U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
LOG OF MEETING

SUBJECT: Safet Buckles on Children's safety Straps

DATE OF MEETING: April 6, 2000

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Pasty Semple

DATE OF LOG ENTRY: April 10, 2000

LOCATION: CPSC Headquarters

CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Mary Sheila Gall, Commissioner
Pasty Semple, Special Assistant
Dennis Wilson, Special Assistant(Legal)

NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S): John Galbreath and Russ Butson, Senior Engineer,
Technology and Process, Evenflo Company, Inc.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

Galbreath came in to discuss his petition regarding the safety of buckles on
children's safety straps.

The Commissioner said that her review of all data submitted in the petition did
not indicate there was a problem with the integrity of the buckle, but rather a lack of use by parents who either do not use safety straps, or do not adequately secure the existing straps.

Mr. Galbreath did discuss the design of children's safety straps harnesses, and the work of the staff investigating passive restraints. These activities, do not however, indicate there is a problem with buckles. Mr. Galbreath said he submitted the petition because there is not sufficient data dealing with buckles and this is needed before he can proved that current buckles are not adequate. Commissioner Gall said that she would review any data developed by the staff carefully to see whether it indicated the need for child-resistant buckles.