

STATEMENT OF EDWIN S. HARRIS, JR., ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR FOR DEVELOPMENT AND LOGISTICS, FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION, SUBCOMMITTEE ON AVIATION, CONCERNING THE NATIONAL AIRSPACE SYSTEM PLAN, MARCH 5, 1987

MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE:

I AM EDWIN HARRIS, ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR FOR DEVELOPMENT AND LOGISTICS. I HAVE ONLY RECENTLY BEEN ASSIGNED TO WASHINGTON, AND THIS IS MY FIRST APPEARANCE BEFORE THIS SUBCOMMITTEE. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE CHAIRMAN FOR ALLOWING ME TO BE HERE TODAY. WITH ME ARE MARTIN POZESKY, THE RECENTLY DESIGNATED ACTING DEPUTY ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR FOR NAS PROGRAMS, AND LELAND PAGE, DIRECTOR OF THE ADVANCED AUTOMATION PROGRAM OFFICE.

LAST SPRING, THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE FAA ASKED FOR AND RECEIVED A CRITICAL REVIEW OF THE NATIONAL AIRSPACE SYSTEM PLAN. THE STUDY WAS CONDUCTED BY A GROUP OF SEVEN PEOPLE FROM THE FAA AND THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY WHO WERE NOT INVOLVED IN THE DAILY MANAGEMENT OF THE PLAN. THIS STUDY PROVIDED A SOUND BASIS FOR SOME MID-COURSE ADJUSTMENTS IN THE PLAN. THE STUDY GROUP INCLUDED IN ITS FINDINGS THE RECOMMENDATION THAT THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION ADDRESS ITS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM TO CLEARLY IDENTIFY AND ENFORCE THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND AUTHORITY OF THE NAS PROGRAM DIRECTOR AND ASSURE THAT THE NAS PROGRAM DIRECTOR IS NOT BURDENED WITH OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES.

MR. POZESKY WAS SUBSEQUENTLY DESIGNATED THE ACTING DEPUTY ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR FOR NAS PROGRAMS, WITH DUTIES EXCLUSIVELY RELATED TO THE NAS PLAN. ALTHOUGH MR. POZESKY REPORTS DIRECTLY TO ME, HE ALSO HAS DIRECT ACCESS TO ADMINISTRATOR ENGEN AS WELL. HIS CHARTER MORE CLEARLY FOCUSES THE MANAGERIAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR NAS PLAN COST, SCHEDULE, AND PERFORMANCE. I BELIEVE HIS DESIGNATION TO THIS POSITION WILL ESTABLISH GREATER DISCIPLINE IN EACH NAS PLAN PROGRAM AND EMPHASIZE OUR NAS IMPLEMENTATION RESPONSIBILITIES.

MR. POZESKY HAS A PREPARED STATEMENT WHICH HE WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT AT THIS TIME. FOLLOWING HIS STATEMENT, WE WILL BE PLEASED TO RESPOND TO ANY QUESTIONS WHICH THE SUBCOMMITTEE MAY HAVE.