The Congress shall have Power So...
provide for the common Defence

Article 1
Section 8.

NATIONAL AVIATION POLICY

REPORT
OF THE
CONGRESSIONAL AVIATION POLICY BOARD

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

More Than Weapons . . .

"National Air Power is . . . Materials, Organization,
Transport Fleets . . . a Strong, Stable and Modern Civil
Aviation Component is Essential to Air Power for
National Security."

P.4 National Aviation Policy

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"TO DEFEND OURSELVES ... WE MUST HAVE AIR POWER"

"... Immediate action is necessary to preserve the strength we now possess."

CONGRESS' AVIATION POLICY BOARD PRESENTS TWO ALTERNATIVES

PLAN A
"to mount an effective ... successful air offensive against a major enemy."

35,000 PLANE* AIR FORCE
111,000,000 LBS. OF NEW PLANES EACH YEAR

*With Full Reserve Complements.

PLAN B
"the strength necessary to prevent the loss of a war upon outset of hostilities."

24,200 PLANE* AIR FORCE
63,000,000 LBS. OF NEW PLANES EACH YEAR

*Without Reserve Complements

HOW PLANS A & B COMPARE WITH PRESENT SITUATION

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"The military air power of the United States should be maintained at such effectiveness as to be able under all circumstances to control the air spaces of the United States, its possessions, Territories, bases, and occupied lands wheresoever, and be able to retaliate in greater degree for any attacks launched by air, or otherwise, against the peace and security of the United States or those free allied governments with which it is joined for mutual defense."

"A Federal airways system ... under a single civil head to facilitate integration ... with military ..."

"There should be established a joint task group ... to withstand an initial attack directed at the United States ..."

"A competent aircraft warning network should be established ..."

"The primary military objective of modern warfare is no longer the armed forces of the enemy."

"But ... industrial organization and resources ..."
THESE ARE RECOMMENDATIONS ONLY

Many of the recommendations of both groups require legislative implementation, and both the Administration and Congress are preparing bills necessary to carry out these recommendations. Some recommendations in both reports can be implemented by administrative action and are being studied with that in mind. Of the Congressional Board's 92 recommendations, 33 are believed to require legislative action. Some of these may be combined in a single law so that only a few comprehensive statutes may be necessary.
"The air transport industry of the United States and the military air arms must fit into a single pattern.

An ultra-modern all-weather navigation, landing aids, and airways traffic control system...

Instead of being saturated by 1000 airplanes it is estimated that the airways could absorb 5000 Transport airplanes...

"...the small businessman—airport operators, sales and service companies, flying and trade schools—private pilot...a national asset..."

An aeronautical educational program should be established throughout the public school system...in colleges and universities...aviation education courses in primary and secondary schools.

PLANES QUIZ
TRUE — FALSE

1. The Congressional Aviation Policy Board assigns first priority to a modern system of airway and traffic aids.

2. The Board asks that first attention of atomic research go to nuclear-energy propulsion for aircraft.

3. The Board finds that the United States must attain air supremacy within five years.

4. The Board asks for a permanent Joint Committee on Aviation Policy.

ANSWERS
1. TRUE — "for both security and financial reasons."
2. TRUE — "comparable in significance to the atomic bomb..."
3. TRUE — "level-off period in 1953...immediate action is necessary."
4. TRUE — "...a biennial report to the Congress."