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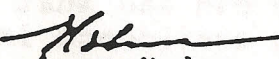
MEMORANDUM FOR THE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SUPERVISORS OF
THE HONOLULU AIR ROUTE TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTER

Your mailgram of August 18 has been received. I deeply regret you are so much out of the mainstream of American populace thought. We are not a welfare organization; we are a professional technical organization, with serious responsibilities that require us all to take an oath. By tape message, by notice on the bulletin board, by personal letter to everyone's home, by direct statement from FAA negotiators to the union, these people were clearly and unmistakably advised of the future consequences. I am severely disappointed that your primary concern is to return the air traffic control system to normal and to keep the controllers who quit while breaking the law. I would have hoped your primary concern would have been the safe and efficient use of the Nation's airways and dedication to the principles this country and the President believe in--respect for the law. My decision is final, and we no longer consider any options in our planning for the future. Those who broke the law will not return.

Incidentally, of all the letters, wires, and phone calls from our controllers all across the country, you are the only individuals who asked that they be allowed to return. Every single other FAA employee who has contacted me vehemently opposes their return.

The issue is closed. Let's get on with our jobs and do the work we are paid for.

Very truly yours,


J. Lynn Helms
Administrator

cc: Bob Ziegler