

CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD  
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TO: Messrs. Rizley, Denny, Gurney, Lee, Adams,  
The Executive Director

FROM: Director, Bureau of Safety Investigation

SUBJECT: Aircraft Accident - PBV-5A, Paraguay  
Registration ZPCBB, Long Beach,  
California, March 3, 1955

Supplementing my memorandum of March 4, information just received on the subject accident indicates that the aircraft reached an altitude of approximately 25 feet in level attitude and the nose dropped when power was reduced momentarily. When power was increased, the aircraft flew into the runway and bounced six times. The nose gear failed on the sixth bounce and the aircraft slid straight ahead, nosed over, and burned.

One witness, a former PBV pilot, stated that the elevators were never raised above neutral. Examination of the wreckage has thus far revealed no evidence of failure of the control system or of control jamming by a foreign object. However, the rudder lock recovered from the wreckage indicates the possibility of this lock having been on and restricting elevator control to neutral or possibly one degree nose up. Investigation is continuing.

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CAB - AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT REPORTS - 1955

1. Gulf Oil Corp., Nr. Londonderry, Ohio, 12/29/55
2. PAWA, DC-7B, Nr. Venice, Italy, 12/28/55
3. EAL, L-749A, Jacksonville, Florida, 12/21/55
4. Riddle Airlines, C-46F, Hollywood, South Carolina, 12/17/55
5. Peninsular Air Transport, C-54-DC, Seattle, Washington 11/17/55
6. UAL, DC-6B, Nr. Longmont, Colorado, 11/1/55
7. Beech Bonanza, N 5825C, North Hollywood, California, 10/17/55
8. UAL, C-54B-DC, Medicine Bow Peak, Wyoming, 10/6/55
9. Great Lakes Carbon Corp., Douglas A-26-C, Nr. Union City, Oklahoma, 10/3/55
10. Flying Tiger Line, DC-4, Bet. Honolulu & Wake, 9/24/55
11. Currey Air Transport, DC-3C, Burbank, California, 9/8/55
12. Midair Collision - Continental Air Lines & Hines Flying Service,  
Hobbs, New Mexico, 8/29/55
13. American Airlines, CV-240, Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, 8/4/55
14. Braniff Airways, CV-340, Chicago Midway Airport, Illinois, 7/17/55
15. NWA, DC-3, Yakima, Washington 7/15/55
16. Midair Collision - TWA DC-3 & Baker Flying Service Cessna 140A,  
Kansas City, Kansas, 7/12/55
17. NEA, DC-3, Lebanon, New Hampshire, 5/31/55
18. UAL, DC-6, MacArthur Field, Islip, New York, 4/4/55
19. PAWA, B-377, Off the Coast of Oregon in Pacific, 3/26/55
20. American Airlines CV-240, Nr. Springfield, Missouri, 3/20/55
21. TWA, Martin 404, Santa Fe Mountain, Nr. Albuquerque, New Mexico, 2/19/55
22. UAL, Convair 340, Dexter, Iowa, 1/19/55
23. Midair Collision - TWA Martin 202A & Castleton, Inc., DC-3C,  
Greater Cincinnati Airport, Covington, Kentucky, 1/12/55
24. NAL, Lodestar, St. Petersburg, Florida, 1/10/55