For the interested student and researcher of civil aviation it is highly recommended to review the files of the Civil Aeronautics Board located in both the Library of Congress, Jefferson, Madison and Adams buildings as well as Archives II, College Park, Maryland, Record Group 197 and Record Group 237. I would also recommend reviewing the Library of Congress database for the Civil Aeronautics Board and for this study the following were the most helpful and relevant. See the following:

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197.3.6, Records of the Bureau of Air Operations
197.3.7, Records of the Bureau of Economics
197.3.8, Records of the Office of Enforcement
197.3.9, Records of the Bureau of International Affairs
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