

Mr. LYMAN. In writing and also verbally to the Administrator and also to Mr. Thomas, on two occasions.

Mr. FRIEDEL. The ones you submitted in writing, did you receive an answer?

Mr. LYMAN. I don't recall. I would have to defer on that one to Mr. Lyons.

Mr. LYONS. We did. They accepted the brief that we sent to the FAA but we heard nothing further relative to our recommendations.

Mr. FRIEDEL. How long ago was that?

Mr. LYONS. I would be guessing now. I would say about 6 or 7 months ago. I don't know exactly.

Mr. FRIEDEL. You have not received a response?

Mr. LYONS. Other than that it was received by the FAA, that was the only response.

Mr. FRIEDEL. You made studies and recommendations?

Mr. LYMAN. Pardon?

Mr. FRIEDEL. And were they making studies of your recommendations?

Mr. LYMAN. No, that it was received, but no response as pertains to the merits of the recommendations made by the organization.

Mr. KUYKENDALL. Mr. Chairman, in line with your remarks, I appreciate you and Mr. Devine making it clear that we don't want to be parties in your dispute here—I think the tone of some of the statements made in your remarks would indicate a degree of animosity between your organization and the FAA because at the bottom of page 2 you made a charge, and I am going to ask that this be substantiated—you have charged someone with a criminal act here and I think it should be brought out as to who you mean.

I think that you should be able and ready to support that with names. We want them here.

Mr. LYMAN. It just so happens I will give you one specific. We will give you the additional information. Colorado Springs, Colo., July 19, 1967. This is an FAA document from a supervisory electronic technician.

Operating short of personnel. We may not always have a man available to take care of your problems so be patient and we will take care of the equipment failures as soon as we can.

This is one specific piece of paper.

Mr. FRIEDEL. Who was that signed by?

Mr. LYMAN. This was signed by a supervisory electronics technician out at Colorado Springs.

Mr. KUYKENDALL. Sir, if you think what you read is the same as what you put in your statement, I would like to be the prosecuting attorney against you in court sometime because that is not the same thing.

No one was told to let a piece of equipment break down.

Mr. LYMAN. No, no.

Mr. KUYKENDALL. You said that.

Mr. LYMAN. I said perform the preventative maintenance only after it has failed.

Mr. KUYKENDALL. You said it right here.

Mr. LYMAN. That is right. When the piece of equipment fails, then you perform the maintenance on it.