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Mr. Chairman, I have from the outset of my efforts stated that jet noise is a national problem. True, I am vitally concerned with the problem as it affects my constituents who live near the flight routes to Kennedy Airport. I sounded the alarm in 1965 to my colleagues in the House, urging that jet noise affects the entire nation. I said then and I repeat today "that every city where there is an airport—whether or not the airport is equipped to service jets—they will service them tomorrow"—should be alerted to the menace of jet noise.

Today more than 300 airfields are servicing jet aircraft disrupting the daily lives of ten of millions of Americans. It was for this reason that I called for recognition of this problem at the highest level of government—as being national

in scope—calling for Congressional action.

On August 19, 1965 I wrote to the President requesting the appointment of a Presidential Commission to deal with the problem of aircraft noise. On October 29, 1965 in response to my requipest, the first White House Conference on Noise Abatement was held. As a result of that Conference a detailed and important report was issued in March 1966, entitled "Alleviation of Jet Aircraft Noise Near Airports". The report was published by the Office of Science and Technology—Executive Office of the President.

In his Transportation Message to Congress, in March 1966, President Johnson gave recognition to the problem by announcing that he had appointed a special White House Task Force "to frame an action program to attack this problem". The Task Force, headed by Dr. Donald F. Horning, the President's Science Advisor, included the Secretaries of Commerce, Housing and Urban Development, and the Administrators of the Federal Aviation Agency and the National

Aeronautics and Space Administration.

The Task Force subsequently endorsed legislation introduced by the distinguished Chairman of the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, The Honorable Harley O. Staggers (H.R. 3400), which is the subject of these hearings.

There are many aspects to the complex problem of aircraft noise. A comprehensive program to alleviate the suffering from this menace requires an all

out effort on a number of fronts. Allow me to suggest only a few:

(1) We urgently need a massive research program to better understand the complexity of the aircraft noise problem and to coordinate research by Govern-