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CONTINENTAL AIR LINES, INC.  
N-707-124, N70773  
KANSAS CITY MUNICIPAL AIRPORT  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
JUL 12, 1965

SUMMARY

Continental Air Lines, Inc., Flight 12, a Boeing 707-124, N70773, crashed at Kansas City Municipal Airport, Kansas City, Missouri, at 0229 a.m., July 1, 1965.

Of the 40 passengers and 6 crewmembers aboard, three passengers and two crewmembers received minor injuries. The aircraft received substantial damage although no major fire occurred.

The aircraft made a "firm" landing, in heavy rain, about 1,500 feet past the approach end of runway 18. When the crew's efforts to stop the aircraft were ineffective, and the captain was convinced that they were going off the end of the runway, he used differential power and rudder to cock the aircraft to the left. The aircraft slid off the end of the runway, went through the 2nd localizer ear antenna building, struck a dirt blast fence, slid up over the fence, and came to rest with the nose section in the perimeter road between the blast fence and a river levee.

The passengers and crew evacuated the aircraft without major difficulty.

The Board determines that the probable cause of this accident was hydroplaning of the landing gear wheels that precluded braking effectiveness.

1. INVESTIGATION

1-1 Summary of Flight

Continental Air Lines, Inc., Flight 12, (CG# Flight 123 was a Boeing 707-124, N70773, scheduled to operate passenger service from Los Angeles International Airport, California, to O'Hare International Airport, Chicago, Illinois, with an intermediate stop at Kansas City Municipal Airport, Missouri. The flight operated as planned except that the cruising altitude was changed from 29,000 feet to 31,000 feet to avoid weather and to increase passenger comfort.

Following an en route descent, the flight began an ILS approach as runway 18 at Kansas City. After passing the outer marker the flight was cleared to land

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