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MEMORANDUM FOR ERSKINE BOWLES, THE WHITE HOUSE April 16, 1997

FROM: Secretary Slater

SUBJECT: DOT Weekly Report -- Week of April 21, 1997

The following is the Department of Transportation Weekly Report:

KEY DEPARTMENT NEWS

Secretary Releases National Seat Belt Strategy: On April 16, Secretary Slater released a national strategy to bring U.S. seat belt use to 85 percent by the year 2000. Secretary Slater was joined by several former Secretaries of Transportation and a broad coalition of leaders from government, safety organizations and business which have pledged to assist the effort to reduce deaths and injuries by increasing the use of seat belts. Seat belt use nationwide increased rapidly from 14 percent 15 years ago to 68 percent in 1996, but has risen very slowly in recent years. However, 6 states, CA, HI, NM, NC, OR, and WA, have already increased seat belt use to 80 percent or greater, demonstrating that the

goal is within reach. Seat belt use in many other industrialized countries exceeds 85 percent. In Australia, Germany and Canada, seat belt use exceeds 90 percent.

Helicopter Accident in NYC: On April 15, a Bolkow BK-117 helicopter operated by Colgate Palmolive Company landed at the edge of the helipad in New York City and rolled into the East River. The 2 passengers died and the pilot and copilot received serious injuries. NTSB and the FAA are investigating.

Response to Midwest Flooding Continues: On April 11, Vice President Gore and Secretary Slater flew to the flood scene to join FEMA Director James Lee Witt in assessing the situation. Their trip included visits to Fargo, ND, Watertown, SD, and Moorhead, MN. Rain and melting snow continue to create severe flooding conditions in ND, SD and MN. Ice-jams are blocking the water flow on the Buffalo, Floodwood, and Minnesota Rivers in MN, the Red River in ND, and the James River in SD creating flooding above the jams. Rivers and streams throughout the area are expected to crest during mid-April, and scattered local roads and freight and passenger rail service are being affected with closures and the rerouting of traffic.

Earth Day Events: On April 22, Secretary Slater is tentatively scheduled for an event with the North Virginia Development Team. This public/private partnership plants trees, preserves topsoil and works on other roadway improvements. The Secretary would join this group and possibly Americorps volunteers to plant some trees. Additionally, the Development Team is one of 16 projects scheduled to be presented with an

"Excellence in Environment Award" from FHWA. These awards are done annually on Earth Day. If time permits, the Secretary will open the award ceremony. In addition, on April 17 during the NE Tour, the Secretary will welcome a group of bike riders led by Assistant Secretary Louise Stoll in Philadelphia. Secretary Slater is planning on riding the final mile of the Valley Forge Bicycle Trail to the Philadelphia Art Museum. This event will help emphasize the commitment of the Administration by the use of FHWA funds to establish and maintain bicycle trails.

Garrett A. Morgan Transportation and Technology Futures Program: The Department is in the process of establishing the Garrett A. Morgan Program to support the Presidents ten point education plan. The goals of this program are to build a bridge between Americas youth and the transportation community, and to coordinate public and private transportation, technology and education resources to better use the nations human capital while meeting the countrys transportation needs.

Secretary Slater and RSPA Deputy Administrator Kelley S. Coyner will join representatives from Federal, state and local governments and the education partnership community to kickoff the program in Cleveland, OH in May. The First Lady has been invited to attend.

Seattle/APEC: On April 14, Deputy Secretary Downey addressed the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation ministers in Seattle, WA. While in Seattle, he also met with a Seattle editorial board and held an event amplifying NEXTEA.

National Volunteerism Week Event in Seattle: On April 14, Deputy Secretary

Downey visited with students and volunteers from the Marine Technology Program which is associated with the Highline, Federal Way, and South Central School Districts. Representatives from the Coast Guard, NOAA, and maritime industries have served as volunteers to help prepare these students for jobs in the maritime industry. The Deputy Secretary toured the facility and met with students from the program as well as volunteers from the Marine Skills Advisory Center. There was local media coverage.

Vice President Gore, Empowerment Zones: On April 16, Secretary Slater joined Vice President Gore in Detroit, MI for the Third White House Community Empowerment Conference. While in MI, the Secretary also attended a breakfast hosted by Mayor Archer and attended by the CEOs of the big three automobile companies.

New Car Assessment Program Side Impact Results Released: The first 17 new car assessment program (NCAP) side impact test results were released on Friday, April 11. This is the first time that side impact results have been a part of the NCAP tests. The results are for model year 1997. The story was carried on the NBC, ABC and CBS morning shows. A video news release was sent up on satellite later in the morning. The story also received coverage on the CBS Evening News. The Buying A Safer Car, brochure with the first side impact test results will be available to the public the week of April 14.

Surface Transportation Safety Legislation: The Bill, which contains elements addressing Traffic Safety, Hazardous Materials Reauthorization, Underground Damage Prevention, Sanitary Food Transportation, Rail

Anti-Terrorism and Rail Safety, is scheduled to be sent to Congress April

17. The proposal contains increased funding for incentive programs to encourage States to, among other things, enact primary seat belt use laws. The Bill includes a soft sanctioning provision that would transfer funds from a State's highway construction fund to its highway safety fund, beginning in FY 2003, if, by September 30, 2002, the State had not enacted primary seat belt use laws. This provision will not apply if the State achieves an 85 percent seat belt use rate. Policy is coordinating testimony and briefing materials for April 24 hearing.

Intermodal Northeast Tour to Amplify NEXTEA. Secretary Slater, April 17-21, will observe highway, rail, transit, air and port facilities in ten northeast states, and testify on April 21 at a Senate Environment and Public Works Committee field hearing on NEXTEA in Rhode Island. The Secretary will announce FTA Grants totaling \$146 million. A schedule of events and announcements is included in this report.

National Drive Safely at Work Week: On April 17, at the Washington D.C., Press Club, Secretary Slater will be the featured speaker at a media event to publicize the April 20-26 National Drive Safely at Work Week (NDS@WW). Companies across America have agreed to promote awareness during the week and to implement programs from the NDS@WW Planner. NDS@WW will feature a series of daily safety messages (drunk and aggressive driving, speeding, safety belts, air bags, share the road with large trucks, etc.). NDS@WW is sponsored by the Network of Employers for Traffic Safety (NETS), a public/private partnership supported by NHTSA and FHWA. In addition, NIOSH and OSHA are supporting members. Private sector members include

representatives of the vehicle manufacturers, and the insurance and trucking industries.

Salt Lake City Light Rail Ground Breaking and Grant Announcements: On April 11, Federal Transit Administrator Linton traveled to Salt Lake City to participate in a ground breaking for the Utah Transit Authority (UTA) for the TRAX light rail line. FTA Administrator Linton also participated in the announcement of a \$5.5 million grant for 28 new buses and a \$4.7 million grant for the third increment of the full funding agreement for 23 light rail transit cars, equipment, and construction of park-and-ride lots. The FTA Administrator also met with the Olympic Organizing Committee on transportation plans for the 2002 Olympic Games. In addition, the FTA Administrator met with the editorial boards of the Salt Lake Tribune and Salt Lake Deseret News. An op ed piece by Administrator Linton appeared in the Tribune on NEXTEA on April 9.

I-15 Project in Utah: On April 15, a ceremony was held in Salt Lake City, UT to launch a major reconstruction of 17 miles of I-15 in preparation for the Winter Olympics in February, 2002. The project will take 4 « years to complete at a cost of \$1.59 billion, the largest individual contract ever awarded in the history of the interstate highway system. This is a design-build project which combines innovative contracting techniques that decrease construction time by 50%. In addition, FHWA's innovative financing team is working with state and the private sector to develop financing strategies to leverage

federal dollars. FHWA acting Administrator Jane Garvey attended along with Governor Leavitt, Mayor Corradini, and other state and local officials.

European Conference of Ministers of Transport: Deputy Secretary Mortimer L. Downey will attend the 81st Session of the European Conference of Ministers of Transport, April 20-23 in Berlin, Germany. The major transport issues are European-Wide Transport Policy; Transport and Infrastructure Development; Crime in Transport; and Vulnerable Transport Users.

U.S.-Japan Maritime Port Talks: On April 11, the U.S. and Japan successfully concluded lengthy talks in Washington to resolve the dispute about restrictive Japanese port practices. Japan's current port practices discriminate against foreign carriers. Negotiations were subsequently conducted by an interagency working group and successfully concluded on Friday April 10. Under the terms of the agreement, Japan will now begin to grant licenses to foreign carriers to operate marine terminals and stevedoring services. Japan's current system for prior consultation on port activities will also be significantly reformed, in separate discussions between now and July 31. The successful negotiations have been communicated to the Federal Maritime Commission.

Barge Capsizes in Houston Channel: On April 10, a tug and barge tow in the Houston Ship Channel was swamped by two passing tankers. One barge capsized, dumping 6 containers of zinc bromide, a crystalline solid used in the photography and medical industries. Following restricted vessel

traffic control measures and an extensive search by the Army Corps of Engineers, the submerged containers were found and marked with buoys. Salvage operations began on April 14.

Collision with Pollution off Louisiana: On April 11, the Cypriot freighter FLORA collided with the Liberian tanker FORMOSA SIX off the Mississippi River delta. The FLORA damaged its bow and the double-hulled FORMOSA SIX experienced a gash in its hull. Soundings of the FORMOSA SIX's tanks indicated that roughly 406,000 gallons of ethylene dichloride, and acutely toxic flammable liquid, spilled. The FORMOSA SIX remains anchored off the coast. Lightering commenced the week of April 14. A USCG investigation pends, and the NTSB has been notified.

Barge Collides with Chemical Tanker on Mississippi River: On April 13, two barges, each loaded with 20,000 barrels of crude oil, broke loose from their tow and hit the moored chemical tanker STOLT VIKING, near Baton Rouge, LA. The STOLT VIKING suffered a hole above the waterline but, so far, no pollution has been reported. The Coast Guard is investigating.

FAA Revokes Certificate: On April 13, the FAA issued an emergency order revoking the air carrier certificate of Target Airways LTD of Reno, flying as Great American Airways. The order is based on numerous findings including falsification of flight and duty time records, falsification of training records, and falsifying load manifest documents.

Survey Allowed In India: After more than 1 year of negotiations, the Civil Aviation Authority of India will allow U.S. airline inspections and

a site survey of the New Delhi International Airport in April. The term site survey substitutes for assessment because of India's sensitivity of the word used in context of sovereignty.

U.S.-Chile Aviation Talks: U.S. and Chilean officials concluded two days of open-skies talks in Chile the week of April 7. U.S. representatives fielded questions about the open-skies framework, and the two sides agreed to meet again on the issue in the Fall, although no date was set.

U.S.-Italy Aviation Talks: U.S. and Italy concluded two days of open skies talks in Italy the week of April 7. The two sides agreed to meet again on the issue in the Fall, although no date was set.

U.S.-Brazil Passenger Air Service: The Department made final its award of authority to Delta and Continental to begin new passenger air service to Brazil from Atlanta and New York, respectively. This award allows U.S. airlines to begin using the new rights negotiated by Brazil and the U.S.

Explosives Detection Program: As of April 10, 15 of 19 Category X Airports have completed the Cooperative Agreements for the new FAA program. Of the remaining four airports, Los Angeles International Airport and John F. Kennedy International Airport have provided letters of intent and are expected to sign the Cooperative Agreement in the near future. Baltimore Washington International Airport intends to join the program and Detroit Metro Airport is still evaluating the agreement, but is expected to join. The annual recertification of teams at 35 airports under the old K-9 program is proceeding well with 5 of the 35 evaluations

completed. All teams presented for evaluation thus far have passed and been recertified.

Safety Barriers on the George Washington Parkway (GWMP): Competitive bids for the installation of median guardrail along the northern section of the GWMP were received April 10. This Federal Lands Highway has experienced a large number of fatal accidents in the last few months. Contract work is expected to begin on schedule by May 1.

Woodrow Wilson Bridge Meeting: On April 9, Secretary Slater and Acting Federal Highway Administrator Garvey met with the four Senators and with seven Representatives from the Virginia and Maryland delegation to discuss future initiatives regarding the Woodrow Wilson Bridge. Members urged the use of additional funds for a new facility and expressed strong opposition to any option involving the use of tolls. The Secretary will next meet with Governor Allen and Governor Glendening.

Letter to Governors on Seat Belt Use: On April 8, Secretary Slater, NTSB Chairman Hall, Senator McCain, Senator Hollings and 7 other Members of the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee signed a letter to the 50 Governors urging the states to increase motorists use of seat belts. The letter discussed ways to increase seat belt use and emphasized the importance of seat belt law enforcement. The letter also listed increased penalties and increased visibility of enforcement.

Full Bag Match Test: A draft of the proposed data collection procedures for Phase II of the Bag Match Study was delivered to Air Transport

Association last week for comment. ATA has agreed on a plan to begin the bag match pilot test next month. The draft final report is to be delivered by June 30.

FRONTIER SHIELD Cocaine Seizure: On April 13, Coast Guard, interagency forces, and authorities from St Kitts and Nevis teamed up in response to a drug airdrop near the island of St Kitts. A Coast Guard helicopter later recovered 300 lbs of cocaine in the vicinity of the island. No arrests have been made.

OP COLOMBUS 1-97: On 21-25 April, the U.S. Coast Guard, Colombian Navy, and Colombian Coast Guard will conduct OP COLOMBUS 1-97. This law enforcement operation, which includes the Cutter RESOLUTE, will employ joint bilateral patrols with the Colombian Navy off the coast of that country. The Coast Guard Advisor to Colombia and the Coast Guard International Training Detachment are also working closely with the Colombians on this operation.

Cutter Interdicts Polish Migrants: On April 8, the Cutter CHANDELEUR boarded a boat off Miami with 2 apparent Polish migrants. The migrants were turned over to the INS under the expedited removal process. This is the first case processed under the expedited removal regulations which became effective on April 1, 1997.

Inspector General Nomination: On April 9, the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee held a hearing to consider the nomination of Kenneth Mead as Inspector General of the Department. Chairman McCain

expressed his appreciation for Mr. Meads qualifications and his willingness to work with Congress and Secretary Slater. Senators Wendell Ford and Conrad Burns also expressed support for the nomination. The Committee is expected to consider the nomination during the week of April 14.

McDonald, Sharma. On April 11, Secretary Slater announced that Gail C. McDonald, the seventh administrator of the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation and the first woman chief of the agency, will resign May 1 to pursue other interests. In addition, on April 14, Secretary Slater announced that Dr. Dharmendra Sharma Administrator of RSPA will resign July 1 to pursue other interests.

California Enacts Section 159 Legislation: As of April 14, both houses of the California Legislature passed amended versions of bills which will put them in compliance with Section 159. In a letter to Secretary Slater, the Governor assured him he would sign the bills as soon as they were in his possession.

Secretary's Intermodal Tour from DC to Maine Amplifying NEXTEA

Secretary Slater's Intermodal Tour: On April 17-21, the Secretary will be traveling for 5 days in a Northeast intermodal tour which will cover 10 states and amplify NEXTEA. The tour will include the recognition of Earth Day and National Service Week. Safety will also be highlighted throughout the tour.

April 17

District of Columbia: The Secretary will kickoff this 5-day Multi-modal tour with the Network of Employers for Traffic Safety (NETS) event at the National Press Club. The Secretary will present a Presidential proclamation declaring April 20 - 26 as National Drive Safely at Work Week. He will board AMTRAK and see Operation Respond - Emergency Response Demonstration. The President of AMTRAK, Tom Downs, will join the Secretary for much of the rail travel on this tour.

Maryland: The Secretary will visit the Baltimore Civil War Museum which features history of African Americans use of underground railroads.

Local, State and federal elected officials have been invited to accompany him. On Board AMTRAK, the Secretary will meet with Delaware Governor, Tom Carper, and State DOT Secretary, Anne Canby.

Delaware: Secretary Slater will visit Wilmington, DE and participate in an Outreach session with 40 city, county and State representatives. He will also tour the proposed Riverfront Economic Development project.

Pennsylvania: Secretary Slater will be in Philadelphia and will recognize Earth Day by joining a team of bicyclists as they conclude 21 mile trek. He will be the keynote speaker at PENJERDEL, a regional public/private organization with membership that includes Transportation, Business and Community leaders. Mayor Rendell will participate. In his remarks the Secretary will emphasize the upcoming Presidents Summit for Americas

Future, as well as, highlight Americorps successes in the region.

April 18

Pennsylvania: The Secretary will tour Old North Philadelphia Train Station which is an Economic Redevelopment project. Rep. Foglietta will attend.

Secretary Slater will make a FTA Grant Announcement of \$6.3 million for the Frankford Elevated Reconstruction Project. This is an example of a major reconstruction effort being performed on a 75-year old rail line while keeping the line running.

New York: Secretary Slater will make a FTA Grant Announcement of \$6 million to NYMTA in Brooklyn at the Jackie Gleason Bus Depot to make modifications to the depot that will allow for the operation of buses fueled by compressed natural gas.

Secretary Slater will travel to Queens to make a FTA Grant Announcement of \$35 million which is the final increment in federal funding to MTA. The project consists of the connection between the 63rd St. tunnel and the Queens Blvd subway line. Seven Members of Congress have been invited to attend.

The Secretary will travel to Harlem to tour a Livable Community, Frederick Douglass Circle which includes transit, highway, and a park.

April 19

New Hampshire: The Secretary will attend a breakfast meeting hosted by Governor Jeanne Shaheen and State and local leaders. Senators Smith and Gregg and Representatives Sununu and Bass are invited to participate.

Massachusetts: Secretary Slater will amplify National Service Week by participating in Recognition of AmeriCorps at an event with young people who provide aid to the needy.

Maine: The Secretary will travel to Portland and amplify ongoing welfare to work initiatives in transportation by visiting with recipients/providers including the Portland-South Portland Bridge project and Aspire Program. Rep. Tom Allen will attend. The Secretary will travel to Auburn to meet with State, local and federal officials at Intermodal Freight Transfer facility. Rep. John Baldacci will join.

April 20

Connecticut: The Secretary will be joined in New Haven by Senator Lieberman in a Groundbreaking event. I-95 is being reconstructed in the Bridgeport area. This \$410 million undertaking involves five projects. This groundbreaking recognizes the largest of the five projects at \$106 million and is just about to start construction.

April 21

Rhode Island: Secretary Slater will travel to Providence and will testify at a hearing of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee chaired by Senator Chafee.

New Jersey: In Newark the Secretary will make a FTA Grant Announcement of \$104.8 million to the New Jersey Transit Corp. These funds will be used for the Seacaucus Transfer element of the NJ Urban Core Project, which reduces commuting times, encourages transit use and expands capacity for rail and light rail mass transit. Senator Lautenberg, Rep. Pacrell, and Rep. Rothman have been invited to attend. The Secretary will attend the ground breaking of the Hudson-Bergen Light Rail line.

Secretary Slater will tour the Air Traffic Control Tower and meet with employees at Newark International Airport . The air traffic control tower at Newark has been involved in one of the most significant productivity improvements in the National Airspace System over the last several years. Through cooperation between FAA controllers, managers, and airline officials, new procedures have been implemented which have led to a 35% reduction in the number of delays at Newark. 33 FAA controllers work at the Newark Tower, which handles over 450,000 operations per year.

WORK ON PRESIDENTIAL POLICY PRIORITIES

Bridge to Asia-Pacific

Japan: A session of exploratory aviation talks took place April 9-11 in Honolulu. At this meeting, the third such meeting to be held since January, the two sides continued to exchange specific ideas that could

provide a basis for resuming formal negotiations. No plans were made for further talks but the two sides agreed to be in contact with the intention to continue discussions.

Korea: On April 4, Deputy Assistant Secretary Mark L. Gerchick and Deputy Director of International Aviation Ed Oppler met with Korean officials in a meeting preliminary to open-skies negotiations which are anticipated to take place in May. The meeting was useful in identifying issues that need to be resolved to conclude an open-skies agreement.

Environmental Safety

On April 16, the Coast Guard Headquarters Command Center will host a high level Mexican delegation, headed by Mr. Jose Luis Calderon Bartheneuf, Environmental Audit Under secretary. Sponsored by the EPA as part of the Sister Cities Project, the delegation will receive training and familiarization on the duties and responsibilities of the Coast Guards National Response Center.

NOTABLE CONGRESSIONAL ACTIVITY

FY97 Appropriations Supplemental: On April 23, the House Appropriations Committee is expected to markup a supplemental appropriations measure to provide funding for disaster relief in several states. Included in the request is \$276m for the FHWA to revamp highways damaged during winter

floods.

ISTEA Reauthorization: On April 7, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee held a field hearing in New York City on ISTEA reauthorization. Deputy Secretary Downey testified, along with Governor Christine Whitman, Governor George Pataki, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and industry representatives. The hearing was attended by Senators Warner, Baucus, Moynihan, Lautenberg and DAmato.

On April 21, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee will hold the last of five ISTEA field hearings in Warwick, Rhode Island. Secretary Slater will testify.

On April 23, the House Science Subcommittee on Technology will hold a hearing on research and development initiatives in Title VI of ISTEA. The Department is not expected to testify.

The Secretary is expected to testify on the proposed NEXTEA safety title before the full Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee on April 24, and the full Senate Environment and Public Works Committee on May 1.

On May 8, the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine will hold a hearing on ISTEA. The Department will not testify.

Science in Rulemaking: On April 15, the House Small Business Subcommittee on Regulation and Paperwork and Subcommittee on Government Reform held a joint hearing on science in rulemaking and the use of cost benefit and risk analyses in the regulatory process. Dr. Aviva Brecher, Senior Technology and Policy Analyst in the Transportation Strategic Planning and Analysis Office at the Volpe Center, testified.

Airbags and Child Restraints: On April 30, the House Commerce Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance will hold a hearing on airbags and child restraints. NHTSA Administrator Martinez will testify.

Aviation Insurance Program: On May 1, the Aviation Subcommittee of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee will hold a hearing on reauthorization of the aviation war risk insurance program. FAA Deputy Assistant Administrator for Policy and Planning and International Aviation Louise Maillet will testify.

Administration's NEXTEA Proposal Introduced: On Thursday, April 10, the Administration's NEXTEA proposal was introduced by House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Shuster and Ranking Member Oberstar, and by Subcommittee on Surface Transportation Chairman Petri and Ranking Member Rahall, by request. The bill, H.R. 1268, was referred to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee.

Other ISTEA Legislation Introduced: On Wednesday, April 9, Senator Max Baucus introduced STARS 2000", an ISTEA reauthorization bill that provides

\$26 billion in highway funding. In an effort to streamline the program, the proposal directs 60 percent of the funding to the National Highway System and 40 percent to the Surface Transportation Program. Several environmental groups opposed the introduction of the bill because of cuts in funding for the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program and elimination of the ISTEA emphasis on maintenance.

Secretary's Schedule

April 16

Secretary Slater will attend the Empowerment Conference in Detroit, MI.

April 17-21

Secretary Slater will travel in the Northeast on I-95, participating in many events from MD to ME.

April 21

Secretary Slater will participate in a field hearing requested by Senator Chafee in Providence, RI.

April 22

Secretary will participate in Earth Day activities in Northern VA.

April 24-25

Secretary Slater will hold a Department of Transportation Retreat in

Warrenton, VA.

Deputy Secretary

April 16-17

The Deputy Secretary will participate in Amtrak meetings in Warrenton, VA.

April 20-23

The Deputy Secretary will participate in the European Conference of Ministers of Transport (ECMT) Conference.

April 30 (Tentative)

The Deputy Secretary will participate in the International Intermodal Exposition.

May 5

The Deputy Secretary will deliver opening remarks at the High Speed Rail Conference in Las Vegas, NV.

May 8

The Deputy Secretary will participate in the WTS 20th Annual Conference in Baltimore, MD.

May 29-30

The Deputy Secretary will participate in Amtrak meetings in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

Modal Administrators/Assistant Secretaries

April 19-21

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs, John Horsley, will speak at the Annual Meeting of the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia, in Jekyll Island, GA.

April 19-23

The Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy will accompany the Deputy Secretary to the ECMT meetings in Berlin.

April 20-23

Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy Frank Kruesi, will accompany the Deputy Secretary to the ECMT meeting in Berlin.

April 21

RSPA Deputy Administrator Coyner will address the Board of Directors of TRANSNOW, a DOT University Transportation Center headquartered at the University of Washington in Seattle, WA.

FRA Administrator Molitoris will be a keynote speaker at the Land Transportation Security Policy makers Meeting at the State Department on April 21.

FTA Administrator Linton will participate at the Land Transportation

Policy Meeting at the State Department in Washington.

April 22

The FAA Acting Administrator will speak at the FAA International Directors General meeting in Los Angeles, CA.

FAA Acting Deputy Administrator Monte Belger will speak in Bloomington and Minneapolis, MN, at a Professional Women Controllers Convention and at a dedication of the Minneapolis Tower.

RSPA Deputy Administrator Coyner will deliver remarks at the Spring 97 COHMED Conference in Seattle, WA.

April 22-23

The FAA Acting Administrator, Barry Valentine, will speak at the FAA International Directors General meeting in LA, CA.

April 24-25

Department-wide retreat.

April 25

RSPA Administrator Sharma will deliver remarks at a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Washington, DC.

April 28

FTA Administrator will give a luncheon address on NEXTEA at the Washington DC chapter of the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO).

April 28-29

FRA Administrator Molitoris will visit FRA employees in Region 8 in Vancouver, WA.

April 29

Admiral Kramek will meet with Commissioner David Watters, head of the Canadian Coast Guard.

The RSPA Deputy Administrator will deliver remarks at the National Association of Pipeline State Representatives meeting in Williamsburg, VA.

NHTSA Administrator Martinez will speak at a conference in Tampa, FL, on fatigue in freight transportation.

Acting FAA Administrator Valentine will speak with USAF officials on a number of issues at Langley AFB, VA.

April 30

Admiral Kramek will attend the National Propeller Club salute to Congress dinner in Washington.

FRA Administrator Molitoris will travel to Anchorage and Seward, AK, to participate in a special train trip hosted by the Railroad Operating Rules Association of North America.

FTA Administrator Linton will give the keynote address at the

African-American Mobility Issues Symposium in Tampa, FL.

NHTSA Administrator Martinez will be a guest speaker at the Primary Seatbelt Enforcement Law for the District of Columbia Press Conference in Washington, DC.

RSPA Administrator Dr. Sharma will deliver remarks at the City College of New York in NYC.

RSPA Administrator Dr. Sharma will deliver remarks at the New Jersey Institute of Technology in Newark, NJ.

May 1-2

FRA Administrator Molitoris will travel to Anchorage, AK, to be the keynote speaker at the biannual meeting of the Railroad Operating Rules Association of North America, and will visit several of the Alaska Railroad Corporations facilities.

May 1-3

Associate Deputy Secretary Michael Huerta, will participate in the National Federation of Municipal Analysts annual conference in Coronado, CA.

May 3

Admiral Kramek will escort Senator Inouye to the launching of the new Coast Guard Cutter KUKUI in Marinette, WI. Mrs. Herr, wife of vice Admiral Herr, will serve as the ships sponsor.

May 5

FRA Administrator Molitoris will travel to Las Vegas, NV, to be the keynote speaker at the High-Speed Ground Transportation Associations 1997 International Convention and Exposition.

NHTSA Administrator Martinez will speak at the SAE International Annual Government/Industry meeting in Washington, D.C.

May 6

Admiral Kramek will address the Baltimore Coast Guard Officers Association Luncheon.

OSDBU Director Luz Hopewell will attend the Air Force 50th Anniversary Salute to Small Business in Herndon, VA.

NHTSA Administrator Martinez will participate in the Acadian Ambulance Company Air Rescue Demonstration and Training Process, Lafayette, LA.

May 7

Maritime Administrator Herberger will speak at the American Society of Testing and Materials Symposium on Safety of Commercial Vessel Operations on Rivers in St. Louis, MO.

May 8

FRA Administrator Molitoris will travel to Baltimore, MD, to be the keynote speaker at the 1997 Womens Transportation Seminar National

Conference.

May 8-9

OSDBU Director Hopewell will attend the 1997 Womens Transportation Seminar in Baltimore, MD.

May 8-10

Admiral Kramek will attend functions with the Coast Guard Foundation in San Francisco.

May 9

Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs, Louise Stoll, will participate on a panel for the WTS National Conference, Baltimore, MD.

May 12

FRA Administrator Molitoris will travel to Atlanta, GA, to address the second of three FRA multi-regional conferences.

NHTSA Administrator Martinez will address the MADD Youth Summit on Underage Drinking in Chevy Chase, MD.

May 12-14

FAA Acting Administrator Valentine will participate in the Russian-American Aviation Conference in Annapolis, MD.

May 13

Admiral Kramek will attend the CG Atlantic Area change of command in

Portsmouth, VA.

May 19

NHTSA Administrator Martinez will address the American Ambulance Association Stars of Life Awards Dinner in Washington, D.C.

May 20

NHTSA Administrator Martinez will speak at the Japan Transportation Research Centers Conference on Advanced Vehicle Technology in Washington, D.C.

May 21

Admiral Kramek will attend the Coast Guard Academy graduation in New London, CT.

May 22

Admiral Kramek will host newly-selected flag and general officers participating in the CAPSTONE orientation program.

MARAD Deputy Administrator for Inland Waterways and Great Lakes will speak at the Propeller Club Maritime Day Luncheon in St. Petersburg, FL.

May 23

Admiral Kramek will attend the CG Pacific Area change of command.

May 30

NHTSA Administrator Ricardo Martinez will speak to the Emergency Medical

Services Administrators Association of California Spring Conference, San Diego, CA.

June 2

NHTSA Marinez will participate in a meeting with the Crash Injury Research Engineering Network in Ann Arbor, MI.

June 4

Admiral Kramek will attend The Interdiction Committee (TIC) meeting in Washington.

June 5

Admiral Kramek will attend the Change of Command for the Seventh Coast Guard District in Miami, FL.

June 7

NHTSA Administrator Martinez will speak at the Safe Communities Best Practices in Orlando, FL.

June 9

FRA Administrator Molitoris will travel to Sacramento, CA, to address the third and final FRA multi-regional conference.

June 10

NHTSA Administrator Martinez will speak at Lifesavers 14: National Conference on Highway Safety Practices, in Orlando, FL.

June 12

NHTSA Deputy Administrator Philip Recht will speak at the annual meeting of Trial Attorneys of America in Chicago, IL.

June 16-17

FRA Administrator Molitoris will travel to Minneapolis, MN, to participate in the Small Railroads in the Non Urban Economy -- A Partnership conference.

June 18

NHTSA Administrator Martinez will speak at the National Emergency Number Association Annual Conference in Baltimore, MD.

June 20

Admiral Kramek will attend the Coast Guard Academy change of command.

June 27-28

Admiral Kramek will attend the change of command for the Commander, First Coast Guard District, and the Navy League National Convention in Boston, MA.

July 6-14

Admiral Kramek will meet with Federal Border Service leaders in Russia.

July 24-25

FRA Administrator Molitoris will travel to Oakland, CA, to participate in Amtraks Board and Committee Meetings.

Media Inquiries

(New listings above asterisk)

The Washington Post is working a major two-part feature on the history and future of air bags. NHTSA Administrator Martinez and Charles Kahane of the Performance Improvement Division were both interviewed. The article had been expected to run April 13 and 14, but is being reviewed by Post legal staff.

NBC Radio is preparing a piece for this week on ground deicing operations and future technology for ground deicing.

Dateline NBC, April 10, will interview FAA official from the Office of Regulation and Certification regarding ValuJet. Segment to air May 11.

The Lehrer News Hour interviewed FAA director of Air Traffic Service April 4 regarding the impact of National Weather Service cuts on FAAs weather services. Air date to be announced.

The Washington Post is preparing an article on airline policies regarding personnel in aircraft cockpits. Reporters asked about requirements governing deaf employees flying in aircraft jump seats. Publication date not known.

Washington Times, March 27, preparing story on FAA weather observer program, spoke with director of FAA Air Traffic Service. Story date

unknown.

ABC News, Inside DOT, Travel Trade, Waterways Journal, and World Airport Week requested copies of the Bureau of Transportation Statistics newly released Transportation in the United States: A Review. This short report summarizes information in various BTS documents, and covers passenger travel, freight movement, transportation and the economy, and the unintended consequences of transportation (i.e., injuries and deaths in highway crashes, energy use, and environmental impacts).

FOIA REQUESTS

Correspondence between FAA and Representative Maurice Hinchey between 1992-1997 concerning a \$1.5 million federal grant awarded for Kingston-Ulster Airport in New York -- Ottaway News Service, Washington, DC

NASIP and/or NATI programs of ratings for Part 121/135 airlines for the past five years -- Consumer Digest Magazine, Chicago, IL

Revocation and reinstatement of the air carrier certificate and a Minimum Equipment List (MEL) for Prompt Air Inc. -- KSTP-TV News, St. Paul, MN

Transcript and audio tape involving the flight of Prompt Air Cessna, N7123J, at General Mitchell International Airport, Milwaukee, Wisconsin on February 20, 1997 -- WLKY-TV, Louisville, KY

Meigs Field Feasibility Study --City News Bureau of Chicago

Tower tapes, weather reports involving a helicopter N370WM accident on
April 8, 1997 -- Palm Beach Post

Correspondence since January 1, 1996 from Sun Jet International to the
Atlanta Flight Standards Office and correspondence from the Atlanta
Flights Standards Office to Sun Jet -- St. Petersburg Times

Correspondence to FAA written by 27 specified Members of Congress since
1978 -- The Center for Public Integrity, Washington, DC

Point of Contact: For the weekend of April 19-20, Michael Huerta will be
the contact. He can be reached through the FAA Operations Center at (202)
267-3333.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: CAROL M. BROWNER

SUBJECT: Weekly Report for April 16, 1997

KEY AGENCY NEWS

EPA's FY 1998 House Appropriations Hearings: On 4/15 and 4/16, Administrator Browner, Deputy Administrator Hansen and the Assistant Administrators testified before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on VA/HUD and Independent Agencies (Lewis, CA) on the Agency,s FY +98 budget request.

Outstanding Mother Award: On Thursday, 4/17, Administrator Browner will travel to New York to be honored as one of 1997's Outstanding Mothers by the National Mother,s Day Committee, in recognition of her contributions to family and society as a civic leader and environmentalist.

Earth Day: Next week, to celebrate Earth Day, Administrator Browner expects to participate in several events including an event with the Vice President on Monday (4/21) to announce an Executive Order to Protect Children From Environmental Health and Safety Threats; and an Earth Day Event with the President on Tuesday (4/22) regarding Community Right-To-Know Expansion. Administrator Browner will also sign a MOU with several other federal agencies and senior citizens groups to amplify the President,s message on volunteerism and the need for all Americans to protect our environment.

EPA Deputy Administrator Hansen, Assistant Administrators and Regional Administrators will participate in Earth Day events in Seattle, Denver, Kansas City, St. Louis, Dallas, Hartford and other cities around the country.

Expansion of Community Right-to-Know: We continue to work with the Vice President,s office, OMB and CEQ to resolve issues surrounding EPA,s proposed expansion of the community right-to-know program (which provides facility-specific information on toxic chemical releases) to seven new industrial sectors.

We are also working with the White House on a potential event to announce the expansion.

Children,s Exposure to Pesticides: EPA has awarded a three-year grant to the University of Minnesota to help assess risks children may face in different settings from exposure to pesticides. The work, &Measuring and

Apportioning Children's Exposure to Pesticide in Urban, Suburban, and Rural Communities,⁸ is designed to: measure & total exposure⁸ for selected pesticides from a variety of sources (e.g. diet, drinking water, etc.) for a sample of children living in central-city, suburban, and rural neighborhoods in Minnesota; and compare childrens' pesticide exposure among an inner-city urban area, a suburban neighborhood, and a rural agricultural community.

Diverse information will be collected about each child in the study, and results are expected to improve assessments of risks to children from pesticide exposure and to inform and strengthen regulatory decisions about which pesticide risks are unacceptable and what should be done about them.

Meeting with House Commerce Committee Democrats: On 4/16, Administrator Browner met with the Democratic caucus of the House Commerce Committee to discuss Superfund Reauthorization. The Administrator emphasized the administrative improvements made in the program over the last four years, and discussed the Administration's work to reauthorize Superfund.

Groundwater Contamination at the Massachusetts Military Reserve: Last week, EPA issued an order to the National Guard Bureau and the Massachusetts National Guard concerning activities at the Massachusetts Military Reserve on Cape Cod. EPA ordered that the use of propellants and pyrotechnics in conjunction with training exercises be stopped because of contamination of the aquifer beneath the Reserve which supplies drinking water to local residents. EPA is now working closely with the Department of Defense and the National Guard on an agreement which will control

further groundwater contamination while still respecting the training needs of the Massachusetts National Guard. Governor Weld, and Senators Kennedy and Kerry are supportive of EPA's action, as are the residents of Cape Cod for whom contamination at the Military Reserve has been a concern for many years.

States Contributing to Regional Air Pollution: This week, EPA identified 26 eastern states that will need to make additional air pollution reductions in order to address the regional ozone (smog) air pollution in the eastern U.S. Over the last 2 years, EPA has worked closely with a group of 37 eastern states to develop a broad regional strategy to reduce smog across the entire area. Based on initial results from this joint EPA-state effort, EPA expects that many of these states will need to make additional air pollution reductions. Final results are expected in June 1997, after which EPA would propose regulations to implement a regional program. This regional effort will help many communities meet federal air quality health standards for ozone and particulate matter (soot), which EPA has proposed to strengthen.

International Wastewater Treatment Facility, San Diego: A ribbon-cutting ceremony to formally initiate the operation of the International Wastewater Treatment Plant (IWTP) is planned in San Diego, California on April 18, 1997. EPA, through the International Border and Water Commission (IBWC), funded the \$239 million cost of the facility. Vice President Gore attended the ground-breaking ceremony for the plant in 1994. Construction of the facility addresses a major issue of long-standing concern for the residents of San Diego County. Since the

1980's, renegade sewage flows from Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico have flowed north through the Tijuana River into San Diego, causing numerous quarantines of San Diego beaches as well as public nuisance and public health concerns.

In 1990, the US and Mexico agreed to build a 25 million gallon per day wastewater treatment plant in San Diego to treat sewage from Tijuana. The plant is now ready to begin operation, although the ocean outfall for the plant is still under construction and will not be completed until 1998.

In the interim, the treated wastewater will be discharged to San Diego's wastewater treatment system. Once complete, the outfall will discharge the treated wastewater into the ocean approximately 3 miles off the San Diego coastline.

Anti-Biotechnology Demonstrations: The Foundation on Economic Trends announced that activists in thirty nations are organizing press events against genetic engineering in food as well as animal and human cloning.

U.S. cities include New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Detroit, Atlanta, Austin, Tucson, Albuquerque, and Iowa City. None are scheduled in Washington and we are not aware of any protests at federal agencies at this point. The protests are in response to the recent introduction of genetically engineered food onto the world market and the news last month of the first cloning of a mammal and the quickened pace of patents on transgenic plants and animal and human genes.

News Story on Public Health Claims on Consumer Product Labeling: CBS will soon interview EPA for a story on whether the public health claims made on

numerous consumer products that contain anti-microbial substances (kitchen sponges, children's toys) have been proven. Under the Federal Insecticide Fungicide Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), any company that intends to sell a product with pesticidal claims (that relate to public health) must register the product with EPA and show that their product works. EPA, however, is currently looking into a number of products to ensure they are in compliance.

Export of PCB-Contaminated Ships: On 4/11, the Office of Management and Budget held a meeting to discuss issues surrounding the attempt by the Navy to exempt itself from provisions of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) through the DOD FY98 Authorization Bill. Although issues were not resolved at the meeting, there was general agreement that all parties should work within the Administration without seeking legislation. Representatives of EPA, the National Security Council (NSC), DOJ, GSA, DOT, and the Navy were present.

TSCA bans the export of toxic polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and PCB-containing articles.

Both the Navy and DOT (the Maritime Administration or MARAD) are interested in exporting ships that have been &retired8 that may contain large quantities of PCBs and PCB-containing articles without providing notice to the receiving countries or giving the countries the opportunity to reject the shipment. The Administration's policy is that Federal entities must meet the same environmental standards as private industry and that PCB exports should be handled consistent with the Basel Convention for hazardous wastes and other international controls.

Although TSCA bans exporting ships for disposal, EPA has allowed MARAD under a Compliance Agreement to export a limited number of ships subject to removal of the more concentrated PCBs and to providing notice to the receiving country. MARAD has asked that the notice provisions in the agreement be modified because of its recent experience with the government of India, which objected to export of a vessel once the presence of PCBs was made known. (The Navy has not been able to reach agreement with EPA on a similar Compliance Agreement and is not currently exporting any ships.) EPA is currently exploring several options that could allow export of vessels to be used for scrap metal. For example, EPA may require only minimal notice for very low level PCB contamination, such as PCBs found in paint.

WORK ON PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES

The White House Conference on Early Childhood Development and Learning: What the Newest Research on the Brain Tells Us About Our Youngest Children: This Conference will help emphasize the importance of ensuring that children receive the early protection they need, and highlight the critical role EPA plays in fulfilling our nation's obligation to protect future generations from environmental hazards. Dr. Phil Landrigan, one of the country's leading environmental pediatricians and the Director of EPA, s new Office of Children's Health Protection, will participate in the panel discussions at the White House.

Administrator Browner will amplify the President's message on children's health in interviews in targeted markets. In addition, EPA regional offices are helping to host the regional satellite conferences taking place around the country that day.

Project XL: On 4/16, Deputy Administrator Fred Hansen signed a Federal Register notice laying out mid-course improvements to EPA's Project XL initiative. Project XL is a program that allows the regulated community an opportunity to gain greater regulatory flexibility in exchange for a commitment to a higher-level of environmental results.

The Environmental Council of the States was instrumental in helping the Agency identify and clarify the issues. We have listened carefully to the concerns brought before us and clarified critical issues, such as superior environmental performance, regulatory flexibility, and stakeholder involvement. While we cannot say that we reached consensus on all issues, we have attempted to achieve a good balance. EPA remains committed to continuing the formal and informal discussions to improve the program further and will hold at least quarterly round table meetings with our various constituencies and also conduct an extensive outreach effort.

CONGRESS

Legislative Action this Week

- On April 10, Rep. Shuster (R-PA) introduced H.R. 1268, the National Economic Crossroads Efficiency Act (NEXTEA), to reauthorize ISTEA. This is a companion bill to S. 468, introduced on March 18 by Sens. Chafee (R-RI) and Moynihan (D-NY).
- On April 10, Rep. Upton (R-MI) introduced H.R. 1270, a Nuclear Waste Policy Act Amendment, to address the storage of spent nuclear fuel in Yucca Mtn., NV. This is a companion bill to S. 104 (not the Murkowski Substitute), introduced on January 21 by Sen. Murkowski (R-AK).
- On April 10, Rep. Engel (D-NY) introduced H.R. 1284, a Safe Drinking Water Amendment, to allow municipalites to reapply for exemption from filtration requirements under the Surface Water Treatment Rule.
- On April 10, Rep. Saxton (R-NJ) introduced H.R. 1308, a Safe Drinking Water Amendment, to disallow exemption or variances from Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) provisions. Saxton,s bill would also remove reference to cost/benefit analyses within SDWA.
- On April 10, Rep. Stupak (D-MI) introduced H.R. 1311, a Clean Water Act Amendment.
- On April 10, Sen. McConnell (R-KY) introduced a Clean Air Act Amendment, to address the CAA,s definition of volatile organic compounds. This is a companion bill to H.R. 679 introduced on February 11 by Rep. Hamilton (D-IN).
- On April 15, the Senate passed S. 104, the Nuclear Waste Policy Act Amendment (Yucca Mtn.) by a margin of 65 to 34.
- On April 15 and 16, Administrator Browner testified before the

House Appropriations Subc. on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies (Lewis R-CA) on the Agency,s FY +98 budget request.

-- On April 16, the House Commerce Committee (Bliley R-VA) approved H.R. 688, a Solid Waste Disposal Act Amendment, that addresses EPA,s Leaking Underground Storage Tank Program.

-- On April 16, the House Science Subc. on Energy and the Environment (Calvert R-CA) is expected to approve H.R. 1276, the Environmental Research, Development and Demonstration Act (ERDDA). This bill, introduced on April 10 by Rep. Calvert, would authorize additional funds for research and development at EPA through fiscal year 1999.

-- On April 16, the Government Reform and Oversight Subc. on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs (McIntosh R-IN) will hold a hearing on the proposed Ozone/PM NAAQS.

-- On April 17, Asst. Administrator for Water Bob Perciasepe will testify before the House Resources Subc. on Water and Power (Doolittle R-CA) on the CalFed Bay Delta Program.

-- On April 17, Asst. Administrator for Air Mary Nichols will testify before the House Commerce Subcs. on Health and the Environment (Bilirakis R-FL) and Oversight and Investigations (Barton R-TX) on the proposed Ozone/PM NAAQS.

-- On April 17, Director of Regulatory Management and Information Tom Kelly will testify before the Small Business Subcs. on Government Programs and Oversight (Bartlett R-MD) and Regulatory Reform and Paperwork Reduction (Kelly R-NY) on implementation of SBREFA and coordination with SBA on the development of Small Business Advisory Committees. SBA and OSHA representatives will also testify at the hearing.

Current Legislative Issues

Nuclear Waste -- Yucca Mountain. On April 15, Administrator Browner sent a letter to Sen. Bryan (D-NV) explaining EPA,s environmental concerns with the Murkowski Substitute. No action is yet scheduled on Rep. Upton,s companion bill

Clean Water Act / Safe Drinking Water Act. The Transportation and Infrastructure Committee is expected to address EPA,s Clean Water Act Needs Survey; the benefits of privatization; EPA,s Performance Partnership Grants; EPA ,s*Hardship Grant Program; and the Drinking Water Needs Survey. They will also address the need for or possibility of Clean Water Act reauthorization.

UPCOMING HEARINGS & MARK-UPS

Date Committee

Subject

Testifying

4/23 Trans. & Infra. Clean Water and Drinking

Water Asst. Administrator for

Subc. on Water Resources and the

Infrastructure

Water Bob Perciasepe

Environment (Boehlert NY)

4/23 House Government Reform and Oversight PM/Ozone

NAAQS Administrator Browner

Subc. on Natl. Economic

Growth, Sally Katzen, OMB

Natural Resources and Regulatory

Affairs (McIntosh IN)

4/29 Trans. & Infra. Wetlands: Tulloch Rule

& Bob Wayland

Subc. on Water Resources and the Nationwide

Permits Office of Wetlands,

Environment (Boehlert

R-NY) Oceans and

Watersheds

PRESS

Children ,s Health: Administrator Browner will amplify the President ,s message on children ,s health in Tampa, Fl, Seattle, WA, Buffalo, NY and Cleveland, OH on Thursday, April 17.

Volunteer Week: Administrator Browner conducted radio and television interviews on 4/16 to amplify the President ,s message on volunteerism and the Presidential Summit later this month.

Earth Day: On Monday (4/21), Administrator Browner will sign an MOU with several other federal agencies and senior citizens groups to amplify the President ,s message on volunteerism and the need for all Americans to

protect our environment.

Mother of the Year: Administrator Browner will travel to New York City on Thursday (4/17) to receive the Mother of the Year Award from the Mother ,s Day Committee. Administrator Browner will discuss the need to provide our children with strong environmental protections, and the Clinton Administration ,s accomplishments in protecting children ,s health.

ADMINISTRATOR ,S SCHEDULE

4/17 Breakfast hosted by Audubon Society, New York

4/17 Accept Mother of the Year Award, New York City

4/18 Visit Edmund Burke School, D.C.

4/18 Phone calls for amplification of & Volunteer Summit 8

4/21 Interview with C-SPAN re: Earth Day

4/21 Earth Day Event with Vice President re: Children ,s Health

Executive Order

4/22 Earth Day Event with President re: Community Right-To-Know Expansion

4/23 House Government Reform Subcommittee (McIntosh) Hearing re: proposed air standards

4/23 Lunch with Mary Gade, Environmental Commissioner for Illinois

4/24 Address Los Angeles Town Hall re: proposed air quality standards

4/24 Interview with Michael Jackson, radio show, Los Angeles

4/25 Address National Conference of Black Mayors, St. Louis, MO

4/29 President ,s Council on Sustainable Development Meeting

4/30 Meeting with Dr. Angela Merkel (German Minister for the Environment)

4/30 Meeting with National Environmental Justice Advisory Committee

5/1 Senate Democratic Caucus Meeting

5/4-6 G-7 Environmental Leaders Meeting, Miami

5/9 Meeting with Mark Van Putten, National Wildlife Federation

5/17 Address Society of Environmental Journalists regional meeting, Cleveland, re: proposed air standards

5/22 All States Meeting (state environmental commissioners)

5/22 President's Environmental Youth Awards

5/23 Travel for Announcement re: Beaches Water Quality

5/28 National Press Club panel re: proposed air standards

5/28 Travel to Boston, MA

5/29 Travel to CT

DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR'S SCHEDULE

4/17 Meeting w/Bill Long, Director of the OECD (Organization for Economic Cooperation & Development) Environment Directorate

4/17 Meeting w/GAO officials re: EPA's Reinvention Program

4/18 Address the "Friday Forum," a group of Washington-based industry representatives re: current environmental issues

4/21 Meeting w/Jim Lyons, USDA Assistant Secretary re: urban initiatives

4/22 Signing of Memo of Cooperation w/SBA Deputy Administrator in support of EPA's voluntary energy star Small Business pollution prevention program

REGULATORY ACTION

Standards for Disposal of Hazardous Waste in Landfills: This week, the Administrator will sign two regulatory actions addressing the management of certain hazardous wastes (wastes from wood preserving operations, certain mineral processing wastes, etc.). These actions are required under the Land Disposal Restriction (LDR) program of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the law governing hazardous waste. EPA agreed to take these actions at this time in settlement of litigation.

The LDR program requires EPA to set standards for hazardous wastes that are disposed on the land (including in a landfill) that minimize the threat to public health and the environment from those wastes. In developing these actions, EPA explored a broad range of options, reflecting our scientific understanding of the risks from these wastes, and the input we have received from stakeholders (including the regulated community and environmental groups).

FOIA REQUESTS

This week, EPA received 532 requests for information. The Agency has received a total of 6,865 inquiries this year. We received the following requests of interest:

The Agency is considering a request from Jim Barnett of the Oregonian who is asking for communications on Project XL and communication between EPA

and any member of Congress regarding these projects.

The Agency is also considering a request from the Hartford Courant asking for documents relating to the Region I (New England) Administrator's involvement in enforcement matters, and also minutes of enforcement agenda meetings.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ERSKINE BOWLES, THE WHITE HOUSE April 23, 1997

FROM: Secretary Slater

SUBJECT: DOT Weekly Report -- Week of April 28, 1997

The following is the Department of Transportation Weekly Report:

KEY DEPARTMENT NEWS

North Dakota Visit: On April 22, Secretary Slater joined President Clinton and other Cabinet members in traveling to Grand Forks, ND to tour flood damage. Secretary Slater had joined Vice President Gore in a tour of spring flood damage April 11, and had toured the region with Senator Byron Dorgan April 4.

Midwest Flood Response Continues: April 22 marked the 52nd day of Coast Guard response to flooding in the Midwest. In the Upper Midwest, the Coast Guard had evacuated or assisted over 850 people. The focus of the Coast Guards current effort is directed along the Red, St. Croix,

Missouri, Minnesota, and Upper Mississippi Rivers. Over 80 Coast Guard active, reserve, auxiliary, and civilian personnel, 2 helicopters, and numerous small craft are supporting local relief efforts. The Coast Guard has also sent pumps and operators from Yorktown, VA, to Grand Forks, ND, to provide temporary fire main support.

Secretary Slater to Testify on NEXTEA: On April 24, Secretary Slater will testify before the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee on the Administrations safety title to its NEXTEA proposal.

Secretary to attend NTSB Corporate Culture and Transportation Safety Symposium: On April 24, Secretary Slater will participate in the NTSBs symposium on corporate culture and transportation safety. Internationally recognized experts will discuss how corporate actions and attitudes can affect safety, using NTSB accident investigation reports to illustrate this relationship. The symposium will provide a unique opportunity for members of the transportation community to hear from experts, discuss their own safety concerns, and identify barriers to improving safety and the communication of safety concerns.

Secretary to Attend Presidents Summit for Americas Future: On April 28, Secretary Slater will join the President in Philadelphia for the Presidents Summit for Americas Future. The Departments commitment to the Summit is to establish the Garrett A. Morgan Technology & Transportation Futures Program. The goals of the initiative are to build a bridge between Americas youth and the transportation community, and to coordinate public and private transportation, technology and education resources to

better use the nations human capital while meeting the countrys transportation needs. By the end of the year 2000, the Department commits to reaching 1 million students through tutoring, mentoring and education curricula. The Department intends to utilize the 307 schools nationwide with which we have current relationships as well as add to that list. A key component of the initiative will include outreach to the transportation industry to help reach the 1 million students by the end of the year 2000. The Secretary plans to launch the initiative this Spring in Cleveland, OH.

Secretary Slater to Address Aggressive Driving. On April 29, Secretary Slater will participate in an event with Fairfax County officials aimed at combating aggressive driving and promoting traffic safety at the Belle Haven Marina along the George Washington Parkway in Alexandria, VA.

Secretary Slater Commends DCs Primary Seat Belt Law: On April 30, Secretary Slater will host a news conference, along with NHTSA Administrator Ricardo Martinez and D.C. Police Chief Larry Soulsby concerning DCs primary seat belt law which takes effect October 1.

European Conference of Ministers of Transport: Deputy Secretary Mortimer L. Downey is attending the 81st Session of the European Conference of Ministers of Transport, April 20-23 in Berlin, Germany. The major transport issues are European-Wide Transport Policy, Transport and Infrastructure Development, Crime in Transport, and Vulnerable Transport Users.

Pipeline Rupture in MO: On April 20, a high pressure 26-inch Panhandle. A house, located over 1/2 mile away, was evacuated. The line was isolated and the fire went out shortly thereafter. On April 20, an OPS-Central Region inspector arrived on site. Visual inspection of the failed pipe did not reveal any obvious indication of cause. The pipeline is being sent to Houston for metallurgical examination.

Train Derailment in OH: On April 21, a Conrail train consisting of 2 locomotives, 144 cars derailed 31 cars. There were no injuries. 9 hazardous material residue cars, 8 containing sodium hydroxide and 1 chlorine, were involved in the derailment. 2 cars, 1 sodium hydroxide residue tank car and 1 sodium carbonate residue covered hopper car, landed in the Sandusky wetlands. There was no reported release into the environment; although a small fish-kill has been reported. The evacuation was lifted on April 22. Federal and state officials responded to the accident.

Earth Day: On April 22, Chief of Staff Designate Michael Huerta was joined by Virginia State Senator Charles Waddell, Delegate George Lovelace and Kate Hanley, Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Commissioners as they planted a tree at I-66 and the new Fairfax County Parkway. The Earth Day event was hosted by America's Treeways and Fairfax County ReLeaf. Mr. Huerta represented Secretary Slater who traveled with the President to North Dakota. In the main DOT building in Washington environmental exhibits were displayed and all the field offices were encouraged to commemorate Earth Day.

Intermodal Northeast Tour Amplifying NEXTEA: On April 17-21, Secretary Slater observed highway, rail, transit, air and port facilities in 10 northeast states, and testified April 21 at a Senate Environment and Public Works Committee field hearing on NEXTEA in RI. In addition, the Secretary awarded the following grants: \$6 million for renovation of the Jackie Gleason Bus Depot, Brooklyn, New York; \$35 million for continued construction of a tunnel to connect the 63rd Street and Queens Boulevard subway lines, also in New York; \$6.3 million for construction of the Frankford Transportation Center, a multi modal terminal at the northern terminus of the Market-Frankford subway-elevated rail line in Philadelphia; and \$104.8 million for construction of the Secaucus Transfer Station in Newark, NJ. In addition, Secretary Slater participated in a groundbreaking ceremony initiating investment of \$104 million in federal-aid-highway funds for improvements along I-95 in Bridgeport, CT. A schedule of events is attached to this report. The Secretary also participated in an Americorps/Young Heroes event in Boston to mark National Service Week.

Secretary Discusses NEXTEA at Senate Field Hearing in RI: On April 21, as part of the 10 state Northeast tour, Secretary Slater testified on NEXTEA in Warwick, RI at a field hearing of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works. Secretary Slater said that if Congress funds NEXTEA at the levels proposed, it would mean nearly \$710 million for RI over the next 6 years in formula-based funding alone, and more than \$36.8 billion in the 11 states from MD to ME. The hearing is the last of 5 field hearings on ISTEA reauthorization held by the Committee.

Chinese Negotiations: FAA officials met with the Chinese in Beijing last week on a renewal/continuation of civil/military air traffic control cooperation between the U.S. and China. FAA presented the U.S. position; the Chinese replied that they were generally in favor of continued cooperation. They will evaluate the proposal and respond to us within three months.

Korean Flights: FAA published a final rule that prohibits certain flight operations within the airspace controlled by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea by any U.S. air carrier or commercial operator, by any person exercising the privileges of an airman certificate issued by the FAA, except such persons operating U.S.-registered aircraft for a foreign air carrier, or by an operator using an aircraft registered in the U.S. unless the operator of such aircraft is a foreign air carrier. The rule was issued because there could be a potential threat to civil aircraft in certain areas of Korean airspace.

Pegasus Launch: On April 21, a Pegasus air-launched vehicle, with a drop point southeast of the Canary Islands over the Atlantic, was launched. This is the first FAA licensed launch to take place from a foreign country. This Pegasus carried a Spanish scientific satellite, MINIS AT 1, and a second payload owned by the U.S. company, Celestas, Inc., consisting of cremated remains. This launching received widespread press coverage.

Airworthiness Directives for 777: The FAA plans to issue several airworthiness directives regarding the 777 over the next week. A separate memo on the specifics will follow. The 777, a new plane, has been the

subject of media and congressional interest. The 777 certification process is also the subject of a forthcoming IG report.

Additional ValuJet Service: On May 15, ValuJet is planning to add Charlotte, NC, and Flint, MI, to their service. FAA is expecting ValuJet's audits on both cities by the end of April and FAA will do station and facility inspections the first week of May. FAA inspectors will be on the first flights for each of these destinations.

In-flight Aircraft Icing Plan: FAA will release this week the FAA In-flight Aircraft Icing Plan, the result of our 1996 International Aircraft Icing Conference. The plan describes activities which will improve the safety of operations in icing conditions currently defined by the Federal Aviation Regulations. The plan is one of many international efforts to improve the safety of aircraft operated in icing conditions.

New Computerized Monitoring and Control System: FAA will sign a \$100 million contract this week to provide a new computerized monitoring and control system (National Airspace System Infrastructure Management System--NIBS) that will increase safety by helping to boost the reliability of FAA's 30,000-plus facilities and pieces of equipment across the U.S. NIBS is the centralized management system for FAA equipment and facilities that will help FAA technicians keep equipment up and running.

Fayetteville/Springdale/Rogers, AR: On April 28-29, the GAO will visit the Southwest Region Airports Division to conduct a review of the Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport project. They are interested in

Northwest Arkansas project justification documents, all Northwest Arkansas grants issued and their documentation, all Northwest Arkansas Letter of Intent documentation, Fayetteville (Drake Field) and Northwest Arkansas master plans, forecasts, etc., and Fayetteville LDA approach.

K-9 Explosives Detection Program: As of April 18, 16 of 19 Category X Airports have signed Cooperative Agreements for the new explosives detection canine program. Three (John F. Kennedy International Airport, Detroit Metro Airport, and Baltimore Washington International Airport) are working with FAA in setting up their new program but are operating under Letters of Intent pending signature of the formal agreement. The annual recertification of teams at 35 airports under the old K-9 program is proceeding well with 7 of 35 evaluations completed. All teams presented for evaluation thus far have been recertified.

Mexico City: On March 17-28, a team of FAA security specialists assessed security at Aeropuerto Internacional Benito Juarez, Mexico City. A number of operational deficiencies in passenger screening and access control were brought to the attention of Mexican aviation officials who quickly rectified them. Benito Juarez International Airport will be assessed again in March, 1998.

Foreign Airport Assessments and Air Carrier Inspections: FAA is conducting airport assessments in Cancun and Huatulco, Mexico, through April 25. We anticipate no significant problems. We are also conducting air carrier inspections in Narita, Japan, and Cancun, Cozumel, and Huatulco, Mexico. Again, no significant problems are anticipated.

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia: On April 18-25, FAA security personnel will conduct a survey of the international airport in Kuala Lumpur. Prior to the startup of U.S. air carrier service between the United States and Kuala Lumpur, the airport will undergo a complete security assessment.

Aviation Insurance: On April 14, FAA issued a NPRM on Aviation Insurance. The NPRM was published in the Federal Register on April 17, public comments close June 2. This NPRM proposes to provide for the issuance of insurance in support of U.S. foreign policy objectives, and for the issuance of aviation insurance for certain ground support activities essential to these flights. Also, the amendments would define the activation of insurance coverage under the Aviation Insurance Program, revise the process for amending insurance policies, increase binders for nonpremium insurance coverage, and reflect the expanded Aviation Insurance Program statutory authority. The House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Aviation will hold a hearing on the aviation insurance program on May 1.

1996 Airline Financial Results: For 1996, the combined major airlines, as a group, reported the highest operating profit \$6 billion and net income \$2.8 billion in airline history. The 10 major passenger airlines, as a group, reported a combined operating profit of \$5.3 billion and a net income of \$2.4 billion during 1996. The 2 major all-cargo airlines, as a group, reported a combined operating profit of \$723 million and a net income of \$349 million during 1996. Except for TWA, every major airline reported an operating and net profit for the 1996. The 10 major passenger

airlines, as a group, reported an operating profit of \$570 million and a net income of \$125 million during the fourth quarter 1996.

France: Formal negotiations with France are being held in Washington, April 22-24. The 2 sides are seeking a new bilateral aviation agreement that would establish a phased-in liberalization period, essentially an open transatlantic regime for services, between the 2 countries.

Aviation Disaster Family Assistance Act of 1996 -- Accident Response Plans: Under the Act each certified air carrier is required to file with the Department and NTSB a plan to address the needs of families of passengers and other victims involved in airline disasters. The NTSB has informally agreed to review the airlines' plans, which under the Act were due to be filed by April 9. As of April 16, 127 of the approximately 165 certified air carriers had filed their plans. The Department intends to contact any carrier that has failed to file its plan and will continue to coordinate with the NTSB on matters involving the plans.

White House Commission on Aviation Safety and Security - Passenger Profiling: The General Counsel convened a meeting with FAA and DOJ officials, including representatives of the FBI, to discuss civil liberties concerns with regard to passenger profiling per a recommendation of the White House Commission. Future meetings will take place to determine the appropriate review of the FAA system.

Changes to Overflights in the Grand Canyon: The FAA, in coordination with

NPS and DOI, is planning to propose changes to the recently adopted rule on overflights of Grand Canyon National Park by air tour operators. The rule works to restore the natural quiet of the Grand Canyon. There are 2 main changes. First, on the west end of the park, the "National Canyon Corridor" route would be moved and opened to all tour operators. FAA and NPS believe that, in the absence of this change, there will be an unacceptable concentration of traffic at another point of the park, which raises some safety concerns. Moving the route will also help protect a number of important sites holy to the Havasupai tribe. The second change will create an "incentive" route in the east end of the park. This route would be open only to operators of the most noise-efficient aircraft. The hope is that this will encourage operators to switch to quiet technology more quickly than would be required by the recently adopted rule.

Airport Revenue Diversion - Los Angeles: In late September, 1996, the City of Los Angeles (City), owner and operator of Los Angeles International, Ontario, Palmdale and Van Nuys airports, transferred \$31 million from its Airports Department to the City's general fund for decades-old claimed unreimbursed expenses. In March , the FAA issued a Director's Determination, finding that \$30.3 million was illegally transferred and suspended AIP grant payments and eligibility for new FAA grants for 180 days or until further notice. On April 9, the City requested a hearing on the Determination, submitted documentation to justify about \$20 million of the transfer, and indicated that it would document the remainder of the transfer by the date of the hearing. On April 15, the FAA issued a Hearing Order, which Counsel reviewed, assigning the matter to a hearing officer and directing him to issue an

initial decision by July 7.

Combined Counterdrug Operation with Haitian Ship rider: From April 18-21, Coast Guard cutters SENECA and BEAR conducted a combined counterdrug operation inside the territorial waters of Haiti. A Haitian Ship rider is deployed on the Cutter SENECA.

Secretary's Intermodal Tour from DC to Maine Amplifying NEXTEA

Secretary Rodney E. Slater completed a 5-Day, 10-State Multi-modal Tour through the Northeastern Corridor. From April 17 through April 21, the Secretary traveled through the States of Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine. He traveled via AMTRAK from D.C. to New York, by commercial aircraft and again via AMTRAK for a midnight ride from Boston to New Haven. During this intensive tour the Secretary met with approximately 1,200 people including 3 Governors, 7 Senators, 12 Members of the House and 7 Mayors. He also met with every State Secretary of Transportation. Throughout his Northeastern Tour the Secretary amplified the message of the Administrations proposed National Economic Crossroads Transportation Efficiency Act (NEXTEA). The tour included the recognition of Earth Day and National Service Week. Safety was also highlighted throughout the tour.

The Secretary received excellent broadcast and print coverage throughout the trip as well as appearing live on the David Brudnoy Show in Boston, the Judy Jarvis Show which is syndicated and the Ted Efav Show in New

Jersey.

April 17

District of Columbia: The Secretary began his 5-day multi modal tour with the Network of Employers for Traffic Safety (NETS) event at the National Press Club. The Secretary, accompanied by NHTSA Administrator Martinez, kicked off National Drive Safely at Work Week which is April 20 - 26. He boarded AMTRAK and was given a demonstration by RSPA Administrator Sharma and other officials on Operation Respond - Emergency Response.

Maryland: The Secretary was greeted by Mayor Schmoke in Baltimore where he visited the Baltimore Civil War Museum which features history of African Americans use of underground railroads. On board AMTRAK, the Secretary met with Delaware Governor Tom Carper and State DOT Secretary Anne Canby.

Delaware: Secretary Slater visited Wilmington, DE and participated in an outreach session with 40 city, county and State representatives and transportation officials. He also toured the proposed Riverfront Economic Development project.

Pennsylvania: Secretary Slater traveled to Philadelphia on AMTRAK and celebrated Earth Day by leading a discussion with local bicyclists. He was the keynote speaker at PENJERDEL, a regional public/private organization with membership that includes transportation, business and community leaders. Mayor Rendell joined the Secretary at the dinner. In his remarks, the Secretary touted President Clintons transportation

reauthorization bill, NEXTEA as well as the upcoming President's Summit for America's Future. FTA Administrator Linton accompanied the Secretary during his entire visit to Philadelphia.

April 18

Pennsylvania: The Secretary toured Old North Philadelphia Train Station, an economic redevelopment project. The tour was given by Rep. Foglietta and local transportation officials.

Secretary Slater, accompanied by Rep. Borski, made a FTA Grant announcement of \$6.3 million for the Frankford Elevated Reconstruction Project. This is an example of a major reconstruction effort being performed on a 75 year old rail line while keeping the line running.

After the check presentation, the Secretary took an inaugural ride on one of the new trains.

While traveling on AMTRAK enroute to New York City, the Secretary met with Rep. Rothman to discuss local New Jersey transportation issues of concern to the Congressman.

New York: Secretary Slater made a FTA Grant announcement of \$6 million to NYMTA in Brooklyn at the Jackie Gleason Bus Depot. The grant allows the depot to make modifications that will allow for the operation of buses fueled by compressed natural gas. Rep. Towns joined the Secretary for the event.

Secretary Slater then traveled to Queens and made a FTA Grant announcement

of \$35 million, the final increment in federal funding to MTA for the connection between the 63rd St. tunnel and the Queens Blvd subway line. Reps. Maloney and Manton joined the Secretary.

The Secretary, accompanied by Acting FHWA Administrator Gravey, met with Northeast state DOT Secretaries for an in-depth discussion of NEXTEA.

April 19

New Hampshire: The Secretary attended a breakfast meeting hosted by Governor Jeanne Shaheen to discuss NEXTEA and New Hampshire's transportation priorities. Representatives Sununu and Bass participated in the meeting.

Massachusetts: Secretary Slater amplified National Service Week by speaking to the Young Heroes group of the Boston AmeriCorps program. Additionally, he rode the T with the corps and performed community service at a used clothing store that raises money for people with AIDS.

Maine: The Secretary traveled to Auburn for a briefing by local officials on the Auburn Intermodal Freight Transfer Facility. Senators Snowe and Collins, as well as Reps. Baldacci and Allen attended this event. In Portland, the Secretary amplified Welfare to Work initiatives by holding a roundtable discussion with several women who are former welfare recipients and are now employed in transportation trades. Both Senators and Rep. Tom Allen attended. He then toured the WILLOW, a high-tech U.S. Coast Guard Cutter based in Portland and then boarded the

USCG Cutter SHACKLE for a tour of the Harbor. The tour included a look at the Million Dollar bridge which had been hit by a tanker in 1996 and a discussion of the Coast Guard efforts during the clean up of the recent oil spill in the Harbor. The Secretary had a private meeting with Governor King. Additionally, Rep. Allen hosted a reception and discussion of NEXTEA and transportation issues for representatives of the Maine transportation community. Acting FHWA Administrator Garvey accompanied the Secretary during all of the events in Maine.

April 20

Connecticut: Before attending Sunday services at the Bethel AME Church, the Secretary received a briefing from New Haven Mayor DeStefano on the transportation concerns in New Haven. The Secretary was joined in Bridgeport by Senator Lieberman for a groundbreaking event on I-95 which is being reconstructed at a cost of \$410 to improve mobility and safety.

April 21

Rhode Island: Secretary Slater met with Senator Chafee and Gov. Almond in Providence for Breakfast. He then testified before a field hearing of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee chaired by Senator Chafee. Also in attendance during the hearing were Senator Reed and Rep. Weygand. The Secretary received a briefing on T.F. Green Airport from airport officials.

New Jersey: In Newark the Secretary made a FTA Grant announcement of

\$104.8 million to the New Jersey Transit Corp. These funds will be used for the Seacaucus Transfer element of the NJ Urban Core Project, which reduces commuting times, encourages transit use and expands capacity for rail and light rail mass transit. Senators Lautenberg and Torricelli, Reps. Menendez, Payne, and Mayor James attended. Accompanied by Senator Lautenberg, Rep. Menendez and MARAD Administrator Herberger, the Secretary participated in a discussion of the issues surrounding the New York/New Jersey Port. The roundtable was hosted by Sealand and included 40 companies and organizations involved in the Port.

WORK ON PRESIDENTIAL POLICY PRIORITIES

Welfare to Work

Job Training for Welfare Recipients: Through DOT's 5-year relationship with the National Rural Development Partnership, located in USDA's Rural Development mission area, contacts within MT DOT were provided so that the MT DOT, MT Human Resources Department, and MT Contractors Association could coordinate efforts to train welfare recipients for transportation-related construction jobs. This is an example of how the Department has a positive impact on coordination and collaboration at the state level through involvement with an innovative partnership of Federal, state, and local government agencies as well as the business and non-profit communities.

Reinvention

The Department has crafted a reinvention experiment for streamlining certain aspects of the 8(a) contracting process. SBA has agreed with the streamlining concept and we have jointly developed and signed a MOU on January 23 to begin the pilot reinvention experiment. This pilot reinvention experiment is being conducted with FHWA, USCG, and TASC. DOT and SBA participants have jointly prepared an implementation plan for the MOU, which became effective on March 1. DOT agencies have already awarded several 8(a) procurement opportunities under the pilot reinvention experiment.

Environmental Safety

Puget Sound Marine Safety. On April 21-23, an expert panel assisting Volpe Center in study on accident prevention and environmental impact and response in Puget Sound met in Seattle. Panelists and the public participated in the working group of their choice. The study implements part of an Administration commitment to review and upgrade marine safety in the region.

Binational Commission Meeting Preparations: The Department is working closely with the DOS to prepare for the annual meeting between U.S. and Mexican cabinet officials to discuss bilateral transport issues. This meeting is currently scheduled for May 5-6. This annual meeting provides the two countries with an opportunity to build strong bilateral ties, recognize accomplishments over the last year and plan for new joint initiatives for the coming year. Secretary Slater is scheduled to

represent the Department at this meeting to discuss on-going cooperative initiatives between the U.S. and Mexico, resolve outstanding issues, and to discuss possible new bilateral areas of cooperation over the coming year. This meeting precedes a meeting between President Clinton and Mexican President Zedillo.

Antarctic Treaty Final Rule Published: On April 14, the Coast Guard published a Direct Final Rule on the Antarctic Treaty Environmental Protection Protocol, 1997. This rule established regulations to implement the Antarctic Science, Tourism, and Conservation Act of 1996. These regulations guide U.S. owned and/or operated vessels to properly prepare for voyages in the Antarctic. This rule will harmonize U.S. regulations with international standards, and improve preparedness to respond to a spill.

Coast Guard Units and People Receive Presidential Recognition: The Coast Guard drew formal recognition for its support of national environmental objectives. An awards ceremony is scheduled for May 5 at the White House to commend Coast Guard and other federal recipients. Awards will be made to the following Coast Guard units and people:

Closing the Circle (CTC) Award: The Coast Guard won 2 of the 21 awards for the Federal Government in this category--Recipients are the Coast Guard Yard, Baltimore, MD, for its design of a hazardous material management system, and Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod, which won its CTC Award for promoting a cultural change in reducing waste, increasing recycling, and protecting natural resources.

Environmental Challenge Award: Senior Chief Petty Officer Richard Peri of the Coast Guard Headquarters Office of Aeronautical Engineering was honored by the White House as one of 9 selectees for the Environmental Challenge Award. Senior Chief Peri was recognized for outstanding leadership implementing pollution prevention provisions of the 1993 Executive Order covering federal compliance with right-to-know laws and pollution prevention.

Bridge to Asia-Pacific

DOT-DOE Presentation to Korean Gas Safety Corporation : RSPA and DOE will deliver a joint presentation to 16 delegates from the Korean Gas Safety Corporation on April 25. The Korean Gas Safety Corporation is an inspection authority affiliated with the Korean Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy which carries out gas-related services such as inspections, training and public relations, and develops and enforces gas safety regulations. The delegates are in the United States visiting various federal agencies and trade associations to learn more about American technical standard development, enforcement and accident response activities.

NEXTEA OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Connecticut ISTEA Reauthorization Forum: On April 14, both U.S. Senators conducted an ISTEA reauthorization forum at the CT State Capitol. The Governor was the featured panelist. Other panels included local government, 2 mayors and a Metropolitan Planning Organization represented,

transportation construction industry, CT Construction Industries Association, and environmental concerns CT Fund for the Environment, a transit advocacy group, and a transportation enhancement advocate. Without exception, all spoke in favor of reauthorizing a bill that looked very much like ISTEA, with minor improvements to specific items.

NOTABLE CONGRESSIONAL ACTIVITY

FAA Research and Commercial Space Authorizations: On April 16, the House Science Committee approved by voice vote H.R. 1271, a 3 year authorization of FAA research programs. The authorization includes a FY98 funding level that is \$17 million over the Presidents budget request for FY98. The Committee also approved H.R. 1275, a 2 year authorization of commercial space programs. House floor action is expected later this week.

FY97 Appropriations Supplemental: On April 24, the House Appropriations Committee is expected to mark up a supplemental appropriations measure to provide funding for disaster relief in several states. Included in the request is \$276 million for the FHWA to revamp highways damaged during winter floods. The Senate Appropriations Committee is expected to mark up its version of the measure by early next week.

Nominations: On May 1, the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee is expected to mark up the nominations of Ken Mead for Inspector General and T.R. Lakshmanan for Director of the Bureau of Transportation

Statistics.

ISTEA Reauthorization:

On April 23, the House Science Subcommittee on Technology held a hearing on research and development initiatives in Title VI of ISTEA. The Department was not scheduled to testify.

On April 24, Secretary Slater will testify before the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee on the Administration's safety title to its NEXTEA proposal.

On May 1, Secretary Slater will testify before the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee on the Administration's safety title to its NASTY proposal.

British Airways and American Airlines Antitrust Alliance: On April 22, the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights and Competition held a hearing on the British Airways and American Airlines Antitrust Alliance. The Department will not be invited to testify.

Dedicated Funding Source for Amtrak: On April 23, the Senate Finance Committee held a hearing on the need for a dedicated funding source for Amtrak. The Department will not be invited to testify.

Airbags and Child Restraints: On April 29, the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee has tentatively scheduled a hearing on

airbags and child restraints. NHTSA Administrator Martinez will testify.

On April 30 , the House Commerce Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance will hold a hearing on airbags and child restraints. NHTSA Administrator Martinez will testify.

Aviation Insurance Program: On May 1, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Aviation will hold a hearing on reauthorization of the aviation war risk insurance program. FAA Deputy Assistant Administrator for Policy and Planning and International Aviation, Louise Maillet, will testify.

U.S./Japan Bilateral Negotiations: On May 8, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Aviation will hold a hearing on U.S./Japan bilateral negotiations. The Department will be invited to testify.

On May 21, the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Subcommittee on Aviation has tentatively scheduled a hearing on U.S./Japan bilateral negotiations. The Department will be invited to testify.

Barriers to Entry in the Aviation Industry: On May 13, the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee will hold a hearing on Barriers to Entry in the Aviation Industry. The Department will be invited to testify.

Secretary's Schedule

April 24-25

Secretary Slater and his staff will attend a Retreat in Warrenton, VA.

April 27

Secretary Slater will participate in the NAACP Awards Dinner in Detroit, MI.

April 28-29

Secretary Slater will participate in the Presidents Volunteer Summit for the Future in Philadelphia, PA.

April 30

Secretary Slater will participate in a Primary Seat Belt event in Washington, DC.

Deputy Secretary

May 5

The Deputy Secretary will deliver opening remarks at the High Speed Rail Conference in Las Vegas, NV.

May 8

The Deputy Secretary will participate in the WTS 20th Annual Conference in

Baltimore, MD.

May 29-30

The Deputy Secretary will participate in Amtrak meetings in Ft.

Lauderdale, FL.

Modal Administrators/Assistant Secretaries

April 24-25

DOT Retreat in Warrenton, VA, to discuss the Departments Strategic Plan.

April 25

RSPA Administrator Sharma will deliver remarks at a meeting of the

American Association for the Advancement of Science in Washington, DC.

April 27-29

FRA Administrator Jolene Molitoris will meet with the Oregon State

Governor, Oregon State DOT Officials, and FRA Region Eight employees in

Vancouver, WA.

April 28

FTA Administrator will give a luncheon address on NEXTEA at the Washington

DC chapter of the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO).

April 28

BTS Director Lakshmanan will speak on Social Economic Change and

Sustainable Transportation at the Public Affairs Lecture Series on Pricing

Transportation Right-William Vickerys Legacy at Columbia University in NY.

April 28-29

FRA Administrator Molitoris will visit FRA employees in Region 8 in Vancouver, WA.

FHWA Acting Administrator Garvey will attend the AAHSTO annual CEO meeting in Des Moines.

April 29

Admiral Kramek will meet with Commissioner David Watters, head of the Canadian Coast Guard.

The RSPA Deputy Administrator will deliver remarks at the National Association of Pipeline State Representatives meeting in Williamsburg, VA.

NHTSA Administrator Martinez will speak at a conference in Tampa, FL, on fatigue in freight transportation.

Acting FAA Administrator Valentine will speak with USAF officials on a number of issues at Langley AFB, VA.

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April 29 - May 3

FRA Administrator Molitoris will travel to Anchorage, AL, to meet with

Alaskan Railroad employees and labor representatives.

April 30

Admiral Kramek will attend the Congressional Bipartisan Drug Policy Working Group Breakfast meeting.

Admiral Kramek will attend the National Propeller Club salute to Congress dinner in Washington.

FRA Administrator Molitoris will travel to Anchorage and Seward, AK, to participate in a special train trip hosted by the Railroad Operating Rules Association of North America.

FTA Administrator Linton will give the keynote address at the African-American Mobility Issues Symposium in Tampa, FL.

NHTSA Administrator Martinez will be a guest speaker at the Primary Seatbelt Enforcement Law for the District of Columbia Press Conference in Washington, DC.

RSPA Administrator Dr. Sharma will deliver remarks at the City College of New York in NYC.

RSPA Administrator Dr. Sharma will deliver remarks at the New Jersey Institute of Technology in Newark, NJ.

May 1

Admiral Kramek will cochair the J3/USIC Quarterly Planning Conference at the Pentagon.

Admiral Kramek will attend The Retired Officers Association reception and awards ceremony on Capital Hill.

FTA Administrator Linton will be the luncheon speaker at the Caucus on Rider Friendly Transit for the 21st Century, sponsored by Transportation Research Board and Florida DOT in Orlando, FL.

RSPA Administrator Dr. Sharma to delivery keynote address at the 12th Annual Meeting of the U.S./Canada Emergency Planning Committee for Civil Transportation in Washington, D.C.

FHWA Acting Administrator Garvey will give the opening keynote address at Governing magazines Infrastructure 97 conference in Denver, CO.

May 1-2

FRA Deputy Administrator Donald Itzkoff will be the keynote speaker for the Academy of Rail Labor Attorneys convention in Dana Point, CA.

May 1-3

Chief of Staff Designate, Michael Huerta, will participate in the National Federation of Municipal Analysts annual conference in Coronado, CA.

May 2

Admiral Kramek will attend the dedication of the FDR Memorial.

May 3

Admiral Kramek will escort Senator Inouye to the launching of the new Coast Guard Cutter KUKUI in Marinette, WI. Mrs. Herr, wife of vice Admiral Herr, will serve as the ships sponsor.

RSPA Deputy Administrator Kelley S. Coyner to deliver remarks at the annual Hazardous Materials Advisory Council meeting in Baltimore, MD.

May 4

Admiral Kramek will attend the Dept. of Defense-sponsored Joint Civilian Orientation Course Welcome Reception and Dinner in Washington.

May 5

FRA Administrator Molitoris will travel to Las Vegas, NV, to be the keynote speaker at the High-Speed Ground Transportation Associations 1997 International Convention and Exposition.

NHTSA Administrator Martinez will speak at the SAE International Annual Government/Industry meeting in Washington, D.C.

Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs, Steve Palmer, will address the LA Chamber of Commerce in Washington, D.C.

Admiral Kramek will address the JCOC conference at the Pentagon.

May 6

Admiral Kramek will address the Baltimore Coast Guard Officers Association Luncheon.

OSDBU Director Luz Hopewell will attend the Air Force 50th Anniversary Salute to Small Business in Herndon, VA.

NHTSA Administrator Martinez will participate in the Acadian Ambulance Company Air Rescue Demonstration and Training Process, Lafayette, LA.

May 7

Maritime Administrator Herberger will speak at the American Society of Testing and Materials Symposium on Safety of Commercial Vessel Operations on Rivers in St. Louis, MO.

May 8

FRA Administrator Molitoris will travel to Baltimore, MD, to be the keynote speaker at the 1997 Womens Transportation Seminar National Conference.

Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs, Steve Palmer, will speak at the request of Rep. Marty Meehan, who is hosting the 5th District Legislative Issues Forum in Washington, DC.

May 8-9

OSDBU Director Hopewell will attend the 1997 Womens Transportation Seminar in Baltimore, MD.

May 8-10

Admiral Kramek will attend functions with the Coast Guard Foundation in San Francisco.

May 9

Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs, Louise Stoll, will participate on a panel for the WTS National Conference, Baltimore, MD.

May 9-10

Admiral Kramek will attend events in San Francisco with the CG Foundation.

May 12

FRA Administrator Molitoris will travel to Atlanta, GA, to address the second of ~~three~~ FRA multi-regional conferences.

NHTSA Administrator Martinez will address the MADD Youth Summit on Underage Drinking in Chevy Chase, MD.

Maritime Administrator Herberger will speak at the Annual Meeting of the United Seamens Service in NY.

May 12-14

FAA Acting Administrator Valentine will participate in the Russian-American Aviation Conference in Annapolis, MD.

May 13

Admiral Kramek will attend the CG Atlantic Area change of command in

Portsmouth, VA.

May 14

Admiral Kramek will host an event with Mr. Robert Bell, Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, at CG Headquarters.

May 15

Admiral Kramek will attend a meeting with the Webb Institute in NYC.

May 19

NHTSA Administrator Martinez will address the American Ambulance Association Stars of Life Awards Dinner in Washington, D.C.

May 20

NHTSA Administrator Martinez will speak at the Japan Transportation Research Centers Conference on Advanced Vehicle Technology in Washington, D.C.

May 21

Admiral Kramek will attend the Coast Guard Academy graduation in New London, CT.

May 22

Admiral Kramek will host newly-selected flag and general officers participating in the CAPSTONE orientation program.

MARAD Deputy Administrator for Inland Waterways and Great Lakes will speak

at the Propeller Club Maritime Day Luncheon in St. Petersburg, FL.

MARAD Administrator Herberger will address the National Day Ceremony in Washington, DC.

May 23

Admiral Kramek will attend the CG Pacific Area change of command.

May 30

NHTSA Administrator Ricardo Martinez will speak to the Emergency Medical Services Administrators Association of California Spring Conference, San Diego, CA.

June 2

NHTSA Marinez will participate in a meeting with the Crash Injury Research Engineering Network in Ann Arbor, MI.

June 4

Admiral Kramek will attend The Interdiction Committee (TIC) meeting in Washington.

June 5

Admiral Kramek will attend the Change of Command for the Seventh Coast Guard District in Miami, FL.

June 7

NHTSA Administrator Martinez will speak at the Safe Communities Best

Practices in Orlando, FL.

June 9

FRA Administrator Molitoris will travel to Sacramento, CA, to address the third and final FRA multi-regional conference.

June 10

NHTSA Administrator Martinez will speak at Lifesavers 14: National Conference on Highway Safety Practices, in Orlando, FL.

June 12

NHTSA Deputy Administrator Philip Recht will speak at the annual meeting of Trial Attorneys of America in Chicago, IL.

June 16-17

FRA Administrator Molitoris will travel to Minneapolis, MN, to participate in the Small Railroads in the Non Urban Economy -- A Partnership conference.

June 17

Admiral Kramek will attend the DOT-sponsored program honoring Alex Haley and the 20th anniversary of Roots.

June 18

NHTSA Administrator Martinez will speak at the National Emergency Number Association Annual Conference in Baltimore, MD.

June 20

Admiral Kramek will attend the Coast Guard Academy change of command.

June 26

Admiral Kramek will attend the retirement ceremony for Rear Admiral

Donnell in Yorktown, VA.

June 27-28

Admiral Kramek will attend the change of command for the Commander, First

Coast Guard District, and the Navy League National Convention in Boston,

MA.

July 6-14

Admiral Kramek will meet with Federal Border Service leaders in Russia.

July 23

Admiral Kramek will speak at the National Naval Officers Association

meeting in Annapolis, MD.

July 24-25

FRA Administrator Molitoris will travel to Oakland, CA, to participate in

Amtraks Board and Committee Meetings.

Media Inquiries

The Associated Press (Nick Jesdanen in Washington) called about federal gasoline tax rates, which HPA provided. (April 16)

St. Louis Post Dispatch submitted questions pertaining to Motor Carriers.

New York News One requested information pertaining to a New York Helicopter Crash.

The Washington Post requested copies of two OIG reports.

Cumberland Times News requested information on Airport Security.

The Washington Post is working a major two-part feature on the history and future of air bags. NHTSA Administrator Martinez and Charles Kahane of the Performance Improvement Division were both interviewed. The article had been expected to run April 13 and 14, but is being reviewed by Post legal staff.

Dateline NBC is preparing a three-part piece on the ValuJet anniversary, to begin airing May 11. They have requested FAA response to NTSB recommendations concerning hazardous materials and have interviewed the FAA assistant administrator for Regulation and Certification.

Dateline NBC is preparing a segment on grade crossing safety from the engineers perspective to air in May. NBC has been backgrounded by FRA Public Affairs and will interview FRA Administrator Molitoris.

The Arkansas Democrat Gazette interviewed DOT Deputy Chief of Staff Jerry Malone on April 22 for a weekend feature.

OST Policy is preparing a commentary for Secretary Slater for Washington Times Insight publication, responding to the question, Should highway user fees be used exclusively for highways? William Fay, president of the American Highway Users Alliance will provide opposing commentary. Publication next week.

Lloyds List/Journal of Commerce: Reporters from these two periodicals called regarding Operation Safety Net, the Coast Guards new effort to regulate smaller foreign merchant ships in U.S. waters>

The Boston Globe: A briefing was given to a reporter on a cruise ship safety and the role of the Coast Guard.

FOIA REQUESTS

Correspondence between FAA and Representative Maurice Hinchey between 1992-1997 concerning a \$1.5 million federal grant awarded for Kingston-Ulster Airport in NY -- Ottaway News Service, Washington, DC

NASIP and/or NATI programs of ratings for Part 121/135 airlines for the past 5 years -- Consumer Digest Magazine, Chicago, IL

Revocation and reinstatement of the air carrier certificate and a Minimum

Equipment List (MEL) for Prompt Air Inc. -- KSTP-TV News, St. Paul, MN

Transcript and audio tape involving the flight of Prompt Air Cessna,
N7123J, at General Mitchell International Airport, Milwaukee, WI on
February 20, 1997 -- WLKY-TV, Louisville, KY

Meigs Field Feasibility Study --City News Bureau of Chicago

Tower tapes, weather reports involving a helicopter N370WM accident on
April 8, 1997 -- Palm Beach Post

Correspondence since January 1, 1996 from Sun Jet International to the
Atlanta Flight Standards Office and correspondence from the Atlanta
Flights Standards Office to Sun Jet -- St. Petersburg Times

Correspondence to FAA written by 27 specified Members of Congress since
1978 -- The Center for Public Integrity, Washington, DC

Point of Contact: For the weekend of April 26-27, Michael Huerta will be
the contact. He can be reached through the FAA Operations Center at (202)
267-3333.

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TO: Barbara Chow (Barbara Chow@eop [UNKNOWN])

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On April 24th, the House Appropriations Committee approved the FY 1997

Disaster Assistance/Bosnia Supplemental. House floor action is

tentatively

scheduled for May 1st, but because House debate on the funding resolution

for

House Committees may be contentious, debate on the supplemental is more

likely

the week of May 5th. The Senate Appropriations Committee is marking up on

Tuesday, April 29th (10am). Senate floor action is possible as soon as

May 1st

but could slip to the week of May 5th if the Republican leadership decides

to

move the Comp Time bill instead.

As amended, the House bill totals about \$8.4 billion, including \$5.5

billion

of disaster assistance, \$2.0 billion of Defense funding (mostly for

Bosnia/Southwest Asia), \$.8 billion in mandatory spending for VA

Compensation

and Pensions and \$.1 billion of other items. Budget authority offsets for

the

discretionary spending totals about \$7.8 billion.

While Senate bill and report language is not available, based on

conversations

with staff, highlights of Chairman Steven's mark follow:

o Bosnia/Southwest Asia is funded at \$1.8 billion, \$.3 billion below the

request. Offsets total \$1.8 billion from foreign currency savings (\$389

million), inflation savings (\$284 million), rescissions of balances of

budget

authority (\$225 million) and specific project rescissions (about \$.9

billion).

o Disaster funding is approximately \$5.4 billion, about \$60 million less

then

the House. The Senate bill funds the CDBG request of \$100 million (the

House

did not). The Senate language makes the funding available for all

disasters,

not just the upper midwest. The \$200 million contingency request is not

approved. Unlike the House, which specifically allocated the \$200 million

request (to FEMA, USDA, the Corps and EDA), the Senate does not make

specific

additions to their mark. They are about \$160 million below the House for those accounts (with cuts in FEMA, Corps and USDA).

- o The Senate bill contains about \$7.4 billion in BA offsets for Bosnia, disaster supps and about \$.2 billion of non-emergency supps.

- o Several of the objectionable House provisions are dropped such as the waiver of the Endangered Species Act, the limitation on the Conservation Reserve Program, the \$1 million Ounce of Prevention Council rescission and the \$20 million cut in the Fund for Rural America.

- o The Senate Committee is expected to approve between \$55-65 million for WIC.

While this is not the \$76 million revised request, it is better than the \$38 million House level.

- o The Senate bill will bring some of its own problems. There will be Stevens language prohibiting the Census Bureau from using FY 1997 funds for developing sampling for the 2000 decennial census. Commerce is working with Stevens in an effort to soften the language. There is a Social Services Block Grant increase

of \$125 million for providing assistance to legalized aliens who are losing their SSI benefits (the funds can not be used for Medicaid).

- o The North Dakota delegation did work out a compromise on the Devil's Lake project. They will get \$5 million for design (we had asked for \$2 million) but no advance funding for construction (we had asked for \$30.5 million).

- o The mark increases highway funding from our proposal of \$318 million to fix the "treasury error" to a \$933 million increase. They fix the error in FY 1997 (as we proposed), fix the error for FY 1996 (+\$139 million) and increase all States to at least the FY 1996 level (+\$475 million). The latter change helps Alaska (Stevens), New Jersey (Lautenberg) and West Virginia (Byrd). If approved, this will increase the base for NEXTEA negotiations.

- o The Stevens bill includes \$100 million for UN arrearages, though the money is not available until authorized. The offset for this funding is a \$100 million cut in Dual Use technology (one of our September addbacks).

- o The DC supp is \$22.3 million for school construction.

o Funding is provided for New York TWA 800 expenses (\$6.5 million) through the Coast Guard. Funding is also expected for Dade County for ValueJet costs. Additional funds are also provided for Denver associated with the Denver summit (\$2 million for Treasury) and \$3 million of existing Justice funds are earmarked for Winter Olympics security.

o One offset issue that Gordon may want to look into - A Military Construction rescission is approved of \$46 million from a Pine Bluff, Arkansas project.

o The bill does include \$3.5 billion for FEMA (our \$1.1 billion FY 1997 request plus our \$2.4 billion FY 1998 request). \$2.5 billion of the amount is fenced, pending a legislative proposal to Congress from FEMA on how to contain their costs. There also is a \$5 million rescission from FEMA Salaries and Expenses as a signal for FEMA to take the demand for proposals seriously.

o HUD is likely to complain about a provision that cuts funding for HUD political appointees by \$1.5 million and redirects the funds to an outside study on the operations of the Department (Bond's response to the late assisted housing recapture estimates).

o A Chairman's amendment is being put together without minority consultation.

More on that tomorrow.

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TEXT:

MEMORANDUM FOR ERSKINE BOWLES, THE WHITE HOUSE April 30, 1997

FROM: Secretary Slater

SUBJECT: DOT Weekly Report -- Week of May 5, 1997

The following is the Department of Transportation Weekly Report:

KEY DEPARTMENT NEWS

District of Columbia Primary Seat Belt Law Breakfast: On April 30, the DC Buckle-up Coalition hosted a breakfast to recognize the hard work of the many individuals who contributed to the passage of a primary seat belt law in DC. Secretary Slater and DC Chief of Police, Larry Soulsby, were the honorary co-chairs of the event. The Secretary was presented with an honorary award from the D.C. Metro Police.

Smooth Operator Event: On April 29, Secretary Slater and Administrator Martinez participated in the press event to announce the Smooth Operator Program being conducted in the Greater Washington area. This event was

held on the George Washington Parkway, the site of a major traffic crash attributed to aggressive driving. It was attended by all participating law enforcement agencies, Virginia State Police, Fairfax County Police, Arlington County Police, Alexandria City Police, Prince William County Police, Maryland State Police, Prince Georges County Police, Montgomery County Police, Metropolitan Police Department, U. S. Park Police, and the U. S. Capitol Police, and by relatives of the George Washington Parkway crash victim. There was heavy media coverage of the event.

Secretary and Deputy Secretary to attend NY Building Congress: On May 2, Secretary Slater and Deputy Secretary Downey will travel to NYC to attend the NY Building Congress, which is an umbrella organization of unions, developers, contractors, and transportation interests from CT, NY, and NJ. The event will honor Senator Moynihan and AFL-CIO President John Sweeney and is expected to be attended by 2,500 people.

Secretary to Attend Binational Conference in Mexico: From May 4-7, Secretary Slater will travel to Mexico as part of the U.S. Delegation participating in the Binational Conference.

Visit of Mexican Transport Secretary Ruiz: On April 30, the Mexican Secretary of Transportation and Communications Ruiz met with Secretary Slater to discuss NAFTA implementation issues and preparations for the following week's Binational Commission meeting in Mexico City.

Meeting With Polish Minister of Transport: On April 30, Secretary Slater

delivered the keynote remarks at a luncheon, in honor of Polish Minister of Transport Boguslaw Liberadzki, at the Mayflower Hotel. Minister Liberadzki is in the United States, at the invitation of the Trade and Development Agency, to present U.S. companies with an overview of Poland and insight into business opportunities in the transportation sector in Poland. Deputy Secretary Downey also will attend a breakfast meeting with the Minister, on April 30, and deliver opening remarks before U.S. and Polish businessmen.

Meeting With Romanian Minister of Transport: On May 1, Secretary Slater is scheduled to meet with Romanian Minister of Transport Train Basescu in Washington for discussions of privatization. Minister Basescu is in the United States to view the rail system and to seek U.S. assistance in privatizing the Romanian transport sector.

Meeting With Danish Minister of Business and Trade: On May 8, Secretary Slater is scheduled to meet with Danish Minister of Business and Trade Jan Troejborg for discussions on the prospects for U.S. ratification of the OECD Shipbuilding Agreement.

FAA to Purchase Security Equipment for Airports: In response to White House and Congressional direction to deploy explosives detection systems at the nations largest airports, the FAA will announce later this week its purchase of an additional \$12.2 million worth of trace detection security equipment. Over the next 2 years, the FAA anticipates purchasing over 500 trace detection systems from companies on the approved vendors list. In its September 1996 interim report, the White House Commission on Aviation

Safety and Security recommended the federal government purchase significant numbers of computed tomography and trace detection systems, advanced technology X-rays and other innovative explosives detection systems. Congress allocated \$144 million in the FAA's 1997 fiscal year budget for this purpose and the FAA formed an integrated product team to plan, purchase and install the sophisticated equipment at the nation's airports.

Task Force on Family Assistance: On April 28, the Department hosted a session of the Task Force on the Assistance to Families of Aviation Disasters. The session, co-chaired by General Counsel, Nancy McFadden, and NTSB Chairman, Jim Hall, was held to provide staff briefings to the Task Force members on issues to be addressed by the Task Force. The Task Force report to Congress is due October 9.

U.S. Dominican Republic Open Skies: The Dominican Republic has agreed to an open skies agreement with the United States to be effective December 31, 1997. The Dominican Republic is currently rated Category III by the FAA with respect to compliance with international safety standards which means that Dominican Republic airlines may not operate their own aircraft in the U.S.

ICAO Legal Committee Meeting on the Warsaw Convention: The Legal Committee of ICAO is meeting in Montreal for 2 weeks beginning April 28. Those countries attending will be working to achieve a recommendation for a replacement agreement to the Warsaw Convention concerning the liability of airlines after a disaster. The Department and the U.S. have taken the

lead to increase the amounts available to compensate victims of these disasters and to enable U.S. citizens to bring suit in U.S. courts. The Assistant General Counsel for International Law will be leading the U.S. delegation to the meeting.

Panel on Passenger Misconduct: On April 30, the General Counsel, Nancy McFadden, served on a panel during a conference hosted by the Airline Pilots Association concerning the prosecution of passengers of airlines who interfere with crew members during flight. Increased prosecution of such passengers is a recommendation contained in the final report of the White House Commission on Aviation Safety and Security.

National Civil Aviation Review Commission (NCARC): On April 28-29, NCARC held its first meeting at the FAA. Members will hear overviews of the budget issues confronting FAA and proposals to allocate costs to users of FAA services. Speakers were from FAA, Congress, and industry. Secretary Slater addressed the Commission on April 28th.

France: On April 22-24, in Washington, aviation negotiations with France took place to discuss the French proposal for a phased agreement, culminating in a liberal arrangement for 3rd-4th Freedom services. After a day of exploring the French proposal, the U.S. delegation tabled a counterproposal that offered to place limitations on U.S. frequencies for combination services during a 3-year phase, that would end in an "Open-Skies" aviation regime. The French expressed disappointment with the U.S. proposal and noted that a substantial gap existed between the respective proposals. The French have elections coming up in late May and

early June and noted that they could not agree to the next round until the outcome of the elections is known.

Ukraine: Negotiations are scheduled for May 1-2, in Washington. Previous negotiations resulted in agreement on most of the text of an aviation bilateral, but many major issues remain.

Motor Vehicle Recalls. During the first quarter of calendar year 1997, NHTSA was notified by vehicle manufacturers of 50 recalls involving 2.1 million vehicles. Of these, 39 recalls, involving 2 million vehicles, were for defects, with the remainder for non-compliances with Federal motor vehicle safety standards. The agency was notified of an additional 8 recalls during this period involving 1.5 million items of motor vehicle equipment.

Second Seizure for Operation GULF SHIELD: On April 22, Coast Guard and Customs forces seized 1,142 lbs. of marijuana delivered by a Mexican fast boat, lancha, to Boca Chica Beach, TX. No arrests were made.

Cutter Stops Cocaine Boat-Seizes Almost 2 Tons: On April 22, the Cutter SPENCER and its helicopter pursued a fast boat off the Honduran coast and recovered 3,905 lbs. of cocaine dumped overboard by the boat before it entered Honduran waters.

Operation FRONTIER SHIELD Success: The Coast Guard will continue Operation FRONTIER SHIELD throughout FY 97 due to its success in disrupting drug trafficking in the Eastern Caribbean. Since FRONTIER SHIELD began on

October 1, 1996, forces have disrupted 64 percent of known smuggling events in that area, interdicted 13 vessels, arrested 37 suspected smugglers, and seized a total of 22,000 lbs. of illegal drugs, cocaine and marijuana, with an estimated street value of nearly \$800 million.

Oil Rig Capsizes off LA: On April 27, a jack-up rig, an offshore platform with deployable pilings, capsized near the mouth of the Mississippi River in the Gulf of Mexico. All 47 crewmembers were rescued and no significant pollution has been reported.

Operating-Differential Subsidy (ODS)/Maritime Security Program (MSP): Neptune Orient Lines, an international ocean carrier based in Singapore, announced plans to purchase all of the outstanding stock of American President Lines, Ltd. (APL), a public company listed on the New York Stock Exchange. APL operates 8 U.S.-flag vessels under ODS due to expire on December 31, 1997, charters space on the eastbound leg of non-subsidized U.S.-flag vessels operated by Matson Navigation Company in transpacific trade, and holds operating agreements for 9 vessels under MSP. It is not yet known how APL plans to structure an arrangement to meet the ODS and MSP U.S. citizenship requirements.

U.S./China Maritime Issues: On April 21, a meeting was held at the request of the Chinese Embassy for a delegation led by Mr. Wei, the General Director of the Department of Transportation and Coordination, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation, to discuss U.S. shipping policy and regulation of freight forwarding activities in the United States. The meeting provided the opportunity for MARAD to raise U.S. concerns about

problems U.S. carriers face in providing shipping services in China and to mention that a delegation led by MARAD was planning to visit China to discuss bilateral shipping issues.

Eurocopter Deutschland GmbH (ECD) Helicopter AD: On April 25, the FAA issued an AD requiring operators of several models of ECD helicopters to inspect the tail booms for cracks before the helicopters are permitted to fly. The AD is prompted by a recent accident involving an ECD Model MBB-BK117 series helicopter in New York City. The investigation of the accident revealed that the tail boom, which holds the stabilizing rotor, broke off. Further inspection of 3 same design helicopters found similar cracks. When this was learned, the manufacturer and American distributor immediately sent out alert notices to all operators of these types of aircraft.

Boeing 777 Engine Fire Switches AD: Later this week, the FAA plans to issue an AD to require the operators of Boeing 777 to perform functional checks of the engine fire switches. United Airlines recently found a fire switch with a seized manual override button which would prevent the fire switch unlocking in the case of an engine fire. The cause of the seized button has been isolated and the functional check will determine the need for replacement. It should be noted that even with a failed fire switch the normal engine fire procedures would still allow engine shutdown and isolation from the engine area. All 57 B777s are affected.

Grand Canyon Routes: The week of April 28, FAA will issue during two rulemaking packages dealing with the Grand Canyon. These packages include

a NPRM to allow 2 air-tour corridors through Grand Canyon Flight Fee Zones, including incentive routes for noise efficient aircraft, and a notice of availability of proposed commercial air-tour route charts for the Grand Canyon National Park.

Innovations in American Government Awards: FAAs Personnel & Acquisition Reform has been selected as a semifinalist for the 1997 Innovations in American Government Awards. Innovations Awards recognize programs and policies that represent original and effective government efforts. The 100 semifinalists were selected from the 1,550 applications. The very prestigious award is sponsored by the Ford Foundation and the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Meetings With the Mexican Navy: In support of the Presidents National Drug Control Strategy and his forthcoming trip to Mexico, the Coast Guard continues its efforts to enhance the effectiveness of U.S.-Mexican maritime counterdrug operations. These initiatives are being conducted under the aegis of General McCaffreys contact group for Mexico. On April 23, the Coast Guard Assistant Commandant for Operations, RADM Saunders, and other Coast Guard representatives met with Admiral Nunez, Mexican Navy Chief of Staff, to discuss maritime counterdrug operations and future initiatives with the Mexican Navy. Also, Coast Guard representatives met with Mexican Navy officials in Mexico City to develop tactical law enforcement communications procedures. These procedures will enhance the responsiveness of both US and Mexican maritime counterdrug forces in coastal areas.

Canadian NEXTEA Briefing: Departmental representatives briefed Transport Canada representatives on the international trade and border crossing aspects of NEXTEA. Two aspects of NEXTEA interested the Canadian delegation: (1) criteria for grant awards and the possibility that these criteria may impose/imply any requirements for Canada, and (2) relationships among the Federal, state, local, and regional governments that may provide information that could be applied to the continuing evolution of Canadian national-provincial relationships in the transport area.

WORK ON PRESIDENTIAL POLICY PRIORITIES

Welfare to Work

New Jersey Transit Association Meeting Addresses Welfare Reform: On April 15-17, the New Jersey Transit Association, at its annual meeting in Atlantic City, specifically addressed welfare reform. The New Jersey DOT and the Department of Human Resources jointly sponsored this meeting and local and county transportation and human service agencies attended. Breakout sessions allowed participants to discuss welfare reform issues and strategies. FTA staff made a presentation on FTAs Access to Jobs and Training legislative proposal and other FTA activities.

Exports/Trade/Open Economy

Implementation of NAFTA's Transportation Provisions: The Department

continued discussions with the NEC and other interested agencies to develop a strategy for implementing the transportation provision of NAFTA, including access to the U.S. border states for Mexican trucks, investment by Mexican nationals in U.S.-based motor carriers, access to the U.S. for Mexican regular route cross-border buses, and several "doing-business" issues--Mexico's treatment of small-package delivery companies, investments by U.S. companies in Mexican motor carriers, and increased access to Mexico for 53-ft. trailers. Mexico's Secretariat for Transportation and Communications (SCT) and the Department exchanged comments on a draft Memorandum of Consultations (MOC) April 9 and 10, regarding the range of transportation issues under consideration. The process of reaching final agreement on the MOC's provisions, however, remains ongoing.

NOTABLE CONGRESSIONAL ACTIVITY

One Year After ValuJet: Cargo Fire Response Issues: On May 15, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Aviation will hold a hearing on the FAAs response to hazardous materials and cargo fire protection issues one year after the ValuJet crash. The FAA is expected to testify.

NEXTEA Safety Hearing Scheduled for May 1: On May 1, the Secretary will testify on the safety provisions in NEXTEA and DOTs proposed Surface Transportation Safety Act of 1997, before the full Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Commercial Space Authorization: On April 24, the House passed H.R. 1275, the Civil Space Authorization Act, by voice vote. The Act contains a two year authorization of the commercial space program. No amendments affecting the commercial space program were offered.

FAA Research and Development Authorization: On April 30, House floor action is expected on H.R. 1271, legislation authorizing \$672m in the next 3 years for FAA research, engineering and development programs. The legislation was approved by the House Science Committee on April 16.

FY97 Appropriations Supplemental: House floor action is possible this week on the \$8.4 billion supplemental appropriations measure which was approved by the House Appropriations Committee on April 24.

Airbags, Seats Belts, Child Restraints and Child Safety: On April 28, the House Commerce Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance held a hearing to discuss public awareness of airbags, seat belts, child restraints and child safety. Other witnesses included representatives from the Big 3" auto manufacturers and consumer groups. NHTSA Administrator Ricardo Martinez testified.

Current Status of Airbags: On April 29, the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee held a hearing to discuss NHTSAs current activities with regard to airbags. This hearing was a follow-up to a January 9 hearing held by the Committee. NHTSA Administrator Ricardo Martinez testified. Senator McCain has taken an active role in helping to

create public awareness of the danger of putting children in the front seat of cars equipped with airbags. On April 19, Administrator Martinez and Chairman McCain conducted safety checks of child restraints in the cities of Tucson and Phoenix, AZ.

Emerging Issues for U.S. Consumers/OECD Shipbuilding: On April 30, the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation held a hearing on various trade issues, including the OECD shipbuilding accord. The Department did not testify.

Aviation Insurance Program: On May 1, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Aviation will hold a hearing on reauthorization of the aviation war risk insurance program. FAA Deputy Assistant Administrator for Policy and Planning and International Aviation, Louise Maillet, will testify.

FY98 Senate Transportation Appropriations: On May 7, the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation will hold a hearing on user fees and innovative financing proposals. Deputy Secretary Downey will testify.

NEXTEA Safety Proposal: On May 7, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee has scheduled a hearing on the Administration's NEXTEA safety proposal. Witnesses from FHWA and NHTSA are expected to testify. The hearing will focus on the Administration's NEXTEA safety proposal with an emphasis on the issues within the Committee's jurisdiction. There is particular interest in truck weight, rail-highway crossings, and the

safety belt sanction.

U.S./Japan Bilateral Negotiations: On May 8, the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Aviation will hold a hearing on U.S./Japan bilateral negotiations. The Department will be invited to testify.

On May 21, the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Subcommittee on Aviation has tentatively scheduled a hearing on U.S./Japan bilateral negotiations. The Department will be invited to testify.

Barriers to Entry in the Aviation Industry: On May 13, the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee will hold a hearing on Barriers to Entry in the Aviation Industry. The Department will be invited to testify.

Commercial Vessel Safety: On May 14, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation has tentatively scheduled a hearing on commercial vessel safety. The Department will be invited to testify.

Medical Kits on Commercial Airlines: On May 21, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Aviation will hold a hearing on Medical Kits on Commercial Airlines. The FAA is expected to testify.

Secretarys Schedule

May 2

Secretary Slater will be in New York to attend the builders Congress.

May 4-7

Secretary Slater will travel to Mexico to attend the Mexico Binational Meeting.

Deputy Secretary

May 2

The Deputy Secretary will announce the award of a grant announcement for the Farley Post Office in NY.

May 5

The Deputy Secretary will deliver opening remarks at the High Speed Rail Conference in Las Vegas, NV.

May 6

The Deputy Secretary will address the Greater Washington Board of Trades Potomac Conference in Annapolis, MD.

May 7

The Deputy Secretary will testify at the Senate Appropriations Committee field hearing on innovative financing in Landsdowne, VA, and also will

address the Eno Transportation Foundations 5th Annual Leadership Conference.

May 8

The Deputy Secretary will participate in the WTS 20th Annual Conference in Baltimore, MD.

May 29-30

The Deputy Secretary will participate in Amtrak meetings in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

Modal Administrators/Assistant Secretaries

April 29 - May 3

FRA Administrator Molitoris will travel to Anchorage, AL, to meet with Alaskan Railroad employees and labor representatives.

April 30

Admiral Kramek will attend the Congressional Bipartisan Drug Policy Working Group Breakfast meeting.

Admiral Kramek will attend the National Propeller Club salute to Congress dinner in Washington.

FRA Administrator Molitoris will travel to Anchorage and Seward, AK, to participate in a special train trip hosted by the Railroad Operating Rules Association of North America.

FTA Administrator Linton will give the keynote address at the African-American Mobility Issues Symposium in Tampa, FL.

NHTSA Administrator Martinez will be a guest speaker at the Primary Seatbelt Enforcement Law for the District of Columbia Press Conference in Washington, DC.

RSPA Administrator Dr. Sharma will deliver remarks at the City College of New York in NYC.

RSPA Administrator Dr. Sharma will deliver remarks at the New Jersey Institute of Technology in Newark, NJ.

May 1

Admiral Kramek will cochair the J3/USIC Quarterly Planning Conference at the Pentagon.

Admiral Kramek will attend The Retired Officers Association reception and awards ceremony on Capital Hill.

FTA Administrator Linton will be the luncheon speaker at the Caucus on Rider Friendly Transit for the 21st Century, sponsored by Transportation Research Board and Florida DOT in Orlando, FL.

RSPA Administrator Dr. Sharma to delivery keynote address at the 12th Annual Meeting of the U.S./Canada Emergency Planning Committee for Civil

Transportation in Washington, D.C.

FHWA Acting Administrator Garvey will give the opening keynote address at Governing magazine's Infrastructure 97 conference in Denver, CO.

FAA Acting Deputy Administrator will speak at the DCCR dedication at Ft. Worth Air Route Traffic Control Center.

May 1-2

FRA Deputy Administrator Donald Itzkoff will be the keynote speaker for the Academy of Rail Labor Attorneys convention in Dana Point, CA.

May 1-3

Chief of Staff Designate, Michael Huerta, will participate in the National Federation of Municipal Analysts annual conference in Coronado, CA.

May 2

Admiral Kramek will attend the dedication of the FDR Memorial.

RSPA Administrator Dr. Sharma will deliver remarks at the Mineta International Institute for Surface Transportation Policy Studies in San Jose, CA.

May 3

Admiral Kramek will escort Senator Inouye to the launching of the new Coast Guard Cutter KUKUI in Marinette, WI. Mrs. Herr, wife of vice Admiral Herr, will serve as the ship's sponsor.

RSPA Deputy Administrator Kelley S. Coyner to deliver remarks at the annual Hazardous Materials Advisory Council meeting in Baltimore, MD.

May 3-5

FRA Administrator Jolene Molitoris and Deputy Administrator Itzkoff will participate in the 14th International Convention and Exposition on High Speed Rail and Magnetic Levitation of the High Speed Rail/Maglev Association.

May 4

Admiral Kramek will attend the Dept. of Defense-sponsored Joint Civilian Orientation Course Welcome Reception and Dinner in Washington.

May 5

FRA Administrator Molitoris will travel to Las Vegas, NV, to be the keynote speaker at the High-Speed Ground Transportation Associations 1997 International Convention and Exposition.

NHTSA Administrator Martinez will speak at the SAE International Annual Government/Industry meeting in Washington, D.C.

FTA Administrator Gordon Linton will give remarks on NEXTEA at the general session at the American Public Transit Association Bus Conference in Miami, FL.

Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs, Steve Palmer, will address

the LA Chamber of Commerce in Washington, D.C.

Admiral Kramek will address the JCOC conference at the Pentagon.

RSPA Administrator Dr. Sharma will meet with representatives of Alyeska Pipeline in Anchorage, AK.

May 5-6

Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs, Charles Hunnicutt, will represent the Department at the Binational Commission meeting in Mexico City with Secretary Slater.

SLSDC Deputy Administrator David Sanders will conduct the strategic planning meetings with Seaway employees in Massena, NY.

May 6

Admiral Kramek will address the Baltimore Coast Guard Officers Association Luncheon.

OSDBU Director Luz Hopewell will attend the Air Force 50th Anniversary Salute to Small Business in Herndon, VA.

NHTSA Administrator Martinez will participate in the Acadian Ambulance Company Air Rescue Demonstration and Training Process, Lafayette, LA.

May 7

Maritime Administrator Herberger will speak at the American Society of

Testing and Materials Symposium on Safety of Commercial Vessel Operations
on Rivers in St. Louis, MO.

SLSDC Deputy Administrator David Sanders will meet with Canadian Marine
Advisory Council in Ottawa, Ontario.

May 8

FRA Administrator Molitoris will travel to Baltimore, MD, to be the
keynote speaker at the 1997 Womens Transportation Seminar National
Conference.

Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs, Steve Palmer, will speak at
the request of Rep. Marty Meehan, who is hosting the 5th Distric
Legislative Issues Forum in Washington, DC.

FAA Acting Deputy Administrator will speak at the dedication of the new
Air Traffic Control Tower in Kansas City, MO.

May 8-9

OSDBU Director Hopewell will attend the 1997 Womens Transportation Seminar
in Baltimore, MD.

May 8-10

Admiral Kramek will attend functions with the Coast Guard Foundation in
San Francisco.

May 9

Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs, Louise Stoll, will participate on a panel for the WTS National Conference, Baltimore, MD.

RSPA Deputy Administrator, Kelley Coyner, will deliver remarks at the Hazardous Materials Advisory Councils 1997 Annual Conference in Baltimore, MD.

OST General Counsel, Nancy McFadden, will address the Coast Guard Foundation in San Francisco, CA.

May 9-10

Admiral Kramek will attend events in San Francisco with the CG Foundation.

May 12

FRA Administrator Molitoris will travel to Atlanta, GA, to address the second of three FRA multi-regional conferences.

NHTSA Administrator Martinez will address the MADD Youth Summit on Underage Drinking in Chevy Chase, MD.

Maritime Administrator Herberger will be the keynote speaker for the Opening of the APL Terminal in LA, CA. The Administrator will also be the luncheon speaker for the Maritime Day Observance Luncheon sponsored by the Propeller Club of LA.

The FAA Acting Deputy Administrator will speak at the dedication of the new Washington National Airport Tower.

May 12-14

FAA Acting Administrator Valentine will participate in the Russian-American Aviation Conference in Annapolis, MD.

May 13

Admiral Kramek will attend the CG Atlantic Area change of command in Portsmouth, VA.

May 14

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June 5

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June 7

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June 9

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June 10

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Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs, Charles Hunnicutt, will represent the Department at a pre-ministerial APEC Senior Officials meeting in Victoria, Canada.

June 23

Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy, Frank Kruesi, will be the keynote speaker at the 68th annual meeting of the Association for Transportation Law, Logistics and Policy in Santa Fe.

June 24-25

Admiral Kramek will attend the CINCs Conference at the Pentagon.

June 26

Admiral Kramek will attend the retirement ceremony for Rear Admiral Donnell in Yorktown, VA.

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Media Inquiries

The Wall Street Journal requested a data on cruise line accidents and incidents for a forthcoming story on that industry.

Soundings Magazine requested information on a possible story on hoax rescue calls.

Minneapolis Star Tribune requested copies of all OIG reports since January 1996, on work in MN.

Boston Herald requested a copy of the OIG report on Motor Carrier Safety.

KFRU Radio requested an interview with an OIG staff person on the Motor Carrier Safety Report, OIG declined.

Inside FAA Publication requested to speak with a staff member on comments made by Ken Mead at the confirmation hearing on April 9, 1997.

FRA Administrator Jolene M. Molitoris is tentatively scheduled to be interviewed by Dateline NBC on May 7. The interview will cover FRAs Highway Rail Grade Crossing Safety Program.

USA Today is preparing an article on the status of the 90-day review, ~~expected to be published in~~ May, about the time of the one year anniversary of the ValuJet crash.

Dateline NBC is preparing a three-part piece on the ValuJet anniversary, to begin airing May 11. They have requested FAA response to NTSB recommendations concerning hazardous materials and have interviewed the FAA assistant administrator for Regulation and Certification.

The Washington Post is working a major two-part feature on the history and future of air bags. NHTSA Administrator Martinez and Charles Kahane of the Performance Improvement Division were both interviewed. The article had been expected to run April 13 and 14, but is being reviewed by Post legal staff.

ABC Prime Time Live has requested an on-camera NHTSA interview concerning alleged sudden acceleration in Jeep Cherokees and Grand Cherokees. The request is under consideration. The segment airs May 7.

WNBC, New York, requested an on-camera NHTSA interview concerning alleged inadvertent air bag deployments in 1995 Mazdas. As there is currently an investigation underway, NHTSA will likely decline the interview.

FOIA REQUESTS

RASIP, NASIP and Enforcement Investigation Reports for the past five years for Great American Airways and Target Airways, Ltd. -- ABC World News Tonight

Violation history of Mesa Airlines from September 27, 1996 to the present; violation history of Spirit Airlines of East Point Michigan from January 1, 1988 to the present; runway incursion reports since 1991; special alerts regarding Cleveland Hopkins International Airport and its signage; and an incident report and audio tape involving a Continental Jet at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport on January 26, 1997 -- The Plain Dealer

Incident report involving Continental Express N15447 on October 3, 1996 -- Lake Charles American Press, Sulphur, LA

Consent agreement between FAA and Mesa Airlines -- The Dallas Morning News
Records relating to a possible missile sighting by several pilots on March

1 -- Star Tribune, Minneapolis, MN

Annual budgets and expenditures for air traffic control towers at Alliance, Meacham, Redbird and Addison Airports for fiscal years 1995, 1996 and 1997; information on staffing levels and flight operations; and all reports, correspondence, letters, records and public information regarding the installation and operation of the Terminal Doppler Weather Radar systems at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport and Love Field Airport for fiscal years 1995, 1996 and 1997 -- Fort Worth Star-Telegram

List of lawyers and law firms FAA contracted for legal services in fiscal year 1996, statements of work, financial terms and payment records -- The National Law Journal, Washington, DC

Letters sent to RSPA from the FAA, dated after December 1, 1996, that discuss the regulation of lithium-ion or lithium polymer batteries. -- Washington Document Service

Scott W. Rooney of Charfoos & Christensen, P.C., Detroit, MI, requested a variety of materials relating to child safety seats, vehicle compatibility, the Blue Ribbon Panel, and NHTSAs Child Safety Seat Misuse Team.

Point of Contact: For the weekend of May 3-4, Michael Huerta will be the contact. He can be reached through the FAA Operations Center at (202)

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Dorothy,

Next Wednesday is better for the Administrator than Thursday for next week's NEC briefing on NEXTEA. It will be difficult but doable to get this briefing on her calendar, so I recommend that your scheduler call our scheduler to look at times.

Denise Schwarz is the Administrator's scheduler. She can be reached at 260-4700. If you have questions or concerns you can also call Reid Wilson, our Deputy Chief of Staff at 260-7960.

Courtney

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MEMORANDUM FOR ERSKINE BOWLES, THE WHITE HOUSE May 7, 1997

FROM: Secretary Slater

SUBJECT: DOT Weekly Report -- Week of May 12, 1997

The following is the Department of Transportation Weekly Report:

KEY DEPARTMENT NEWS

Binational Conference in Mexico: From May 5-7, Secretary Slater traveled to Mexico as part of the U.S. delegation to the Binational Conference.

The Department has worked closely with the DOS to prepare for the annual meeting between U.S. and Mexican cabinet officials to discuss bilateral transport issues. This annual meeting provides the two countries with an opportunity to build strong bilateral ties, recognize accomplishments over the last year and plan for new joint initiatives for the coming year.

Central America Aviation Open-Skies Initiative: From May 7-9, Secretary Slater will travel to Costa Rica for the Central America Summit and

signing of Open-Skies agreements. The following countries in Central America have initialed Open-Skies aviation agreements with the United States: Panama on March 12, Guatemala on April 25, Honduras, El Salvador and Costa Rica on April 30, and Nicaragua on May 2. The Open-Skies agreements will be signed on May 8 in Costa Rica during President Clinton's summit meeting. Both Belize and the Dominican Republic made requests that could not be accepted by the United States, and therefore, will not be initialed.

President's Caribbean Summit: From May 9-11, Secretary Slater will travel to Barbados for the Caribbean Summit with President Clinton. In addition, at the request of U.S. Ambassador Hyde, the Coast Guard Cutter BEAR will hold formal onboard events, support Presidential security, and refurbish a school for the disabled in St. Thomas, Barbados. Coast Guard representatives have also been part of the U. S. team negotiating a new maritime counterdrug agreement with Barbados. The U.S. desires to conclude the agreement before the summit.

Deputy Secretary Downey Testifies at Field Hearing: On May 7, Deputy Secretary Downey testified at the Senate Appropriations Committee field hearing in Landsdowne, VA, on innovative financing and addressed the Eno Transportation Foundations 5th Annual Leadership Conference in Washington.

Dedication of National Airport Tower: On May 12, Secretary Slater will speak at the dedication of the new Washington National Airport Tower.

ValuJet: On May 6, FAA held a media availability regarding the 1 year

anniversary of the ValuJet accident (May 18). Guy Gardner, Associate Administrator for Regulation and Certification, answered questions from reporters. There continues to be heavy media interest with an emphasis on the status of fire suppression and detection regulations. On May 7, the FAA met with carriers to clarify issues perceived as slowing action on detection.

Secretary Slater Launches DOT's Welfare to Work Program: On April 29, Secretary Slater launched the Department's Welfare to Work program with a live DOT-wide, nationwide satellite briefing. The Secretary began the briefing with remarks concerning the Administration and the Department's commitment to the program. He then responded to a number of questions from audience members in the Nassif Building and by call-in from employees as far away as AK.

American Airlines Labor Negotiations: On May 5, American Airlines' pilots approved a five-year contract. 69% of the pilots approved the contract, which gives the pilots a 9% raise over 5 years and 5.75 million stock options at \$10 below current market price. The contract eliminates, by its end, the two-tiered wage scale, which has been long criticized by the pilots. According to the agreement, American will be allowed to use 50 to 70 seat regional jets for AMR Eagle commuters. The Department is developing analytical tools, including economic modeling tools, to assist in future efforts.

Air Safety Assessment: On April 28, FAA as part of its ongoing initiative to provide the public with more information about aviation

safety in international travel, announced that Thailand had been reassessed and found to comply with international safety standards.

Grant Awarded to Alaska Railroad: On May 1, FRA announced a grant of \$10 million to the Alaska Railroad Corporation for capital rehabilitation and safety improvements to passenger railroad operations throughout the state of AL.

Grant Awarded to NC DOT: On May 13, FRA will award a grant of \$2.75 million to the NC DOT to be used in the NC Sealed Corridor Initiative for Greensboro-Charlotte. The grant is for continued demonstration of a comprehensive approach to enhancing highway-rail grade crossing protection on a developing high-speed rail corridor and improving highway-rail grade crossing safety.

Chrysler Penalty: On May 2, NHTSA announced that Chrysler Corp. paid a \$140,000 civil penalty in connection with the failure of 1994 Dodge Ram pickups to comply with a federal fuel system integrity standard.

IRIDIUM Launch: On May 5, IRIDIUM 1, a McDonnell Douglas Delta II launch vehicle, lifted off. The launch will deliver 5 satellites into low earth orbit. The IRIDIUM project, essentially a satellite-based, cellular phone network consists of spacecraft in 6 planes of 11 spacecraft each. The system permits any type of telephone transmission, voice, data, fax, or paging, for worldwide use. This is the first Delta launch since their Air Force failure, but steps have been taken by McDonnell Douglas to decrease the probability that the same failure would occur.

Summer Aide Agreement with Anacostia High School: The Department is working with the D.C. Government, "Project Accord," and the D.C. public schools to place Anacostia High students with various offices in the General Counsel's Office as summer aides. Funding will be provided through a District program. We will be providing organized mentoring/career development assistance to the students.

Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW): PSRW is being celebrated the week of May 5-11. The Department will have exhibits on the national Mall from May 8-10. Headquarters and field employees received a special employee PSRW newsletter, and a departmental brochure will be distributed on the Mall.

Operation BORDER SHIELD Makes First Seizure: On April 25, Coast Guard and Customs personnel operating in support of this operation off Southern California, seized 322 lbs of marijuana from a small boat off San Diego, CA and arrested 3 individuals. This is the first seizure for BORDER SHIELD.

Third Seizure for Operation GULF SHIELD: On April 30, Coast Guard and Customs personnel seized 1,025 lbs of marijuana, arrested 5, and seized a Mexican lancha, fast boat, attempting to smuggle narcotics on Boca Chica Beach, TX.

Attempted Penetration of FAA Information System: During the weekend of April 26-28, a computer system located at the University of York, United

Kingdom, made several attempts via the Internet to access FAA data systems at the Aeronautical Center. Attempts were detected and blocked by a system security firewall. FAA Security is working with the FBI to investigate.

Foreign Airport Security Assessments:

Russian Far East: From May 3 to 17, FAA security specialists will conduct foreign airport assessments and air carrier station inspections in Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk and Khabarovsk.

Port-au-Prince, Haiti: From April 27-May 1, FAA security personnel and Haitian Government officials cooperated in the development of an action plan for implementation of airport security enhancements at Port-au-Prince.

Afghanistan: Extension of SFAR 67: The Special Federal Aviation Regulation (SFAR) 67, Prohibition Against Certain Flights Within the Territory and Airspace of Afghanistan, will be extended this week for another year. The Wakhan Corridor in the extreme northeast corner of Afghanistan will be exempted. Several non-U.S. air carriers currently operate over the Wakhan Peninsula.

Avianca Repair Station Inspection: Inspectors from the Miami International Field Office conducted an inspection of the Avianca Repair Station in Bogota, Colombia. They noted that traceability and documentation of parts and components were almost nonexistent. Further inspection revealed that systemic problems existed throughout the

stockroom. The Colombian Aeronautica Civil (CAC) was briefed on the findings. The inspectors will meet with the CAC to discuss further actions to be taken with Avianca and to perform a joint inspection of Avianca's facility.

Sikorsky Blade Assembly Airworthiness Directive: On April 30, FAA issued an airworthiness directive after discovery of a manufacturing defect that may cause disbonding and separation of portions of the main rotor blade assembly.

Airport Revenue Diversion - Los Angeles: On April 30, the Los Angeles City Council voted 8-2 to return a disputed \$30.3 million to the Airports Department, in order to receive \$56 million in frozen AIP funds. News reports state that the City Council's move was part of a negotiated strategy between the Council president, the mayor, and the Airports Department director on the one hand, and the Air Transport Association (ATA), on the other hand, under which the ATA would back off of the \$58 million Century Freeway dispute and support the proposed \$12 billion expansion of LAX. The \$30.0 million in dispute arose from a transfer in 1996 of about \$31.1 million to the City general fund as payment for claimed unreimbursed City contributions to the airports dating from the 1920s. The amount in dispute was found by FAA to be unjustified legally and factually and to constitute unlawful airport revenue diversion.

SabreTech Emergency Order: On April 29, FAA issued emergency orders revoking the mechanic certificates for 6 mechanics at SabreTech's Orlando, FL, repair station for improper performance of maintenance items on a

civil aircraft and the falsification of maintenance records. This action is unrelated to ValuJet.

Rasmark Jet Emergency Order: On May 2, FAA revoked the air carrier operating certificate of Rasmark Jet Charter of El Paso, TX, for conducting numerous revenue flights using unairworthy aircraft. Rasmark is a Part 135 carrier involved principally with the carriage of freight.

Airworthiness Directive (AD) re Trent-Powered 777's: On April 30, FAA ordered inspections and a halt to extended range twin-engine operations to the U.S. of Boeing 777's powered by Rolls-Royce Trent 800 engines until new parts can be installed. This action was taken after a United Kingdom Civil Aviation Authority report of 10 incidents of oil loss and one of a bearing retainer failure. It is intended to prevent in-flight engine shutdowns and airplane diversions caused by oil loss and from bearing failures. There are no Trent-powered 777's in the U.S. fleet; the AD applies to aircraft certificated for operation in the U.S.

Economic Impacts of United States Ports - 1995: MARAD prepared preliminary estimates for the economic impacts of U.S. ports for 1995. For 1995, the United States port industry contributed approximately 14 million jobs and \$500 million in wages to the Nation's economy.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise: The Department anticipates issuing a supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking (SNPRM) to modify its disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) regulations. The purposes of the SNPRM are to narrowly tailor key provisions of the rule in response to the

Supreme Court's decision in *Adarand v. Peña* and to reinvent the rule to reduce burdens on state and local governments and small businesses. In preparation for issuing the SNPRM, we have consulted with constituency groups and briefed staffs of Congressional committees which are considering reauthorizing the statutory provision on which the DBE program is based. This provision is part of the Administration's NEXTEA proposal. The Department will formally send the SNPRM to OMB for clearance this week.

Flood Relief Efforts in Upper Midwest Continue: The Coast Guard Pacific Strike Team is deployed in Miller City, SD and Fargo, ND to support the EPA and local pollution efforts. Other Coast Guard operations are being scaled back as the waters are receding. The Coast Guard assisted 916 people in the latest series of floods in the upper Midwest.

Flood Damage Assessment

North Dakota: The Red River crest has moved into Canada, and river levels are dropping throughout the Red River Valley. The flood waters are expected to recede slowly, so damage assessment will be delayed for some time yet in North Dakota's most eastern counties and cities. I-29 has been reopened from Fargo to Grand Forks. NDDOT-FHWA teams are doing site-by-site damage surveys, progressing across the state from the southwest toward the northeast. The site reviews are expected to take most of May. NDDOT has requested quick release of \$10 million in ER funds to begin to address damage to Federal-aid roads.

Idaho: Field Reviews are being conducted this week by FHWA Idaho Division personnel in response to the ITD informing the FHWA that it intends to apply for ER Funds for repairs to highways damaged by mud and landslides. Damage estimates stand at approximately \$7 million.

Minnesota: The state has filed a letter of intent to apply for ER funds for flood damage. The preliminary state estimate is that the damage will approach \$20 million.

WORK ON PRESIDENTIAL POLICY PRIORITIES

Safety

Governor Glendening to Sign Maryland Primary Safety Belt Law: On May 8, Maryland's Governor Parris Glendening, legislative sponsors of the bill, and members of the state legislative leadership will conduct a Bill Signing Ceremony at the Annapolis State House. A reception, sponsored by the Maryland Committee for Safety Belt Use, follows the ceremony.

NEXTEA Amplification

NEXTEA: The Department is working with CEQ, OMB, and EPA to promote environmental proposals in the Administration's NEXTEA proposal. White House events are planned May 7 and May 9 for environmental and labor organizations, respectively. The Senate E&PW Committee plans its final hearing before markup, this week, focused on safety. On May 5, Deputy Assistant Secretary John Lieber testified before the New York City Council

on the Administration's NEXTEA proposal.

NOTABLE CONGRESSIONAL ACTIVITY

FY97 Appropriations Supplemental: Senate and House floor action are expected the week of May 5 on the \$8.4 billion supplemental appropriations measure. Senate debate is scheduled to begin on May 5, and the House is expected to begin consideration on May 7.

Nominations: On May 1, the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee approved, by unanimous voice vote, the nominations of Ken Mead for Inspector General and T.R. Lakshmanan for Director of the Bureau of Transportation Statistics. The nominations of 3 Coast Guard flag officers and several lower level officers were also approved.

Ocean Shipping Reform: On May 1, the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee unanimously approved S.414, the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 1997. The Committee also unanimously adopted an amendment offered by Chairman McCain requiring the Secretary of Transportation, before granting a Title XI loan guarantee, to obtain certification from the FMC that the carrier has not violated U.S. shipping laws nor is under investigation for suspected violations. Senator Breaux voiced strong disapproval of the amendment as drafted. Members also discussed concerns with the bill's confidentiality, antitrust and discrimination provisions and highlighted the need to protect captive shippers when STB reauthorization legislation is addressed by the Congress.

"Turnback" Transportation Bills Introduced: On April 29, Representative Kasich and Senator Mack held a press conference to announce the introduction of their turnback transportation bill, entitled the Transportation Entitlement Act. The legislation, which is similar to legislation introduced last year, cuts the current gas tax by 12 cents as of October 1, 2001 and greatly streamlines the core highway programs. All funding for transit would come from the general fund. Many groups believe there is little interest remaining in a turnback proposal, but that could change if there is a long delay in reauthorization of ISTEA.

Motor Fuel Tax Bills Introduced: Two motor fuel bills were recently introduced in the Senate. On April 22, Senator Byrd introduced S.630, a bill to transfer into the Highway Trust Fund the 4.3 cent tax now going for deficit reduction. On April 23, Senator Baucus introduced S.634, which transfers 3.8 cents into the Trust Fund and .5 cent to Amtrak. Senator Baucus said he disagreed with the Administrations approach to funding Amtrak, but believes passenger rail service must be preserved. The bill was cosponsored by Senators Warner and Byrd. Both bills were referred to the Finance Committee.

Secretary's Schedule

May 4-9

Secretary Slater will travel to Mexico, Costa Rica and Barbados with the President.

May 13

Secretary will travel to Minneapolis, MN to address the American Association of Airport Executives.

May 15

Secretary Slater will travel to Little Rock, AR to address the annual Daisy Bates Scholarship luncheon.

Deputy Secretary

May 7

The Deputy Secretary will testify at the Senate Appropriations Committee field hearing on innovative financing in Landsdowne, VA, and also will address the Eno Transportation Foundation's 5th Annual Leadership Conference.

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The Deputy Secretary will participate in the WTS 20th Annual Conference in Baltimore, MD.

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The Deputy Secretary will participate in Amtrak meetings in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

Modal Administrators/Assistant Secretaries

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Maritime Administrator Herberger will speak at the American Society of Testing and Materials Symposium on Safety of Commercial Vessel Operations on Rivers in St. Louis, MO.

SLSDC Deputy Administrator Sanders will meet with Canadian Marine Advisory Council in Ottawa, Ontario.

RSPA Deputy Administrator Coyner will deliver remarks to the Technical Pipeline Safety Standards and Technical Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committees in Washington, D.C.

FRA Administrator Molitoris will testify before both the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and the House Subcommittee on Railroads to discuss Amtrak and High-Speed Rail, respectively.

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VADM Herr will attend functions with the Coast Guard Foundation in San Francisco, CA.

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FRA Administrator Molitoris will travel to Baltimore, MD, to be the keynote speaker at the 1997 Womens Transportation Seminar National Conference.

Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs Palmer will speak at the request of Rep. Marty Meehan, who is hosting the 5th Distric Legislative

Issues Forum in Washington, DC.

FAA Acting Deputy Administrator Belger will speak at the dedication of the new Air Traffic Control Tower in Kansas City, MO.

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~~OSDBU Director Hopewell~~ will attend the 1997 Womens Transportation Seminar in Baltimore, MD.

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Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs Stoll will participate on a panel for the WTS National Conference, Baltimore, MD.

RSPA Deputy Administrator Coyner will deliver remarks at the Hazardous Materials Advisory Councils 1997 Annual Conference in Baltimore, MD.

Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs Palmer will address the National Conference of State Legislatures in Washington, D.C.

OST General Counsel McFadden will address the Coast Guard Foundation in San Francisco, CA.

May 9-11

Admiral Kramek will attend the Presidents Caribbean Summit in Barbados.

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FRA Administrator Molitoris will travel to Atlanta, GA, to address the second of three FRA multi-regional conferences.

NHTSA Administrator Martinez will address the MADD Youth Summit on Underage Drinking in Chevy Chase, MD.

Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy Kruesi will attend a meeting of the Metropolitan and Rural Strategies for Sustainable Communities.

Maritime Administrator Herberger will be the keynote speaker for the Opening of the APL Terminal in LA, CA. The Administrator will also be the luncheon speaker for the Maritime Day Observance Luncheon sponsored by the Propeller Club of LA.

BTS Director Lakshmanan will welcome the participants of the Workshop on Urban Passenger Transport and Environmental Statistics.

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May 28

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VADM Herr will cochair the semi-annual Navy-Coast Guard Board with the Vice Chief of Operations, Admiral Gehman.

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OSDBU Director Hopewell will be a speaker at the Florida DBE Consultant Seminar in Tampa, FL.

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NHTSA Administrator Martinez will speak to the Emergency Medical Services Administrators Association of California Spring Conference, San Diego, CA.

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy Leiber will participate as a panelist for the Institute of Transportation Studies at the University of California at Davis NEXTEA Workshop.

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SLSDC Deputy Administrator Sanders will participate as a panelist at the Bulk Transpo 97 in Portland, OR.

June 4

Admiral Kramek will attend The Interdiction Committee (TIC) meeting in Washington.

June 5

Admiral Kramek will attend the Change of Command for the Seventh Coast Guard District in Miami, FL.

June 7

NHTSA Administrator Martinez will speak at the Safe Communities Best Practices in Orlando, FL.

June 9

FRA Administrator Molitoris will travel to Sacramento, CA, to address the third and final FRA multi-regional conference.

June 9-13

The Maritime Administrator will attend and speak at the NOR-Shipping 97 Maritime Exposition in Oslo, Norway.

June 10

NHTSA Administrator Martinez will speak at Lifesavers 15: National Conference on Highway Safety Practices, in Orlando, FL.

Admiral Kramek will attend the opening ceremony for the Center for Marine Education in Paducah, KY.

June 11

NHTSA Deputy Administrator Recht will speak at the Trial Attorneys of American Annual Conference in Chicago, IL.

June 12

NHTSA Deputy Administrator Recht will speak at the annual meeting of Trial Attorneys of America in Chicago, IL.

June 16-17

FRA Administrator Molitoris will travel to Minneapolis, MN, to participate in the Small Railroads in the Non Urban Economy -- A Partnership conference.

June 17

Admiral Kramek will attend the DOT-sponsored program honoring Alex Haley and the 20th anniversary of Roots.

June 18

NHTSA Administrator Martinez will speak at the National Emergency Number Association Annual Conference in Baltimore, MD.

June 19

NHTSA Deputy Administrator Recht will speak at the Annual Automotive Litigation Conference in Arlington, VA.

June 20

Admiral Kramek will attend the Coast Guard Academy change of command.

June 21

Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs Hunnicutt will represent the Department at a pre-ministerial APEC Senior Officials meeting in Victoria, Canada.

June 23

Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy Kruesi will be the keynote speaker at the 68th annual meeting of the Association for Transportation Law, Logistics and Policy in Santa Fe.

June 24-25

Admiral Kramek will attend the CINCs Conference at the Pentagon.

June 26

Admiral Kramek will attend the retirement ceremony for Rear Admiral Donnell in Yorktown, VA.

June 27-28

Admiral Kramek will attend the change of command for the Commander, First Coast Guard District, and the Navy League National Convention in Boston, MA.

July 6-14

Admiral Kramek will meet with Federal Border Service leaders in Russia.

July 12-19

VADM Herr will attend meetings with the International Maritime Organization in London.

July 23

Admiral Kramek will speak at the National Naval Officers Association meeting in Annapolis, MD.

July 24-25

FRA Administrator Molitoris will travel to Oakland, CA, to participate in Amtraks Board and Committee Meetings.

Media Inquiries

USA Today is preparing an article on the status of the 90-day review, expected to be published at about the time of the one year anniversary of the ValuJet crash.

Dateline NBC is preparing a three-part piece on the ValuJet anniversary, to begin airing May 11. They have requested FAA response to NTSB recommendations concerning hazardous materials and have interviewed the FAA assistant administrator for Regulation and Certification.

Dateline NBC is preparing a segment on grade crossing safety from the engineers perspective to air in May. NBC has been backgrounded by FRA Public Affairs and will interview FRA Administrator Molitoris.

Dateline NBC requested information on OIG audits on airport security. Air date not known.

The Washington Post is finalizing a major two-part feature on the history and future of air bags. NHTSA Administrator Martinez and Charles Kahane of the Performance Improvement Division were both interviewed. The series may run May 11-12.

ABC Prime Time Live plans to air on May 7 a segment about alleged sudden acceleration in Jeep Cherokees and Grand Cherokees. Chrysler Corp. is conducting a service campaign to fix about 2.2 million of these vehicles from model years 1984-95 with shift locks, and NHTSA is monitoring the campaign.

ABC Nightline has prepared a segment about NAFTA, inspections and truck crossings at the southern border, but has not yet scheduled an air date.

The Washington Post is conducting research for a story about the U.S.

maritime industry and is expected to address issues including the Jones Act, Title XI loan guarantees, and the Maritime Security. The publication date is not known.

NBC News and USA Today requested a copy of the OIG report on FAAs Process for Assessing the Boeing 777 for Early Extended Range Operations with Two-Engine Airplanes (ETOPS). The report was not provided. To date, GE and Boeing have objected to release of information in the report. The OIG is reviewing their concerns.

Hughes Information Technology, Inside Edition and USA Today requested a copy of the OIG report on FAAs Oversight of Power Systems in the National Airspace System.

KTVT-TV submitted questions regarding OIG reviews and oversight procedures in general.

Gannett Newspaper requested a copy of the 1995 Audit on Westchester County Airport.

The Associated Press called about the Price Trends report. FHWA provided extensive background information and advised the reporter to call Illinois DOT and other state DOTs to compare prices and other data.

The Associated Press called about the status of the Administrations request for \$318 million in supplemental funds to raise the obligation limit for certain states. FHWA provided a copy of the Dec. 24 news

release and background information. A story ran April 29, which prompted a call from KFBK-AM. FHWA provided a copy of the news release.

Seattle Times, Miami Herald, Travel Weekly asked for Coast Guard comments on the recent NTSB recommendations to install smoke alarms in crew and passenger quarters on cruise ships. The Coast Guard is reviewing the recommendations and will be prepared to answer queries within the next two weeks.

FOIA REQUESTS

Civil enforcement action, Case No. 94SW070287, regarding an incident aboard an American Airlines flight on August 7, 1994 -- The Dallas Morning News

Pilot errors, controller errors and vehicle and pedestrian deviations regarding surface operations at San Francisco International and Los Angeles International airports within the last 3 years -- San Francisco Chronicle

Near-collision incident reports for a 100-mile radius of Cleveland Hopkins International Airports for the years 1991-1996 -- The Plain Dealer

A summary or list of issues and/or topics pursued by reports or members of the news media that is distributed to members of the aviation industry -- The Plain Dealer

Voice tape recording involving United Airlines flight 2327 on April 16, 1997 at Ontario Airport, Ontario, California; and voice tape recording involving UPS DC 8 flight on January 7, 1997 at Ontario Airport, Ontario, CA -- American Journal

Audio tapes of activities at the Redmond, Oregon Municipal Airport control tower between noon and 3 p.m. on March 19, 1997 -- The Bulletin, Bend, Oregon

Documents concerning the FAA and ABS Partnership or its affiliate companies -- NashvilleScene City Press Publishing, Inc.

Copies of all written comments received by RSPA in response to its Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (dated June 7, 1989) and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (dated March 18, 1991) regarding hydrogen sulfide levels in natural gas pipelines. -- The Houston Chronicle

Point of Contact: For the weekend of May 10-11, Jackie Lowey will be the contact. She can be reached through the FAA Operations Center at (202) 267-3333.

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TO: Linda Lance (Linda Lance@EOP [UNKNOWN])
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TEXT:

I am not sure what one-pager you are talking about. I will be sending
around the-revised CMAQ paper, data, and figures this morning.

Regarding your request for the mean and median estimates for NO_x and CO, we
have already provided you these results for VOC, and I do not understand
why you need these for NO_x and CO as well (they were not specifically
requested at the last OMB meeting). The VOC results definitively show that
we should be using the median. I understood from our phone conversation
that OMB agreed that we should be using the median. Are you suggesting now
that the median versus mean issue is not settled? If this is the case, it
will take us a least another day to re-run all the estimates using the mean
(though I believe both EPA and DOT believe that we should be using the
median, which means we would have take additional time to resolve the
issue). I would also mention that the median provides us with more
conservative results than the mean.

Before we proceed with your request, please provide us with a better
understanding of why you need this additional information, and how it will

be used.

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After reviewing the methodology used by EPA, I think we are ready to wrap

this process up. To facilitate conclusion, I ask that EPA provide 2

things:

1) Please fax to CEQ, NEC, OMB, and DOT your revised CMAQ 1-pager and the supporting material that you would like to be used for public consumption.

This will serve to prepare everyone for a conference call late Wednesday

afternoon (tentatively scheduled for 4:30pm) to discuss

presentation/production

issues.

2) Please also provide a table to OMB comparing the median and mean emissions reductions for NOx and CO similar to the table provided for VOC emissions reductions.

Thanks,

Diane

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See edits below. I'm using different colors to highlight changess.

Words I propose to cut are bracketed, with new additions in caps.

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review in the body of the message.

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Subject: Q&A for press office-- PLEASE REVIEW

Author: Cynthia_A._Rice@oa.eop.gov at Internet

Date: 5/19/97 8:15 AM

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Please review and revise the following transportation q&as for our press
office

-- by noon if possible! In particular, we need answers on

Specter-Lautenberg

and the relationship of the transportation proposal to the budget agreement.

Janno and Dorthy, please run the traps within the Administration on Specter-Lautenberg, and verify that it will be introduced today.

The attached document is WP 5.1. I also have WP 6.0. The text is repeated below.

Transportation Announcement

Question: Why is the President talking about new transportation funding now, after the budget has been agreed to?

Answer: WITH THE BUDGET AGREEMENT IN PLACE, t[T]he Congressional Committees are about to take up the ISTEA reauthorization -- so now is exactly the right time for the President to highlight the welfare to work provisions of the transportation bill he sent to the Hill earlier

this
spring. Also, many of the business leaders involved in the Welfare to
Work
Partnership have told us how important transportation will be to their
ability
to hire welfare recipients, so today's event seemed like a good time to
discuss
the President's welfare to work transportation proposal.

In general, the budget negotiations assume the reauthorization of ISTEA,
although
the level of transportation spending within the domestic discretionary
category
has been under some discussion recently. But the budget agreement
certainly
leaves room for the President's \$600 million welfare to work
transportation
proposal.

Question: What does the President's transportation proposal do?

Answer: The President's NEXTEA transportation bill:

Invests \$600 Million to Improve Access to Jobs and Training. NEXTEA
includes a six-year, \$600 million grant program to support innovative
transportation initiatives, such as vanpools, to get people where the jobs
are.

INCREASES [Creates] Job Training Opportunities in Transportation

Technology

and

Construction. NEXTEA opens opportunities in transportation by increasing incentives for states and localities to provide job training in

conjunction

with federally-funded technology and construction projects and enabling them

to offer hiring preferences favoring welfare recipients and residents of Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities.

Question: What can the \$600 million be used for?

Answer: States, local governments, and private, non-profit organizations could

apply for grants to plan and implement new transportation services targeted

[services designed] at linking welfare recipients with jobs.

Question: Would the proposal allow welfare recipients to be hired at the expense of other

workers?

Answer: No. What the President's bill does allow is what are called

"local

hiring

preferences" allowing transportation contractors to provide a preference to equally qualified welfare recipients and residents of Enterprise Zones and Enterprise Communities who apply for CONSTRUCTION and [transportation-] related jobs.

Question: The President praised a new bipartisan Congressional proposal introduced today by Senators Specter and Lautenberg. How does their proposal differ from the President's?

Answer: THE SPECTER-LAUTENBERG BILL WOULD PROVIDE \$250 MILLION PER YEAR FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES TO LINK ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED PERSONS -- INCLUDING WELFARE RECIPIENTS AND THOSE NOT ON PUBLIC ASSISTANCE -- TO JOBS IN HIGH-GROWTH SUBURBAN AREAS. IN ADDITION, OTHER SECTIONS OF THE BILL PROPOSE FUNDING LEVELS FOR VARIOUS ISTEA PROGRAMS THAT ARE DIFFERENT FROM THE PRESIDENT'S NEXTEA PROPOSAL.

Question: Does the President endorse the entire Specter-Lautenberg transportation bill, or just the welfare to work provisions?

Answer: NO. THE PRESIDENT SUPPORTS THE STRONG PRO-TRANSIT GOALS OF THE BILL.
BUT SOME OF THE SPECIFICS DON'T JIBE WITH THE ADMINISTRATION'S BALANCED BUDGET
PLAN -- FOR EXAMPLE, THE IDEA OF SHIFTING THE 4.3 CENTS OF THE GAS TAX NOW
DEDICATED TO DEFECIT REDUCTION TO THE HIGHWAY TRUST FUND.

Question: The grants the President announced today seem pretty small
[about
\$10,000 each].
Do you expect them to accomplish anything?

Answer: These grants, provided by the Department of Transportation in cooperation with
the National Governors' Association, will ENABLE [give] states and communities
[an opportunity to enable states] to develop strategies that support welfare to
work efforts. THEY WILL BRING STATE AND LOCAL WELFARE, TRAINING AND
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES TOGETHER TO ADDRESS THIS PROBLEM IN A STRATEGIC
WAY.
But these are just seed grants FOR DEVELOPING PLANS -- that's why the
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has proposed a comprehensive, \$600 million fund for welfare to work

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