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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Honorable Alexander P. Butterfield
Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
Washington, D. C. 20591

SAFETY RECOMMENDATION(S)

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As a result of an accident which occurred at the Cross City Airport on June 26, 1973, the National Transportation Safety Board became aware of certain conditions at the airport which we feel merit your attention.

Discussions with the airport manager confirmed that the low intensity runway lights at the airport are installed about 100 feet from the edge of the runway which is a considerably greater distance than is the normal practice. In addition, the area between the runway and the lights has been leased and cultivated.

Although the Federal Aviation Administration does not have direct authority to regulate the installation of low intensity runway lights at such airports, we believe that action should be taken to make pilots aware of the unusual installation at Cross City Airport.

The Safety Board recommends that the FAA initiate consultations with the Dixie County Commissioners with a view to:

- (1.) Placing a permanent notice in the Airman's Information Manual to caution pilots about the placement of the runway lights at Cross City Airport.
- (2.) Warning all pilots who transit the Cross City Airport that the area adjacent to the runway has been cultivated and is unsuitable for takeoffs and landings.

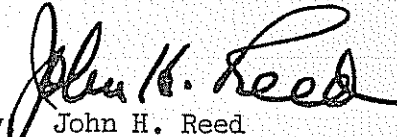
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(3.) Terminating cultivation in the vicinity of the runways.

We would be pleased to learn of any action you may take concerning this matter.

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


By John H. Reed
Chairman

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