PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT

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EPA GETS AUTHORITY TO REGULATE NOISE UNDER BILL SIGNED BY PRESIDENT NIXON

A bill authorizing the Environmental Protection Agency to study the health effects of noise, set standards for noise emission from products and cooperate in the setting of aircraft noise standards, was signed by President Nixon on October 28.

The bill (H.R. 11021) passed the Congress on October 18 (Current Report, October 26, p. 563).

The EPA Administrator will coordinate federal agency programs related to noise research and control. The Administrator also may request noise standards of any federal agency be reviewed and he will compile and publish reports on the status and progress of federal efforts to control noise.

The law authorizes the Administrator to provide technical assistance on noise control and measurements to state and local governments. Information on the effects of noise, its measurement and control, will be disseminated to the public.

Enactment Schedule

Within nine months of the date of enactment, the EPA is required to develop noise criteria that reflect scientific knowledge most useful in identifying the effect of noise at different quantities and qualities.

One year after enactment, the EPA is required to publish information detailing the limits of noise exposure necessary to protect human health and welfare and provide an adequate margin for safety. Some 18 months after enactment, the EPA is ordered to publish at least one report identifying major sources of noise including information on control techniques, available technical data, costs, and alternatives.

Authorized funding to carry out the bill's provisions is set at $3,000,000 for fiscal 1973 and $6,000,000 and $12,000,000 for fiscal years 1974 and 1975 respectively.

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