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September 18, 1980

Lorraine Magana
City Clerk
Office of the City Clerk
City of Sacramento
915 "I" Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Ms. Magana:

This office represents the interests of Aerojet General Corporation in matters relating to Ordinance No. 4412. On their behalf we are handing you herewith their request that the Honorable City Council of the City of Sacramento set a time certain for the hearing of evidence supporting a request that Ordinance No. 4412 be amended.

May we respectfully request that the petition of our client be placed for hearing on the Council agenda for Tuesday, September 23, 1980.

Very truly yours
DILLON & CAVANAUGH

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Honorable City Council
City of Sacramento
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Sacramento, California 95814

RE: Ordinance No. 4412 Adding Article IV
to Chapter 4 of the Sacramento City Code
Establishing Noise Restrictions for
Aircraft at Sacramento Executive Airport

On September 2, 1980, your body adopted the above captioned Ordinance. In essence, the Ordinance prohibits the use of Executive Airport by aircraft if the noise level for the model of aircraft exceeds 80.0 EPNdB (effective perceived noise in decibels as defined, measured and used in Part 36, Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations).

Notice was not published of the hearing on the proposed Ordinance, which hearing was set down for September 2, 1980. Publication of notice of its adoption was made, however, on September 5, 1980 after its adoption.

Aerojet General Corporation has utilized the facilities at Executive Airport since the commencement of its activities in this community. For many years the utilization was that of commute status. In 1959, however, permanent facilities were leased by Aerojet from the City of Sacramento, and they have operated continuously since that date from said hangar and office facilities. Since 1959, a complete flight operation has been in effect, including assigned aircraft flight crew and the facilities hereinabove referred to. The flight crew schedules, maintains and operates the aircraft. Aerojet's expenditures incurred in its flight operation, consisting of salaries, fuel, aircraft supplies, and parts as well as rent and utilities, exceed \$230,000 per year.

At the present time and for many years past, Aerojet has operated a Learjet aircraft. Approximately 4 years ago in cooperation with the airport management, Aerojet instituted voluntary noise abatement procedures, including self-imposed curfew on departing flights with no takeoffs before 7:00 AM or after 10:00 PM and performance of noise abatement takeoff procedures which reduced the takeoff noise below or close to the maximum allowed by the above noted airport Noise Ordinance.

In this regard it should be pointed out that Aerojet has received advice from the airport manager's office that they have not logged any complaint involving the operation of Aerojet's Learjet at any time during its use.

Aerojet has been negotiating with the Director of Airports, County of Sacramento, to the end of removing its facilities utilizing the Learjet aircraft to Sacramento Metropolitan Airport and has received support and cooperation from said department. However, timing is such that such facilities are not immediately available.

Had Aerojet known that the Ordinance was to be adopted on September 2nd rather than simply reviewed as a study matter, steps would have been taken for an adequate presentation of facts upon which to base a request that the Ordinance be implemented to include a grandfather clause allowing only present and permanent users of Executive's facilities a reasonable length of time to cease and transfer their operations.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that your body set a time certain for the hearing of evidence supporting a request that Ordinance No. 4412 be amended to include such a provision.

September 16, 1980

Respectfully submitted

AEROJET GENERAL CORPORATION

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