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SAFETY RECOMMENDATION(S)

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The National Transportation Safety Board is investigating the midair collision between an Aero Commander 6T and a F-111A on November 12, 1974, within military aerial refueling track AR-316. The Safety Board believes that AR-316 is described incorrectly in the Airman's Information Manual, Part 4, dated October 1974.

The Airman's Information Manual describes AR-316, in part, as: "track beginning--MLF 1/ 197/100 and track ending--MLF 235/32." There is no diagram of AR-316 included in the Airman's Information Manual.

The Department of Defense (DOD) flight information publication, Military Training Routes, Section II A, dated October 10, 1974, indicates that AR-316 begins MLF VORTAC 125/100 and ends at MLF VORTAC 163/32. This publication provides a diagram of AR-316.

AR-316 overlaps portions of airspace controlled by the Los Angeles Air Route Traffic Control Center and the Salt Lake City Air Route Traffic Control Center. Air traffic control at both centers is based on the location of AR-316 as described in the DOD publication, which is not available to civilian pilots.

1/ Milford, Utah, VORTAC.

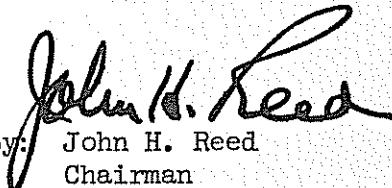
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On the basis of the above findings, the National Transportation Safety Board recommends that the Federal Aviation Administration:

1. Review the locations of all military aerial refueling tracks and verify their accuracy as described in the Airman's Information Manual, Part 4.
2. Include a diagram of the aerial refueling tracks in the Airman's Information Manual.
3. Broadcast appropriate alerting information periodically on the VOR voice frequency, when operations are being conducted within military aerial refueling tracks.

REED, Chairman, McADAMS, BURGESS, and HALEY, Members of the Board, concurred in the above recommendations. THAYER, Member, did not participate.

  
By: John H. Reed  
Chairman

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cc: Hon. James R. Schlesinger