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APPRAISAL REPORT: AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT FILES

DISPOSAL SCHEDULE

FILE NO: NZDF 1876/1

AGENCY: HQ NZ Defence Force

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WELLINGTON

DISPOSAL TYPE: One-off Disposal Authority

AGENCY COVERAGE: Royal New Zealand Air Force

SCOPE: Royal New Zealand Air Force Aircraft Accident Files

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report covers the development of a one-off disposal authority for the Royal New Zealand Air Force Aircraft Accident files. An examination of these records to determine historical value was made. These provide valuable information for families of the victims of these accidents and to researchers, as lately there has been an increase in the number of Ministerial enquiries into these accidents. With this in mind and the knowledge that that previous files have been transferred of aircraft accident files to Archives NZ from our agency these have been the main reasons for the disposal decisions being decided.

2. APPRAISAL CIRCUMSTANCES

These files are created by the Flight Safety Office which is based at the RNZAF Base Whenuapai. Three copies are made. One copy for the Flight Safety office, one for the unit, where the accident occurred and one for the Chief of Air Force (CAF). The copy that is sent to the CAF is the one sent to me for eventual transfer to Archives NZ.

The files are in file covers secured by a file pin top left corner. The files are dated from 1956 to 1976. There are a total of 83 files. These will all be contained within 4 London boxes.

3. AGENCY INFORMATION

The Air Force Flight Safety Office was established within the RNZAF at the close of World War Two in response to the high rate of aircraft accidents during training and operational missions. The office was re-designated the Air Force Safety Office in the 1980s, and in 1998 the office was made responsible for advice on all aspects of safety within the RNZAF and of flight safety within the NZDF. The Air Force Flight Safety Office is now part of the Directorate of Air Force Safety and Health (DASH), which was established in 2006 and incorporates flight safety as well as safety and health responsibilities. The files within DASH are administered by Headquarters 485 Wing.

- ADQA Air Department
- ABFK Headquarters New Zealand Defence Force 1989 current (Current transferring agency)

4. METHODOLOGY

It was decided that we should do a one-off appraisal of this material, rather than a continuing disposal authority due to the fact that these records are not regularly returned to HQ NZDF. With the assistance from Archives New Zealand Appraisal staff, the Supervisor HQ Document Management Services drafted this schedule and report. Authorship of the Appraisal Report was undertaken in conjunction with Archives New Zealand Appraisal Section. Once completed, the draft schedule and report will be submitted to the review process.

5. PRECEDENT

The precedent in deciding the disposal decisions for these records was due to an earlier transfer on the 23rd June 1969, Agency ADQA, Air Department, Air1, Accession 981, series 17211.

6. DESCRIPTION, EVALUATION and DISPOSAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommend for transfer are the:

Entire list of files

- These contain evidence of Aircraft Accidents and the causes whether by pilot error or any defects in the aircraft. These files are increasingly being referred to

lately in answering Ministerial Enquiries on behalf of family members. Aviation historians/researchers often refer to these. These should be transferred to Archives NZ for permanent preservation.

Recommend for destruction are the:

None of the files should be destroyed.

7. ACCESS PROVISION RECOMMENDATIONS

[Removed]

8. TRANSFER CONDITIONS

[Removed]

9. RETENTION AND DISPOSAL PERIODS

[Removed]

10. SUMMARY OF DISPOSAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Quantity recommended for <u>transfer as public archives</u> :	1.00 lineal metre
Quantity recommended for <u>destruction</u> :	0.00 lineal metre

Signed:

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