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Mr. Samuel D. Woolsey
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Dear Mr. Woolsey:

I am enclosing a copy of our study entitled "The Influence of Total Flight Time, Recent Flight Time and Age on Pilot Accident Rates" for your use. It should be noted that our study is unofficial because it was never formally published by the Federal Aviation Administration, (FAA) or the Office of the Assistant Administrator for Aviation Safety.

Under my management and technical direction, the analysts with Aviation Safety and contractor employees of Acumenics Research and Technology, Inc., supported Operations Research Branch in the development of the concepts and information relating accident rates and pilot experience. We have not formally accepted this study as a final product because there are major data deficiencies. Other problems with the study have been discussed by experts in the aviation field as well as within my office. In 1983, we terminated further research on this topic.

Your use of this study to support any position may be questionable at best. If I could be of further assistance, I can be reached at 202 267-7227.

Sincerely,

Kenneth M. Chin
Executive Officer,
Office of the Assistant Administrator
for Aviation Safety

Enclosures