairman will give me just 1 minute to make a personal comment, I think we have got to go into this thing in depth, not just to the idea of excluding noncommercial aircraft from commercial airports, but, rather, with an idea to finding out all of the factors which contribute to air safety, or the lack of air safety; and then seeing whether or not the job being done by FAA and those facilities over which the Congress has some control are adequate, including, I would hope, to come to a comment that you made earlier, today, whether or not you have legislative authority to change regulations in certain areas, because I was under the impression that the FAA had pretty broad authority to change regulations with respect to air safety, and it comes to me as a shock that you feel that you don't have that authority.

General McKee. I don't think we said that we didn't have authority to change regulations where it is strictly a matter of air safety. It all depends, of course, on what regulation you are talking about, but we do have authority to change regulations with regard to the operation of aircraft, and all of the rest of it, which is a very broad mandate that we have under the law. As far as the authority that we have under the law is concerned, the 1958 act, to the best of my knowledge and ability, we are discharging the mission that was given to us with that act.

Mr. BROWN. Well, if there is any area, General, in which you do not have the authority to establish air safety regulations, and this committee can give you that authority, or can see that that authority is conferred upon somebody, so that action can be taken in some of these areas, I would certainly urge that the committee give it consideration.

General McKee. Thank you, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Kornegay.

Mr. KORNEGAY. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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