

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

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TO: All Air Support Division Personnel

FROM: Commanding Officer, Air Support Division

SUBJECT: OPERATION OF DEPARTMENT AIRCRAFT EXPECTATION

COMMAND PILOTS SHALL NOT LEAVE OPERATING AIRCRAFT UNATTENDED

As a reminder to all aircrews, it is not acceptable to allow Tactical Flight Officers to be the sole manipulator of the flight controls to allow the pilot to exit the aircraft for any reason (other than an emergency). Command Pilots shall not leave the aircraft while the engine is operating without an ASD certified Command Pilot with access to the flight controls.

The most recent Divisional manual states:

585. UNATTENDED DEPARTMENT AIRCRAFT. A Department aircraft shall not be left unattended while an engine(s) is running.

It is the position of the Chief Pilot and the Command that a Tactical Flight Officer who is not a qualified Command Pilot does not constitute attending to the aircraft while the engine is running.

FAR 91.3(a) states "The pilot in command of an aircraft is directly responsible for, and is the final authority as to, the operation of that aircraft." ~~Unless the pilot is in the pilot seat, he/she has no control over the aircraft.~~

If you have any questions regarding this divisional order, please see me.



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