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RESTRICTED AREA III USAGE STATUS, DOCKET NO. 50-346

Telephoned checks were made with the Air Force at Lockbourne AFB, Columbus, Ohio, and the Naval Air Station, Selfridge AFB, Mt. Clemens, Michigan on October 8, 1970 and October 22, 1970 respectively to verify current status regarding their use of Restricted Area III on Lake Erie (FAA Designation R5505) by military aircraft. A status summary is noted below:

- U.S. Air Force, 415th Special Operations Training Squadron, Lockbourne AFB, Columbus, Ohio. (614) 492-4428
 Person Contacted: Lt. Col. Herritt, Operations Officer
 Aircraft Used by Type: AC-119G - Twin Engine, Prop.
 AC-119K - Twin Engine, prop. + 2 jets
 AC-130A - 4 Engine, Turbo, prop.
 Frequency of Exercise: Authorized Flights Wednesday through Sunday;
 5 days per week; 2 hrs/day average flight time
 Aircraft by Type for Each Exercise: 1 type only used for each day's training flight activity.
 Flight Pattern: Lt. Col. Herritt indicated willingness to keep aircraft flight paths at least 10 miles from plant after the start of plant operation.
- Naval Air Station, Selfridge AFB, Mt. Clemens, Michigan (313) 465-1241 X 5164
 Person Contacted: Commander Egeland, Executive Officer

Cmdr. Egeland indicated that the Naval Air Station no longer uses targets within Area III. Their last exercise was in the summer of 1970. As previously noted, the Navy now conducts target operations in northern Michigan.

In view of the above, the Naval Air Station has a request pending with FAA to relieve the Navy of their responsibility as an enforcing agency for Area III, transferring that responsibility to the using Air Force organization.

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