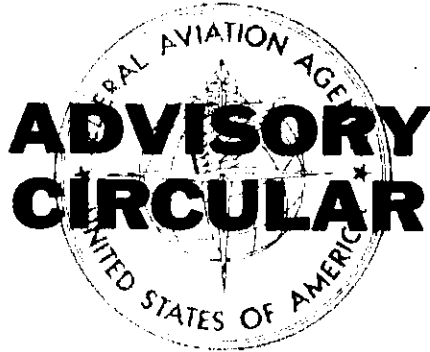


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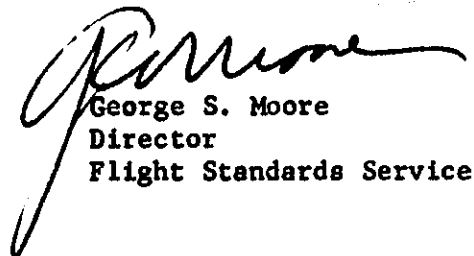
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SUBJECT : RADIO IDENTIFICATION OF STUDENT PILOTS

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1. **PURPOSE.** This circular is designed to encourage student pilots to identify themselves as such when communicating with Federal Aviation Agency facilities.
 2. **DISCUSSION.** There are approximately 115,000 student pilots in the United States today, representing a substantial part of the total flying being conducted under Visual Flight Rules. Student pilots are generally most eager to practice good piloting techniques. However, they are handicapped by the lack of experience in a field which has become extremely complex and demanding. Accordingly, it is difficult for a student pilot to maintain the same standards expected of more experienced pilots in areas requiring attention such as compliance with air traffic instructions. What is routine to a professional pilot may seem extremely complicated to a novice pilot. For example, the first encounter a student pilot has with radio communications procedures in a terminal area of normal air traffic congestion can be confusing and even a little frightening.
 3. **RECOMMENDED ACTION.** The FAA desires to help the student pilot in acquiring sufficient practical experience in the environment in which he will be required to operate. To receive additional assistance while operating in areas of concentrated air traffic, a student pilot need only identify himself as a student pilot during his initial call to an FAA radio facility. For instance, "Dayton Tower, this is Fleetwing 1234, Student Pilot, over." This special identification will alert FAA air traffic control personnel and enable them to provide the student pilot with such extra assistance or consideration as he may need.
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Remember! Every pilot was a beginner at one time. If you are a student pilot, identify yourself as such when contacting any FAA radio facility--control tower, Flight Service Station, approach control, etc. FAA personnel are trained and ready to help you. All we need in return is your cooperation.



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