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Major General Richard T. Knowles
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Dear ~~General~~ *Dick* Knowles:

Shortly after moving into this office, I discovered a draft of Army Regulation 95-1 included a paragraph that required general officer aviators to be accompanied by a copilot on all flights in aircraft equipped with dual controls.

The Air Force regulations require their general officers to have an IP or a copilot while the USN/USMC place a similar restriction on all pilots over 45 years old. Nevertheless, I feel that we can satisfactorily guide ourselves without a specific regulation directed at general officers.

Among general officer aviators we have a great variation in aviation background and flying experience. In addition, some general officers are in assignments where the opportunity to maintain proficiency is minimal. Our ranks will be increased considerably during the next two years. I urge you to make use of an experienced copilot and preferably an IP whenever practical. I am sure you realize that any accident involving a general officer as the pilot would certainly result in unfavorable publicity and could damage the Army Aviation Program.

This letter has been sent to all general officer aviators. Appreciate any comments you may have on this or any other aviation subject.

Warm Regards,

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