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**To: Members of the Board**

**From: Deputy Director, Bureau of Safety**

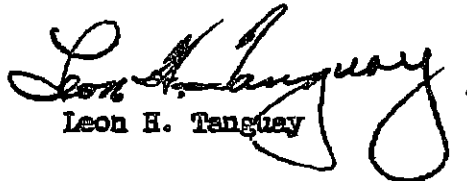
**Subject: Aircraft Accident - Preliminary Notification  
Capitol Airways, Inc., Logaire Flight, Curtiss  
C-46, N 1308V, Near Katy, Texas, January 22,  
1961**

At approximately 1609 c. s. t., January 22, 1961, a Curtiss C-46, N 1308V, being operated by Capitol Airways, Inc., on a Logaire flight carrying military cargo, crashed seven miles northwest of Katy, Texas. Fatal injuries occurred to the crew of two - Captain A. A. Shoup and Copilot B. O. Nixon; there were no passengers aboard.

Preliminary information indicates the left engine caught fire and burned free from the aircraft during flight. The left wing panel then separated and was found approximately 180 feet from the main wreckage.

The aircraft was on a VFR flight from San Antonio, Texas, to Mobile, Alabama.

George R. Clark is investigator in charge of the accident; Truman Finch, Bruch Hoch, and Frank Schretter, all of the Board's Fort Worth office, are at the scene of the accident.

  
Leon H. Tanguay

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Accident file