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From:

Tactical Airlift, Adversary and Support Aircraft Program

Office (PMA-207)

To:

Federal Aviation Administration

Attn: Mr. Melvin O. Cintron

Subj:

OMEGA AIRCRAFT N707AR

Ref:

(a) FAA letter dtd 15 AUG 2011

(b) PMA-207 letter ser282 dtd 21 JUL 2011

- 1. In response to ref (a), Omega aircraft N707AR was under contract to the US Navy to provide in-flight refueling services when the incident occurred.
- 2. As stated in ref (b) letter, when operating under our contract, Omega flights are considered "public use".
- 3. Questions regarding this correspondence can be directed to Mr. Steve Doragh, PMA-207, at (301) 757-8735 or via e-mail at stephen.doraghl@navy.mil.

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Ser PMA-207/282 21 Jul 2011

From: Tactical Airlift, Adversary and Support Aircraft Program

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To: FAA

Attn: Mr. Nick Scarpinato

Washington FSDO

13873 Park Center Road Herndon, VA 20171

Subj: OPERATION OF OMEGA IN-FLIGHT REFUELING SERVICES

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 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 401 02, 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.

3. 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 Stephen Doragh at (301)757-8735.

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IN REPLY REFER TO

4920 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

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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 (301)757-8485.

> D. J. DAWSON By direction