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[The Code of Federal Regulations of the United States of America - 1997](#)

The Code of Federal Regulations is the codification of the general and permanent rules published in the Federal Register by the executive departments and agencies of the Federal Government. [Intermediate Direct Support and Intermediate General Support Maintenance Repair Parts and Special Tools Lists - 1988](#)

*Code of Federal Regulations* - United States. Department of Agriculture 2008

Special edition of the Federal register, containing a codification of documents of general applicability and future effect as of Jan. ... with ancillaries.

**Aviation Unit and Intermediate Maintenance Instructions** - 1992

**Aircraft Inspection for the General Aviation Aircraft Owner** - United States. Flight Standards Service 1978

**Aviation Mechanic Powerplant** - 1988

**Airframe and Powerplant Mechanics Powerplant Handbook** - United States. Flight Standards Service 1971

**Code of Federal Regulations** - 1992

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[Aircraft Inspection and Repair](#) - Federal Aviation Administration 2010

The official FAA guide to maintenance methods, techniques, and practices essential for all pilots and aircraft maintenance...

**Unit Maintenance, Direct Support, and General Support Maintenance Repair Parts and Special Tools Lists ...** - 1992

**Inventory Management Supervisor (AFSC 64570)** - 1984

[General Aviation Airworthiness Alerts](#) - 1981

[Structural Health Monitoring Damage Detection Systems for Aerospace](#) - Markus G. R. Sause 2021

This open access book presents established methods of structural

health monitoring (SHM) and discusses their technological merit in the current aerospace environment. While the aerospace industry aims for weight reduction to improve fuel efficiency, reduce environmental impact, and to decrease maintenance time and operating costs, aircraft structures are often designed and built heavier than required in order to accommodate unpredictable failure. A way to overcome this approach is the use of SHM systems to detect the presence of defects. This book covers all major contemporary aerospace-relevant SHM methods, from the basics of each method to the various defect types that SHM is required to detect to discussion of signal processing developments alongside considerations of aerospace safety requirements. It will be of interest to professionals in industry and academic researchers alike, as well as engineering students. This article/publication is based upon work from COST Action CA18203 (ODIN - <http://odin-cost.com/>), supported by COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology). COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology) is a funding agency for research and innovation networks. Our Actions help connect research initiatives across Europe and enable scientists to grow their ideas by sharing them with their peers. This boosts their research, career and innovation.

*Plane Sense* - Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) 1999-10-01 Written and designed for all levels of flight experience, this guide for pilots and aviation enthusiasts outlines the many rules, regulations, and practical aspects of owning and operating an aircraft. This handbook is the FAA-H-8083-19, which replaces the AC20-5G handbook.

**70+ EH-1 UH-1 Huey Helicopter Technical Manuals, Technical Bulletins, Modification Work Orders & Depot Maintenance Work Requirements Manuals** - U.S. Army Over 15,000 total pages ... Just a SAMPLE of the included manuals dated mid 1970s to the early 2000s: 55 SERIES TECHNICAL MANUALS TM 55-1520-210-10 TM 55-1520-210-CL TM

55-1520-210-PM TM 55-1520-210-PMD TM 55-1520-210- 23-1 TM 55-1520-210- 23-2 TM 55- 1520-210-23-3 TM 55-1520-210-23P-1 TM 55-1520-210-23P-2 TM 55-1520-210-23P-3 TM 55-1520-242-MTF UH-1 EH ENGINE RELATED TM 55-2840-229- 23-1 TM 1-2840-260- 23P TM 1-2840-260- 23P 11 SERIES and MISC. TM 11-1520-210-20P TM 11-1520-210-20P-1 TM 11-1520-210-34P TM 11-1520-210-34P-1 TM 11-1520-210-23 TM-1-1500-204-23-1 General Maintenance Practices TM-1-1500-204-23-2 Pneudraulics TM-1-1500-204-23-3 Fuel & Oil Systems TM-1-1500-204-23-4 Electrical & Instruments TM-1-1500-204-23-5 Prop, Rotor and Powertrain TM-1-1500-204-23-6 Hardware and Consumables TM-1-1500-204-23-7 NDT TM-1-1500-204-23-8 Machine & Welding Shops TM-1-1500-204-23-9 Tools and Ground Support TM-1-1500-204-23-10 Sheetmetal TM 38-301-3 Acceptable Oil Analysis Limits TM-55-1615-226-40 Scissors & Sleeve UH-1 Maintenance Test Flight Manual DA PM 738\_751 MODIFICATION WORK ORDERS MWO 30-8-5V Lighting MWO 30-45 GS-MB MWO 30-48 Radar Alt AIRCRAFT RELATED TECHNICAL BULLETINS TB 20-17 TB 20-25 TB 20-26 TB 20-32 TB 20-33 TB 20-34 TB 20-35 TB 20-36 TB 20-38 TB 20-46 TB 20-47 TB 23-1 TB 30-01 TB TR ENGINE RELATED TECHNICAL BULLETINS TB 20-9 TB 20-10 TB 20-12 TB 20-15 TB 20-16 TB 20-18 TB 20-24 TB 20-26 TB 20-27 TB 20-28 TB 229-20-2 + Numerous DEPOT MAINTENANCE WORK REQUIREMENT (DMWR) Manuals

*New Materials for Next-Generation Commercial Transports* - National Research Council 1996-03-15

The major objective of this book was to identify issues related to the introduction of new materials and the effects that advanced materials will have on the durability and technical risk of future civil aircraft throughout their service life. The committee investigated the new materials and structural concepts that are likely to be incorporated into next generation commercial aircraft and the factors influencing application decisions. Based on these predictions, the committee attempted to identify the design,

characterization, monitoring, and maintenance issues that are critical for the introduction of advanced materials and structural concepts into future aircraft.

**Manuals Combined: UH-1 HUEY Army Helicopter Maintenance, Parts & Repair Manuals -**

Contains the following current U.S. Army Technical Manuals related to repair and maintenance of the UH-1 Huey series helicopter: (23P-1 Level) AVIATION UNIT AND INTERMEDIATE MAINTENANCE REPAIR PARTS AND SPECIAL TOOLS LIST (INCLUDING DEPOT MAINTENANCE REPAIR PARTS AND SPECIAL TOOLS) FOR HELICOPTER, UTILITY - TACTICAL TRANSPORT UH-1B, UH-1C, UH-1H, UH-1M, EH-1H (BELL), UH-1V, 31 October 2001, 921 pages - (23P-2 Level) AVIATION UNIT AND INTERMEDIATE MAINTENANCE REPAIR PARTS AND SPECIAL TOOLS LIST (INCLUDING DEPOT MAINTENANCE REPAIR PARTS AND SPECIAL TOOLS) FOR HELICOPTER, UTILITY - TACTICAL TRANSPORT UH-1B, UH-1C, UH-1H, UH-1M, EH-1H (BELL), UH-1V, 23 November 2001, 970 pages - (23P-3 Level) AVIATION UNIT AND INTERMEDIATE MAINTENANCE REPAIR PARTS AND SPECIAL TOOLS LIST (INCLUDING DEPOT MAINTENANCE REPAIR PARTS AND SPECIAL TOOLS) FOR HELICOPTER, UTILITY - TACTICAL TRANSPORT UH-1B, UH-1C, UH-1H, UH-1M, EH-1H (BELL), UH-1V, 23 November 2001, 715 pages - (23-1 Level) AVIATION UNIT AND INTERMEDIATE MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS ARMY MODEL UH-1H/V/EH-1H/X HELICOPTERS, 15 October 2001, 1,176 pages - (23-2 Level) AVIATION UNIT AND INTERMEDIATE MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS ARMY MODEL UH-1H/V/EH-1H/X HELICOPTERS, 1 November 2001, 836 pages - (23-3 Level) AVIATION UNIT AND INTERMEDIATE MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS ARMY MODEL UH-1H/V/EH-1H/X, 14 June 1996, 754 pages. UH--1H/V and EH--1H/X Aircraft Preventive Maintenance Daily Inspection Checklist, 27 April 2001, 52 pages - UH-1H/V and EH--1H/X AIRCRAFT PHASED MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST, 2 October 2000, 112 pages.

**Handbook of Aeronautical Inspection and Pre-Purchase -**

Denny Pollard 2005-12-20

If you are a prospective owner, pilot, broker, or aviation mechanic or anyone who needs to know where to find information about the aviation airworthiness, maintenance, inspections and rules---you'll find all the information you need in this one volume. The following expert tips in this book will walk you through step by step without worrying if you are buying a hangar queen. Every aspect about inspections, mechanic privileges, mechanic and owner responsibilities and what you should look for and inspect when choosing an aircraft. Know where to find the tools to aid in research of the aircraft history, specifications, details on modifications and changes made through the years, Type-Certificate Data Sheets, FAA Airworthiness Directives, Supplementary Type Certificates, Maintenance Alerts for each make and model aircraft, and aircraft records. This book documents the history, experiences and hardships of purchasing aircraft. It describes the difficult and hazardous situations demanding ingenuity, resourcefulness and a lot of difficult hard work. Denny's years of experience in the aviation field demonstrates a lesser-known side of aviation that is from the mechanic's perspective. This book is the first of its kind and once started, compels the reader to continue to the last page. Before you buy your next aircraft, have an independent inspection completed by an Airframe and Powerplant mechanic. Whether you are an American or overseas buyer you will be able to buy with confidence with a pre-purchase inspection. With your pre-purchase inspection you should receive an extensive condition report verifying the condition and originality on the aircraft you wish to purchase. The pre-purchase should be able to tell you if the aircraft is currently airworthy, and if the aircraft has been in an accident or been modified. Along with the detailed report you should receive several photographs, including pictures of the fuselage, engine compartment, and interior and close ups of areas of concern. After the inspection, the mechanic or agent for service

should discuss this information with you. Are you aware the pre-purchase agreement you sign may be the single most important document, among the dozen or so documents sometimes required? And which specific items should you include in your purchase agreement. Has your aircraft (Or the One That You Are Thinking About Purchasing) been subjected to less than scrupulous inspection and maintenance practices, over the years? Sometimes even a very competent pre-purchase inspection does not include a complete inspection of the aircraft records because it is often very time consuming to read them thoroughly. Positively, the most enlightening pre-buy inspection is a good evaluation of the aircraft maintenance records. A complete evaluation will identify the current status of the aircraft as required by 14 CFR 91.417, uncover time frames of no maintenance, or lack of maintenance, identify inaccurate engine cycle tracking as well as aircraft time tracking and reveal aircraft damage history. Prospective purchaser is responsible for discovering discrepancies that can only be revealed by in-flight evaluation such as flight characteristics, proper functioning of navigational instrumentation, avionics and autopilot. The purpose of the Pre-purchase Inspection is to protect the interest of the buyer; it is not intended to be an Annual/Airworthiness Inspection.

### **Direct Support and General Support Maintenance Repair Parts and Special Tools Lists - 1985**

*Bell OH-58 A C D Kiowa Helicopter Maintenance, Repair And Parts Manuals -*

A sample of the manuals contained: TM55-2840-256-23 Aviation unit and aviation intermediate maintenance for engine, aircraft, turbo shaft (nsn 2840-01-131-3350) (t703-ad-700) (2840-01-333-2064) (t703-ad-700a) (2840-01-391-4397) TM1-1427-779-23P Aviation unit and intermediate maintenance repair parts and Special tools lists (including depot maintenance repair parts and special tools for OH-58d controls/displays system

(nsn 1260-01-165-3959) TM1-1520-248-PPM OH-58d Kiowa Warrior helicopter progressive phase maintenance inspection checklist and preventive maintenance services TB 1-1520-248-20-21 Tailboom visual inspection on all OH-58d and OH-58d(i) Kiowa Warrior helicopters TM55-1520-248-23-8-1 Aviation unit and intermediate maintenance manual for Army model OH-58d Kiowa Warrior helicopter TM55-1520-248-23-8-2 Aviation unit and intermediate maintenance manual for Army model OH-58d Kiowa Warrior Helicopter TM1-1520-248-S Preparation for shipment of Army model OH-58d and OH-58d(i) Kiowa Warrior Helicopters TM1-1520-248-23P Aviation unit and intermediate maintenance repair parts and Special tools list (including depot maintenance repair parts and Special tools) for Kiowa Warrior helicopter, observation OH-58d (nsn 1520-01-125-5476) (eic: roc) TB 1-1520-248-20-29 Installation and removal instructions for the tremble trimpack global positioning system (gps) special mission kits on OH-58d Kiowa Warrior helicopters TB 1-1520-248-20-31 One time and recurring visual inspection of tailboom and relate restriction on forward indicated airspeed on all OH-58d Kiowa Warrior helicopter TB 1-1520-248-20-36 Changes to tailboom inspection interval and rescinding of flight restrictions on all OH-58d Kiowa Warrior helicopters TM1-2840-256-23P Aviation unit and aviation intermediate maintenance repair parts and Special tools list (including depot maintenance repair parts) for engine, aircraft, turbo shaft (nsn 2840-01-131-3350) (t703-ad-700) (2840-01-333-2064) (t703-ad-700a) (2840-01-391-4397) (t703-ad-700b) TB 1-1520-248-23-1 Announcement of approval and release of nondestructive test equipment inspection procedure Manual FOR TM1-1520-254-23, technicalman aviation unit maintenance (avum) and aviation intermediate maintenance (avim) Manual nondestructive inspection procedures for OH-58 Kiowa Warrior Helicopter series TB 1-1520-248-20-40 Inspection and cleaning intervals for the countermeasures set an/alq-144 ir jammer transmitter on OH-58d Kiowa Warrior Helicopters

TM1-1520-266-23 Aviation unit maintenance (avum) and aviation intermediate main (avim) Manual nondestructive inspection procedures for OH-58d Kiowa Warrior Helicopter series  
TM1-1427-779-23 Aviation unit and aviation intermediate maintenance Manual for control/display subsystem (cdis) part number 8521308-902 (nsn 1260-01-432-8523) and part number 8521308-903 (1260-01-432 TM 1-1520-248-CL Technical manual, operators and crewmembers checklist, Army OH-58d Kiowa Warrior helicopter TM1-1520-248-MTF Maintenance test flight, Army OH-58d Kiowa Warrior helicopter TM55-1520-248-23-8-1 Aviation unit and intermediate maintenance manual Army model OH-58d Kiowa Warrior helicopter TM55-1520-248-23-8-2 Aviation unit and intermediate maintenance manual Army model OH-58d Kiowa Warrior helicopter TM55-1520-248-23-9 Aviation unit and intermediate maintenance manual, Army model OH Kiowa Warrior helicopter TB 1-1520-248-20-64 Revision to false engine out warning all OH-58d aircraft (tb 1-1520-248-20-52)  
TM55-1520-248-23-9 Aviation unit and intermediate maintenance manual, Army model OH Kiowa Warrior helicopter TB  
1-1520-248-30-02 Repair of engine cowling exhaust duct on OH-58d Kiowa Warrior Helicopters TB 1-1520-248-20-62 One time inspection for certain mast mounted sight (mms) upper shroud for discrepant clamps all OH-58d Kiowa Warrior Helicopters TB  
1-1520-248-20-60 One time and recurring inspection of cartridge type fuel boost pump assembly on all OH-58d Kiowa Warrior Helicopters TB 1-1520-248-20-61 One time inspection of copilot cyclic boot shield assembly all OH-58d Kiowa Warrior Helicopters TB 1-2840-263-20-03 Inspection of first stage nozzle shield on all 250-c30r/3 on OH-58d and h-6 aircraft TB 1-2840-256-20-05 Inspection of first stage nozzle shield all t703-ad-700/700a engines on OH-58d aircraft TB 1-1520-248-20-42 Instructions for replacing OH-58d Kiowa Warrior helicopter, t703-ad-700b engine with t703-ad-700a engine TB 1-1520-248-20-44 Revision to tail boom inspection interval on all OH-58d Kiowa Warrior helicopter TB

1-2840-256-20-03 Retirement change and time change limits update for t703-ad-700 700b engines on all OH-58d(i) Kiowa Warrior helicopters TM1-1520-248-MTF Maintenance test flight, Army OH-58d Kiowa Warrior Helicopter TM1-1520-248-10 Operators manual Army OH-58d Kiowa Warrior Helicopter TM1-1520-248-CL Technical manual, operators and crewmembers checklist, Army OH-58d Kiowa Warrior Helicopter TB  
1-1520-248-20-47 One time inspection and repair of support installation, oil cooler, p/n 406-030-117-125/129, on OH-58d Kiowa Warrior Helicopter TM1-1520-248-23-7 Technical manual aviation unit and intermediate maintenance Manual for Army model OH-58d Kiowa Warrior Helicopter TM1-1520-248-23-6 Aviation unit and intermediate maintenance manual for Army model for OH-58d Kiowa Warrior Helicopter TM1-1520-248-23-5 Aviation unit and intermediate maintenance manual for Army model for OH-58d Kiowa Warrior Helicopter TM1-1520-248-23-4 Aviation unit and intermediate maintenance manual for Army mode OH-58d Kiowa Warrior Helicopters TM1-1520-248-23-3 Aviation unit and intermediate maintenance manual for Army model OH-58d Kiowa Warrior Helicopter TM1-1520-248-23-2 Aviation unit and intermediate maintenance manual for Army model OH-58d Kiowa Warrior Helicopter TM1-1520-248-23-1 Aviation unit and intermediate maintenance manual for Army model OH-58d Kiowa Warrior Helicopter TM1-1520-248-T-1 Operational checks and maintenance action precise symptoms (maps) diagrams Manual for Army model OH-58d Kiowa Warrior Helicopter TM1-1520-248-T-2 Operational checks and maintenance action precise symptoms (maps) diagrams Manual for Army model OH-58d Kiowa Warrior Helicopter TM1-1520-248-T-3 Operational checks and maintenance action precise symptoms (maps) diagrams Manual for Army model OH-58d Kiowa Warrior Helicopter TB 1-1520-248-20-48 Inspection of oil cooler support installation and oil cooler fan TB  
1-2840-263-01 One time inspection and recurring inspection of new self sealing magnetic chip detectors OH-58d(r) Kiowa Warrior



Helicopter engines TB 1-1520-248-20-52 Aviation Safety Action For All OH-58D Series Aircraft False Engine Out Warnings TB 1-1520-248-20-51 One time inspection for directional control tube chafing all OH-58d Kiowa Warrior Helicopters TB 1-1520-248-20-53 Maintenance mandatory hydraulic fluid sampling for all OH-58d Kiowa Warrior Helicopters TB 1-1520-248-20-54 One time inspection for incorrect fasteners in center post assembly all OH-58d aircraft TB 1-1520-248-20-55 Initial and recurring inspection of t703-ad-700b engine for specification power, compressor stall, and instability during power transients TB 1-1520-248-20-56 One time inspection for hydraulic relief valve p/n 206-076-036-101 on all OH-58d Kiowa Warrior Helicopters TB 1-2840-263-20-02 One time inspection of scroll assembly on 250-c30r/3 engine for OH-58d aircraft TB 1-2840-256-20-04 One time inspection of scroll assembly on t703-ad-700 and t703-ad-700a engines for OH-58d aircraft TB 1-1520-228-20-85 All OH-58 aircraft, one time inspection of magnetic brake TB 1-1520-248-20-58 Initial and recurring inspection of forward tail boom intercostal assembly and aft fuselage frame assembly TB 1-1520-248-20-59 One time inspection for discrepant bell Kiowa Warrior Helicopter textron parts all OH-58d aircraft TB 1-1520-248-20-63 Replacement of ma-6/8 crew seat inertia reel all OH-58d Kiowa Warrior Helicopters TB 1-1520-248-20-65 Inspection and overhaul interval change for engine to transmission driveshaft all OH-58d Kiowa Warrior Helicopters  
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**Federal Aviation Regulations** - United States. Federal Aviation Administration 1989

*Federal Aviation Regulations* - United States. Federal Aviation Administration 1992

**Pilot's Handbook of Aeronautical Knowledge** - Federal Aviation Administration 2009-11-03  
An updated edition of the essential FAA resource for both beginner and expert pilots.

**National Transportation Safety Board Decisions** - United States. National Transportation Safety Board

*Gray Matter* - Denny Pollard 2012-03-22

To be completely frank about it, I'm increasingly aware that there are as many gray areas in aviation as there are black-and-white ones, and I'm beginning to feel as if I know less and less about what I do. I'm a trained and reasonably experienced A&P mechanic, and I'm supposed to know this airplane stuff, but my experiences are often contradictory to what I know are theoretical facts. It's frustrating, and sometimes I think I knew more back when I knew less. Or at least I thought I did. To keep an aircraft in peak operating condition, aircraft mechanics and service technicians perform scheduled maintenance to make repairs and complete inspections required by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Many aircraft mechanics specialize in preventive maintenance. They inspect engines, landing gear, instruments, pressurized sections, accessories, brakes, valves, pumps, and air-conditioning systems, for example, and other parts of the aircraft and do the necessary maintenance and replacement of parts. Inspections take place following a schedule based on the number of hours the aircraft has flown, calendar days, cycles of operation, or a combination of these factors. To examine an engine, aircraft mechanics work through specially designed openings while standing on ladders or scaffolds, or use hoists or lifts to remove the entire engine from the craft. After taking an engine apart, mechanics use precision instruments to measure parts for wear and use x-ray and magnetic inspection equipment to check for invisible cracks. Worn or defective parts are repaired or replaced. They may also repair sheet metal or composite

surfaces, measure the tension of control cables, and check for corrosion, distortion, and cracks in the fuselage, wings, and tail. After completing all repairs, mechanics must test the equipment to ensure that it works properly.

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DA Pam - 1964

**Airworthiness Certification of Aircraft and Related Products** - United States. Federal Aviation Administration 1999

Aircraft Weight and Balance Handbook - 1999

**Federal Register** - 2013-03

**Acceptable Methods, Techniques, and Practices** - 1988

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**Civil Airworthiness Certification** - Miguel Vasconcelos  
2013-09-19

This publication provides safety information and guidance to those involved in the certification, operation, and maintenance of high-performance former military aircraft to help assess and mitigate safety hazards and risk factors for the aircraft within the context provided by Title 49 United States Code (49 U.S.C.) and Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR), and associated FAA policies. Specific models include: A-37 Dragonfly, A-4 Skyhawk, F-86 Sabre, F-100 Super Sabre, F-104 Starfighter, OV-1 Mohawk, T-2 Buckeye, T-33 Shooting Star, T-38 Talon, Alpha Jet, BAC 167 Strikemaster, Hawker Hunter, L-39 Albatros, MB-326, MB-339, ME-262, MiG-17 Fresco, MiG-21 Fishbed, MiG-23 Flogger, MiG-29 Fulcrum, S-211. DISTRIBUTION: Unclassified; Publicly Available; Unlimited.

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*Aircraft Accident and Incident Notification, Investigation, and Reporting* - United States. Federal Aviation Administration 1976

*Advisory circular* - United States. Federal Aviation Administration 1999

*Aviation Maintenance Technician Handbook-Airframe* - Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)/Aviation Supplies & Academics (ASA) 2012

This new FAA AMT Handbook--Airframe Volume 1 is one of two volumes that replace and supersede Advisory Circular (AC) 65-15A. Completely revised and updated, this handbook reflects current operating procedures, regulations, and equipment. This book was developed as part of a series of handbooks for persons preparing for mechanic certification with airframe or powerplant ratings, or both -- those seeking an Aviation Maintenance Technician (AMT) Certificate, also called an A&P license. An effective text for both students and instructors, this handbook will also serve as an invaluable reference guide for current technicians who wish to improve their knowledge. Airframe Volume 1 contains: Aircraft Structures, Aerodynamics, Aircraft Assembly and Rigging, Aircraft Fabric Covering, Aircraft Metal Structural Repair, Aircraft Welding, Aircraft Wood and Structural Repair, Advanced Composite Materials, Aircraft Painting and Finishing, Aircraft Electrical System Includes colored charts, tables, full-color illustrations and photographs throughout, and an extensive glossary and index.

**Decisions** - United States. National Transportation Safety Board 1977

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