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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

May 28, 1979

**\*1 RE: Freedom of Information Act**

Mr. John F. Barry  
Deputy Director  
S.C. Aeronautics Commission  
Box 1769  
Columbia, SC 29202

Dear Mr. Barry:

Your request of May 16, 1979, for the opinion of this Office regarding the Freedom of Information Act has been forwarded to me for response. You have asked whether lists of aircraft owners in South Carolina provided to you by the Federal Aviation Administration are available for public inspection. You state that access to the list provided to you is restricted under federal law. You have asked whether the S.C. Freedom of Information Act makes this list available to the public.

South Carolina Code of Laws, 1967, as amended, § 30-4-40(4) provides that records which are specifically exempted from disclosure by statute or law are also exempted under the S.C. Freedom of Information Act. Therefore, whatever restrictions are applicable to documents in your possession obtained from federal agencies under federal law are equally applicable under South Carolina law. Therefore, it would be appropriate for you to inquire of the federal agency the terms under which these documents are made available to the public.

I hope this has been of some assistance to you. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Katherine W. Hill  
Assistant Attorney General

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