



ATTACHMENT 40

AIRWORTHINESS GROUP CHAIRMAN'S FACTUAL REPORT

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BRIEFING PAPER
LOCKHEED C-130A CERTIFICATION AND MAINTENANCE
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The National Field Programs Branch, AFS-510, has commenced work on action item number four discussed in the Department of the Interior (DOI)/Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) meeting on January 14. Item number four tasks Flight Standards to issue a bulletin to FAA Field Offices on approval of C-130A inspection programs to ensure that the minimum of "core" items of the Programmed Depot Maintenance (PDM) are incorporated.

Mr. Ed Freeman has been assigned the project of preparing the bulletin to the FAA Field Offices. He needs the PDM "core" inspection material as soon as possible, whether this is supplied by the USAF directly or via FAA Engineering, AIR-100. A draft bulletin, prepared by AFS-510, will be routed for coordination when completed.

An informal inquiry was made to the Airworthiness Law Branch, AGC-210, on February 3, regarding the mandatory incorporation of the "core" inspections in the operator's existing FAA approved inspection program. The Field Programs Branch, AFS-510, has reviewed the applicable Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) 21, 43, and 91 and find they support the incorporation of these airworthiness inspections. The FAA General Counsel's review of the bulletin will be requested prior to its release to the FAA field inspectors.

An issue which must still be addressed is how the FAA will be informed of future revisions or changes to the "core" inspection items. The U.S. Air Force has indicated that the "core" list is dynamic and subject to change.

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