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SAFETY RECOMMENDATION(S)

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Testimony introduced at the public hearing concerning the accident involving Trans World Airlines (TWA) Flight 514 at Berryville, Virginia, on December 1, 1974, indicated that diversified data included in Part 1 of the Airman's Information Manual originate from various services of the Federal Aviation Administration, such as Flight Standards Service and Air Traffic Service. However, there is no single control function within the agency to assure the echnical accuracy of data included in the manual.

Since the Airman's Information Manual is a primary source of aeronautical information concerning the National Airspace System, we believe that final editorial review and authority for the publication of the Airman's Information Manual should rest in a specified jurisdiction within the FAA. The designated authority should assure that the contents of the manual are and remain consistent with relevant regulatory and procedural documents.

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

> Designate a specific authority to have final responsibility, both editorially and technically, for the content of the Airman's Information Manual. (Class III).

REED, Chairman, McADAMS, THAYER, BURGESS, and HALEY, Members, concurred in the above recommendation.

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