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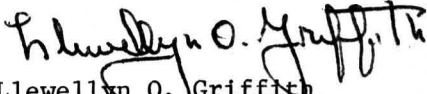
Mrs. Virginia Dana
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Dear Mrs. Dana:

Many thanks for your kind letter of September 12, 1974 wherein you request our assistance in the development of legislation which would result in the closure of public schools when and if situated in F.A.A. cleared zones.

In accordance with the suggestion of the Attorney General, we believe it would be better for you to work directly through your legislators in developing an act which would fill this void. In so doing, please be assured, that we will cooperate to the utmost in seeking passage of your proposal.

Sincerely,


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at least within the dimensions specified by the FAA for expanded clear zones. Therefore, as long as it is presently possible to acquire these homes before the completion of the entire Sea-Tac/Communities Plan, the Port of Seattle proposes to do so and to therefore remove as many airport-impacted residences from the area as is feasible at this time.

10 The ground water recharge of Miller Creek and Des Moines Creek is presently unknown.

11 In order to obtain water quality, air quality, and noise exposure information for the ongoing Sea-Tac/Communities Plan, investigations were initiated during the summer of 1973. Preliminary reports issued by the consulting engineers have been used to define existing conditions in the vicinity of the Airport.

12 Discussed on page 10, paragraph 3.

13 Change as requested.

14 In order to document noise exposure in the vicinity of Sea-Tac for the pending 18-month Sea-Tac/Communities Plan study, two principal methodologies have been employed.

The Noise Exposure Forecast (NEF) mathematically produces noise contours utilizing standard data pertaining to flight profiles, aircraft noise characteristics, weather standards, etc. This data is developed by measurements in other areas and then extrapolated to the Sea-Tac Community. This method requires no measurements in the study area, but has been used to document noise impact around other major airports allowing Sea-Tac noise exposure to be compared with other areas.

The Actual Noise Exposure (ANE) is based on actual measured noise and events occurring at Sea-Tac. This procedure has not yet been completed; a total of 4200 measurements recorded at 40 locations throughout the Airport vicinity will be used to derive actual noise exposure at Sea-Tac which will aid land use compatibility determination of the Sea-Tac/Communities Plan.

Available data on noise impact indicates that incompatibility for residential and school uses becomes most pronounced at levels above NEF 45. Incompatibility is a noise consultant for the Sea-Tac/Communities Plan indicates that the entire proposed acquisition area lies within an NEF range of 45 to 50. Therefore, in relation to noise impact, this land is not compatible for residential and school use.

15 Discussed on page 15, fourth paragraph and page 17, last line.

16 Discussed on page 17, third paragraph.

17 Refer to response for recent comment, number 19.

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Comments to be reviewed by Douglas B. Boyd of the FAA. The noise contours are shown on page 15 and 17.

Virginia Davis

"When should a school building no longer be a school?"

Within the boundaries of the Port of Seattle's proposed "entire land acquisition" -- within the technical criteria set by the SLL for an "expanded clean zone" lies Sunset Junior High School, nighttime school district.

My most reasoning, those buildings should not be open this fall for "educational purposes."

The SLL states "the purposes of clean zones and expanded clean zones is to provide for safety areas." "Incompatible land uses include "places of public assembly-including schools."

Available noise impact data indicates the entire proposed acquisition area lies within an ISL of 45 to 50. This land is not compatible for residential or school use.

The school district says "they will continue to provide education for youngsters in schools nearest their residences."

The County Commission for the district says "to for-nately request positive action (for closing Sunset) would adversely require an alternative suggestion to accommodate the need for classroom space.

Neighborhood schools are important but there must be space elsewhere. Why should we be asked to send our children into an area that is not suitable for schools?

Acquisition takes "forever" even after funding is made available. People must wait it out-but should we hesitate in the closure of this public school?

The Attorney General's office says "Washington State has no statute or regulation which would prohibit a school district from legally holding classes in an area defined as an "expanded clean zone."

The SLL has no authority or is it their responsibility to impose some use requirements upon local communities. "How-ever, a school would be acquired with SLL participation. If it were not otherwise type of use to continue.

Is the land now defined as an expanded clean zone? Or when the boundaries are set and the SLL grant made? Or-what are the acquisition?

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