

I tell you now that he is cutting corners—and he has to—but he is making the system better.

Now, add a few things, change a few procedures, and you might make it even better but don't let it come from the top down where special interest group pressure is applied for the sake of economics or profits.

That is not how we should improve the system. It has to come from the bottom up, from the people who know the problems. The only people who know the problems are the people there doing the job.

Mr. DEVINE. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. FRIEDEL. I want to thank you very much, Mr. Galipault, for your very fine testimony.

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Chairman, I notice that Mr. Stimpson from the FAA is present in the room and there is something I would like to have in the record before this matter is concluded.

It does not deal with the comments of our witness here but, Mr. Chairman, if you recall, the National Transportation Safety Board recently made some recommendations regarding part 135 of the Federal Air Regulations.

This dealt with air traffic operators and safety air taxi operators.

This is a matter of some concern to me and I would like to ask if the Chair would not request of the FAA comments as to what that agency proposed to do about the matters that were in the recommendation by the Air Safety Board.

I feel quite strongly on this.

I believe that a careful review of the record will show that the Post Office Department requires rather greater care on the part of operators of its equipment than does the FAA require of air taxi operators.

I have always felt very strongly that it was important that we should provide the highest possible safety for people even though we do want the mail to get through.

I would appreciate having Mr. Stimpson provide us, for the benefit of the record, first, the communication received by the FAA regarding the air taxi operators and, second, a statement of what the FAA proposes to do regarding those recommendations which I think are important to air safety.

Mr. FRIEDEL. The FAA, through Mr. Stimpson who is present, is requested to furnish the correspondence to which reference has been made.

(The following documents were subsequently submitted as requested:)

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,
NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD,
Washington, D.C., March 14, 1968.

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Washington, D.C.

DEAR GENERAL MCKEE: The Safety Board has become increasingly aware in recent months of the very rapid expansion in the operations of the air-taxi operators, and within that group a similar burst of activity on the part of the scheduled air-taxi operators.

Also of interest to us, and in the same general area, is the rapidly expanding use of such operators by the Post Office Department in the contract carriage of mail.