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RECOMMENDATION - AIRPORT MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT SERVICE

This committee has been advised that it was deemed necessary during the preparation of the GAA budget for the fiscal year 1953, to make certain reductions in the name of economy and to suspend any operations which were not considered necessary for National Defense.

It appears that when the decision was made to suspend the Airport Management Consultant service as not being in the interest of National Defense, sufficient consideration was not given to the actual importance of the particular services rendered to General Aviation.

Those associated with General Aviation, more especially at the smaller type airports, Class III and below, realize the importance of the help and advice which is constantly being rendered by the Management Consultant Service in assisting airport management in ways and means of overcoming deficiencies which retard airport development and the perpetuation of airports. It is pointed out that the perpetuation of airports is just as important as their development. It is again pointed out that the Military has definitely placed an important defense value on General Aviation. ~~( )~~ As the Military use of civil airports increases and additional General Aviation activities are required to relocate at smaller, less busy airports, the importance of proper advice to owners and operators of these smaller fields becomes increasingly critical to the overall national defense effort.

In view of these facts, it is urgently recommended that the Administrator reconsider his decision to suspend the extremely important function of Management Consultant Service during the fiscal year 1953 and that he use every effort to make whatever arrangements may be necessary to prevent the interruption of this important service to General Aviation so that the highly trained personnel now available for this service will not be forever lost. It is the feeling of this committee that this service should be increased rather than suspended.