

**NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD**

Office of Aviation Safety  
Washington, D.C. 20594

**Attachment 22 - DOD Letter**

**OPERATIONAL FACTORS**

**DCA11MA075**

## **A. ACCIDENT**

**Operator:** Omega Aerial Refueling Services, Inc.  
**Location:** Point Mugu Naval Air Station, California  
**Date:** May 18, 2011  
**Airplane:** Boeing 707-321B, Registration Number: N707AR

## **B. NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD (NTSB) OPERATIONS GROUP**

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## **C. SUMMARY**

On May 18, 2011, at approximately 1727 pm local time (0027 UTC), Omega Air flight 70, a Boeing 707-321B (N707AR), crashed on takeoff at the Point Mugu Naval Air Station<sup>1</sup>, Point Mugu, California. The airplane impacted beyond the departure end of runway 21 and was destroyed by post-impact fire. All three flight crewmembers aboard escaped with minor injuries.

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<sup>1</sup> Naval Base Ventura County.

**D. DOD LETTER**



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
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IN REPLY REFER TO

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Ser PMA207/307  
22 July 2010

From: Tactical Airlift, Adversary and Support Aircraft Program Office (PMA207)  
To: Ian Weston  
Enforcement & Chief Security Adviser  
UK CAA

Subj: OPERATION OF OMEGA IN-FLIGHT REFUELING SERVICES

1. Omega Air Refueling Services, Inc. has asked for my assistance to clarify the status of Omega Tankers in the United States Navy service. Omega tankers N707AR, N707MQ, and N974VV are under contract to the U.S. Navy to provide in-flight refueling services through the Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIRSYSTEMS COMMAND). The aircraft are "Public Use Aircraft" under Title 49 of the United States Code, Section 401c02, and A37 while operating under the terms of the NAVAIR contract. Authority to operate these aircraft is controlled through a PMA 207 contract. Tasking Orders for Omega Tankers are issued via NAVAIR Contracts and PMA 207 Program Office. The Omega tankers are frequently issued Tasking Orders to deploy in support of our allies, and regularly deploy in support of the Royal Australian Air Force and have supported the Royal Air Force under a similar US Navy Tasking Order.

2. When deployed on a Tasking Order Omega Tankers operate under U.S. Navy command in the same way as any other U.S. Navy aircraft.

I hope that I have added some clarity to the manner in which Omega Tankers operate in the "Public Use" in support of the US Navy contract. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Theresa Boswell at [REDACTED]

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D. J. DAWSON  
By direction