

STATEMENT OF ANTHONY J. BRODERICK, ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR FOR AVIATION STANDARDS, FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY, SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, AVIATION, AND MATERIALS, CONCERNING THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION'S RESEARCH FACILITIES AT THE CIVIL AEROMEDICAL INSTITUTE, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA. DECEMBER 7, 1987.

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Subcommittee:

I am Anthony J. Broderick, FAA's Associate Administrator for Aviation Standards. I oversee the FAA's flight standards, airworthiness, civil aviation security, and aeromedical programs. With me today are Dr. Robert McMeekin, the agency's Federal Air Surgeon, and Dr. Bill Collins, the Acting Manager of CAMI. We are pleased to be here today to discuss with you the role of CAMI in the FAA and some of the steps Dr. McMeekin envisions taking to achieve further improvements at CAMI.

CAMI is an important facility within the FAA. It is the agency's organization responsible for the medical certification of more than 700,000 airmen, and, of particular interest today, for the conduct of our aeromedical research programs. Furthermore, CAMI personnel have long provided support to the National Transportation Safety Board in the medical aspects of aircraft accidents. There are many outstanding, dedicated employees at CAMI who have contributed significantly to the furtherance of aviation safety both in the United States and internationally.

I know the Subcommittee is concerned about CAMI's ability to fully meet the important responsibilities placed upon it, and I understand the nature of that concern. CAMI is a relatively new "member" of the Aviation Standards family, having been organizationally assigned to the Office of Aviation Medicine, now headed by Dr. McMeekin, about two years ago. We believe this organizational realignment has served to better integrate CAMI functions more directly into the mainstream of the agency's safety, regulatory, and medical programs, although it is clear that more remains to be done both to ensure that CAMI is receiving the appropriate amount of resources to do the job we expect of it and to ensure that we are appropriately utilizing its capabilities to the fullest.

Dr. McMeekin has only recently come to the FAA as its Federal Air Surgeon. Immediately prior to this assignment he has served as Director of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology and as a counselor to the Under Secretary of Health and Human Services. He brings to the FAA a strong scientific background and a commitment, which I share, to make CAMI as strong a scientific organization as we can.

We will be working to revitalize those elements in CAMI which need attention, and to strengthen its management. I noted earlier that we have been working to better integrate it with our safety,

regulatory, and medical programs. We will continue to stress that within the agency.

I would like to turn now to Dr. McMeekin who will present a brief statement concerning his perceptions of CAMI and steps he intends to take to bolster our programs here. Following his presentation, we would be pleased to respond to any questions the Members of the Subcommittee may have.