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SUBJECT: CLARIFICATION ON INSTRUMENT APPROACH
PROCEDURES MINIMUMS

Dear Mr. Wortofsky:

I have received your request for clarification of ceiling information with regards to FAA instrument approach procedure minimums.

This letter confirms that instrument approach procedure minimums for all types of operations, including commercial are predicated on the following:

A visibility value, a minimum descent altitude (MDA), a height above touchdown (HAT) for straight-in instrument approach procedures, and height above airport (HAA) for circling maneuvers.

Ceiling information is not a determinate for instrument approach procedures minimums.

A system, such as the Superunicom, that can provide a FAA approved altimeter setting, FAA approved visibility, meets all of the requirements.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Michael S. Vermuth".

Michael S. Vermuth

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