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NEW AVENUE OPENED FOR COST SAVINGS IDEAS. The President has asked each government agency to identify, during the budget preparation period, economy ideas which might apply to other agencies as well. The aim is to pool and share new methods which contribute to cost reduction throughout the Executive Branch. The Administrator, at his last staff meeting, urged Office and Service heads to garner ideas from among their staffs, and he has asked field line managers to submit ideas generated by all employees. Reports will be sent to the President beginning Sept. 1.

VEEP CONGRATULATES FAA. Vice President Humphrey congratulated the Agency in a recent letter for its wholehearted support of the President's Youth Opportunity Campaign and included a Certificate of Appreciation. Regions, centers and Washington headquarters are commended for their cooperation and efforts which made the program a success. As of June 30, the Agency had hired 650 young people.

LOCAL WAGE RATE SURVEY. The Army-Air Force Wage Board has just announced its annual wage rate survey for the Oklahoma City area. This partial or wage change survey will be based on data available from the Labor Department and that collected by the local (Tinker) Air Force Board. Final determination as to results of the survey will likely be made in October. Any rate changes which may occur will apply to FAA Wage Board employees.

NEEDED DOUGH MAY RISE BY FALL. The House Civil Service Subcommittee on Pay has approved a 4.5 per cent pay raise for Federal classified employees effective the first pay day after Oct. 1. The bill provides that the increase will be the first of a two-stage raise, the second of which would occur Oct. 1, 1966. The second raise would be in the amount needed to eliminate by one-half the comparability lag that existed as of February-March, 1965, between the particular pay grade and comparable industry pay. In addition, there would be an increase reflecting the increase in industry pay between February-March, 1965, and February-March, 1966. The subcommittee's bill also provides severance pay for government employees who lose their jobs through no fault of their own; increases employee uniform allowances from \$100 to \$150; extends Federal classified employee's time-and-one-half overtime payments to the first step of grade 10 instead of the present first step of grade 9; provides for appeals procedures for Federal classified employees who are denied their acceptable level of competence in-grade salary increases. The bill now must be approved by the House Civil Service Committee before it goes to the House for action.

DRIVER "ED" SEZ. SAFE driving is a manly art - RECKLESS driving is kid stuff.

SOUTH BECOMES LEGAL EAGLE. Carl South, instructor with the General Operations Branch of the FAA Academy, has been admitted to the practice of law in the State of Oklahoma. South began his study of law in Oklahoma City in 1961. The high point for South, who began his flying career in 1934 with a solo in an old Waco biplane with an OX-5 engine, was the morning of August 3, 1965 when he took part in induction ceremonies at the State Supreme Court in Oklahoma City. Carl received his Bachelor of Laws Degree at Oklahoma City University May 23, 1965. Now he's a flying pilot-lawyer.

CROSSFEED INITIATED FOR CIVIL RIGHTS PROGRAM. So that government agencies in the same area can be better informed of each other's activities in dealing with similar problems under the civil rights program, weekly reports of civil rights activities will be made to the President's Council on Equal Opportunity. Agency segments will make feeder reports through Compliance and Security channels. Details are in Agency order 1000.10.

RETURNEES GET RIGHT TO CHOOSE. A forthcoming revision to OA 3330.6 will make it clear that any offer of a permanent position, regardless of grade or location, which is acceptable to an overseas returnee or Academy instructor as an alternative to a temporary position, will satisfy the restoration obligations of the re-employment rights directive. The change does not modify an employee's rights of return to a particular employing jurisdiction at a particular grade level. Nor does it relieve any employing jurisdiction of its obligation. If an alternate position is located in another employing jurisdiction, the location must be acceptable to the employee. If a demotion or reduction in rank is involved, the action must be voluntary and requested by the employee. The revision, however, does not permit voluntary personnel actions which are contrary to the mandatory rotation requirement prescribed in OA 3330.6.

COMPUTER PROGRAMMING CONTRACT AWARDED. FAA awarded a \$1.7 million contract to IBM last week for programming the first two semi-automatic air traffic control systems, one to be located at NAFEC and the other at the first field site at Jacksonville ARTCC. Under the contract, IBM programmers will prepare the newly purchased computers for taking over many of the routing, non-control functions of the ATC system now performed manually by controllers. Field evaluations of computer-driven radar air traffic displays, also part of the new system, are currently in progress at the Atlanta Tower.

TWO WAY STRETCH. A new Agency exhibit showing how an aircraft must be able to withstand the highest loads expected in flight is now on display in Washington headquarters lobby exhibit room. A descriptive tape explains that the stress test shown, and other safety tests, actually begin with the manufacturers. It goes on to describe the FAA role in setting standards for American civil aircraft construction, maintenance and operation. Brainchild of Flight Standards Service, the complex electrically actuated model was made in the carpenter and electronics shops of Aeronautical Center's Technical Services Division. Next scheduled showings will be at: Illinois State Fair, Springfield, Ill., Aug. 13-22; Indiana State Fair, Indianapolis, Aug. 28- Sept. 7, and the Oklahoma State Fair, Oklahoma City, Sept. 25-Oct. 2.

'COPTERS TO CONTROL GAY BLADE GYRATIONS. Rules covering drinking aboard scheduled air carrier helicopters and measures to prevent intoxicated persons from boarding were proposed last week by the Agency. The carrier would be required to report violations to FAA within five days. The proposal also specified emergency evacuation duties for crewmembers to bring rules governing scheduled helicopter operations in line with rules governing fixed wing operations.

TRUE COURSE AND HEADING OUTLINED FOR FAAERS. A blueprint to assist employees and management in the development of an individual's career planning program has been sent to all Agency supervisors. A handbook, "Career Planning Program," and Agency order 3410.1 outlines the various jobs, where they are, their requirements, what the competition is and how to prepare for them.

FOREIGN PILOTS MAY NOW TALK BACK. The Agency's recommendations to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) last year have resulted in a change to FCC rules that expedites the issuance of Restricted Radio Telephone Operator permits to alien holders of FAA pilot certificates. Foreign pilot applicants had experienced considerable delay in getting the permits because FCC required them to be in the United States lawfully at the time of issue. The amendment okays issuance of FCC permits before arrival in the United States.

NEW REPORTS CATALOG AVAILABLE. The Reporting Systems Management Branch, MS-320, has released the 1965 edition of the Catalog of FAA Recurring Reports (Order 1340.3). The 116-page guidebook tells by what authority, when, on what form, who prepared reports and to whom reports are sent. A major change in this year's catalog has been the addition of the offices receiving reports at the Washington, regional, and field levels. Officials will find the catalog a valuable reference of the kinds of information available in headquarters reports. The catalog has been distributed to all levels of the Agency through normal distribution channels.

PAKISTAN USES FAA DIRECTED STUDY COURSES. FAA Academy has shipped copies of each Directed Study course for use in the recently completed library of the Civil Aviation Department in Pakistan. Nineteen employees in Pakistan civil aviation were enrolled in specific FAA Directed Study courses during the month of June.

DIRECTED STUDY HITS 1000 MARK. The FAA Academy recently mailed Certificate #1000 from the Aeronautical Center to Electronic Technician Rolland G. Turcotte in Aurora, Illinois for being the 1000th Agency employee to complete Directed (home) Study course "Fundamentals of Supervision," DMF-21. This Non-Resident Training course, along with two other management type home study courses administered by the Academy, is available to field personnel under limited enrollment quota allocations.

PROMOTION PLAN ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR AERONAUTICAL CENTER EMPLOYEES ONLY

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<u>ACPP Number</u>	<u>Position Title, Series &amp; Grade</u>	<u>Area of Consideration</u>	<u>Key Number</u>
Position Location:	Office of the Manager, Aero. Center		*
ACPP 1678A	Electrician Lead Foreman, WS-2805-6	Off. of Mgr.	
ACPP 1679C	Supvry. Applications Examiner, GS-963-9	Off of Mgr.	264
Position Location:	FAA Academy		*
ACPP 1680A	Budget Clerk, GS-501-5	FAA Academy	

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USAF Offers Possible Placement Opportunities for Electronic Technicians.

The U.S. Air Force has indicated a willingness to consider FAA Electronic Technicians for present vacancies with Ground Electronic Equipment Installation Agency near Rome, New York. The vacancies are permanent positions at the GS-11 and GS-12 levels with emphasis on installation and maintenance of GEEIA navigational aids. Aeronautical Center employees who are qualified and interested should dispatch completed SF-57's to Mr. Edmund J. Perrett, Civilian Personnel Officer, Griffiss Air Force Base, New York, Attn: ROBPCE. These vacancies were located by the Aeronautical Center Personnel and Training staff in a continuing effort to effect staffing adjustments in Electronic Technician areas. Since placement in these positions would involve transfers across Agency lines, no Personnel Data Summary need accompany completed SF-57's.

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JOINT COMMITTEE REPORTS FY-66 BUDGET. A House-Senate Joint Conference completed action on the Agency's FY-66 budget and filed a report (summarized below) which was approved last week by the House and Senate.

<u>Appropriation (in thousands)</u>	<u>Estimate</u>	<u>House Bill</u>	<u>Senate Bill</u>	<u>Conference</u>
Operations	\$553,500	\$542,600	\$551,471	\$547,039
Facilities and Equipment	51,000	48,800	50,500	49,800
Research and Development	40,000	37,500	37,500	37,500
Operation and Maintenance, DIA	4,720	4,379	4,679	4,528
Operation and Maintenance, WNA	3,730	3,625	3,730	3,677
Construction, DIA	200	180	200	200
Construction, WNA	1,100	1,000	1,100	1,050
<u>Grants-for-Airports</u>	<u>62,500</u>	<u>62,500</u>	<u>75,000</u>	<u>71,000</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$716,750</b>	<b>\$700,584</b>	<b>\$724,180</b>	<b>\$714,794</b>

JET-AGE WEATHER SERVICE PLANNED. A working agreement between FAA and the Weather Bureau which will enhance the effectiveness of both the Weather Bureau's National Meteorological Service System and FAA's National Airspace System was signed last week by Administrator McKee and John T. Connor, Secretary of Commerce. The agreement delineates authority and responsibility in such areas as aviation weather observation, specialized weather forecasting for aviation, weather displays and communications systems, and weather research and development activity.

POINT BARROW HF FACILITY COMPLETED. A major high frequency facility in the North Pacific world air route, Point Barrow, was officially commissioned on July 26 following completion of its remoting to Anchorage. The arctic facility is the first of a number of U. S. Civil air/ground stations planned by FAA which will employ high powered ultra-modern single sideband equipment for routine use on an established international air route. The station has been in operation for several months, but with the completion of remoting, FAA communicators in Anchorage can talk directly with the aircraft as far away as Tokyo. The unique problems associated with the remoting of Point Barrow provided experience which is expected to expedite completion of a similar facility at Cold Bay, the next station scheduled for activation in the program.

PAY RAISE ON ITS WAY. The House Civil Service Committee last week approved the Udall bill by a 20-to-1 vote. The bill calls for an across-the-board 4.5 per cent Federal Class Act employee pay raise next Oct. 1, and a sliding-scale raise, roughly 3 to 8 per cent, on October 1, 1966. (INTERCOM 65-31, Aug. 2).

WHOPPING CRANE IS CERTIFICATED. Sikorsky's helicopter S-64A, dubbed "The Flying Crane" by the Army, was type certificated recently by Eastern Region Director Oscar Bakke in ceremonies at Stratford, Conn. The new chopper does such jobs as towing barges, pulling heavy vehicles from mire and winching up any 17,000 pound load it can straddle.

SINGLE FREQUENCY APPROACH PROVES POPULAR. A program whereby Air Force aircraft can use the same frequency throughout an approach at certain Air Force bases has been so popular that the Air Force has asked FAA to extend single frequency approach service (SFA) to many more bases. FAA has installed the service at 13 Air Force bases and more than 25 additional bases are scheduled for it when funds become available.

ON-THE-JOB ACCIDENTS EYED. A reduction of 30 per cent in on-the-job accidents among Federal employees is the 5-year goal of the Administration. Secretary of Labor W. Willard Wirtz, President Johnson's top adviser on Government safety, stressed the necessity of meeting the President's goal in these words: "It is important in terms of the millions of dollars that can be saved annually, but even more important in terms of the human suffering it will eliminate." All employees at the Center play a vital role in the achievement of this goal. The goal will be met or even exceeded if we think and apply safety to everything we do. This is our challenge.

TROUBLE SHOOTING SESSION SCHEDULED FOR ENGINE TROUBLES. Methods for determining overhaul times for aircraft engines and for predicting life limits for engine parts will be examined in a symposium scheduled at Agency headquarters Nov. 17-18 by Flight Standards Maintenance Division. Names of those who plan to attend, and especially those who would like to present papers, should reach FS-300 no later than Sept. 15. Purpose of the conference is an exchange of ideas on the general subject of propulsion system reliability among such groups as the air carrier industry, engine manufacturers, private operators of large and/or complex aircraft, repair stations, and others with an interest in this subject. Specific areas to be discussed are overhaul time, total life limits for parts, and how such life limits are established, revised and monitored.

FLIGHT SAFETY CONFERENCE SLATED. Organization and conduct of safety education meetings will be discussed with regional flight safety education representatives in Washington Sept. 21-23. The General Aviation National Safety Education Conference will emphasize the widest possible distribution of safety information materials. Details are outlined in Notice 1800.26 (May 17, 1965).

SEE AND BE SEEN. The 1,500-foot KOCO-TV tower in Oklahoma City should be a bit easier to see following installation, in September, of an experimental obstruction lighting system designed by Systems Research and Development Service and built by North American Aviation. The test will run for a year. Designers

and builders of the TV tower are now conducting a structural analysis to make certain the tower will sustain the additional load of about 400 pounds.

FAA IN 21ST CENTURY, SAYS EXPERT. Max Karant, vice-president of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, last week returned to the United States after a two-month flying tour of Europe where he logged more than 8,000 miles and visited 12 countries. He returned with lavish praise for the FAA's well-planned, equipped and staffed airways. "You have to try someone else's system before you can appreciate what we have here in the United States," he said. When he met Allen D. Hulen, Deputy Assistant Administrator, EU, in Brussels after having sampled European airways, Karant said, "I am so pleased to see an FAA official that if you had shaved this morning I would kiss you." Karant's rule-of-thumb estimate of overall use of airspace in Europe places the United States in the 21st century. "In equipment and techniques the FAA is 10 years ahead, and in overall philosophy of airspace use, a century ahead."

AUDIT SCHEDULE SET FOR '66. Audits to be performed during the current fiscal year under the Agency's Directed Internal Audit Program are identified in Agency Notice 2920.2, dated July 23. National and local audits to be performed by each audit staff during '66 are listed and those for '67 are tentatively identified. The FAA Directed Internal Audit Program is established by Order 2920.1 which also describes a uniform approach for its accomplishment.

40-YEAR VETERAN HONORED. To mark C. M. Estep's completion of 40 years in Federal aviation, old friends, including Deputy Administrator Thomas, dropped in on the Chief of IM's Materiel Management Division to reminisce and chide him about his chosen title as the "Old Goat" of the organization. The veteran employee was given a ceramic ash tray decorated with symbols representing all the highlights of his career, "uncovered after extensive research - except for those which had to be covered up again." The tray features a goat's head above Estep's name and reminders of his duty with the Air Mail Service, the Lighthouse Service, the Bureau of Air Commerce (in Newark and Atlanta), and his long service with the Washington office (since 1936 except for a WW II tour with the Navy).

TRAVEL NOW, WORK LATER. The Civil Service Commission again has asked Congress to let Federal agencies pay travel expenses connected with pre-employment interviews for prospective Government employees in shortage-category occupations. An identical proposal submitted last year was not enacted. CSC Chairman John W. Macy Jr. told Congress the requested legislation "would significantly improve the Federal Government's ability to attract able scientists and engineers."

WINDOWS ON THE WORLD. The second in a series of "Windows on the World" cultural displays at Dulles International Airport was unveiled last Friday by Robert P. Boyle, Deputy Assistant Administrator for International Aviation Affairs. The collection includes 12 new foreign embassy cultural exhibits. The first, put on display in April, was viewed by an estimated 100,000 people.

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Position Location: ACPP 1681A	Office of the Manager, Aero. Center Air Conditioning & Heating Equipment Mechanic, WB-5301-10	Off. of Mgr.	220
ACPP 1682C	Digital Computer Systems Operations Supervisor, GS-332-11	Off. of Mgr.	186
Position Location: ACPP 1683B	Aircraft Services Base Supervisory General Aviation Maintenance Specialist, GS-1825-12	ASB	*
ACPP 1676A	Boiler Water Control Worker, WB-5469-9		CANCELLED

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MEET ADMINISTRATOR MCKEE. A 19-minute FAA film, "Change of Command," in which the Administrator presents his views on Government administration and completed staff work and stresses his belief in decentralization, is making its way throughout the Agency. N. E. Halaby, the former Administrator, introduces the new Administrator and reports on FAA accomplishments during the past four years. The film also records a meeting between McKee, Halaby, and six former FAA/CAA Administrators. Showings will be scheduled by regional public affairs officers to afford all employees an opportunity to hear the new Administrator's own views.

YOUTH PROGRAM EFFECTIVE. Preliminary results of interviews conducted with 234 Youth Opportunity Campaign (YOC) employees and 205 of their supervisors shows the program to be a winner. The interviews were made by a personnel evaluation staff in 14 areas within four contiguous regions, two centers, and Washington headquarters. Consensus of supervisors and YOC'ers is they hope the program will be continued.

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER. Aeronautical Center drivers have attained an enviable on-the-job driving record during the past 12 months. Over seven hundred thousand miles have been driven without an on-the-road accident involving Center personnel. Although we are justly proud of this achievement, it goes without saying that we cannot be satisfied. For this should only be the beginning of many more months of accident free driving. If we are to continue to accomplish our mission in the most efficient manner, we cannot become involved in accidents. It is essential that we continue to practice safe driving techniques.

KEY SLOTS FILLED. Harold B. Helstrom has been named special assistant to Associate Administrator for Programs Arvin O. Basnight. He replaces Isaac H. Hoover who is now special assistant to Deputy Administrator David D. Thomas. The new executive officer for Flight Standards Service is Richard P. Scully, formerly with FS's Flight Inspection and Procedures Division. Scully replaces Stanley W. Henceroth, now Eastern Region's Washington, D. C., area manager.

TALENT SCOUT PROGRAM EXPLAINED. Selections under the Agency's Executive Selection and Inventory System (ESIS) will be published monthly in INTERCOM under the provisions of Order 3330.11, July 7. The order establishes an "ESIS Central" in the Career Resources Branch, PT-73, which will be responsible for servicing users of the system, and it explains the background, scope and operation of ESIS. Prospective users of the system will find in the order a complete step-by-step procedure explaining the selection process from the time they fill out a selection request to the submission of evaluation data for final selection of an executive.

U.K. MISSION MEMBER LEAVES. After completing three years of service as a member of the U. K. Mission to the FAA, Thomas J. McWiggan is returning to England to resume his duties with the Ministry of Aviation. While in Washington he also served as Assistant Civil Air Attache (Telecommunications) at the British Embassy. John Fenwick of the U. K. Ministry of Aviation will take over the duties vacated by McWiggan.

FAMOUS FIGHTERS FLY AGAIN. This year's International Transcontinental Air Race will be held Sept. 6 from St. Petersburg, Fla., to Reno, Nev. The race committee has started advance planning with the St. Petersburg GADO and other Agency offices concerned. Last year the committee received 27 applications, with eight actually entering the race. So far, requests have been received from 357 applicants and the committee believes as many as 50 aircraft may enter. The St. Petersburg GADO will aid the committee by checking pilot credentials and aircraft prior to takeoff. Most aircraft will be of World War II vintage -- P-51's, F8F's, P-63's and others.

JAPANESE TO INSPECT OWN NAVAIDS. The flight inspection responsibility for Japanese-owned and operated navigational aids has been transferred by FAA to the Japanese Civil Aviation Agency. FAA has been conducting free inspections of many Japanese navaids since the function was transferred from USAF to the Agency in June 1963. The new agreement is in accordance with the United States policy for FAA to help foreign governments to establish their own flight inspection capability.

COURSES SLATED FOR INDUSTRY. Two one-week National Aviation System (NAS) courses at the FAA Academy, Oklahoma City, have been scheduled for aviation industry representatives the weeks of Sept. 26 and Nov. 14.

SODERLIND GETS AWARD. Captain Paul A. Soderlind, director of flight standards for Northwest Airlines, last week received the Agency's highest honor -- the Award for Extraordinary Service -- for his outstanding research on turbulence and its effect on swept wing jet aircraft. Soderlind received the citation and gold medal from Administrator William F. McKee in ceremonies at Washington headquarters. The Administrator said, "All aviation owes Captain Soderlind a debt of gratitude. His contributions have materially increased the efficiency and safety of high altitude jet operation."

ENCORE. One of the most popular television shows ever to hit the airwaves is due for a repeat (INTERCOM 65-20, May 18). It is the "National Drivers' Test," which will be telecast again on the CBS-TV network Aug. 30. KWTW will carry the test from 10:30 to 11:30 p.m. on that date. In a dramatic part of the test, you are in the driver's seat and faced with a number of potentially serious driving hazards and asked: "How many did you spot"? The time is geared again to a week before another major holiday weekend, Labor Day, to keep you from becoming a post-holiday statistic. The program is presented in support of President Johnson's Mission SAFETY - 70.

AERO CENTER HAS CONGO VISITOR. Special visitor to the Aeronautical Center on August 17 and 18 is Mr. Francisco X. Ollassa, Congo-Brazzaville, Africa. Mr. Ollassa is a representative at Montreal of the Organisation Commune Africaine et Melgache and ICAO Representative for the Congo (Brazzaville). He is in the United States on a two-week, self-financed program to visit FAA facilities and aircraft manufacturers. He comes to Oklahoma City from Washington where he met the Administrator and other FAA and CAB personnel and toured Dulles Airport and the Leesburg Center. While at the Aeronautical Center he will visit the Manager, Aeronautical Center, the FAA Academy, I & M Depot and CARI. The International Liaison Officer has arranged hospitality for him in local homes the two evenings he will spend in Oklahoma City.

FAA EMPLOYEES CAN TALK FREELY. Recent hearings of the Senate Subcommittee on Administrative Practice and Procedure disclosed invasions of privacy by some Government employees through the use of recording or monitoring equipment. FAA employees are reminded that Agency Order OA 1400.1 prohibits the use of recording or monitoring equipment except when used openly in matters involving air safety or under circumstances where prior concurrence of all parties has been obtained.

MEDICAL INFORMATION RULED CONFIDENTIAL. Policy governing the release of information from airman medical records is covered in a new Agency Order 9200.1 (July 27, 1965). Medical data in airman medical files is considered confidential and may not be released except as provided for in the order.

HEALTH PLAN CONTRACTS EXTENDED. Termination date of current contracts with the 38 plans participating in the Federal Employees Health Benefits program has been extended to Dec. 31. The contracts, which went into effect last Nov. 1, would have ended Oct. 31. The change places contracts on a calendar year basis which provides easier administration. The new termination date will extend present benefits and premiums to Dec. 31.

LIGHTNING CAN BE DANGEROUS. Every year a number of persons who are struck down by lightning could have prevented the occurrence through the application of a few simple rules. Here are a few you can pass along to your family that may help avoid personal tragedy. If you are indoors during a severe electrical storm keep away from large metal objects, the fireplace, plumbing fixtures, telephone and television. These items can conduct electricity and lightning into your home. Keep away from doorways and open windows. If you are out of doors seek shelter in a building, if possible, or get into an automobile and roll up the windows. If no shelter is available find a ditch, cave, cliff, or lie flat on the ground. Try not to become the tallest object in the area, for lightning strikes the taller targets. Above all, do not seek shelter under a tall tree, lightning's favorite target.

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ACPP-1685A	Position Classification Specialist, GS-221-11	Off. of Mgr.	*
ACPP-1686C	Conveyances Examiner, GS-963-9	Off. of Mgr.	264
ACPP-1687C	Supervisory Conveyances Examiner, GS-963-9	Off. of Mgr.	264
ACPP-1688C	Supervisory Conveyances Examiner, GS-963-8	Off. of Mgr.	264
ACPP-1689A	Air Conditioning & Heating Equipment Operator Foreman, WS-5401-07	Off. of Mgr.	*
Position Location: ACPP-1690C	Installation & Materiel Depot Inventory Management Assistant, GS-2010-7	Supply Mgmt Div	**
ACPP-1691C	Supervisory Supply Systems Analyst, GS-2003-13	Supply Mgmt Div	**

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Following is a news release on the establishment of the office of Center Director made public Wednesday morning, August 18, 1965.

A plan to improve services to the aviation community by placing the management of the Aeronautical Center in Oklahoma City under a single director has been announced by the Federal Aviation Agency. Major operational activities at the Center that are now under the jurisdiction of a number of different FAA offices in Washington henceforth will report to one man - the Director of the Aeronautical Center. He in turn will be responsible directly to the FAA Administrator in Washington for the operation of all functions at the Center. Technical and policy guidance of the programs will continue to be given by the Washington Office, but day to day supervision will be exercised by the Center Director.

"This more efficient arrangement," Washington Headquarters said, "will become effective October 1, 1965, and will improve the quality and service and afford better use of Center funds and manpower. It is an outgrowth of a comprehensive study of Center management recently completed by the Agency."

Approximately 10 percent of all FAA personnel and 10 percent of the budget are accounted for by Aeronautical Center operations and functions. W. Lloyd Lane, the present manager or administrative head, will become the Director.

Among the FAA activities affected by this reorganization are: The Civil Aeromedical Research Institute, FAA Academy, the Installation and Materiel Depot, the maintenance of FAA aircraft, the flight inspection of navigational aids, the various functions relating to the processing and issuing of airman and medical certificates.

The new arrangement will involve no changes in the function of the various elements at the Center, nor any significant changes in the internal structure of the organizations.

In making the announcement, Mr. Lane stated, "I suggest that we have and will share a very unique opportunity. We are inherently a tight organization because

we are wholly contained in a small geographical area. This yields the opportunity for optimum communications between us, for ready coordination, and for the rapid identification and resolution of problems, and for maximum participation in the operation and discharge of the Aeronautical Center role. It is going to be a distinct privilege and pleasure to close ranks and mold an even more effective Aeronautical Center team."

To repeat a quote from the foregoing news release, "...the arrangement will improve the quality and service and afford better use of Center funds and manpower."

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TOP PERSONNEL CHANGES ANNOUNCED. Two major personnel changes were announced today by FAA Administrator William F. McKee. Gordon Bain has resigned effective September 15, as Deputy Administrator for Supersonic Transport Development for personal reasons, and Major General M. S. White, Federal Air Surgeon, is returning to an Air Force assignment.

Mr. Bain has been in charge of the Supersonic Transport Development Program since 1963 and is returning to private industry. The Administrator said that "the United States owes a great debt of gratitude to Mr. Bain for his untiring efforts and his resignation is accepted with deep regret. He has played a large part in developing the U. S. SST program to the point that it has now reached and his contributions have been most significant."

Brigadier General Jewell C. Maxwell is being assigned to FAA on active duty as director of the SST program. General Maxwell has had extensive experience in large-scale development programs and has held important assignments in both Headquarters USAF and Headquarters Air Force Systems Command. He was Program Director for the B-52 program and is presently commander of the Air Force Western Test Range. He is a native of Cockrum, Mississippi, and holds a Bachelor of Science from the University of Tennessee and a Masters in Aeronautical Engineering from Princeton University.

Major General White has been on active duty as Federal Air Surgeon at FAA since September 1963. The Air Force has requested the FAA to release General White for an important assignment as Command Surgeon Pacific Air Force. The Administrator said that he "appreciated the contributions made to civil aviation medicine by Dr. White, but he recognized the overriding need of the military for his services as a command surgeon at this time."

Dr. Peter Siegel will replace General White as Federal Air Surgeon. Dr. Siegel has been serving as Chief, Aeromedical Certification Division, Office of Aviation Medicine, located in Oklahoma City, since June 1962. He joined the Agency in 1961, having been in private practice prior to that time. He is a graduate of the University of Missouri and received his M.D. from New York University.

CHANGE OF COMMAND FILM TO BE SHOWN. The Change of Command film depicting the handling over of the baton of the Agency from Mr. Halaby to General McKee will be scheduled during Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday next week. Each organizational element will post a schedule for attendance. Ask your supervisor for your schedule next Monday morning.

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY. Drivers across the nation will have another chance to check their driving skills (Intercom 65-33, 8-17). "The National Drivers' Test" will be repeated on the CBS-TV network (channel 9 - KWTW) from 10:30 - 11:30 p.m., August 30. The many Center employees and their families who participated in the first production will have a chance to improve their score. Those who missed the original broadcast will have this chance to participate in the test. A limited number of test answer forms are available at the receptionist's desk, Headquarters Building; Information desk, CARI Building, and Cafeteria Hangar 9. Save your test form. You'll want it when you watch the program on Monday, August 30.

DON'T JUMP THE GUN ON MEDICARE. Employees who are eligible for MEDICARE are reminded that MEDICARE benefits do not start until July 1, 1966. Health insurance programs now in effect should be continued until all the facts on MEDICARE are available.

JOB APPLICANTS MAY GET TRAVEL PAY. The House Government Operations Committee has approved the Administration-supported bill to pay travel costs of job applicants invited by Government department and agencies to visit them for interviews regarding placement in hard-to-fill jobs.

DEMONSTRATION OF FILING AND INFORMATION RETRIEVAL SYSTEMS will be presented by representatives of Acme Visible Records, Inc. The program will last 30 minutes, with 15 minutes devoted to a film showing. The program will be presented every hour, on the hour, from 10:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m., Thursday, September 2, 1965, in Room 119, Academy Headquarters Building.

IT'S TO OUR CREDIT. The FAA is believed to be the first civil Agency to be included in a business arrangement long enjoyed by the Armed Services whereby an automatic credit of  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 1 per cent will be made on damaged or misplaced equipment purchased from the Defense Electronic Supply Center (DESC). With business headed toward \$2 million annually, the fraction of a per cent could amount to a \$10,000 a year saving.

GADGET SAVES AGENCY \$37,500 ANNUALLY. The installation of an electronic print-storage feature on the Washington headquarters IBM 1401 computer reduced its running time by nine minutes an hour. FAA's Cost Reduction Program is crediting a \$37,500 annual savings to the Office of Headquarters Operations.

EXECUTIVE SCHOOL DATES SET. Dates for the four FY '66 Executive School classes have been set. The two-week sessions begin on October 17, January 23, March 6, and May 8. The first school will be at Charlottesville, Va., with the location for the remaining three schools to be announced later. Headquarters, Regions, and Centers have been asked for their nominations. Persons selected should be branch chiefs, GS-14, and higher, with as many participants as possible at the GS-15 level and above. Since its inception in Oct., 1959, 625 FAA personnel have graduated from the Executive School. The School starting on October 17th will be number twenty-three.

McNALLEN JOINS PUBLIC AFFAIRS STAFF. Walter McNallen recently retired M/Sgt. for the USAF has reported for duty as General Information Specialist in the Public Affairs Office. During the past several years, McNallen has been operating the Military Air Transport Service Conference/Briefing room at Scott AFB, Illinois, MATS Headquarters. In the position here, he will be responsible for the Center Director's Conference/Briefing room in addition to other public affairs duties.

THE PRICE IS RIGHT. Bureau of the Budget has prescribed new varying rates, up to 12 cents-a-mile in some cases, to be paid employees using privately-owned autos for permanent change of station travel, biennial leave, or other travel when transportation of household goods is authorized to trainees, or appointees to first permanent duty stations. The new rates which became effective on July 30, 1965, provide mileage rates from a minimum of six cents per mile for an employee only or one member of the immediate family, to a maximum of twelve cents per mile for an employee and three or more members. Complete details are in upcoming change in Handbook MS 1510.1.

ALASKAN SERVICE TO BE IMPROVED. The Alaskan Region plans to increase the number of radio communications outlets from 40 to 106 to extend FAA service over a large portion of Alaskan real estate where general aviation pilots now operate without FAA service. Pilots operating along the Arctic coast between Kotzebue and Point Barrow will be able to communicate with FAA operators at Kotzebue through additional radio outlets to be located along the coast, and those flying the mountain pass areas where no communications capabilities exist at the present time will have the capability of continuous radio contact with FAA operators.

COST SHARING SST CONTRACTS SIGNED. The FAA last week signed 18-month cost-sharing contracts with Boeing, Lockheed, General Electric and Pratt & Whitney to implement the detailed design and test phase of the supersonic transport program recommended to Congress by the President. Each of the firms has conducted SST design work since June 1, 1964. Cost-sharing provision of the contracts continues the basic 25 per cent contractor cost-share in effect since that time. Contract objectives for the 18-month period include completion of airframe detailed designs, engine prototype construction and operation, component development, and extensive testing of both airframe and engine areas.

CARI PERSONNEL ADDRESS FLYING PHYSICIANS. During the August 22-26 meeting of the Flying Physicians Association in Miami Beach, Florida, several members of the CARI staff were scheduled to make presentations to the gathering of medics. Those participating: Dr. Stanley R. Mohler, Director, "Medical Causes of Crashes"; Dr. Paul Smith, Chief, Pharmacology-Biochemistry Laboratory, "Toxic Hazards in Aviation"; Mr. Howard Hasbrook, Chief, Flight Research Operations, "Crash Injury Prevention."

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ACPP Number	Position Title, Series & Grade	Area of Consideration	Key Number
Position Location: ACPP=1684A	Office of the Manager, Aero. Center Personnel Staffing Specialist, GS-212-11	** Center Wide	*
ACPP=1685A	Position Classification Specialist, GS-221-11	** Center Wide	*
Position Location: ACPP=1692A	Office of the Manager, Aero. Center Offset Press Operator, WB=4417-09	Off. of Mgr.	242

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\*\*Area of Consideration amended to read Center Wide in lieu of Off. of Mgr.

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AERONAUTICAL CENTER SELECTIONS MADE FOR AGENCY TRAINING PROGRAM. Congratulations are in order for Clayton O. Thompson, Aircraft Services Base, and Bob A. Smith, Installation and Materiel Depot, who were selected to participate in the second class of the Agency's Administration Management Development Program. In this program they will spend some 49 weeks in intensive formal training in staff and administrative skills, interspersed with on-the-job projects and counseling.

Arthur R. Fillebrown, who was the Chief of ANF Directed Study Branch, PT-975, recently completed the first class of this program and has been selected for a position in the Training Division of the Office of Personnel and Training.

Other selections announced by Washington for the 1965 Administrative Management Development Program are - Western Region: Allan E. Andrews, chief, Lemoore RATCC; James P. Chadwick, supervisor flight inspector; Roe C. Kincannon, Air Carrier Operations inspector. Southwest Region: Coleman J. Archer, electrical engineer, Flight Standards Division. Washington headquarters: Leon C. Daughtery, electronic engineer, SRDS; Donald F. Herndon, aerospace engineer, Flight Standards Service; Lonnie E. Parrish, project leader, En route Systems Planning Group. Alaskan Region: Ralph C. Grossman, chief, Communication and Radar Installation Unit; Robert A. McEwing, acting chief, Field Program Office; Elmer I. Williams, area manager, Cold Bay. Central Region: Phillip E. Jemison, maintenance liaison officer, Great Falls ARTCC; William J. McGill, assistant chief, Airports Division. NAFEC: Robert E. Jones, supervisory system analyst; Philip A. Palmer, chief, Systems Maintenance Sector. Eastern Region: William C. Keepers, watch supervisor, JFK Tower; Robert S. Pinnock, watch supervisor, Norfolk Tower; Robert E. Swanson, ATCS supervisor, Atlantic City. Pacific Region: John Wichels Jr., supervisor electronics engineer.

COMPLIANCE AND SECURITY DEPUTY APPOINTED. James V. Nielsen, former head of Compliance and Security, Western Region, has been named Deputy Director of Compliance and Security in Washington headquarters. Nielsen has been with the Western Region since September 1960. Prior to that time he was with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington.

WEATHER TAPE DOES DOUBLE DUTY. Transcribed weather broadcasts, which are beamed over the airways for airborne pilots, can now be heard prior to take-off by pilots in the Washington National FSS briefing room. The innovation leaves station personnel free for other types of pre-flight advisories. It also earned an FAA cash award and certificate for Gene E. Smith, chief of the WNA Flight Service Station, who thought of the idea.

THE DIFFICULT WE DO IMMEDIATELY, THE IMPOSSIBLE... Washington National Airport's staff of 99 air traffic controllers has been cited for the way it handled traffic at WNA when the main north-south runway was shut down for rehabilitation. The citation presented by the Eastern Region and accompanied by a plaque tells the story: "We point with pride to all Washington tower personnel in recognition of both individual initiative and group effort which resulted in outstanding service to the aviation public during a period of airport construction from May 1 to July 27, 1964, which seriously handicapped air traffic service. While a 50 per cent reduction in airport traffic was anticipated, it was found that airport traffic volume actually exceeded that handled under normal conditions." During this period, the Washington tower handled 75,181 take-offs and landings. All hands also received cash awards.

NEW CHOPPER STANDARDS OUT. A revised edition of "Flight Test Guide == Helicopter, Private and Commercial Pilot (AC 61-25)" is now available from the Government Printing Office for 15 cents. Because of revisions in FAR Part 61, the new edition will be useful to applicants preparing for certification flight tests.

TRAINING AGREEMENTS SPELLED OUT. Employees who accept non-Government training will under certain conditions, be required to sign agreements to continue in service with the Agency for specified periods. This includes any non-Government training paid for by the Agency in excess of 80 hours or two work weeks, and any training costs in excess of \$1,000 regardless of course length. In general, the training agreement requires continued service equal to at least three times the length of the period of training. In the case of expensive training, the new rule calls for 24 calendar weeks or three times the length of training, whichever is the greater. Your office copy of Order 3000.1 contains full details.

PROGRESS REPORT. A continuing drive by Systems Research and Development Service and Air Traffic Service to streamline and dovetail their collective activities for ATC system improvements got another boost recently when top ATS officials visited NAFEC. Major programs discussed included scan conversion display modifications, improved TRACON console designs, layout lighting, acoustics and a new TV bright display for local control in tower cabs.

AGENCY HONORS MEDICAL EXAMINER. The Agency's Certificate of Commendation for outstanding service in the field of aviation accident investigation was awarded last week to Dr. Robert F. Lash, an FAA aviation medical examiner at Knoxville, Tenn. Dr. Lash received the award in Miami from the newly designated Federal Air Surgeon, Dr. Peter N. Siegel, at the annual meeting of the Flying Physicians of American. The citation commended Dr. Lash for his "... resourcefulness and diligence in eliciting important medical information on the human aspects of aircraft accidents, thereby rendering a significant service to the entire aviation community and the American public."

PAT ON THE BACK FROM AES. The Airways Engineering Society (AES), in a letter to the Administrator, stated: "The AES in its National Convention of 1965 wishes to express its appreciation to the Administrator of the FAA and his staff, for his bold and far-reaching support of professional societies such as the AES. The AES pledges its continuing support of the Administrator and his goals for the Agency."

GA PUBLICATION ANNOUNCED. The annual edition of the General Aviation Inspection Aids Summary, a concise compilation of reported aircraft and aircraft component defects, is now available. The 78 page booklet is divided into three sections: (1) specific models of aircraft, engines, propellers and accessories; (2) maintenance notes, which contain general information that in some instances may be applicable to more than one specific aircraft and aeronautical product; (3) accident investigation detections, which present actual incidents reflecting mechanical problems encountered in aircraft operations. Price of the publication, including twelve monthly supplements, is \$1.50, available from Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402.

FAA's 'WAR ON WASTE' ESCALATES. Employee Suggestion Program forms will now serve as vehicles for reporting cost reduction ideas. Non-supervisory FAAers are urged to participate in the Agency's Cost Reduction Program through the suggestion program and thus make money by saving money.

COST-OF-LIVING CUT SHELVED. The House's Federal pay subcommittee has shelved for this year the Administration's plan to abolish cost-of-living allowances (COLA) for Federal Employees in Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Hawaii and Alaska.

NEW \$3,000 SCHOLARSHIP OFFERED. Dean Daniel Gutman, New York Law School, announced a new scholarship program -- the Jerry Finkelstein Scholarship Award -- to be presented annually to a civil service employee engaged in legal or law enforcement work or to a son or daughter of the employee. The \$3,000 award will be made for studies leading to a law degree. Nominees will be selected by an Awards Committee. Instructions for application will be published in INTERCOM at a later date.

ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS. Two visiting Greek Air Ministry officials experienced at first hand the efficiency of FAA air traffic controllers. E. Miaoulis, Director of Air Traffic Control and Communications, and A. Mavriginnis, electronics specialist (radar), had just departed Bedford, Mass., aboard an FAA plane piloted by Neal A. Blake, SRDS, after a visit to Raytheon's Boston plant. Miaoulis was suddenly stricken internally. Fearing a heart attack, Blake requested return clearance through Boston Center and Logan Airport Approach Control. He was expertly handled through peak hour traffic in the Boston area and given priority to land at Logan. A waiting ambulance, alerted by the tower, sped Miaoulis to Massachusetts General Hospital where his condition was diagnosed as a gastro-intestinal disturbance. He is recovering.

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ACPP-1693C	Digital Computer Programer, GS-331-11	Off. of Mgr.	165
ACPP-1694C	Conveyances Examiner, GS-963-4	Off. of Mgr.	264
ACPP-1695A	Air Conditioning & Heating Equipment Mechanic Lead Foreman, WS-5301-06	Off. of Mgr.	220
ACPP-1696A	Carpenter Lead Foreman, WS-4607-05	Off. of Mgr.	*
Position Location: Installation & Materiel Depot			
ACPP-1697C	Supply Systems Analyst, GS-2003-09	Supply Mgmt Div	**
ACPP-1698C	Cabinetmaker Foreman, WS-4605-07	Equipment Services Div.	202

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