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Dear Mr. Davis:

Your letter of June 1, 1973 re Airspace Case No. 73-WE-10-N has just been brought to my attention. It stated that circularization "for public comment on March 23, 1973" of plans for ILS installation at several airports including Oxnard's Ventura County Airport (VCAP), had elicited only favorable comments (except at Brackett Field). It concluded that ILS at VCAP was "considered acceptable" and would be installed as proposed.

I am unfamiliar with your procedure for circularization for public comments or your mailing list. However, I am familiar with the public attitude in Oxnard toward expansion of the VCAP as evidenced by their voting record. Installation of an ILS system here is considered to be a giant step for the special interests who wish to expand the airport.

Thousands of Oxnard citizens oppose the airport, and more oppose even more strongly its expansion.

A recent county-wide transportation survey showed 60% of the respondents opposed to use more tax monies for a commercial airport and 70% indicated that a commercial airport would be of no advantage to them.

That opposition is substantiated by Hughes Air West's request to CAB for a three year suspension of its flights to Oxnard. They cited an average of only 1.94 passengers per departure requiring a \$23.24 federal subsidy.

Therefore I believe the ILS installation at VCAP is neither acceptable nor needed and could be considered a misuse of public funds. The two members of the Advisory Committee who reside in Oxnard respectfully suggest that you review the "favorable Comments" and discuss them with Oxnard Mayor Jane Tolmach and Oxnard's County Supervisor John Flynn.

I look forward to learning of your plans in this matter.

Sincerely,

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