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Dear Ms. Fowlkes:

We cannot give you a definitive answer to your letter of May 23, 1978, since it is rooted in concepts of title. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) process, by statute, concerns only the issuance of a Certificate of Aircraft Registration. This is not a title certificate and is not evidence of title (by express statutory provision).

Liens are recordable under our Federal Aviation Regulation, Part 49. Where lien foreclosure procedures are followed under State law, and title under that law passes to a new owner, the purchaser may submit evidence satisfactorily establishing the new title. The FAA Aircraft Registry can then issue, upon application, a Certificate of Aircraft Registration to the new owner.

Evidence supportative of a change in ownership may include a court judgment, a bill of sale resulting from a Sheriff's Sale, or other similar documents recognized under State law. The application may well be accompanied by these documents and an opinion of counsel, explanatory of their effect under State law and tracing an unbroken chain of ownership from the last registrant to the instant applicant.

For your convenience, we enclose an FAA form for application for a new registration certificate. You may wish to read Title V of the FAA Act and Parts 47 and 49 of the Federal Aviation Regulations.

Your letter did not reference the identification number of the aircraft involved, thus it is not possible for us to examine the official aircraft folder as a courtesy to you, to see if there are special problems of record concerning the aircraft referenced by you.

If you have special problems not helped by the generalities of this letter, you may wish to discuss any unique problem by telephone to our office. The telephone number is (405)-686-2296.

Sincerely,

Original signed by  
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