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To the Directors:

This is to bring you up to date on the emergency landing of our Convair at Memphis, Tennessee on June 22, 1949.

The airplane took off from Memphis with forty passengers, one infant and a regular crew of three. When at an altitude of from 10' - 50' the right engine backfired and automatically feathered. The Captain managed to clear high tension wires on the highway, landed in a small clearing and slid to a stop within approximately 100 yards. The aircraft was damaged by impact with the highway embankment.

As of June 24th fourteen passengers including Captain Hatch were still hospitalized. Two passengers were to be released the following day and the remainder to be hospitalized for one to eight weeks. One elderly passenger was on the critical list.

Empennage, cockpit proper, wing panels and removable radio and auxiliary equipment can be salvaged; fuselage center section and engine nacelles are beyond repair.

Engines were shipped to Tulsa for run-up and tear-down inspection under supervision of CAB Safety Bureau. Cause of power loss on right engine will be determined this week. Public hearing will be held by the CAB in Memphis.

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