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To: Docket Number 6482

From: George Kaseote, Rulemaking Team Co-Leader for "Revisions to Digital Flight Data Recorder Regulations for Boeing 737 Airplanes and for Part 125 Operators".

Subject: Phone message from Mark Smith of the Boeing Company.

I received a phone message from Mr. Smith saying "The NTSB was not as open as they (Boeing) thought they (NTSB) were" in holding up the Final Rule concerning the B-737 Rudder System. He advised me (FAA) to talk to them (NTSB) before we did anything. He went on to say that the Boeing team is going to meet "next" week (week of February 7, 2001) to strategize on what to do next, but he was pretty sure that Boeing would still make the request, since it seems reasonable to them.

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