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You know, I never heard back from Larry Magid, though I called him
twice. We could use a friend at NGA on a couple of NEXTEA issues,
especially safety and welfare to work. Can you check in with him? If
you think it's a good idea, you and/or I could go see him.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ERSKINE BOWLES, THE WHITE HOUSE June 25, 1997

FROM: Secretary Slater

SUBJECT: DOT Weekly Report -- Week of June 30, 1997

The following is the Department of Transportation Weekly Report:

KEY DEPARTMENT NEWS

Secretary Slater to Announce \$15 M to Austin: On June 26, Secretary Slater will announce the award of a second \$15 million grant to Austin, TX, to reduce potential noise impacts associated with the conversion of Bergstrom Air Force Base to the civilian Austin-Bergstrom International Airport. The grant will be used to help relocate four public schools affected by the conversion of Bergstrom to a civilian airport. The relocation is necessary to reduce the noise impact of the new airport on the community. The conversion of Bergstrom is the largest base conversion to civilian use in the United States. By the year 2012, the airport is

expected to create more than 16,000 new jobs. Moreover, the airport is expected to attract more than 725,000 square feet of development, including industrial, office, hotel/motel, and retail space. It will also enhance air traffic control system capacity and reduce flight delays.

Disaster Assistance: On June 20, Secretary Slater announced that a number of states would receive FHWA emergency disaster relief assistance for flood recovery. States receiving funds were--ID, \$4.5 million; MT, \$2.94 million; ND, \$24.9 million; OH, \$18.9 million; PA \$1.1 million; SD, \$14.2 million; and WA, \$30.1 million.

Vice President Gore Announces \$50 Million for Californias Flood-Damaged Roads: On June 20, Vice President Gore announced \$50 million in FHWA emergency relief (ER) funds for CA to continue repairs on federal-aid roads and bridges damaged during storms and flooding in late December and early January. The \$50 million supplements two earlier allocations of \$20 million and \$30 million, bringing Californias total ER package to \$100 million.

Secretary to Travel to Philadelphia: On June 26, Secretary Slater will participate in the grand opening of the DOT metropolitan office in Philadelphia which is one of four multi-modal offices opening in major metropolitan areas. Also, he will be the keynote speaker at the Pennsylvania Environmental Council dinner.

Secretary to Travel to Memphis: On June 28, Secretary Slater will travel

to Memphis, TN to meet with the mayor and participate in a round table discussion of transportation issues with city and transportation officials in Memphis. While in Memphis, Secretary will attend the Walk the River event.

Secretary to Travel to Miami: On June 28, Secretary Slater will travel to Miami to be the keynote speaker at the National Association of Minority Contractors meeting in Miami, FL. He will receive their Man of the Year award.

Deputy Secretary makes Address: On June 25, Deputy Secretary Downey addressed the St. Louis Regional Commerce and Growth Associations Annual Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C.

Garvey Nomination: On June 24, the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee held a hearing on the nomination of Jane Garvey to be Administrator of the FAA. From all indications, the Committee is expected to move quickly, but a date has not been announced.

Mead Swearing-In: On June 26, Secretary Slater will swear in Kenneth Mead to be DOT Inspector General at a ceremony in the Senates Mansfield Room.

UP Railroad Devine, TX Accident: On June 22, two UP freight trains collided head on at Devine, TX, located 10 miles southwest of San Antonio. The collision resulted in two employee fatalities, one unidentified fatality, and one employee being critically injured. Four of five locomotives and one overhead highway bridge were destroyed as a

result of fire. Investigation is still underway; however, initial reports indicate the collision was caused by dispatcher error. FRA will issue a safety directive requiring each train dispatcher in dark territory be briefed by a supervisor on the circumstances of the accident, procedures for issuing authorities for train movement, and requirements for alerting train crews of any joint track occupancy. Additionally, FRA is sending a team to investigate train dispatcher training, software, personnel staffing, and fatigue.

ADAPT Demonstration: On June 24, approximately 200 members of the group ADAPT, Americans Disabled for Attendant Programs staged a demonstration at the DOT Headquarters. There were no incidents or arrests. The group expressed concerns about access problems with over the road coaches and requested a meeting with the Secretary. The Secretary agreed to meet with representatives of ADAPT, as he does with other groups having an interest in transportation matters.

Actions in Response to TWA 800 Safety Recommendations: The NTSB is expected this week to respond to an FAA letter seeking broad industry and academic comment on TWA 800-related NTSB recommendations. The NTSB response may require an FAA comment. No other TWA 800 events are anticipated this week. The FAA is arranging early July editorial boards at Newsday, the NY Times, the Washington Post and USA Today to make certain editorial writers and reporters understand the reasoning behind the FAA decision not to have any immediate response to the NTSB's wide-ranging recommendations made in December and to demonstrate the unprecedented extent of the FAA's involvement in the TWA 800

investigation, both with the NTSB and independently. Senior staffs from the FAA and the NTSB held two meetings last week to discuss the technical issues involved in the Safety Board's TWA 800 safety recommendations. The meetings produced agreements which will serve as the basis of the Board's evaluation of the FAA's actions in response to the recommendations and which will map out the cooperative efforts of the FAA and the NTSB to address the technical issues reflected in the recommendations.

Indianapolis Central Computer Complex Host (CCCH) Outage: On June 24, the Indianapolis Air Route Traffic Control Center experienced a 35-minute outage of the main computer that provides radar data for the controllers. This outage was caused by a software problem. The Center successfully transitioned to the backup Direct Access Radar Channel (DARC) to continue operation. Two hundred and fifty-four delays resulted from this interruption.

Reno Air Engine Failure at Las Vegas: The FAA is participating in the NTSB's investigation of an uncontained engine failure shortly after takeoff on Reno Air MD-83 at Las Vegas, NV, June 17. There were no injuries. The failed engine was one of the engines that experienced an ice ingestion event at Detroit last March. This engine had been repaired and was recently installed on the MD-83. The engine will be shipped to the American Airlines facility in Tulsa where it will be examined under the supervision of the NTSB during the first week of July.

NTSB Hearing on Quincy, IL Accident: On July 1, the NTSB is scheduled to meet to adopt conclusions, probable causes and recommendations for the

United Express Beech 1900 collision with Beechcraft KingAir -90 at Quincy, IL.

National Civil Aviation Review Commission (NCARC): NCARC will meet again June 26-27 to continue discussions on funding issues involving the FAA.

New FBI/FAA Memorandum of Understanding Signed: On June 12, Director Freeh and Acting Administrator Valentine signed an updated Memorandum of Understanding between the FBI and the FAA covering responsibilities and functions in response to air piracy (Title 49, Section 46502).

Airworthiness Directives (AD): On June 20, FAA issued an AD to 1000 aircraft owners requiring an inspection of certain Syres S2R airplanes spar caps for fatigue cracking which could lead to structural failure and separation of the wing from the aircraft. Inspections would amount to \$600 per airplane; if spar cap replacement is necessary, it would cost \$14,316 per aircraft. On June 17 and 18, two ADs were issued addressing rudder issues on Model 737 series airplanes. They were both discussed by Vice President Gore in a January 15 press conference. One requires installation of newly designed rudder-limiting device and yaw damper system (1350 aircraft affected at cost of \$1200 per aircraft). The second requires replacement of the PCU and vernier control rod bolt on Model 737 airplanes (1350 aircraft affected at cost of \$600 per aircraft).

Air Show Accident: On June 22, two Sonerai-I experimental aircraft (ultralights) conducting an air race during the Wings Over Long Island air show at Gabreski Airport, Westhampton Beach, NY, collided in midair. The

aircraft crashed and burned. Both pilots were taken to the hospital where one died; the other is in critical condition. Witnesses reported the wing of one plane clipped another as the two aircraft, plus two others, took part in a race. They were circling a two and a half mile course at the airport, flying at 50 to 150 feet off the ground at speeds of up to 180 miles an hour. The local FAA office is investigating the accident. At this time, NTSB is not a part of the investigation.

NHTSA Addresses NTSB Recommendations: The NTSB held a public meeting on June 10, which culminated in a "Summary of New Recommendations on Air Bags and Automobile Occupant Restraint Use." NHTSA is preparing a substantive response to each of the nine NTSB recommendations. All of the NTSB recommendations are being addressed by NHTSA in its ongoing air bag and occupant restraint system programs. The draft reply to NTSB is now circulating for agency review and approval.

Illinois Receives Airport Grants: On June 16, Secretary Slater announced that the Capital Airport in Springfield would receive \$2.8 million. On June 20, he announced that Rockford, Chicago and Peoria airports would receive a total of \$16.4 million for improvements.

FTA Grant Announcements: On June 20, FTA awarded \$11.5 million to the Tri-County Commuter Rail Authority in Fort Lauderdale, FL for double tracking of 7 miles of Tri-Rail system and construction of the Deerfield Beach Station. Also on June 20, FTA awarded the Maryland Mass Transit Administration \$32.5 million for coaches and construction of the Frederick, MD extension. On June 24, FTA awarded the Massachusetts Bay

Transit Authority \$29.7 million for an underground transit way system.

Springfield-Franconia Station Opening: On June 29, FTA Administrator Linton will award \$199 million to Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority for continued construction of the 103-mile rail system during ceremonies marking the opening of the Springfield-Franconia station.

New Zealand, Malaysia, & Brunei Open Skies Agreements: On June 18, Secretary Slater joined Jenny Shipley, New Zealand's transport minister, at a State Department signing of the new Open Skies aviation agreement between the United States and New Zealand. On June 21, Secretary Slater signed the new Open Skies agreement between the United States and Malaysia. On June 19, State Department officials signed an Open Skies agreement with Brunei.

Meeting on Civil Rights and Security Profiling: On June 24, pursuant to a recommendation of the White House Commission on Aviation Safety and Security, the General Counsel and several staff members, together with DOJ and FAA officials, met with the Civil Liberties Advisory Panel (CLAP), a group organized pursuant to a Commission recommendation. Members of that panel apparently believe (1) that FAA profiling procedures discriminate against members of racial and ethnic minorities and Arab- or Moslem-Americans, (2) that those procedures result in an unlawful disparate impact against members of those groups, or (3) that airlines unlawfully apply procedures that go beyond what is required by the FAA in discriminating against member of those groups. Since the FAA is currently developing a computer-assisted profiling system with the airlines, CLAP

is particularly concerned that the new system not violate the civil rights laws.

Aeromexico Airlines Fined: On June 24, the Department will issue a consent cease and desist order that will also assess a \$100,000 civil penalty against Aeromexico Airlines for unauthorized service between certain U.S. and Mexico points. The carrier cooperated fully in the Department's enforcement investigation and has taken steps to ensure that there is no recurrence of the unlawful activity. Under the consent order, one-half of the civil penalty will be forgiven if the carrier commits no further violations over the next year.

Aviation - Egypt: Negotiations with Egypt are now in progress in Washington. Egypt requested the talks to discuss the expansion of civil aviation services between the United States and Egypt.

Aviation - U.S.-Russia Overflight Services: On June 16, the Department orally granted the applications of Northwest Airlines, United Airlines, and Polar Air Cargo for allocation of frequencies to overfly Russia on their services between Europe and the Indian Subcontinent. Under the U.S.-Russia Aviation Agreement, U.S. carriers may operate a total of 28 weekly flights overflying Russia, between Europe and the Indian Subcontinent. Each carrier received the number of weekly frequencies it had requested: United, 14, Northwest, 8, and Polar.

Barbados: Negotiations were held in Washington on June 19-20. The United States rejected the Barbadians request for additional authority to serve

the United States, and points intermediate and beyond. The United States stated, however, that it would sign an "Open-Skies" agreement and might be in position to grant some authority under the Underserved Cities Program. Barbados stated it could not sign an "Open-Skies" agreement while the matter of "Open Skies" was under consideration by the association of island nations in the Caribbean (CARICOM). The discussions ended without agreement on Memorandum of Consultations.

Japan: On July 8-10, an informal meeting will take place in Portland, OR, to agree on framework for resuming formal aviation negotiations. The expectation is that this will be the last informal meeting before formal negotiations begin. Assistant Secretary Charles Hunnicutt will represent the Department.

France: The French have agreed to resume aviation negotiations in Paris on July 9-14 looking toward liberal aviation agreement. While the U.S. is seeking an "Open-Skies" aviation agreement phased in over 3-year period, the French have proposed 9-year phase culminating in liberal arrangement for U.S.-France services only.

Coast Guard Releases Investigation on Motor Lifeboat Loss: On June 18, the Coast Guards Thirteenth District commander, RADM Spade, announced the findings of an extensive investigation into the loss of Motor Lifeboat CG-44363 in February off Quillayute, WA. The investigation determined that unsafe navigation by the coxswain was the primary cause for the loss. Families of the crewmembers lost during the incident were briefed by the Commandant and provided a copy of the investigation before the

public announcement. The Commandant has directed a nation-wide safety stand-down at Coast Guard small boat stations.

Louisiana Rig Fire Update: On June 17, MALLARD RIG 52 experienced a well blowout while operating in Lake Chicot Field, St. Martin Parish, LA. The apparent cause of the explosion was due to inoperable valves. Attempts to extinguish the fire have been hampered by burning effluence. Residual pollution is minor, and the USCG Gulf Strike Team and Captain of the Port Morgan City are working closely with the owners as they continue efforts to extinguish the fire.

Vessel Grounding with No Pollution: On June 18, the M/V CANADIAN MARINER, with an estimated 92,000 gallons of bunker crude oil cargo onboard, grounded in the St. Lawrence Seaway, Blind Bay, NY due to a loss of steering control. The vessel was later refloated without incident and only suffered minor hull damage. Coast Guard Marine Safety Detachment Messina, NY closely monitored the case.

MARAD Disapproves Lykes Proposal: On June 20, Maritime Administrator Herberger announced that he disapproved the proposed transfer of the Lykes Brothers Steamship Co. operating agreements under the Maritime Security Program to newly formed U.S. company which would time charter its vessels to subsidiary of Canadian Pacific Limited. The Maritime Subsidy Board simultaneously disapproved the transfer of Lykes operating subsidy contract. On June 21, Canadian Pacific issued a press release stating its intention to

acquire Lykes Lines even though MARAD disapproved the transfer of Lykes MSP contracts to another company. At this time, Lykes has not notified MARAD of any intentions to appeal MARADs decision. There is a meeting late on June 25 between MARAD and Lykes.

NHTSA to Publish Final Rule on Automobile Parts Content Labeling: A final rule was sent to the Federal Register this week modifying NHTSAs domestic content labeling requirements. The final rule extends a temporary provision that permitted manufacturers to estimate the domestic content of up to 10 percent of the parts of a carline when the parts suppliers did not provide the information. The final rule extends the period permitted for content estimation until January 1, 1999. Some manufacturers have had difficulty in obtaining content certificates from suppliers for a portion of their purchased parts. This rule will result in more accurate statements of the actual domestic content of carlines until the manufacturers can arrange for all vendors to provide certificates of origin.

Agreement reached on 1997/1998 Seaway Tariff of Tolls: Following recent meetings in Ottawa, final agreement was achieved that would allow for 2.5% tariff increase across-the-board for all commodity tariff items, to be implemented August 1, 1997 for the balance of the 1997 navigation season and continued through 1998. Effective in 1998 the Welland Canal Lockage fee, that discourages smaller vessel transits, will be eliminated and replaced with \$0.12 cent (Canadian) increase on cargo and vessel tolls at the Welland Canal only.

Nassif Building Update: The cleaning and repair of the 10th Floor is on schedule. Employees are scheduled to return to the Nassif Building on July 7. The post-cleaning health assessment continues during the week of June 23. Second Floor occupants of the Nassif Building and First Floor occupants of the FAA Headquarters Building will be surveyed on June 25. The FAA building serves as a control for the survey.

WORK ON PRESIDENTIAL POLICY PRIORITIES

CORPORATE CITIZENSHIP

Operation Lifesaver: An FRA Safety Inspector from Texas has developed an innovative way to spread the Operation Lifesaver (OL) safety message to large number of communities through an announcement in the monthly water bill. Its estimated that with the expenditure of minimal agency resources, 2,135,000 people will see the OL safety message this month. This initiative has unlimited potential with other media as well. FRA is exploring options for nationwide implementation of this initiative.

UNDIVIDED, PEACEFUL -- DEMOCRATIC EUROPE

Admiral Kramek to Meet With Counterparts in Russia and Ukraine. The Russian Federal Border Service (FBS) and Ukraine Border Guards both invited Admiral Kramek to their respective countries for meetings from July 6-14. The Russian and Ukraine services perform coast guard-type missions for their respective countries. The U. S. Coast Guard has

fostered professional exchanges, information sharing, placement of Russian cadets at the Coast Guard Academy, and a Memorandum of Understanding with the Russian FBS for search and rescue and cooperative operations in the Northern Pacific Ocean. Admiral Kramek will meet with the Russians in Kaliningrad and Moscow, and with Ukraine officials in Kiev and Odessa.

VOLUNTEERISM

Auxiliary Celebrates 58th Anniversary: On June 23, the Coast Guard Auxiliary will celebrate its 58th anniversary. The Coast Guards family of 34,000 unpaid volunteers now play a larger role with greater responsibilities than at any time in their 58 year history. These dedicated and vigilant volunteers are integral to our day to day operations and directly contribute to the success of all Coast Guard mission areas except active law enforcement.

NOTABLE CONGRESSIONAL ACTIVITY

FY 1998 Budget Markup in House Appropriations Subcommittee. The FY 1998 Transportation budget was marked up by the House Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee on June 24.

Engineering Center: The Congressional Delegations from 12 cities were notified by letter that their city is under consideration for the location of the FAAs National Airspace System Implementation Engineering Center. The 12 cities are Atlanta, Atlantic City, Chicago, Cincinnati, Dallas/Ft. Worth, Denver, Houston, Minneapolis, Oklahoma City, Phoenix, Pittsburgh,

and Washington, DC. The delegations from Atlantic City and Pittsburgh are very actively pursuing the facility. The final decision is expected late this summer.

Amtrak: On June 26, the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee is expected to mark up S. 947, Amtrak legislation proposed by Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison.

Air Traffic Control Technology: On June 24, the House Science Subcommittee on Technology held a hearing on how research and development monies are spent on air traffic control technology. David Ziadman of the FAA testified.

Commercial Space Transportation: On June 25, the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Subcommittee on Space held a hearing on reauthorization of the commercial space program. Patty Smith, Acting Director of the Office of Commercial Space Transportation, testified.

Market-Based Solutions to Air Service Problems for Medium-Sized Communities: On June 25, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on market-based solutions to air service problems for medium-sized communities. Pat Murphy, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs, testified.

Motor Vehicle Titling: On June 26, the House Commerce Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade and Consumer Protection will hold a hearing to

discuss H.R. 1939, The National Salvage Motor Vehicle Consumer Protection Act of 1997, introduced by Congressman Rick White. The legislation proposes to establish uniform requirements regarding the titling and registration of salvage, nonrepairable and rebuilt vehicles. Mr. Richard C. Morris, Chief, Odometer Fraud Staff, Office of Safety Assurance of the NHTSA, will testify on behalf of the Department. Other witnesses will include representatives of insurers, dealers, state DMVs, regulators and the Consumers Federation Union.

National Airway System Modernization: The Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee is tentatively scheduling a July hearing on national airway system modernization.

ISTEA News Conference: On June 18, Representatives Tom DeLay and Gary Condit, along with highway construction groups, held a news conference to announce formation of the Reform ISTEA Now Coalition. The Coalition supports the STEP 21 approach to ISTEA reauthorization and seeks a larger return of Federal-aid-highway funds to so-called donor states.

Gas Tax Amendment: On June 19, Senator Phil Gramm offered an amendment during the Senate Finance Committees mark up of the tax bill. The amendment, which was accepted by vote of 15-5, shifts 4.3 cents of the gas tax currently going for deficit reduction into the Highway Trust Fund.

Secretary's Schedule

June 26

Secretary Slater travels to Philadelphia for opening of DOT metropolitan office and speech to the Pennsylvania Environmental Council.

June 28

Secretary Slater travels to Memphis, TN to talk with transportation officials.

Secretary Slater travels to Miami, FL to address the Association of Minority Contractors.

The Deputy Secretary

July 1

The Deputy Secretary will make remarks for the kickoff event of the Washington Metropolitan Traveler Information Center in Washington, DC.

July 23-25

The Deputy Secretary will participate in AMTRAK meetings in Los Angeles, CA.

August 5

The Deputy Secretary will participate in the Institute of Transportation Engineers' Annual Meeting in Boston, MA.

August 7

The Deputy Secretary will attend the joint ITS America/National Automated Highway Systems Consortium (NAHSC) "Technical Feasibility Demonstration" in San Diego, CA.

August 11-12

The Deputy Secretary will attend the ITS America Board Meetings in San Diego, CA.

Modal Administrators/Assistant Secretaries

June 26

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

Governmental Affairs Assistant Secretary Palmer will attend the Grand Opening Ribbon cutting at the Austin/Bergstrom International Airport in Austin, TX.

Governmental Affairs Deputy Assistant Secretary Horsley will address the Washington State Association of Counties in Spokane, WA., and the Womens Transportation Seminar in Seattle, WA.

FTA Administrator Linton will deliver the keynote address at the Project Action Conference in Pittsburgh.

June 26-27

FRA Administrator Molitoris and Deputy Administrator Itzkoff will participate in the FRA strategic planning retreat at Solomons Island, MD.

June 27

FTA Administrator Linton will speak at an Urban Impact, Inc. luncheon in Birmingham, AL.

MARAD Administrator Herberger will speak at the Navy League National Convention Awards Luncheon in Boston, MA.

June 27-28

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

June 29-July 3

Inspector General Mead will make oversight visits to Seattle and San Francisco Regional Offices. He will visit Boeing Corporation on July 1.

June 30

USCG Admiral Kramek will attend a departure ceremony honoring Deputy Secretary of Defense, Dr. White.

July 1

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

July 6-14

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

July 8

Aviation and International Affairs Assistant Secretary Hunnicutt will represent the Department in international aviation negotiations with Japan in Portland, OR.

July 10

FAA Acting Administrator Valentine will visit Piper Aircraft in Vero Beach, FL.

RSPA Deputy Administrator Coyner will address the National League of Cities Board Meeting in Oklahoma City, OK.

July 11

RSPA Deputy Administrator Coyner will discuss the Garrett A. Morgan Technology and Transportation Futures Program with representatives of the Oakland Port Authority in Oakland, CA.

FAA Acting Deputy Administrator Belger will visit Delta Airlines in Atlanta, GA.

July 12-19

USCG VADM Herr will attend meetings with the International Maritime

Organization in London.

July 13

NHTSA Deputy Administrator Recht will address the National District

Attorney Associations Board of Directors meeting in Norfolk, VA.

July 15

RSPA Deputy Administrator Coyner will deliver remarks at the American Gas

Associations Legal Forum in Napa, CA.

July 16

USCG Admiral Kramek will attend the NAACP Annual Armed Services Dinner in

Pittsburgh.

July 22

USCG Admiral Kramek will address the Master Pilot Information Exchange

Workshop in Crystal City.

July 23

USCG Admiral Kramek will speak at the National Naval Officers Association

meeting in Annapolis, MD.

July 24

USCG Admiral Kramek will address flag and general officers from all

services participating in the CAPSTONE program.

July 24-25

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

USCG Admiral Kramek will host the Senior Advisory Group/Quality Council meeting with senior Coast Guard flag officers.

July 27

NHTSA Administrator Martinez will participate in San Francisco Giants Traffic Safety Day, San Francisco, CA.

July 29

USCG Admiral Kramek will host the Congressional Coast Guard Birthday Celebration at the Rayburn Building.

July 30-August 3

USCG Vice Admiral Herr will attend events at the annual Coast Guard Festival in Grand Haven, MI.

August 1

NHTSA Deputy Administrator Recht will address the Judicial Administration and Criminal Justice Section Committee Meetings of the American Bar Association, San Francisco, CA.

August 3-6

BTS Director Lakshmanan will participate in the 67th Institute of Transportation Engineers Annual Meeting in Boston, MA.

August 7

USCG Admiral Kramek will co-chair the J3/USIC quarterly conference in the Pentagon.

August 9

NHTSA Deputy Administrator Recht will participate in the National Automated Highway System Consortium Technical Feasibility Demonstration in San Diego, CA.

August 11

NHTSA Deputy Administrator Recht will attend the ITS American Board of Directors meeting in San Diego, CA.

August 13

USCG Admiral Kramek will attend The Interdiction Committee luncheon/meeting.

August 14

USCG Admiral Kramek will speak to new flag and general officers in the CAPSTONE program.

NHTSA Deputy Administrator Recht will be the keynote speaker at SAE International Airbag Design and Performance Workshop, Costa Mesa, CA.

August 17

BTS Director Lakshmanan will speak at the Sixth Biennial Conference on Transportation and Energy in Pacific Grove, CA.

August 18-25

USCG Admiral Kramek will visit Coast Guard units in Alaska.

August 18-27

BTS Director Lakshmanan will attend the 51st Session of the International Statistical Institute in Istanbul, Turkey.

August 28

USCG Vice Admiral Herr will be the guest speaker at the Grand Military Ball for the Chief Petty Officers Association National Convention in Cleveland, OH.

September 3

USCG Admiral Kramek will speak at the Fleet Reserve Association meeting in Reno, NV.

September 6

USCG Admiral Kramek will speak at the National Coast Guard Auxiliary Conference in Dallas, TX.

September 8

USCG Admiral Kramek will speak at the opening of the Administrative Law Judge docketing center in Baltimore, MD.

September 10

USCG Admiral Kramek will address the Air War College at Maxwell AFB, AL.

September 24

Transportation Policy Assistant Secretary Kruesi has been invited to serve on a panel for a national teleconference broadcast on Transportation Implications of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards at North Carolina State University.

Media Inquiries

48 Hours: On June 23, reporter Peter Henderson will interview Dr. Martinez for future story on aggressive driving. The correspondent is Erin Moriarity, and the crew has already filmed the Smooth Operator program in Fairfax County.

Good Morning America: Consumer reporter Steve Filmer is asking about the possibility of doing a segment on the final New Car Assessment Program test results, probably later this month.

Dateline NBC: Reporter Mike Causners interview with Administrator Ricardo Martinez on May 9 about offset crash testing, was used in the recurring Dateline crash testing feature with the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety on Tuesday, June 17.

Fox 2, Hawaii's News Channel, requested information regarding the Oahu Transit Group and the Honolulu Rail Transit Project.

U.S. News and World Report requested an interview with the Inspector General and the Associate Deputy Inspector General.

The Heritage Foundation requested copies of OIGs Semiannual Report to the Congress.

The Cleveland Plain Dealer, June 20, indicated it is preparing a follow-up to its May 18 article on unairworthy parts.

USA Today, the week June 23, will publish its article on number of female versus male air traffic controllers. Representatives of FAAs Air Traffic Service, Office of Civil Rights and Office of Human Resources were interviewed.

NHTSA Administrator Martinez was interviewed June 23 by CBS 48 Hours for a future story on aggressive driving. CBS has already filmed the Smooth Operator program in Fairfax County.

ABC Prime Time Live, June 19, requested information from NHTSA concerning the relative safety of different air bag designs. A response is being prepared.

USA Today, June 13, requested interviews with FAA officials closely involved with the TWA 800 investigation, for a piece focusing on the human side of the investigation. Interviews will be arranged with the Director, Office of Accident Investigation and the Associate Administrator, Office of Civil Aviation Security. Publication expected early in the week of the

July anniversary date.

The Washington Post, July 7, and The Journal of Commerce, July 17, will interview Acting SLSDC Administrator Sanders about the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation becoming a performance-based organization.

Publication dates not known.

NBC Dateline is expected to air either this week or next its segment on grade crossing accidents from the engineers perspective.

Release of Quillayute Lifeboat Investigation: The release of the motor lifeboat investigation in Seattle and press conference drew national wire and heavy regional media interest.

Miami New Times: Requested information regarding a homosexual petty officer being discharged.

Boating Magazine: Requested information on a Coast Guard-funded study of aluminum fuel tanks in boats.

Consumer Magazine: Magazine is doing an article on safe boating for their next edition.

Channel 12/Richmond, VA: Station is developing broadcasts and public service announcements on safe boating.

FOIA REQUESTS

Enforcement Investigative Reports regarding Balloon Affaire, Park City,
Utah -- KUTV News 2, Salt Lake City, UT

Correspondence between FAA and Boeing Commercial Airlines Group pertaining
to Boeings use of multiple rejection tags and design change procedures on
the Boeing 747 jumbo jet from 1993 to the present -- Los Angeles Times

Documents regarding Jair International and/or AM-AR International,
Louisville, Kentucky -- WHAS TV, Louisville, KY

Transcript and audio tapes involving an accident in Alton, New Hampshire
on January 17, 1997 -- WCVB-TV, Needham, ME

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MEMORANDUM FOR ERSKINE BOWLES, THE WHITE HOUSE July 2, 1997

FROM: Secretary Slater

SUBJECT: DOT Weekly Report -- Week of July 7, 1997

The following is the Department of Transportation Weekly Report:

KEY DEPARTMENT NEWS

Full Funding Grant Agreement - BART: On July 1, FTA executed a FFGA for

BART after Secretary Slaters decision to proceed with the agreement. The

ISTEA legislation directed the Department to enter into this agreement.

Five members of the Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee, Senators

Bennett, Bond, Domenici, Gorton, and Faircloth had written to the

Secretary urging that the Department not proceed with any additional FFGAs

prior to ISTEA reauthorization. Transportation Appropriations

Subcommittee Chairman Shelby also urged that the agreement not be

completed. The Secretary has written to each member to advise them of his

decision to proceed and the reasons supporting that decision.

TWA 800: On June 17 and 18, FAA senior technical staff met with NTSB to address critical issues raised by the Board's safety recommendations dealing with TWA 800. Both agencies agree that the common goal is to minimize the risk of fuel tank explosions and share the belief that the reduction of ignition sources and the reduction of fuel volatility are the most promising dual paths to this objective. Acting Administrator Valentine summarized the FAA's position on these issues in a letter sent to Chairman Hall on June 27. Meanwhile, as part of the ongoing investigation of the cause of the TWA 800 accident, in July the Board plans to perform ground and flight testing on a Boeing 747 appropriately instrumented airplane. The purpose of the test is to collect data on the temperature and pressures in the center fuel tank. The details of the flight test are still being put together by the NTSB. The installation and flights will be performed at JFK airport in New York. The FAA will be supporting the effort. FAA officials will have Editorial Board meetings regarding the TWA 800 anniversary this week and next with the Washington Post, USA Today, NY Times, Associated Press and Newsday.

Assistance to Families of Aviation Disasters: On July 9, Secretary Slater will chair the opening session of a meeting of the Secretary's Task Force on Assistance to Families of Aviation Disasters in Washington, DC.

Secretarial Visit to the Caribbean: As part of a White House initiative, Secretary Slater is planning a visit to Port-au-Prince, Haiti on July 28-29 to discuss DOT assistance, requested by the Haitian Government to improve their

transportation infrastructure. Discussions would focus on assessment of Haiti's existing transportation network, planning for improvements--particularly in the area of intermodalism--identification of costs and possible financing options for implementation of upgrades. The Secretary is also planning to meet with ministers of transport from certain Caribbean nations in San Juan, Puerto Rico to discuss transportation issues.

SmarTraveler: On July 1, Deputy Secretary Downey presided over the launching of SmarTraveler, a high-tech traveler information service for the Washington metropolitan region. He was joined by representatives from Partners In Motion, a group of 25 public-sector and 12 private-sector participants who sponsored the project.

FAA Deputy Administrator Nominated: On June 26, the President nominated George Donohue to be Deputy Administrator of the FAA. The Senate Committee may hold hearings on the nomination before the August recess.

Rail Accident: On July 2, two Union Pacific Railroad freight trains collided approximately 12 miles west of Topeka, KS. One person has been reported dead. As a result of the crash, the lead locomotive caught fire. Hazardous materials are on the train and the town of Rossville has been evacuated. The cause of the accident is under investigation by FRA and NTSB.

Railroad Union Petition: On June 26, the Brotherhood of Locomotive

Engineers petitioned FRA for an emergency order (1) prohibiting the Union Pacific Railroad from operating trains by Track Warrant Control or Direct Traffic Control on unsignaled track and (2) requiring UP to assess the safety hazards associated with centralized dispatching operations and workload assignments at dispatching centers. FRA is reviewing this petition.

The Railroad Safety Advisory Committee (SAC): On June 24, SAC held its fifth meeting in Baltimore. The Railroad Communications NPRM was published in the Federal Register on June 26 and The Track Safety Standards NPRM was published in the Federal Register on July 1. The next full SAC Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 30.

FTA Awards \$4.6 Million to Iowa: On June 26, FTA awarded grants totaling \$4.6 million for transit facilities in Cedar Rapids and Waterloo, IA and for the purchase of buses for Des Moines and Iowa City, IA.

FTA Awards \$4.9 Million to Portland, OR: On June 27, FTA awarded a \$4.9 million grant to Tri-Met in Portland, OR for the purchase of nine fixed route 40 foot buses and 21 minibuses.

FTA Awards \$8.1 Million to King County Metro in Seattle, WA: On June 27, FTA awarded a \$8.1 million grant to King County Metro in Seattle, WA to purchase seventy 25-foot bus shuttles to provide community oriented service. Deputy Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs, John Horsley made the presentation at an event in Seattle, WA.

FRA Grant to South Dakota: On June 25, FRA received an application from South Dakota, the first state to request any of the \$18.9 million appropriated for emergency relief. On June 30, FRA approved a total of \$6.3 million for South Dakota. The remainder of the state applications are expected by August 1, with approvals processed as expeditiously as possible.

National Civil Aviation Review Commission (NCARC): The NCARC met on June 26-27. They received a presentation from Frank Colson of DOD outlining his views on financial and governance reform for the FAA. These reforms include conversion to fuel tax for all sectors of the aviation community as well as a government corporation to run air traffic services. The NCARC also discussed airport capital needs and created a task force to make recommendations regarding passenger facility charges and airport improvement grants. They also discussed possible comprehensive solutions to the financing and governance of the agency.

Interference Interrupts ATC Communication: On June 24, radio interference, traced to pager equipment and commercial/private radio transmitters in three states, forced rerouting of planes at the Kansas City Center. Specifically, it kept aircraft from flying in three of the eight sectors over western Kansas, as well as Amarillo, TX. FAA first noticed an intermittent problem three weeks ago. Since then, the FCC has shut down some of the interference sources, while specially equipped planes are helping to locate others to eradicate the problem.

K-9 Explosives Detection Team Program: As of June 26, all 19 Category X

airports have signed the Cooperative Agreement and joined the new K-9 Explosive Detection Program. Negotiations with 20 Category I airports concerning entry into the program in FY98 will begin on August 5. The annual evaluation of teams for FAA certification in explosives detection proficiency continues. To date, 47 teams at 19 locations have passed; none have failed.

National Park Overflight Working Group: On July 8-9, the National Park Overflight Working Group (NPOWG) will hold its third meeting in Washington. The NPOWG, which was chartered by the Senior Interagency Working Group (SIWG) and includes representatives of the aviation industry, parks, conservation groups, and Native Americans, will be in existence for 100 days. Its final report is expected to contain a recommended regulatory process for managing air tours within national parks, as required, and will be submitted to both the FAAs Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee and the NPSs Advisory Board.

Canadair Regional Jet Airworthiness Directive: Transport Canada Aviation advised the FAA that it has received a report of a pressurization problem during flight on a Canadair Model CL-600-2B19 series airplane which is a 53 passenger airplane operated by various commuter airlines.

Investigation revealed a crack approximately 14 inches long in the center pressure bulkhead. In addition, such cracking was found on six other Canadair Model CL-600-2B19 series airplanes. The cause of this cracking has been attributed to structural fatigue. Based on the information provided by Transport Canada Aviation, the FAA issued an emergency AD for all US registered airplanes on June 27 to require repetitive detailed

visual inspection to detect cracks and repair if necessary. This AD also requires that operators report the results of the detailed visual inspection to the FAA within 10 days. The compliance time for the initial inspection is 20 flight hours. Sixty US-registered aircraft are involved at a cost of \$120 per aircraft.

Bell Helicopter 205A-1 Airworthiness Directive: The main rotor separated from the helicopter while conducting external lift operations because of a mast failure. A subsequent metallurgical examination revealed that the mast had fractured as a result of fatigue. The FAA issued a Priority Letter AD on June 27 to require the creation of a component history card to correctly identify when the mast and trunnions have used up their useful life and must be retired. This AD affects 426 U.S. registered Bell helicopters at cost of \$60 per helicopter.

New Rules Grant States More Flexibility in Implementing Highway Safety Programs: On June 26, an interim final rule was published in the Federal Register, establishing new uniform procedures governing the implementation of Section 402 state highway safety programs. The interim final rule, published jointly by NHTSA and the FHWA, provides a more flexible approach for implementing these programs, which make states responsible for setting highway safety goals and establishing programs to achieve those goals.

Publication of Preliminary Report on Auto Theft: On June 26, the Federal Register announced the publication of NHTSAs preliminary report to the Congress on auto theft and recovery. The Anti Car Theft Act of 1992

requires NHTSA to study the effects of Federal regulations on auto theft and comprehensive insurance premiums. The Act specifies that a preliminary report be issued for public review and comment. A final report to the Congress, due in October, will incorporate these comments and include the Departments recommendations on what changes to the regulations, if any, are appropriate.

Final Rule Clarifying Recent Hazardous Materials Safety Amendment:

On June 27, RSPA published in the Federal Register a final rule clarifying a recent amendment to the Hazardous Materials Regulations on the transport of oxygen generators by aircraft. This final rule makes editorial corrections, explains approval requirements, and extends the effective date of a previous rule published on June 5 from July 7 to August 7. The amended rule enhances the safety of transporting chemical oxygen generators by cargo aircraft by requiring more stringent packaging standards. Oxygen generators are suspected of contributing to the fire which led to the crash of ValuJet Flight 592.

Frontier Shield Forces Seize Marijuana: On June 26, the Cutter GRAND ISLE intercepted and seized the Antigua-registered vessel PENGUIN in U. S. territorial seas north of the U. S. Virgin Islands. The Coast Guard boarding team found 53 lbs of marijuana in the ships cargo.

Operation BLUE SKIES: Although only in its first week, Operation BLUE SKIES has already helped eradicate over 12,000 lbs of mature marijuana plants. BLUE SKIES is a joint operation involving U. S. Coast Guard H-60

helicopters, the DEA, and host country law enforcement agencies in Antigua & Barbuda, Dominica, and St. Kitts-Nevis.

Cuban-Americans Plan Afloat-Aerial Protest: On July 13, the Democracia group and Brothers to the Rescue plan to commemorate the sinking of the Cuban tug TREZ DE MARCO with a protest off Cubas territorial seas. The tug was sunk by Cuban authorities several years ago--with loss of life--after migrants attempted to leave Cuba. The Coast Guard and FAA will monitor the flotilla with support from DOD.

Cubans Interdicted: On June 23, the Cuban Border Guard notified the Coast Guard that a vessel entered Cuban waters, picked up several migrants from a beach, then headed north. The Cutter MONHEGAN interdicted the vessel south of Key West with 13 people on board. An INS and Border Patrol interview indicated 2 Cuban Legal Permanent Residents (LPRs) of the U. S. attempted to smuggle 11 Cuban migrants from Cuba to the U. S. The 2 LPRs were brought into the U. S. for prosecution, 2 migrants were taken to GTMO and 9 were returned to Cuba.

Adarand Update: On June 27, Adarand Constructors filed a new complaint against Roy Romer, the governor of Colorado, the Colorado Department of Transportation, its director and the state of Colorado challenging the constitutionality of Colorado's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program. Adarand relies on Judge Kane's ruling in *Adarand v. Peña* for its claim that Colorado's program is unconstitutional. Adarand also claims that the DBE program, to the extent that it relies on state law for its authority, does not meet strict scrutiny standards under the Supreme

Court's Croson decision. Adarand has filed a motion for a temporary restraining order that is set for hearing on July 3, and a motion for a preliminary injunction for which no hearing date has been set. Colorado has asked the Department to assist them in defending the litigation. Informally, DOT has requested that the DOJ prepare to intervene in the case. In addition, the Department is considering Colorado's request to suspend use of the DBE requirements while the TRO request is pending or for a longer period of time.

Suit Against Secretary Peña Dismissed: In a hearing that took place on June 24 co-defendants Secretary Peña and Luz Hopewell, Director of the Department's Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, were voluntarily dismissed, without prejudice, from this case. A former Coast Guard auditor, had alleged in the suit that Secretary Peña and Ms. Hopewell improperly forced the Coast Guard to reinstate the contractor, a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise, after the company was terminated for poor performance. Given the auditors voluntary dismissal of Secretary Peña and Ms. Hopewell, the Court did not rule on the government's suggestion of dismissal. The Court will consider the government's suggestion of sanctions at a hearing on July 22.

UPS Pilot Labor Dispute: While the UPS pilot and management parties recently recessed their contract renewal talks until September, they have not signed a new contract and the possibility of a later strike is present. In May, DOT contracted with an economic analysis firm to assist in researching the likely impact of a strike, in particular the capability of UPS' competitors to absorb the loss of UPS' capacity. Based on an

advance draft copy of the analysis, initial conclusions point to the difficulty of absorbing certain operations, and suggest that the daily costs of a strike would be over \$225 million.

Small Business Assistance: The DOT OSDBU is assisting small firms located in AK, CA, CO, DC, GA, MD, NJ, NM, OK, and TX in marketing their products and services to the DOT, major DOT prime contractors and DOT-assisted state and local transportation agencies. In addition, the small business staff continues to counsel small firms on a daily basis regarding procedures for doing business with the DOT, major DOT prime contractors and DOT-assisted state and local transportation agencies.

DOT Occupancy at Techworld Ends July 7: On July 7, the tenth floor Nassif Building employees occupying Techworld will return to the Nassif Building. As of July 7, Techworld space will no longer be available for DOT occupancy. The Nassif Building ventilation system and general office cleaning and repair program is scheduled to be completed by August 8.

OIG Initiates Audit: On June 27, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) announced the beginning of an audit of passenger origin-destination data submitted by air carriers to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS). The audit was requested by the Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs and the Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs in the Office of the Secretary of Transportation, and the Director, BTS. The audit objectives are to evaluate the accuracy and completeness of passenger counts, itineraries and ticket value data submitted by the air carriers to the BTS, and determine if there are

alternative procedures which could be used to provide the data more accurately or efficiently. The OIG also plans to evaluate the processes used within the department to collect and disseminate the data. The audit will be conducted at BTS in Washington, DC and at major U.S. airlines.

WORK ON PRESIDENTIAL POLICY PRIORITIES

DRUGS, DRIVING, AND YOUTH

State Proposals Solicited for Drug Testing Demonstration: On June 26, NHTSA sent to the Federal Register a Notice soliciting applications from states interested in implementing a demonstration of drug testing for young driver license applicants. The Notice is scheduled to appear in the Federal Register on July 2. This demonstration was recommended in the Presidential Initiative on Drugs, Driving, and Youth, submitted to the President by the Secretary of Transportation and the Director of National Drug Control Policy in February. Qualifying states will be awarded planning grants to investigate the many complex practical and legal issues involved in a drug testing demonstration and to develop a detailed proposal for the demonstration itself. Solicitations for the full demonstration will be issued in FY 1998. Secretary Slater and ONDCP Director McCaffrey have tentatively scheduled an event on July 30 to officially release the Presidential Initiative and formally kick-off this effort.

EXPORTS/TRADE/OPEN ECONOMY

Egypt: Talks were held with Egypt in Washington on June 23-24. Egypt was not interested in an open skies agreement. However, the rights for 3 U.S. carriers to engage in third-country code sharing to Egypt was obtain.

France: The French have agreed to resume aviation negotiations in Paris on July 9-14 looking toward a liberal aviation agreement. While the U.S. is seeking an "Open-Skies" aviation agreement phased in over a 3-year period, the French have proposed a 9-year phase-in culminating in a liberal arrangement for U.S.-France services only.

Japan: An informal meeting will take place in Portland, OR, on July 8-9--and July 10, if needed--to agree on a framework for resuming formal aviation negotiations. The expectation is that this will be the last informal meeting before formal negotiations begin. Assistant Secretary Charles A. Hunnicutt will represent DOT.

BRIDGE TO ASIA-PACIFIC

Japan/China Maritime Talks: Talks were held with Japan on June 23. Japan has not made progress in resolving U.S. carrier doing business problems in Japanese ports as anticipated under a recent Memorandum of Consultations (MOC). The U.S. delegation made strong representations to the Japanese that they must achieve results by the July 31 deadline imposed by the MOC, or face FMC sanctions. Talks with China began June 25 and are on-going. With China, a solution was negotiated a year ago that would allow U.S. carriers to engage in freight forwarding. The Chinese have created a new

roadblock to prevent that solution from taking effect.

NAFTA

Land Transportation Standards Subcommittee (LTSS) Plenary Meeting: On July 8-10 the Department will attend the 4th annual plenary meeting of the LTSS to discuss progress on the harmonization of motor carrier safety standards among the United States, Canada and Mexico and develop work programs for the continued work of the group over the coming year. This year's meeting, being hosted by Mexico on a rotational basis, will be held in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

NOTABLE CONGRESSIONAL ACTIVITY

OIG Review Requested: Congressman Wolf requested an OIG review cost growth in FAAs Wide Area Augmentation System (WAAS).

Maritime Administration Authorization: On June 25, the House approved, by a 304-120 vote, the FY98 defense authorization bill, which includes language authorizing MARADs operations and training activities and Title XI loan guarantee program for FY98. MARADs programs were funded at the levels requested by the Administration. No floor amendments pertaining to MARADs authorization were offered. The Senate is expected to resume consideration of companion legislation soon after the July recess.

FY 98 Transportation Appropriations: On June 24, the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation marked up the FY98

appropriations bill for the Department. The Subcommittees bill contains some \$2.2 billion in appropriations and exempt obligations in excess of the Presidents request. The mark contains increased funding levels for FHWA (\$23.2 billion), FTA (\$4.8 billion), FRA (\$919 million), FAA (\$9.1 billion) and the Coast Guard (\$3.8 billion). The full Appropriations Committee is expected to take up the measure after the second week in July.

AMTRAK: On June 26, the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee approved by voice vote S.738, the Amtrak Reform and Accountability Act of 1997, authored by Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison. Two amendments offered by Senator Ford were defeated--an amendment to strike provisions of the bill relative to the caps on punitive and liability damages defeated 9-10, and an amendment to strike the section on indemnity for freight railroads making Amtrak reimburse for gross negligence of freight railroads defeated 9-9. An amendment offered by Senator Ashcroft to disallow Amtrak to bid contracts at below cost also was defeated, by voice vote. Among the amendments accepted by unanimous consent was an amendment offered by Senator Inouye to allow the Secretary of Transportation to designate who may attend AMTRAK Board meetings.

Market-Based Solutions to Air Service Problems for Medium-Sized Communities: On June 25, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on market-based solutions to air service problems for medium-sized communities. Pat Murphy, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs, testified. The focus of the hearing was on those communities, particularly in the

Southeast and upper Midwest, that have not benefited from deregulation of the airline industry. The consensus of the witnesses was that deregulation has been a success but that some communities are experiencing curtailed service and higher ticket prices. There was considerable discussion about slot-controlled airports and the desire of new carriers to gain access to those airports.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program: On June 26, Representative Canady chaired a hearing by the House Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution on H.R. 1909, his proposal to repeal some Federal affirmative action programs. Representatives Campbell, Roukema and Fowler testified in favor of the bill. The Departments DBE program was cited throughout the hearing. Ranking Member Scott spoke strongly against the bill, as did Representatives Norton, Mink and Jackson Lee in their testimony. Other witnesses included contractors who criticized the DBE provision, such as Randy Pech of Adarand Constructors. Senator McConnell also testified on his Senate companion bill, S.950.

Performance Based Organizations: On July 8, the House Government Reform and Oversight Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology will hold a hearing on performance based organizations. The Department will be invited to testify.

Park Overflights: On July 9, the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Subcommittee on Aviation will hold a hearing on Park Overflights. Acting FAA Administrator Valentine is expected to testify.

TWA 800 Disaster: On July 10, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Aviation will hold a hearing on the TWA 800 Disaster. Guy Gardner, FAA Associate Administrator for Regulation and Certification, will testify and be accompanied by Bruce Butterworth, Director of the FAA Office of Civil Aviation Security Operations.

Aggressive Drivers: On July 17, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Surface Transportation will hold a hearing on aggressive drivers. NHTSA Administrator Martinez will testify.

Deputy Secretary's Schedule

July 23-25

The Deputy Secretary will participate in AMTRAK meetings in Los Angeles, CA.

August 5

The Deputy Secretary will participate in the Institute of Transportation Engineers' Annual Meeting in Boston, MA.

August 7

The Deputy Secretary will attend the joint ITS America/National Automated Highway Systems Consortium (NAHSC) "Technical Feasibility Demonstration" in San Diego, CA.

August 11-12

The Deputy Secretary will attend the ITS America Board Meetings in San

Diego, CA.

Modal Administrators/Assistant Secretaries

July 6-14

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

July 7

Inspector General Mead will address the Transportation Research Forum at the National Press Club.

July 7-9

Transportation Policy Assistant Secretary Kruesi will attend the Architectural and Transportation Barrier Compliance Board (Access Board) meeting.

July 8

Aviation and International Affairs Assistant Secretary Hunnicutt will represent the Department in international aviation negotiations with Japan in Portland, OR.

NHTSA Administrator Martinez will participate in the Ride-Like-A-Pro Bicycle Event and attend the Baseball All-Star Game in Cleveland, OH.

SLSDC Deputy Administrator Sanders will participate in a PBO hearing at the annual meeting of the International Association of Great Lake Ports.

July 9

NHTSA Administrator Martinez will participate in the TEAM meeting in Cleveland, OH.

SLSDC Deputy Administrator Sanders will attend a meeting with officials of Transport Canada, the Seaway Authority, and the USCG concerning the development of a unified U.S.-Canada port state inspection prototype in Boston, MA.

July 10

FAA Acting Administrator Valentine will visit Piper Aircraft in Vero Beach, FL.

RSPA Deputy Administrator Coyner will address the National League of Cities Board Meeting in Oklahoma City, OK.

SLSDC Deputy Administrator Sanders will attend the annual meeting of the Great Lakes Governors Conference in Erie, PA.

July 11

RSPA Deputy Administrator Coyner will discuss the Garrett A. Morgan Technology and Transportation Futures Program with representatives of the Oakland Port Authority in Oakland, CA.

FAA Acting Deputy Administrator Belger will visit Delta Airlines in Atlanta, GA.

FRA Administrator Molitoris and Deputy Administrator Itzkoff will attend the Twentieth Annual Cooperstown Conference in Cooperstown, New York. Administrator Molitoris will address the gathering on the future of Amtrak.

July 12-19

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

July 13

NHTSA Deputy Administrator Recht will address the National District Attorney Associations Board of Directors meeting in Norfolk, VA.

July 15

RSPA Deputy Administrator Coyner will deliver remarks at the American Gas Associations Legal Forum in Napa, CA.

July 16

USCG Admiral Kramek will receive an award from the NAACP during its Annual Armed Services Dinner in Pittsburgh.

July 18

USCG Admiral Kramek will meet with Lt Gen Ballard, head of the Army Corps of Engineers.

July 22

USCG Admiral Kramek will address the Master Pilot Information Exchange Workshop in Crystal City.

RSPA Deputy Administrator Coyner will discuss the Garrett A. Morgan Technology and Transportation Futures Program with Senator Robert Bennett and Senator Pete Domenici in Washington, D.C.

July 23

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

RSPA Deputy Administrator Coyner is tentatively scheduled to discuss the Garrett A. Morgan Technology and Transportation Futures Program with representatives of the National Council of Math Teachers in Washington, D.C.

July 24

USCG Admiral Kramek will address flag and general officers from all services participating in the CAPSTONE program.

July 24-25

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

USCG Admiral Kramek will host the Senior Advisory Group/Quality Council meeting with senior Coast Guard flag officers.

July 25

NHTSA Administrator Martinez will speak at the Emory School of Business in Atlanta, GA.

July 27

NHTSA Administrator Martinez will participate in San Francisco Giants Traffic Safety Day, San Francisco, CA.

July 29

USCG Admiral Kramek will host the Congressional Coast Guard Birthday Celebration at the Rayburn Building.

July 30-August 3

USCG Vice Admiral Herr will attend events at the annual Coast Guard Festival in Grand Haven, MI.

August 1

NHTSA Deputy Administrator Recht will address the Judicial Administration and Criminal Justice Section Committee Meetings of the American Bar Association, San Francisco, CA.

August 3-6

BTS Director Lakshmanan will participate in the 67th Institute of Transportation Engineers Annual Meeting in Boston, MA.

August 7

USCG Admiral Kramek will co-chair the J3/USIC quarterly conference in the

Pentagon.

NHTSA Administrator Martinez will speak at the National Conference of State Legislatures in Philadelphia, PA.

August 9

NHTSA Deputy Administrator Recht will participate in the National Automated Highway System Consortium Technical Feasibility Demonstration in San Diego, CA.

August 11

NHTSA Deputy Administrator Recht will attend the ITS American Board of Directors meeting in San Diego, CA.

August 13

USCG Admiral Kramek will attend The Interdiction Committee luncheon/meeting.

August 14

USCG Admiral Kramek will speak to new flag and general officers in the CAPSTONE program.

NHTSA Deputy Administrator Recht will be the keynote speaker at SAE International Airbag Design and Performance Workshop, Costa Mesa, CA.

August 17

BTS Director Lakshmanan will speak at the Sixth Biennial Conference on

Transportation and Energy in Pacific Grove, CA.

August 18-25

USCG Admiral Kramek will visit Coast Guard units in Alaska.

August 18-27

BTS Director Lakshmanan will attend the 51st Session of the International Statistical Institute in Istanbul, Turkey.

August 21

NHTSA Administrator Martinez will speak at the Metropolitan Safety Council in Metairie, LA.

August 28

USCG Vice Admiral Herr will be the guest speaker at the Grand Military Ball for the Chief Petty Officers Association National Convention in Cleveland, OH.

September 3

USCG Admiral Kramek will speak at the Fleet Reserve Association meeting in Reno, NV.

September 6

USCG Admiral Kramek will speak at the National Coast Guard Auxiliary Conference in Dallas, TX.

September 8

USCG Admiral Kramek will speak at the opening of the Administrative Law Judge docketing center in Baltimore, MD.

September 10

USCG Admiral Kramek will address the Air War College at Maxwell AFB, AL.

September 15

NHTSA Administrator Martinez will speak at the National Association of Governors Highway Safety Representatives Annual Meeting in Scottsdale, AZ.

September 17

NHTSA Deputy Administrator Recht will speak at the National Association of Governors Highway Safety Representatives Annual Meeting in Scottsdale, AZ.

September 22

USCG Admiral Kramek will address the Reserve Forces Policy Board in Washington.

September 22-25

USCG Admiral Kramek will host the Flag Officer and Senior Executive Service Conference in Washington.

September 24

Transportation Policy Assistant Secretary Kruesi has been invited to serve on a panel for a national teleconference broadcast on Transportation Implications of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards at North Carolina State University.

October 3-5

USCG Admiral Kramek will attend events at the Coast Guard Academy.

October 8

USCG Admiral Kramek will attend The Interdiction Committee luncheon.

MEDIA INQUIRIES

Detroit News and Free Press Articles on Passenger Screening: On June 25, The Detroit News and the Detroit Free Press ran articles on passenger screening profiles. The theme in these two articles is that the passenger screening profile discriminates against Arab-Americans.

On June 25, Ron Morgan, Director of Air Traffic Services, was interviewed by the Speedvision Cable network regarding air traffic control.

On June 26, Jeff Griffith, Manager of the Air Traffic Operations Program, was interviewed by the Fox Broadcasting Company regarding Land and Hold Short Procedures.

On June 23, the Los Angeles Times requested information on the financing plan for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority's rail and bus projects.

On June 23, WWL Radio, New Orleans, requested information on HOV restrictions on the Crescent Connector Bridge.

On June 24, the Los Angeles Times requested information on bus technology applications for the Los Angeles area.

On June 24, the Bond Buyer requested information on the financing plan for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority's rail and bus projects.

On June 24, USA Today interviewed Administrator Linton on Los Angeles rail project problems.

On June 25, the Bergen Record requested information on the Welfare to Work proposal.

On June 25, the San Antonio Express News requested information on the benefits of intelligent transportation systems.

Time Magazine: NHTSA provided material to a Time magazine researcher on the crash statistics related to male and female drivers.

New York Times: On June 30, an item on car computers by reporter Keith Bradsher appeared. NHTSA Acting Associate Administrator Ralph Hitchcock provided information on computer assistance and displays in vehicles for this story.

ABC 20/20: NHTSA provided information to Jason Bronis of ABC's 20/20 regarding fires in vehicles since 1990.

Fortune Magazine: On June 12, reporter Jeff Birnbaum interviewed Dr. Martinez for a story on officials in the government whose decisions have an effect on American business.

ABC News: Reporter Elaine Pappas-Graber, an Orlando-based reporter for Prime Time Live, made an inquiry June 19 concerning the relative safety of different air bag designs. A response is being prepared.

PBS TV: On July 7, the World Business Review, a 26-part TV series hosted by former Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger, will feature the Coast Guards Automated Mutual Assistance Vessel Rescue System (AMVER). AMVER is a voluntary worldwide ship reporting system which enables rescue coordinators to call on any of 2,700 ships to assist others in distress at sea. AMVER reduces response time and improves rescue effectiveness.

Fishing News, Seattle, WA: Reporter spoke with the Coast Guard law enforcement staff regarding CG fisheries law enforcement efforts along the U.S.-Russia Convention Line.

48 Hours: CBS newsmagazine will spotlight Coast Guard Group Miami. Show is expected to air in Fall 1997. Filming will take place in mid-July.

American Shipper Magazine: Requested data on owners of foreign merchant ships seized on multiple occasions for safety violations.

Four Trade Winds (London-based): Desired information on the latest

measures the CG is taking to comply with the International Safety Management Code (ISM).

Long Island Newsday called about the Red Light Running program in New York. FHWA provided background information and a local contact. (June 25)

The Dayton (OH) Daily News called for figures on highway construction over the last five years. FHWA provided statistical data. (June 24)

Acting FAA Administrator Valentine will be interviewed by the Associated Press and participate in New York Times and Newsday editorial boards July 2. An editorial board will be held with USA Today July 9.

The New York Times, June 26, requested cost estimates for FAAs new technologies and the cost, if any, to passengers. Publication date in several weeks.

The Wall Street Journal is preparing a story on government buying from markets that fit the need. FAAs ICE-MAN contract with the U.S. Department of Agriculture will be used as an example of government-to-government contracting.

CBS Evening News, July 3, will air a segment concerning NHTSA Administrator Martinez's practice of taking engineers to view crash victims in hospital emergency rooms. CBS visited the Shock Trauma Unit in Baltimore with Martinez June 20.

USA Today, June 13, requested interviews with FAA officials closely involved with the TWA 800 investigation, for a piece focusing on the human side of the investigation. Interviews will be arranged with the Director, Office of Accident Investigation and the Associate Administrator, Office of Civil Aviation Security. Publication expected in July, at anniversary of crash.

The Cleveland Plain Dealer, June 20, indicated it is preparing a follow-up to its May 18 article on unairworthy parts.

The Washington Post, July 7, and The Journal of Commerce, July 17, will interview Acting SLSDC Administrator Sanders about the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation becoming a performance-based organization. Publication dates not known.

FOIA REQUESTS

Audio tape and FAA report on Thorne incident -- KPHO-TV, Phoenix, AZ

Enforcement and compliance reports of security measures at John F. Kennedy International Airport from May 15, 1996 to May 15, 1997 -- Newsday

Audio tapes, transcripts, incident reports involving a TCAS incident between Delta Flight #536 and CPT Flight #8500 at the Salt Lake International Airport on June 5, 1997; and TCAS incident reports filed

from the Salt Lake International Airport from January 1, 1990 to the present -- KUTV, Salt Lake, UT

Two requests were received concerning the Departments status on the Year 2000 issue. Both requests were for information that the Department had provided to OMB as part of a May 15, quarterly Year 2000 status report.

Point of Contact: For the weekend of July 4-6, 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 ERSKINE BOWLES, THE WHITE HOUSE July 9, 1997

FROM: Secretary Slater

SUBJECT: DOT Weekly Report -- Week of July 14, 1997

The following is the Department of Transportation Weekly Report:

KEY DEPARTMENT NEWS

Family Assistance Task Force: The Secretary's Task Force on the Assistance to Families of Aviation Disasters will meet on July 9 and 10. Secretary Slater and NTSB Chairman Hall will chair the meeting which will include testimony from the public and a discussion on the role of the media in covering aviation disasters and how that impacts families. On July 10, agenda items for discussion include the methods in which the airlines notify family members that their loved ones were on those flights.

TWA 800 Update: Major activities centering on the TWA 800 investigation

include FAA participation in an all-Boeing 747 operators meeting with Boeing starting July 8 and continued coordination with the NTSB and Boeing to finalize the test plan for the Boeing 747-100 flight test. The flight test will take place in mid-July and will measure various fuel tank temperatures and other data needed to address the TWA 800 issues. On July 1, the NTSB responded to the FAA's position on the Board's four safety recommendations by classifying two open acceptable and two open unacceptable. The unacceptable recommendations were those dealing with short-term operational issues such as adding cooler fuel to the center fuel tank, carrying more fuel in the tank, and operational procedures to reduce heat sources. The FAA is confident that the data will be developed through the Boeing 747 flight test, the research underway at the California Institute of Technology , and the input and scientific data that will result from the FAAs Federal Register notice will provide part of the foundation to address the Boards recommendations.

CSX-AMTRAK Accident: On July 8, a northbound CSX freight train consisting of three locomotives and 57 cars derailed 10 cars near Rosslyn, VA. The derailed cars struck the fourth and fifth cars of a passing southbound Amtrak Passenger Train consisting of one locomotive and six passenger cars. None of the Amtrak cars were derailed. Three Amtrak employees, two on duty and one off duty, reportedly sustained minor injuries. No hazardous materials were involved or released. FRA Deputy Administrator Donald Itzkoff, FRA safety office representatives and NTSB Rail Division Chief, Bob Lauby, were on the scene following the accident. The Southbound track was re-opened overnight, allowing limited service to resume in both directions, and the Northbound track, is anticipated to be

re-opened by this evening.

Secretary to Address NAACP: On July 16, Secretary Slater will address the NAACP Annual Armed Services Dinner in Pittsburgh, PA. Admiral Kramek, Commandant of the Coast Guard, will receive an award from the NAACP.

Secretary Slater to Host Tahoe Basin Event: On July 19, Secretary Slater is scheduled to host a transportation workshop on issues critical to sustain the Tahoe Basins travel and tourism economy. The workshop is one of several cabinet-level workshops which will be held preceding the July 25-26 visits from the President and Vice President.

Africa Initiative: The Secretary will be participating with other high-level U.S. government officials in the Fourth African-American Summit to be held in Harare, Zimbabwe, July 21-25. The main emphasis for the Summit will be economic development, education, human development and peace. During the trip, the Secretary will meet with his transportation counterpart to lay the framework for a U.S. transportation initiative with Africa.

Secretarial Visit to the Caribbean: As part of a White House initiative, Secretary Slater will be visiting Port-au-Prince, Haiti on July 28-29 to discuss DOT assistance requested by the Haitian Government to improve their transportation infrastructure. Discussions will focus on assessment of Haitis existing transportation network, planning for improvements particularly in the area of intermodalism, identification of costs and possible financing options for implementation of upgrades. The Secretary

is also planning to meet with ministers of transport from certain Caribbean nations in San Juan, Puerto Rico on July 30 to discuss transportation issues of mutual concerns.

Cuban-Americans Plan Afloat-Aerial Protest: On July 13, the Democracia group and Brothers to the Rescue plan to commemorate the July 13, 1994 sinking of the Cuban tug TREZ DE MARCO with a protest off Cubas territorial seas. The tug was sunk by Cuban authorities with loss of life after migrants attempted to leave Cuba. The Coast Guard and FAA will monitor the flotilla with support from DOS and DOD assets.

Maritime Security Program - Lykes Transfer of Contracts/Foreign Interest: Sea Crews II and the National Maritime Union have petitioned for Secretarial review of MARAD's denial of Lykes Bros. Steamship Co., Inc.'s application to transfer their ODS contract and MSP Operating Agreements to Sea Crews II. Petitions for the Secretary not to review MARAD's decision were received from Sea-Land Service, Inc., and International Shipbuilding Corporation. Unless an extension is made, the Secretary has until July 17 to take review or MARAD's decision will become final.

Secretary Slater Announces \$42.7 Million for Engine Repair: On July 2, Secretary Slater announced a five-year, \$42.7 million contract award to Allied Signal Incorporated of Tempe, AZ to modify and repair the ATF-3 engines on the Coast Guards HU-25 Falcon jet aircraft.

FTA Announces \$1.9 Million in Transit Funding to Hillsborough, FL: On July 3, FTA announced the award of \$1.9 million in FTA funding to the

Hillsborough Area Regional Transit for a Major Investment Study to seek long range intermodal and multimodal solutions to existing and projected highway congestion in the region.

ER Funds - North Dakota: The North Dakota Division completed a field report of flooding damage in the Devil's Lake Basin on June 5. On June 23, an additional \$24.9 million was approved, bringing the total ER funds for the Devil's Lake area to \$33.35 million in 1997.

ER Funds - Texas: From June 20- 22, widespread rains occurred in portions of Central Texas causing flooding over a ten-county area. The TX Department of Transportation sent a letter of intent to file for ER Funds. Preliminary estimated damage costs to the roads are \$3.5 million and 11 state roads still remain closed.

Center for Auto Safety Holds Press Conference on Air Bag Differences: On July 3, the Center for Auto Safety held a press conference to assert that top-mounted air bags which send the air bag out vertically are safer than air bags that release horizontally from the passenger side dashboard. This item received extensive news coverage. NHTSA Deputy Administrator Philip Recht responded for the agency by agreeing that while there are differences in air bag designs, and that some might be safer than others, the angle of deployment (i.e., vertical vs. horizontal) is only one factor that might effect safety performance. In addition, organizations including the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety and the American Coalition for Traffic Safety have refuted the position taken by the Center for Auto Safety.

Texas Aircraft Accident: On July 8, an Aero Commander crashed approximately one mile southwest of the Addison Airport shortly after takeoff from Dallas Love Field. The aircraft was operated by M and M Aviation as a Part 135 small package freight hauler and was en route to Tulsa, OK. The airplane departed with two persons aboard under visual flight rules without a flight plan. They were instructed to contact departure control, but no further contact was made with the pilot. Radar contact was lost when the aircraft transponder reported 800 feet heading northbound just south of Addison. Weather does not appear to be a factor. The aircraft struck a house, but there were no injuries to the occupants. The pilot is in serious condition; the passenger had cuts and bruises.

Revocation of Av Atlantic Operating Certificate: On July 2, FAA announced it would revoke Av Atlantic's certificate because the carrier failed to live up to the terms of a consent order. Av Atlantic's certificate had been suspended in March by FAA for improper training of flight attendants and improperly performed maintenance. Since then, they have not flown revenue flights. Av Atlantic has seven 727s and is a Part 121 operator (i.e., an air carrier that takes passengers). This company is based in Ft. Lauderdale and filed for bankruptcy this week.

Drug Investigations Support Program Assistance: On June 30, special agents from FAAs New England and Western-Pacific regions assisted the San Diego DEA Office in an investigation of suspects with east and west coast connections. The case resulted in the arrest of an airman for transporting 100 pounds of marijuana by air and an aircraft seizure.

Dangerous Goods Investigation: On June 25, a Beech 18 twin-engine aircraft lost an engine and crashed at Willow, AK. After the crash it was discovered that this Part 91 aircraft was carrying an undocumented shipment of three 55-gallon drums of gasoline and a 100-pound cylinder of propane. FAAs Alaska Region Dangerous Goods Specialists have initiated an investigation of improper shipment of dangerous goods.

Undeclared Oxygen Generator Shipment: On July 1, FAA was advised by FedEx in Memphis that one undeclared oxygen generator was included in a shipment offered to FedEx on June 27 by Delta Aviation in Gaithersburg, MD. The consignee was Malaysian Airlines, c/o Ansett Industry of Australia, with a local office in Sylmar, CA. Investigations are taking place at the origin and destination locations.

Ongoing Investigation at LaGuardia Airport: Special agents from FAAs Eastern Region are working with Federal and local law enforcement authorities and the Assistant United States Attorneys Office in the investigation of American Airlines (AMR) screeners at LaGuardia Airport. From July 1-3, seven screeners were arrested for allowing large amounts of cash through the screening checkpoint as part of an apparent drug trafficking ring. FAA special agents are auditing background checks and training records for AMR personnel to ensure compliance with Federal Aviation Regulations. These arrests have received widespread media attention in the New York metropolitan area.

Examiner 3DX 6000 Explosive Detection System: On July 1, a

preinstallation site visit was conducted in Boston at Logan International Airport with Lockheed Martin Specialty Components, Analogic Corporation, Airport Group International, FAA and Delta Air Lines. The purpose was to discuss field proof testing of Lockheed Martins new explosives detection system, known as the examiner 3DX system. The plan is to install the system in Delta Air Lines baggage make-up area at Logan Airport in September.

K-9 Explosives Detection Program: The annual evaluation of teams for FAA certification in explosives detection proficiency continues. To date, 48 teams at 20 locations have passed; none have failed. Bostons evaluation concluded on July 2 and Salt Lake Citys will take place from July 7-10. Workgroups within FAA Security continue to work on multiple initiatives to upgrade the quality of the K-9 program simultaneously with its projected expansion from 30 to approximately 80 airports over the next 3 years.

Boeing 737 Rudder ADs: On June 30 and July 1, the FAA issued a series of three airworthiness directives (AD) concerning the rudder control system for Boeing Model 737 series 100 through 500. Two of these are final rules. One requires tests of the main rudder power control unit to detect excessive internal leakage of hydraulic fluid, stalling, or reversal and replacement if necessary. The second requires the installation of a newly designed rudder-limiting device and yaw damper system. The third action is in the form of a NPRM requiring the removal of the yaw damper coupler and replacing the internal rate gyroscope with a new or overhauled unit and performing tests to verify the integrity of the yaw damper coupler. There are approximately 2,900 Boeing Model 737 series airplanes

worldwide. The FAA estimates that 1,350 airplanes of U.S. registry will be affected by these actions.

Raytheon Aircraft (formerly Beechcraft Aircraft) Company Model 1900 Series

Airplane AD: On July 3, the FAA issued a final rule with comment Airworthiness Directive (AD) requiring repetitive inspections of the outboard flap attachment brackets and aft roller bearings for wear, inspecting for elongation of the holes in the flap attachment brackets, and repairing or replacing any part showing wear. This action is taken as a result of 3 reports on this model airplane entering into an uncommanded roll and land due to interference between the flap and aileron which inhibits aileron movement. This AD incorporates Raytheon's Safety Communique issued in May and affects 99 percent of the 524 airplanes in commuter service, with 6 being in the military and 4 in private use. Contacts made to several of the commuter services show that all of their affected airplanes have been inspected and repaired.

Cuban Migrant Cases: On July 1, a Coast Guard helicopter found 13 Cubans in the Bahamas. The Cutter PADRE recovered the migrants and transferred them to Bahamian officials in Nassau. On July 5, 19 migrants were recovered from a Bahamian island by the Cutter PADRE. One was sent to the U. S. for medical treatment and the remaining 18 were returned to the Bahamas on July 6. Also on July 5, Cutter PADRE found 13 more migrants in a small boat in the Florida Straits, while another Coast Guard small boat picked up 9 migrants south of the Florida Keys. Following INS interviews, 20 will be repatriated to Cuba and 2 sent to Guantanamo Bay, CU.

Shipbuilding Initiative - Hotel River Barges Financing Guarantees: On July 1, the Acting Maritime Administrator approved the issuance of a Title XI Letter of Commitment to Riverbarge Excursion Lines, Inc. (REL), to aid in financing the construction of two hotel river barges for operation under the U.S. flag. REL is a New Orleans, LA, corporation organized for the purpose of owning and operating the passenger vessels. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$18,218,704 with a corresponding Title XI guarantee amount of \$15,941,000. Repayment of the debt will occur over a 25-year period. The vessels will be constructed by LEEVAC Shipyards of Jennings, LA, over nine months. Once delivered, the vessels will operate upon the inland and intracoastal waterways of the United States.

Commandant Directs Nation-Wide Safety Assessment for CG Stations: In the wake of a recent fatal Coast Guard rescue boat mishap off the coast of Washington, Admiral Kramek ordered a 1-day operational safety stand down at all 197 Coast Guard small boat stations within the next 30 days to ensure stations are prepared and crewmembers are receiving adequate training to execute missions in a safe and effective manner. The stand down will focus on standing orders, training, protective equipment, personnel allowance/qualifications, risk management, and standards and policies.

France Aviation Talks: The French have agreed to resume aviation negotiations in Paris on July 9-14 looking toward a liberal aviation agreement. While the U.S. is seeking an "Open-Skies" aviation agreement phased in over a 3-year period, the French have proposed a 9-year phase culminating in a liberal arrangement for U.S.-France services only.

Japan Aviation Talks: On July 8-9, an informal meeting was held in Portland, OR to see if agreement can be reached on a framework for resuming formal aviation negotiations. The expectation is that this will be the last informal meeting before formal negotiations begin. Assistant Secretary Charles A. Hunnicutt is representing DOT.

WORK ON PRESIDENTIAL POLICY PRIORITIES

BRIDGE TO ASIA-PACIFIC

Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Transportation Issues: As a follow-up to the second APEC Transportation Ministerial meeting held in Victoria, B.C., Canada on June 23-24, Secretary Slater will be holding a debriefing with U.S. transportation industry officials.

China Maritime Talks: Talks with China were held from June 25-28. No progress was made on allowing U.S. carriers to engage in freight forwarding, notwithstanding last years negotiated solution. New business problems emerged at the talks. For example, in spite of the U.S. allowing Chinese carriers to have access to 11 new ports, it does not appear that U.S. carriers will be given access to new Chinese ports as anticipated. The Department is still working through the Embassy in Beijing to achieve an agreement on a joint text. Another round of talks and/or renewed activity in the direction of the FMC sanctions are possible.

UNDIVIDED, PEACEFUL, DEMOCRATIC EUROPE

Admiral Kramek Meets With Counterparts in Russia and Ukraine. Admiral Kramek is meeting with his Russian Federal Border Service (FBS) and Ukraine Border Guard counterparts from July 6-14. The Russian and Ukraine services perform coast guard-type missions for their respective countries. The U. S. Coast Guard has fostered professional exchanges, information sharing, placement of Russian cadets at the Coast Guard Academy, and a MOU with the Russian FBS for search and rescue and cooperative operations in the Northern Pacific Ocean.

ENVIRONMENT

Environmental Science Research Institute Meeting on Mapping Software: On July 7-11, RSPA will review the latest mapping software technology at the annual meeting of the Environmental Science Research Institute in San Diego, CA. Currently, RSPA is working with several Federal and State agencies, environmental organizations, and pipeline operators to develop a national pipeline mapping system. This system will improve public safety by allowing government and industry to exchange more accurate data about the locations of gas and hazardous liquid transmission pipelines.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Summer Jobs Program: FRA continued its working relationship with the local community and brought eleven minority youths to the agency under the District of Columbias Summer Youth program. This is the largest number of

summer youths ever to participate in the program at the FRA. The participants range in age from 14 to 19, and will be working here for a six week program which from June 30 to August 8.

NOTABLE CONGRESSIONAL ACTIVITY

FY98 Transportation Appropriations: On July 11, the House Appropriations Committee will mark up the Departments FY98 appropriations bill. On July 17, the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation will mark up the Departments FY98 appropriations bill.

Performance Based Organizations: On July 8, the House Government Reform and Oversight Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology held a hearing on performance based organizations. SLSDC Acting Administrator David Sanders testified.

TWA 800 Disaster: On July 10, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Aviation will hold a hearing on the TWA 800 Disaster. Guy Gardner, FAA Associate Administrator for Regulation and Certification, and Bruce Butterworth, Director of the FAA Office of Civil Aviation Security Operations, will testify.

Aggressive Driving: The House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Surface Transportation has tentatively scheduled a hearing on July 17 on aggressive driving. NHTSA Administrator Martinez will testify.

House Subcommittee on National Security Announces Hearing: On July 17, the House Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice will hold a hearing entitled National Drug Control Policy: Drug Interdiction Efforts in Florida and the Caribbean. Rear Admiral Saunders, Commander, Seventh Coast Guard District, will testify.

NEXTEA Developments: On July 10, Secretary Slater will meet with Senate Democratic members to discuss the Administrations NEXTEA proposal. In addition, the Deputy Secretary has met with House Members (Reps. Nadler and Quinn of NY) to discuss the NEXTEA proposal. Nearly one-third of the Senate has urged that ISTEA reauthorization legislation include funding eligibility for high speed rail. Led by Senators Specter and Wyden, 32 Senators have signed a letter to Senators McCain and Chafee urging that the high speed rail program be continued.

FHWAs Office of Motor Carriers has completed several listening sessions with safety groups on motor carrier provisions proposed for inclusion in ISTEA reauthorization legislation. It appears that various concerns have now been successfully addressed. The clearance process on the provisions will begin shortly, and it is expected that the package will be transmitted formally as a supplement to NEXTEA this month.

Secretary's Schedule

July 14

Secretary Slater will hold an editorial board with USA Today.

July 15

Secretary Slater will address the National Association of County Executives in Baltimore, MD.

July 16

Secretary Slater will address the NAACP Annual Armed Services Dinner in Pittsburgh, PA.

July 18

Secretary Slater will hold an editorial board with the Washington Post.

The Deputy Secretary

July 23-25

The Deputy Secretary will participate in AMTRAK meetings in Los Angeles, CA.

August 5

The Deputy Secretary will participate in the Institute of Transportation Engineers' Annual Meeting in Boston, MA.

August 7

The Deputy Secretary will attend the joint ITS America/National Automated Highway Systems Consortium (NAHSC) "Technical Feasibility Demonstration" in San Diego, CA.

August 11-12

The Deputy Secretary will attend the ITS America Board Meetings in San Diego, CA.

Modal Administrators/Assistant Secretaries

July 10

FAA Acting Administrator Valentine will visit Piper Aircraft in Vero Beach, FL.

RSPA Deputy Administrator Coyner will visit the Volpe National Transportation Systems Center in Cambridge, MA.

SLSDC Deputy Administrator Sanders will attend the annual meeting of the Great Lakes Governors Conference in Erie, PA.

July 11

RSPA Acting Administrator Coyner will discuss the Garrett A. Morgan Technology and Transportation Futures Program with representatives of the Oakland Port Authority in Oakland, CA.

FAA Acting Deputy Administrator Belger will visit Delta Airlines in Atlanta, GA.

FRA Administrator Molitoris and Deputy Administrator Itzkoff will attend the Twentieth Annual Cooperstown Conference in Cooperstown, New York. Administrator Molitoris will address the gathering on the future of

Amtrak.

July 12-19

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

July 13

NHTSA Deputy Administrator Recht will address the National District Attorney Associations Board of Directors meeting in Norfolk, VA.

July 15

RSPA Deputy Administrator Coyner will deliver remarks at the American Gas Associations Legal Forum in Napa, CA.

July 16

USCG Admiral Kramek will receive an award from the NAACP during its Annual Armed Services Dinner in Pittsburgh.

FRA Administrator Molitoris will visit several construction sites in Rhode Island to inspect work on the electrification project on Amtraks Northeast Corridor.

FHWA Executive Director Kane will participate in satellite broadcast to 100+ downlink sites on reauthorization. Other panelists include APTA, AASHTO, STPP, etc., Raleigh, NC.

FTA Administrator Linton will travel to Atlanta, GA, to accept the

Conference of Minority Transportation Officials Atlanta Chapter Lawrence

A. Solomon Award at a July 16 luncheon.

July 16-17

SLSDC Chief of Staff Middlebrook will travel to Toledo, OH, to give a speech to the International Great Lakes/St. Lawrence Mayors Conference.

July 18

USCG Admiral Kramek will meet with Lt Gen Ballard, head of the Army Corps of Engineers.

RSPA Acting Administrator Coyner will join the Secretary in Reno, NV, in preparation for the Presidents Environmental Summit.

July 19

FTA Administrator Linton will travel to Reno, NV, to participate in the Environmental Workshop.

July 22

USCG Admiral Kramek will address the Master Pilot Information Exchange Workshop in Crystal City.

RSPA Acting Administrator Coyner will discuss the Garrett A. Morgan Technology and Transportation Futures Program with Senator Robert Bennett and Senator Pete Domenici in Washington, D.C.

Maritime Acting Administrator Graykowski will give the Luncheon Address at

the Master-Pilot Information Exchange Workshop in Washington, D.C.

July 23

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

RSPA Acting Administrator Coyner is tentatively scheduled to discuss the Garrett A. Morgan Technology and Transportation Futures Program with representatives of the National Council of Math Teachers in Washington, D.C.

July 24

USCG Admiral Kramek will address flag and general officers from all services participating in the CAPSTONE program.

July 24-25

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

USCG Admiral Kramek will host the Senior Advisory Group/Quality Council meeting with senior Coast Guard flag officers.

July 25

NHTSA Administrator Martinez will speak at the Emory School of Business in Atlanta, GA.

USCG Admiral Kramek will attend the Law Enforcement Breakfast with cabinet

members and agency heads.

FTA Administrator Linton will travel to Montgomery, AL, to participate in a Rosa Parks Conference.

July 27

NHTSA Administrator Martinez will participate in San Francisco Giants Traffic Safety Day, San Francisco, CA.

July 29

USCG Admiral Kramek will host the Congressional Coast Guard Birthday Celebration at the Rayburn Building.

July 30

RSPA Acting Administrator Coyner will discuss the research agenda for lifetime driver initiative at a forum held at Penn State University.

July 30-August 3

USCG Vice Admiral Herr will attend events at the annual Coast Guard Festival in Grand Haven, MI.

August 1

NHTSA Deputy Administrator Recht will address the Judicial Administration and Criminal Justice Section Committee Meetings of the American Bar Association, San Francisco, CA.

August 3-6

BTS Director Lakshmanan will participate in the 67th Institute of Transportation Engineers Annual Meeting in Boston, MA.

August 6-13

USCG Admiral Kramek will visit Coast Guard units in Alaska.

August 7

NHTSA Administrator Martinez will speak at the National Conference of State Legislatures in Philadelphia, PA.

August 9

NHTSA Deputy Administrator Recht will participate in the National Automated Highway System Consortium Technical Feasibility Demonstration in San Diego, CA.

August 11

NHTSA Deputy Administrator Recht will attend the ITS American Board of Directors meeting in San Diego, CA.

August 14

USCG Admiral Kramek will speak to new flag and general officers in the CAPSTONE program.

NHTSA Deputy Administrator Recht will be the keynote speaker at SAE International Airbag Design and Performance Workshop, Costa Mesa, CA.

August 17

BTS Director Lakshmanan will speak at the Sixth Biennial Conference on Transportation and Energy in Pacific Grove, CA.

August 21

NHTSA Administrator Martinez will speak at the Metropolitan Safety Council in Metairie, Louisiana.

August 18-27

BTS Director Lakshmanan will attend the 51st Session of the International Statistical Institute in Istanbul, Turkey.

August 21

NHTSA Administrator Martinez will speak at the Metropolitan Safety Council in Metairie, LA.

August 28

USCG Vice Admiral Herr will be the guest speaker at the Grand Military Ball for the Chief Petty Officers Association National Convention in Cleveland, OH.

September 3

USCG Admiral Kramek will speak at the Fleet Reserve Association meeting in Reno, NV.

September 6

USCG Admiral Kramek will speak at the National Coast Guard Auxiliary Conference in Dallas, TX.

September 8

USCG Admiral Kramek will speak at the opening of the Administrative Law Judge docketing center in Baltimore, MD.

September 10

USCG Admiral Kramek will address the Air War College at Maxwell AFB, AL.

September 11

USCG VADM Herr will speak at the Aviation Commanding Officers Workshop in Leesburg, VA.

September 15

NHTSA Administrator Martinez will speak at the National Association of Governors Highway Safety Representatives Annual Meeting in Scottsdale, AZ.

September 17

NHTSA Deputy Administrator Recht will speak at the National Association of Governors Highway Safety Representatives Annual Meeting in Scottsdale, AZ.

September 18

USCG Admiral Kramek will cochair the J3/USIC quarterly conference in the Pentagon.

September 22

USCG Admiral Kramek will address the Reserve Forces Policy Board in Washington.

September 22-25

USCG Admiral Kramek will host the Flag Officer and Senior Executive Service Conference in Washington.

September 24

Transportation Policy Assistant Secretary Kruesi has been invited to serve on a panel for a national teleconference broadcast on Transportation Implications of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards at North Carolina State University.

MEDIA INQUIRIES

TWA 800 Interviews: Guy Gardner, Associate Administrator for Regulation and Certification, Tom McSweeney, Director, Aircraft Certification Service, and Bruce Butterworth, Director of Civil Aviation Security Operations, will be interviewed regarding TWA 800 by the following:

July 7: ABC reporters Lisa Stark and Barry Serafin, and Fox TV reporter Mike Schneider

July 8: Aviation Trade Media, NBC's Bob Hager, and CNN

July 11: Long Island, NY, Channel 12

National Public Radio is pursuing a story on aviation security and profiling issues. Broadcast is anticipated for July 17 in connection with

an anniversary piece on TWA 800.

The Washington Post will publish an article about TWA 800 around the anniversary date.

Acting FAA Administrator Valentine was interviewed by the Associated Press and participated in New York Times and Newsday editorial boards July 2.

An editorial board will be held with USA Today July 9.

USA Today, June 13, requested interviews with FAA officials closely involved with the TWA 800 investigation, for a piece focusing on the human side of the investigation. Interviews will be arranged with the Director, Office of Accident Investigation and the Associate Administrator, Office of Civil Aviation Security. Publication expected in July, at anniversary of crash.

NBC Today Show Interview: On June 26, the Western-Pacific Regional Administrator, Mr. William C. Withycombe, participated with the Los Angeles Police Department in a television interview. The interview, scheduled to be aired on July 10, focused on safety and noise issues surrounding news media helicopter operations in the Los Angeles area.

On July 3, Tom Kuno of National Public Radio requested statistical information about subway systems in the country for the Living on Earth NPR program.

On July 7, the Thompson Newspapers, Arizona and Utah, requested

statistical information about transit in the Phoenix area.

On July 7, the Fox News, Chicago, requested information on safety operations and regulations of the Chicago Transit Authority rail system.

Inside Edition: Requested information on Coast Guard procedures for rescue of a near-drowning victim.

Inside Edition: Team from the show will deploy on a cutter in late July to cover Operation FRONTIER SHIELD.

Boston Herald, Gloucester Daily Times, Newburyport Daily News: All requested information on the development of a Coast Guard diver program in response to the release of the fishing vessel Heather Lynn II investigation. The vessel sank and all 3 onboard could not be rescued after the vessel capsized.

Jacksonville Times-Union: Requested the status of crew integration (male, female) on the Coast Guard Cutter WASHINGTON (Hawaii).

Reuters: Requested information for a story on the last day of the Coast Guards formal occupancy of Governors Island.

Soundings Magazine: Is preparing a story on the investigation of the loss of the Coast Guard Motor Lifeboat 44363.

Responded to inquiry from CBS News on the status of Title XI projects

involving the Quincy, MA shipyard.

Upon request, provided reporters with copies of appeal to the Secretary filed by Sea Crews II Inc. (the new name of Lykes Bros Steamship Co., Inc.) to Agency action disapproving Lykes' merger with Canadian Pacific.

Washington Post: Under the headline Working Hard for Railroad Safety, the editorial page of Saturdays (July 5) edition of the Washington Post featured a Letter to the Editor from FRA Administrator Jolene M. Molitoris, written to correct the newspapers recent editorial concerning the NTSBs findings on the Silver Spring Amtrak/MARC commuter train accident.

A July 2 press conference by the Center for Auto Safety alleging important distinctions between air bag designs was well attended by national news media. NHTSA Deputy Administrator Recht answered questions on-camera from CBS News and ABC News, and fielded other questions from AP, Reuters and a number of other reporters.

The New York Times, June 26, requested cost estimates for FAAs new technologies and the cost, if any, to passengers. Publication date in several weeks.

The Cleveland Plain Dealer, June 20, indicated it is preparing a follow-up to its May 18 article on unairworthy parts.

FOIA REQUESTS

Documents pertaining to the Learjet that disappeared December 24, 1996,
while attempting to land at Lebanon Municipal Airport in West Lebanon, New
Hampshire -- Valley News, West Lebanon, NH

Proposed heliport and helicopter operation at All Childrens Hospital in
St. Petersburg -- St. Petersburg Times, St. Petersburg, FL

Proposed new airport to serve the Charleston, Huntington and Parkersburg,
West Virginia areas -- The Herald-Dispatch, Huntington, WV

NASIP inspection reports covering the Miami Modification Center or its
principals for the last 5 years -- WSVN 7, Miami, FL

Safety and maintenance inspection reports on Delta Air Lines for the past
12 months -- Atlanta Business Chronicle, Atlanta, GA

FAA investigation pertaining to the conduct of a specified pilot during a
May 16 helicopter flight from Orlando to Fort Pierce -- The Orlando
Sentinels

Point of Contact: For the weekend of July 12-13, Michael Huerta will be
the contact. He can be reached through the FAA Operations Center at (202)
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MEMORANDUM TO STEVE SILVERMAN CABINET AFFAIRS

FROM: Michael Huerta

Chief of Staff

SUBJECT: Background Information - Chicago

DATE: July 15, 1997

The following is information on Chicago issues. Please contact me or Judi Gold at 366-9497 if you have any questions.

Green Line Tear Down: In July 1995, the City of Chicago requested FTA's concurrence to allow the City to permanently close and tear down a portion of the Chicago Transit Authority's (CTA) Green Line from Cottage Grove Station to Dorchester Station, which was originally planned to be the terminus of the line.

The City of Chicago requested FTA to waive the pay-back of approximately \$9 million of funds already expended on this portion of the line and to

provide approximately \$5.7 million in additional funding to tear down the Dorchester portion. On July 3, 1996, FTA Administrator Linton informed the City by letter: 1) that no repayment will be required of costs incurred by the CTA for that portion of the project east of Cottage Grove; 2) that FTA will not participate in the funding of demolishing the new construction east of Cottage Grove; and 3) that FTA will not provide any additional funds for the revised project.

On June 17, 1997, the City responded to FTA's letter. The City indicated that it would demolish the structure using City funds. The City requested FTA concurrence in using available FTA funds to construct an intermodal transfer center at the Cottage Grove station which will become the new terminus of the line. FTA is currently reviewing the City's request.

The issue remains controversial. City officials continue to support the need to tear down this portion of the Green Line, but other community activists continue to oppose these efforts.

CTA Service Cuts: As a result of ongoing budget deficits, CTA has proposed a number of bus and rail system service cuts. The cuts would eliminate 15 bus routes and rail night owl service on three lines. During a series of public hearings on the proposed cuts, citizens voiced strong opposition to the cuts. On July 8, 1997, the CTA Board voted to proceed with the cuts which will take effect October 1, 1997.

The CTA points to reduced state and Federal funding for mass transit, particularly elimination of transit operating assistance as the reason for

the service cuts. Mayor Daley has supported CTA for making tough service decisions.

The DOT position on operating assistance remains that NEXTEA broadens the definition of transit capital to include preventive maintenance and more flexibility for use of funds.

Access to Jobs: Job Oasis, run by the Suburban Job Links Corporation, is helping people living in one downtown Chicago neighborhood find good starting jobs in the suburbs --jobs with health insurance and paid vacations --and then lining up reliable transportation. Since 1995 Job Oasis has placed 600 people in full time jobs. The suburban transit agency, Pace, is taking innovative approaches with Job Oasis by providing express bus service to the job-rich areas and vans for reverse commute. Pace and the University of Illinois have just started a study of where welfare recipients live and job growth centers so that they focus new bus and van routes to the need.

South Suburban Airport: (update from June 23 memo) This continues to be controversial. The City of Chicago, led by Mayor Daley and the airlines vigorously oppose this airport, while a coalition of localities around OHare want the new airport and a regional airport authority.

Rep. Jesse Jackson, Jr. supports the construction of a third airport for the Chicago area in Peotone. Jackson believes it will create as many as 200,000 jobs in and around his 2nd congressional district. The Sunday, July 13 Chicago Tribune Magazine included a profile of the Congressman

which stated the Peotone airport is one of his highest priorities, because it would bring 200,000 jobs to the region. Gov. Jim Edgar and Rep. Henry Hyde also support the proposal. Rep. William O. Lipinski opposes the construction of a third airport that would draw traffic away from Midway.

Highway Funds/Job Creation: Over the past five years, Illinois obligated approximately \$3.6 billion in Federal-aid highway apportionments. These funds are generating approximately 150,400 jobs, both direct jobs (on- and off-site highway construction jobs), indirect jobs (in supply industries like cement, steel, etc.), and induced jobs (jobs created when the profits and wages received by workers in the highway construction and supply industries are invested or spent).

NEXTEA Job Creation: Highway and transit formula funds authorized in NEXTEA could support as many as 41,000 jobs in Illinois.

NEXTEA Congressional Event: Congressmen Shuster, Rahall, and Oberstar are tentatively scheduled to be in Chicago on Friday, July 18 to promote reauthorization of ISTEA. Events are to be determined.

I-355: The Illinois State Tollway Highway Authority (ISTHA) is proposing to extend the existing North-South Tollway on both ends from I-57 in the south near the Village of Monee in Will County to I-94 in the north near Waukegan in Lake County.

A suit has been filed against DOT, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), and ISTHA by the Sierra Club, Environmental Law and Policy Center, South Corridor Against the Tollway, Inc., and the Business

and Professional People for the Public Interest alleging that the defendants failed to comply with NEPA, and the Clean Air Act. On January 16, 1997, the District Court for the Northern District of Illinois ruled in favor of the plaintiffs. IDOT and ISTHA have stated they are going to appeal the Courts ruling. FHWA is still considering whether to appeal or to ask the Judge to reconsider the ruling.

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

FROM: Secretary Slater

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

The following is the Department of Transportation Weekly Report:

KEY DEPARTMENT NEWS

Africa-African American Summit: Secretary Slater will represent President Clinton at the Fourth Africa-African American Summit as Co-Chair of the United States delegation. The summit will be held July 20-25, in Harare, Zimbabwe. Secretary Slater will participate in key workshops focusing on economic development, education, human development, and peace. He will deliver a keynote address during the opening plenary session. The Secretary will also make courtesy calls on Zimbabwean President Mugabe and Minister of Transport Moyo. He will also have an opportunity to meet with other heads of state from such countries as Angola, Senegal, Botswana, South Africa, Ethiopia, Namibia, Uganda, and

Mozambique. The official U.S. delegation will consist of about 40 business, religious and civic leaders, members of the congress, and senior government officials. In addition, there will be about 700 representatives from U.S. businesses.

NAACP: On July 16, Secretary Slater will address the NAACP Annual Armed Services Dinner in Pittsburgh, PA. Admiral Kramek, Commandant of the Coast Guard, will receive the Meritorious Service Award from the NAACP.

Secretarial Trip to Haiti: At the request of the President, Secretary Slater will travel to Port-au-Prince, Haiti July 28-30, to follow-up on the President's Caribbean initiative and to discuss Departmental assistance to the Haitian government to improve its transportation infrastructure. Secretary Slater is scheduled to meet with Haitian President Preval, Prime Minister Smarth, and various transportation officials including the Minister of Public Works and the Directors General for Civil Aviation, Airports, and Ports. Discussions would focus on assessment of Haiti's existing transportation network, planning for improvements, particularly in the area of intermodalism, and key deliverables such as assigning an FAA security consultant to Haiti for a period of at least 30 days to assist the Haitian government in its efforts to improve security at the Port-au-Prince airport; and sending a DOT multi modal team of technical experts to Haiti to evaluate its transportation infrastructure and begin the process of developing a transportation master plan. This effort will be coordinated with that of the multi-agency team formed at the direction of the National Security Council, and led by the U.S. Coast Guard, that will assess Haitian port and waterways

management.

TWA 800 Anniversary: On July 17, Secretary Slater will attend a memorial service for the victims of TWA 800 on Long Island. While in New York, the Secretary will tour the hangar where the 747 aircraft is being reconstructed.

Tahoe Basin Event: On July 19, Secretary Slater will host a transportation workshop on issues critical to sustain the Tahoe Basins travel and tourism economy. The workshop is one of several cabinet-level workshops which will be held preceding the July 25-26 visits from the President and Vice President.

Dulles Airport Event: On July 15, Vice President Gore, joined by Secretary Slater and NASA Administrator Goldin, demonstrated advanced aviation security technology as part of the Administration's efforts to implement tighter security at our nation's airports at Dulles International Airport.

Washington National Airport Terminal Opening: On July 27, Secretary Slater will participate in a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new terminal building At Washingtons National Airport. Vice President Gore has been invited to speak.

The Deputy Secretary: On July 21, Deputy Secretary Mortimer Downey will make remarks at the Environmental & Energy Study Institute's Congressional Briefing on new air quality standards for ozone particulates.

NTSB Board Meeting on Airborne Express Flight 827: On July 15, the NTSB met to consider the final report of this accident investigation. At this meeting, the board considered the findings, conclusions and the probable cause for this accident, along with safety recommendations that the staff has proposed. The accident was on December 22, 1996, when a Douglas DC-8-63, N827AX, operated by ABX Air Inc. (Airborne Express) impacted mountainous terrain in the vicinity of Narrows, VA while on a post-modification functional evaluation flight. The three flight crew members and three maintenance/avionics technicians on board were killed.

Boeing 727 Cargo Conversion: On July 14, the FAA issued a NPRM to limit the payloads of Boeing 727 aircraft that have been converted from passenger to all cargo operations. The proposal would require reduced payloads from 8000 to 3000 pounds per container until the floor structure is modified or re-qualified to carry higher payloads. This NPRM would affect approximately 300 aircraft worldwide, including 244 U.S. registered aircraft and 32 operators. The comment period is for 45 days.

Revisions to Flight Data Recorder Rules: On July 9, in the effort to better identify the causes of aviation accidents and predict trends to prevent future accidents, FAA issued a final rule to require that certain airplanes be equipped to accommodate additional digital flight data recorder (DFDR) parameters. These revisions follow a series of safety recommendations issued by the NTSB, and the FAA's decision that the DFDR rules should be revised to upgrade recorder capabilities in most transport airplanes. These revisions will require additional information to be

collected to enable more thorough accident or incident investigation and to enable industry to predict certain trends and make necessary modifications before an accident or incident occurs. Total cost of the rule is \$316.3 million--large aircraft will cost \$5,611 to retrofit; small aircraft \$3,067.

National Civil Aviation Review Commission (NCARC): On July 16, the NCARC met to continue its studies on funding options for the FAA.

Air Turbulence: Recently, there have been several incidents of injuries on aircraft resulting from turbulence. The FAA launched a nationwide safety campaign in December 1996 to educate passengers to wear their seat belts during the entire flight and to keep children under age two in child restraint systems. Our Turbulence Happens campaign included a 30-second video public service announcement (PSA) and two print PSAs to spread awareness of safety issues. We continue to establish partnerships with aviation, travel, child safety, health and consumer safety organizations to disseminate this information.

White House Commission Recommendations: On July 15, a status report was presented to the Vice President on the implementation by the Department of the recommendations of the White House Commission on Aviation Safety and Security. In less than six months, the Department has initiated action on all recommendations presented to the Department.

Alleged Discrimination against Arabs and Arab-Americans: The Department is reviewing 38 discrimination complaints transmitted by the American-Arab

Anti Discrimination Committee which were received on July 10. The complaints allege discrimination against Arabs and Arab-Americans in the airline security screening process. The complaints challenge the FAA imposed profiling criteria and the airline procedures that are used to implement FAA imposed requirements. Investigation letters will be going out shortly to the carriers named in the complaints.

Grand Canyon Overflight Rule: On July 9, DOJ filed a motion asking the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals to remand the record in the litigation concerning the FAA rule establishing special flight restrictions for Grand Canyon National Park. The rule is part of an overall strategy to reduce the impact of aircraft noise on the park environment and to provide for the substantial restoration of natural quiet in Grand Canyon National Park. The July 9 motion asks the Court to remand the record for a period of 150 days to allow the FAA to review any possible discrepancy in the number of aircraft that the FAA had assumed would be used for commercial sightseeing operations under the proposed rule. At the conclusion of the review period, the FAA will determine if further regulatory action is necessary.

National Park Overflight Working Group: On July 8-9, the National Park Overflight Working Group (NPOWG) held their third meeting in Washington. At this meeting, their progress was reported to the Senior Interagency Working Group, which chartered the NPOWG. Their next and probably last meeting is scheduled for August 4-5, in Denver. Their final report is expected to contain a recommended regulatory process for managing air tours within national parks and will be submitted to both the FAAs

Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee and the National Park Service Advisory Board. That report is due in Fall 1997.

Fine for Undeclared Shipment of Hazardous Materials: On July 11, FAA proposed fining ExecExpress (doing business as Lone Star Airlines of Ft. Worth, Texas) \$375,000 for the improper shipment of flammable hazardous materials. Long Star is in violation of hazardous materials regulations by not preparing and labeling the material to be shipped in the correct way and for not informing its personnel on the proper guidelines for shipping of such materials. The company is not authorized to carry hazardous materials and asked its personnel to cover-up the shipment.

The FAA is preparing a press release which announces a proposed fine of \$65,000 for an undeclared shipment of hazardous materials. The shipper, Kasaba of Asuncion, Paraguay, knowingly offered a shipment of weed killer (a flammable liquid) without properly classifying, describing, packaging, marking, and labeling the shipment.

ValuJet Airlines Update: ValuJet Airlines and AirTran Airways have entered into an agreement under which the holding companies that own each airline will merge into a single company called AirTran Holdings. AirTran Holdings will then have two subsidiaries: AirTran Airways, which currently serves 23 cities and has a fleet of 10 B-737 aircraft, and AirTran Airlines, a new name for ValuJet, which currently serves 24 cities and operates a fleet of 30 DC-9/MD-80 aircraft. The companies, which require no prior DOT approval for this arrangement, expect the merger to be complete in 3-4 months. As a result of this change, the Department

will review the continuing fitness of both carriers.

Airline Merger: Western Pacific Airlines, Inc. and Frontier Airlines, Inc. have entered into an agreement under which WestPac would acquire Frontier through a merger. The carriers expect to complete the merger by December 15. In the meantime, they will operate under a code-sharing agreement beginning on August 1. Western Pacific currently operates 19 B-737 aircraft and Frontier operates 7 B-737s.

Great Lakes Aviation Update: As of July 11, Great Lakes Aviation has 24 aircraft in service serving a total of 39 cities on 22 routes. The Department issued an order approving Great Lakes Aviations proposed alternate service pattern, which would change the hub to which service is subsidized for Ironwood from Minneapolis to Chicago OHare and the hub for Sault Ste. Marie and Alpena from Detroit to OHare, effective July 15. Specifically, in the Ironwood-Chicago OHare market, service would consist of two round trips a day--a one-stop and a two-stop. In the Sault Ste. Marie-Chicago OHare and Alpena-Chicago OHare markets, service would be nonstop or one-stop. All service would continue to be provided with 19-seat Beech 1900 aircraft. The communities all support the carriers proposal.

FRA Intervention: The CSXT Railroad has experienced a number of rail incidents during the past 10 months and the past two weeks in particular. FRA has closely investigated the root causes of these occurrences. On June 26, FRA issued a Safety Directive based in part on this investigation addressing operational testing and dispatching improvements. FRA

Administrator Molitoris has spoken to the parent company chairman and has called the President of the railroad to a meeting in Washington, DC to discuss steps that must be taken immediately to increase safety. FRA has been involved in focused safety assurance activities on the railroad in the areas of track, operating practices, and mechanical. This past weekend, FRA inspectors were on CSXT throughout the system riding trains, monitoring train dispatching, and inspecting equipment. These increased safety measures will be maintained by the FRA until the railroad has demonstrated its commitment to enhanced safety practices.

Pennsylvania Station Redevelopment Corporation: On July 10, the Pennsylvania Station Redevelopment Corporation (PSRC) Board voted to move forward with a \$315 million project to build a new Amtrak rail station in the James Farley Building in New York City, a project suggested by Senator Moynihan. Renovations and safety improvements to the 84 year old building, transforming it into a grand passenger station, are set to begin shortly. Deputy Secretary Downey and FRA Administrator Molitoris represent the Administration on the PSRC Board.

FTA Announces \$2.1 million in Transit Funding to Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District: On July 10, the FTA announced the award of \$2.1 million in FTA funding to the Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District to purchase ten 26-foot battery electric buses for service expansion in Santa Barbara, CA. This is an ongoing program to expand Santa Barbara's electric bus fleet to continue to improve the air quality in the Santa Barbara urbanized area.

Cleveland Regional Transit Authority Receives \$2.4 Million in Transit

Funding: On July 8, the Federal Transit Administration announced the award of \$1.4 million to the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA) for the renovation of a bus garage and parking areas. This is part of GCRTA's plan to continue to expand its alternative fueled fleet to improve air quality in the region. In addition, the FTA also awarded the GCRTA \$1 million for Computer Integrated Transit Maintenance Environment (CITME). This software will provide transit properties with an urgently needed tool designed to assist in modernizing their maintenance operations. This grant was announced by Representative John Kasich of Ohio.

ER Funds Update - Backlog Released: As a result of a special supplemental appropriation-recently enacted for the emergency relief (ER) program, the FHWA now has the funding resources available to process a backlog of ER funding requests from the States. On June 23, ER funding was approved for repairing Federal-aid highways damaged by disasters in six States. The disasters, and the amounts of ER funding provided, are as follows:

State	Disaster	ER Funding Provided
Idaho	March 97 Flooding	\$ 4,502,000
Montana	March 97 Flooding	 2,941,000

Ohio	March 97 Flooding
18,942,000	
Pennsylvania	November 96 Flooding
1,090,000	
South Dakota	April 97 Flooding
14,223,000	
Washington	March 97 Flooding
5,100,000	

Total:

\$46,798,000

Further, \$150 million in ER funding was provided to nine States to continue funding-repair activities on previously approved disasters.

Aviation Talks

Korea : Formal open skies talks were held in Washington with Korea July 14 and 15.

France: The French canceled the aviation negotiations scheduled for July 16-17 in Paris, and offered no immediate explanation. In canceling the talks, the French did not offer alternative dates but indicated that September looked difficult.

Romania: The Romanian Government canceled the consultations scheduled for July 10-11, in Washington, and requested that the talks be rescheduled

for September, with the focus on negotiating a new air services agreement. The United States has proposed meeting September 1 in Washington.

Japan: As a result of informal discussions in Portland July 8-10, it was agreed that enough progress had been made to begin formal negotiations.

The first session of formal talks is scheduled to take place in Tokyo August 4-6. The U.S. side is continuing to seek an agreement that would transition to a fully liberal regime. The two sides set as a goal resolution of outstanding cargo and other issues in a September time frame.

Cuban-Americans Afloat-Aerial Protest: On July 13, the Democracia group and Brothers to the Rescue commemorated the sinking of the Cuban tug TREZ DE MARCO with a ceremony of 12 aircraft and flotilla of 14 vessels off Cubas territorial seas. The Coast Guard seized the flotillas flag ship, DEMOCRACIA, prior to leaving Key West and detained the groups leader Ramon Sanchez, after he stated he would enter Cuban waters, a violation of a U.S. emergency order. The peaceful wreath-laying ceremony was conducted without further incident.

Coast Guard Seizes High Seas Drift Net (HSDN) Vessel: On July 9, the Cutters BASSWOOD and CHASE successfully seized the HSDN vessel CAO YU 6025 in the East China Sea. The joint U.S. Coast Guard and Canadian effort continued for over two weeks and spanned 1,700 miles. Cutter BASSWOOD is escorting the vessel with 12 miles of drift net and 120 tons of albacore, sharkfin, and swordfish on board to Guam.

Cuban Migrant Cases: On July 7, the Cutter MATAGORDA interdicted 17 Cubans in the Bahamas; 4 migrants were taken to Guantanamo Bay, CU and 13 were repatriated to Cuba. On July 12, Cutter SITKINAK recovered 5 Cubans from an inflatable raft south of Key West, FL and were turned over to INS. On July 13, Cutter SITKINAK recovered 11 Cuban migrants in a small wooden boat in the Bahamas and were turned over to INS.

Los Angeles Port Pilots Strike: On July 11, Los Angeles Port Pilots conducted a work stoppage leaving only 2 management pilots to handle all vessel traffic within the port. The Coast Guard established measures to ensure vessel safety. Vessel movements was delayed and 6 vessels remained in port due to the strike. The port of Long Beach was not affected. On July 15, the court issued a temporary restraining order preventing the pilots from picketing the terminals. As of July 16, operations in the port of LA have almost returned to normal.

Ohio River Closure: On July 12, the tug JOHN J. STRONG and 5 of the 13 coal barges it was pushing grounded in the Ohio River near Paducah, KY, blocking river passage. The Coast Guard closed the river to traffic. On July 13, the barges were successfully refloated and the river was reopened to traffic with the exception of tank barges and barges carrying dangerous cargo, pending assessment by the Coast Guard and Army Corps of Engineers. Currently, the river is open to one way traffic and the ACOE is on scene evaluating the situation.

Maritime Security Program - Lykes Transfer of Contracts/Foreign Interest:

Sea Crews II and the National Maritime Union have petitioned for Secretarial review of MARAD's denial of Lykes Bros. Steamship Co., Inc.'s application to transfer their ODS contract and MSP Operating Agreements to Sea Crews II. Petitions for the Secretary not to review MARAD's decision were received from Sea-Land Service, Inc., and International Shipbuilding Corporation. Unless an extension is made, the Secretary has until July 17 to take review or MARAD's decision will become final.

Maritime Research and Education Institute Established at Kings Point:
MARAD established a National Institute for Maritime Research and Education at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N.Y. The institute will use resources of the academy to support maritime industries by making them more competitive and by enhancing the technical and professional expertise of people who work in those industries. The institute will conduct applied research and provide support with information about intermodal transportation and logistics, shipbuilding, ship component design and manufacturing, vessel operations, and human factors. Its work will focus on three major areas: engineering research, logistics and intermodal transportation research, and continuing education.

Extension of Comment Period for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Rulemaking: On July 14 the Department extended the comment period on its supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking on the DBE program for 60 days. Comments will now be due by September 27. The purpose of the extension is to help interested parties prepare thorough comments that will help the Department create a final rule that is legally sound and practically workable.

WORK ON PRESIDENTIAL POLICY PRIORITIES

WELFARE TO WORK

FHWA Welfare to Work Programs Outlined: On July 9, the Connecticut South Western Planning Region, in cooperation with the Norwalk Transit District, hosted an Access to Jobs workshop. The Division Administrator (DA) participated in one of the panel discussions along with the FTA Deputy Regional Administrator. The DA pointed to a number of areas where FHWA programs could assist in the work part of welfare to work. These include the Urban Youth Corp, on-the-job training on Federal-aid construction projects, work with the construction unions and day-care centers provided for Federal-aid construction projects. The FTA Administrator discussed a number of approaches where transit can be the to in welfare to work.

NEXTEA

Secretary Slater meets with House Committee Members: On July 16, Secretary Slater met with Democratic committee members of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee to discuss NEXTEA and other Department priorities.

Secretary Slater Meets with Senate Democrats on ISTE: On July 10, at the request of Minority Leader Daschle, Secretary Slater attended a Democratic Policy Committee luncheon attended by 31 Senators to discuss

ISTEA and NEXTEA legislation. Following brief remarks by the Secretary on the Administrations proposal, Members asked about the following issues: safety, fuel efficiency, demonstration projects, preserving ISTEA, additional funding for transportation, CAFE standards, CMAQ, the bridge program, enhancements, transit, creative financing, SIBs, and an interest in having the Secretary play a key role in resolving differences among Democrats on ISTEA reauthorization.

Secretary Slater To Meet With House Leadership on ISTEA: On July 14, Secretary Slater met and discussed ISTEA Reauthorization with House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Surface Transportation Chairman Tom Petri and on July 15 with Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Bud Shuster.

DBE Briefing: On July 10, the Department met with the Congressional Black Caucus to discuss recent *Adarand v. Peña* developments and to emphasize the importance of NEXTEA priorities, including the continuation of DBE provisions.

Promotional ISTEA Events: House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee leadership began a series of media briefings on transportation needs on July 14 in Miami, FL. Along with Governor Chiles, Chairman Shuster and Ranking Democrat Oberstar met with the press and toured the proposed corridor of the East-West/Miami Intermodal Center project. Also, Reps. Shuster and Oberstar visited Atlanta and met with Mayor Campbell. On July 18, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee leaders will travel to Chicago, and on July 21, they plan to visit northern New Jersey

and New York City.

NOTABLE CONGRESSIONAL ACTIVITY

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program: On July 9, the House Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution reported out H.R. 1909 by voice vote. The bill, sponsored by Subcommittee Chairman Canady, repeals certain affirmative action programs, including the Departments DBE program. It is unclear when the full committee will mark up the bill.

Aviation Insurance Program Reauthorization/ Death on the High Seas Act: On July 10, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Aviation approved, by voice vote, H.R. 2036, legislation reauthorizing the aviation insurance program, and H.R. 2005, legislation amending the Death on the High Seas Act so that it does not apply to the victims of commercial aviation accidents.

FY98 Maritime Appropriations: On July 10, the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary approved a FY98 spending bill that includes funding for the Maritime Administration. Additionally, on July 11, the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary approved its version of the FY98 spending bill.

On July 15. The full Senate Appropriations Committee marked up its version of the FY98 spending bill for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, State, and Related Agencies

FY98 Transportation Appropriations: On July 11, the House Appropriations Committee marked up the Departments FY98 budget. The Committee adopted the Subcommittees recommendations with some minor modifications. Specifically, the Committee added \$2 million for concept exploration for a heavy icebreaking vessel to replace the Coast Guards Mackinaw. They also restored a provision, eliminated by the Subcommittee, that prohibits funding to implement regulations that expand slot applications at OHare International.

On July 15, the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation marked up the FY98 appropriations bill for the Department.

On July 17, the full Senate Appropriations Committee will mark up the FY98 appropriations bill for the Department.

Coast Guard Authorization: On July 16, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation marked up the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1997.

DOT Headquarters: The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee is expected to act this month on a resolution addressing possible alternatives for the DOT headquarters. Tentatively, the Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development markup is scheduled for July 22, and the full Transportation and Infrastructure Committee markup is scheduled for July 23.

Governors Island Field Hearing: On July 14, the House Government Reform and Oversight Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology held a field hearing in New York City on future uses of Governors Island. The Department did not testify.

Effect of NAFTA on the U.S. Economy: On July 16, the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on the effects of NAFTA on the U.S. economy. The Department did not testify.

Aggressive Driving: On July 17, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Surface Transportation will hold a hearing on aggressive driving. NHTSA Administrator Martinez will testify.

Drug Interdiction Efforts in Florida and the Caribbean: On July 17, the House Government Reform and Oversight Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs and Criminal Justice will hold a hearing on drug interdiction efforts in Florida and the Caribbean. Rear Admiral Norman Saunders, Commander of the 7th Coast Guard District, will testify.

Boeing/McDonnell-Douglas Agreement: On July 23, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Aviation has tentatively scheduled a hearing on the proposed merger between Boeing and McDonnell-Douglas.

Flights Over National Parks: On July 29, the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee will hold a hearing on Flights Over National Parks. The Department will testify.

Application of the Fair Labor Relations Act to U.S. Pilots on the High

Seas: During the week of July 28, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Aviation is expected to hold a hearing on the application of the Fair Labor Relations Act to U.S. pilots on the High Seas.

Secretarys Schedule

July 16

Secretary Slater will address the NAACP Annual Armed Services Dinner in Pittsburgh, PA.

July 18

~~Secretary Slater will hold an editorial board with the Washington Post.~~

July 21-25

Secretary Slater will travel to Zimbabwe, Africa.

July 28-31

Secretary Slater will travel to Haiti and Puerto Rico.

The Deputy Secretarys Schedule

July 23-25

The Deputy Secretary will participate in AMTRAK meetings in Los Angeles, CA.

July 26

The Deputy Secretary will participate in a White House event in Lake Tahoe, NV.

July 28

The Deputy Secretary will participate in the annual WASHTO Conference in Boise, ID.

August 5

The Deputy Secretary will participate in the Institute of Transportation Engineers' Annual Meeting in Boston, MA.

August 7

The Deputy Secretary will attend the joint ITS America/National Automated Highway Systems Consortium (NAHSC) "Technical Feasibility Demonstration" in San Diego, CA.

August 11-12

The Deputy Secretary will attend the ITS America Board Meetings in San Diego, CA.

September 22

The Deputy Secretary will participate in the APTA Annual Conference in Chicago, IL.

Modal Administrators/Assistant Secretaries

July 21

Governmental Affairs Deputy Assistant Secretary Horsley will address the Georgia Economic Development Association in Columbus, GA.

Aviation and International Affairs Assistant Secretary Hunnicutt will participate in the Fourth African-American Summit to be held in Harare, Zimbabwe.

July 22

USCG Admiral Kramek will address the Master Pilot Information Exchange Workshop in Crystal City.

RSPA Acting Administrator Coyner will discuss the Garrett A. Morgan Technology and Transportation Futures Program with Senator Robert Bennett and Senator Pete Domenici in Washington, D.C.

Maritime Acting Administrator Graykowski will give the Luncheon Address at the Master-Pilot Information Exchange Workshop in Washington, D.C.

July 23

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

RSPA Acting Administrator Coyner is tentatively scheduled to discuss the Garrett A. Morgan Technology and Transportation Futures Program with

representatives of the National Council of Math Teachers in Washington, D.C.

Inspector General Mead will travel to the Central Artery Project in Boston, MA.

July 23-24

BTS Director Lakshmanan will participate in two meetings to discuss the Impacts of Changes in Ship Design on Transportation Infrastructure and Operations hosted by the Virginia Port Authority in Norfolk, VA.

July 23-25

FRA Administrator Molitoris will attend the Board of Directors meeting of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) in Oakland, CA.

July 24

USCG Admiral Kramek will address flag and general officers from all services participating in the CAPSTONE program.

July 24-25

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

USCG Admiral Kramek will host the Senior Advisory Group/Quality Council meeting with senior Coast Guard flag officers.

July 25

NHTSA Administrator Martinez will speak at the Emory School of Business in Atlanta, GA.

FTA Administrator Linton will travel to Montgomery, AL, to participate in a Rosa Parks Conference.

July 27

NHTSA Administrator Martinez will participate in San Francisco Giants Traffic Safety Day, San Francisco, CA.

July 28-29

Inspector General Mead will visit the Chicago regional office.

July 28-August 1

SLSDC Acting Administrator Sanders will meet with Seaway employees in Massena, NY.

July 29

USCG Admiral Kramek will host the Congressional Coast Guard Birthday Celebration at the Rayburn Building.

July 30

RSPA Acting Administrator Coyner will discuss the research agenda for lifetime driver initiative at a forum held at Penn State University.

FAA Acting Administrator Valentine will participate in an Experimental Aircraft Association meeting in Oshkosh, WI.

July 30-August 3

USCG Vice Admiral Herr will attend events at the annual Coast Guard Festival in Grand Haven, MI.

August 1

NHTSA Deputy Administrator Recht will address the Judicial Administration and Criminal Justice Section Committee Meetings of the American Bar Association, San Francisco, CA.

August 3-6

BTS Director Lakshmanan will participate in the 67th Institute of Transportation Engineers Annual Meeting in Boston, MA.

August 7

NHTSA Administrator Martinez will speak at the National Conference of State Legislatures in Philadelphia, PA.

USCG Admiral Kramek will co-chair the J3/USIC quarterly conference in the Pentagon.

August 9

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August 11

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Coast Guard representatives from Group Moriches who were involved in the TWA 800 search will appear on the NBC Today Show July 17.

NHTSA, July 14, received a number of media inquiries, including NPR, Scripps-Howard and CNN, concerning data used by USA Today in a story about higher speed limits having not killed more people. NHTSA is responding that USA Today based its conclusions on preliminary data, which may and probably will change and that NHTSA is conducting a Congressionally-mandated study to determine the effect of the speed limit change.

USA Today is preparing a story on the number of female versus male controllers, asking what the FAA is doing to recruit and promote women in air traffic. Publication date is expected no later than July 15.

Scripps-Howard requested an update from the Coast Guard on recent NTSB recommendations regarding smoke detectors on cruise ships.

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The St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corp. is preparing an op-ed for the Journal of Commerce on plans to become a performance based organization.

Readers Digest will interview FRA Administrator Molitoris July 15 for an article on grade crossing safety. Publication date not known.

The Cleveland Plain Dealer, June 20, indicated it is preparing a follow-up to its May 18 article on unairworthy parts.

FOIA REQUESTS

Information and press releases concerning Bradley International Airport inspection -- The Airport News, Windsor Lock, CT

Flight plan information regarding a twin Beech N738R and a Cessna 150

N3024-H that departed Charlevoix Municipal (CVX) on Sunday, July 2, 1997

-- Sunshine Media, Inc., West Palm Beach, FL

Accident/incident information relating to Northwest Airlines from January 1, 1995 to June 30, 1997 and a copy of a CD Rom containing the same data extending back to January 1, 1990 -- Star Tribune, Washington, DC

Violation history of Aero Industrial Services, Inc. from February 10, 1997 to the present; violation history of two repair stations, Technically Applied Coatings, Inc., and L. M. Gill Welding from January 17, 1997 to the present; violation history of D&C Airports Corporation from January 1, 1990 to the present; correspondence between the FAA and members of Congress regarding three repair stations, Aero Industrial Services, Inc., Technically Applied Coatings, and L.M. Gill Manufacturing from May 1, 1995 to the present; correspondence between FAA and the law firm of Obadah and McLeon of Alexandria, Virginia from May 1, 1995 to the present involving Aero Industrial Services, Inc., Technically Applied Coatings, L.M. Gill Manufacturing and ValuJet Airlines; correspondence between FAA and the law firm of Filler, Weller, Tello of Alexandria, Virginia from May 1, 1995 to the present involving ValuJet Airlines, SabreTech, Aero Industrial Services, Inc., Technically Applied Coatings, L.M. Gill Manufacturing and ValuJet Airlines; and documents from June 1, 1992 to the present involving unapproved parts or suspected unapproved parts, SMMO or Surplus Materials Maintenance Organization - the Pratt & Whitney surplus engine parts company and AVTEAM, the Miramar, Florida company that supplies the parts to SMMO -- The Plain Dealer

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

FROM: Secretary Slater

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

The following is the Department of Transportation Weekly Report:

KEY DEPARTMENT NEWS

Legislative Reauthorization Status: Working with the Department and the Administration, the Congress continues to work on a series of critical transportation provisions, affecting Americans throughout the nation.

When viewed in total, these legislative measures will shape how transportation investment will be financed and administered well into the 21st Century. Our efforts continue to show results on a number of different bills important to this Administration:

NEXTEA: Congressional leaders have indicated that they will not begin

Committee markups of legislation to authorize the National Economic Crossroads Transportation Efficiency Act (NEXTEA) until September, allowing for completion of the budget reconciliation legislation. Last week, the Secretary initiated meetings with the Senate Democratic Policy Committee and the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairmen and Democratic Members to highlight the Administrations priorities in our NEXTEA legislation.

Amtrak: The House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee has scheduled a markup of Amtrak reform legislation for next week. The issues of controversy remain labor protection provisions and limitations on liability. In the Senate, legislation has been reported by the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee, but has been slowed by differences over how to address these same issues. There is interest by some in Congress to attach the Amtrak reform legislation to the reconciliation bill, which also is expected to provide one-half cent in revenues for Amtrak capital from new revenues.

Maritime Legislation: The Congress is considering several maritime bills, including authorization bills for the U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration. Both bills have moved forward in the House without controversy. Under the leadership of Majority Leader Trent Lott, efforts continue in the Senate to reform ocean shipping laws. While that legislation has been approved by Committee, attempts to modify the bill have drawn opposition from many interested parties. The Department continues to monitor the bill and work with OMB and the White House on finalizing our position.

Secretarial Meeting with African Diplomatic Corps: On July 18, in preparation for his trip to Harare, Zimbabwe to represent President Clinton at the Fourth Africa-African American Summit as Co-Chair of the United States' Delegation, Secretary Slater hosted a meeting with representatives from the African Diplomatic Corps. They discussed issues of mutual concern between the United States and the countries represented. Senior representatives, including 9 Ambassadors, from 17 countries attended the meeting and discussed many of the most important issues facing their countries, including trade and investment opportunities. The Members of the African Diplomatic Corps applauded the Administration (with special appreciation to the First Lady for her trip) for its effort to foster a partnership with Africa, commended the Secretary for hosting the meeting and requested that he schedule a follow-up meeting upon his return from Zimbabwe, to which the Secretary agreed. The summit is being held July 20-25, 1997 in Harare, Zimbabwe.

Meigs Field Accident: On July 19, a Cessna 172 and a Beechcraft A36 Bonanza collided in midair on the final approach to the Merrill Meigs Field in Chicago, IL both aircraft fell into Lake Michigan approximately 4 miles south of the airport. All 7 persons on board the aircraft suffered fatal injuries. Weather was 10 miles visibility with scattered clouds at 15,000 feet. Four Coast Guard boats, Coast Guard Auxiliary personnel, and a Coast Guard helicopter from the Muskegon, MI air facility responded. The bodies of all 7 were recovered. The Coast Guard has established a 1 mile security zone around the crash area, and Coast Guard Station Calumet will provide a facility for the NTSB to conduct their

debris recovery and analysis.

The Meigs Field air traffic control tower is a contract facility operated by Midwest ATC. One full performance controller, along with a developmental controller, was working the tower cab at the time of the accident. FAA is participating with the NTSB in the investigation. As a matter of note, on July 3, an article appeared in the Chicago Tribune concerning staffing issues at Chicago Meigs Field, an FAA contract tower. Additional staffing was approved by FAA on July 7. A meeting was held on July 9 with the City of Chicago to discuss traffic controlling procedures.

Washington National Airport Terminal Opening: A ribboncutting ceremony for the new terminal building has been scheduled for July 27 with Secretary Slater and FAA officials participating. Vice President Gore has been invited to speak.

Bar Addresses. Secretary Slater, August 1, will address the National Bar Association in Minneapolis, and on August 2 will address the American Bar Association in San Francisco.

President's Lake Tahoe Basin Forum: On July 18-19, Secretary Slater, Federal Transit Administrator Linton and Chief of Staff Michael Huerta, participated in the President's Lake Tahoe Basin Workshop in Reno, Nevada. Senators Bryan and Ried also participated. The transportation workshop addressed transportation issues at Lake Tahoe and the future of the lake and its communities through renewed and collaborative partnerships in transportation service. Prior to the workshop,

Administrator Linton toured transportation projects in the area. Deputy Secretary Downey and Administrator Linton will again represent the Department at the Forum on July 25 and July 26.

Secretary's Visit to the Caribbean: At the request of the President, Secretary Slater will travel to Port-au-Prince, Haiti July 28-29 to follow-up on the President's Caribbean initiative and to discuss Departmental assistance to the Haitian Government to improve its transportation infrastructure. Secretary Slater is scheduled to meet with Haitian President Prevel, Prime Minister Smarth, and various transportation officials including the Minister of Public Works and the Directors General for Civil Aviation, Airports, and Ports. Discussions will focus on assessment of Haiti's existing transportation network, planning for improvements--particularly in the area of intermodalism--and key deliverables such as assigning of an FAA security consultant to Haiti for a period of at least 30 days to assist the Haitian government in its efforts to improve security at the Port-au-Prince airport, and sending a DOT multimodal team of technical experts to Haiti to evaluate its plan. This effort will be coordinated with that of the multi-agency team formed at the direction of the National Security Council, and led by the U.S. Coast Guard, that will assess Haitian port and waterways management.

Georgian Minister of Transport: On July 18, Deputy Secretary Downey met with Merab Adeishvili to discuss transport developments in the Republic of Georgia and their desire for possible transport cooperation between the United States and Georgia. After discussing the structure and needs of the Georgian transport sector and possible areas of U.S.-Georgia

cooperation, Deputy Secretary Downey indicated our interest in exploring increased cooperation for both the short and long term.

MARAD Decision in Lykes/CP Merger Petition: Secretary Slater, July 17, affirmed MARAD's decision denying Lykes Bros. Steamship Co.'s petition to transfer its Operating Differential Subsidy and Maritime Security Program payments to Canadian Pacific Limited (CP), a Canadian firm. The Secretary said that ships benefiting from the program must be controlled by United States citizens so that they will be available in time of national emergency or war.

Los Angeles Harbor Pilot Work Stoppage: The Los Angeles harbor pilot strike, which began on July 11, continues. Two management pilots and one union pilot are working. Some vessels are being routed to other ports.

The Coast Guard Captain of the Port, working with port officials and others, implemented operational procedures to ensure safe vessel movement for the duration of the stoppage, while also prescribing proper rest periods for the working pilots and enforcement of a safety zone restricting vessel traffic in the harbor.

FTA Announces \$1.7 Million In Transit Funding to PACE Suburban Bus Division in Illinois: On July 18, the Federal Transit Administration announced the award of \$1.7 million in FTA funding to the PACE Suburban Bus Division of the Regional Transportation Authority in Chicago, IL to purchase nine lift-equipped buses for service expansion in Illinois. These upgrades will help to give people who use transit efficient service in a cleaner environment.

Long Beach PTC Receives \$1.5 Million in Transit Funding: On July 17, the Federal Transit Administration announced the award of \$1.5 million to the Long Beach California Public Transportation Company to purchase six new transit buses. These replacement buses that comply with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) will upgrade the Long Beach PTC transit fleet and provide improved service to the people in the Long Beach communities.

FTA Awards \$1.5 Million In Transit Funding to the City of Bismarck: On July 17, the Federal Transit Administration announced the award of \$1.5 million to the City of Bismarck, North Dakota, to construct its first intermodal transportation facility. The Bismarck Intermodal Transportation Center will consist of an administrative and maintenance facility for Bismarck's demand responsive transit system, an intercity bus terminal, and administrative and maintenance space to lease to both rural transit and taxi operators.

Williamsport Bureau of Transportation Receives \$1.9 Million in Transit Funding: On July 17, the Federal Transit Administration announced the award of \$1.9 million to the Williamsport Bureau of Transportation in Pennsylvania to construct a transportation center, passenger shelters and park and ride lots. This grant award will be used for the engineering and design, property demolition, property acquisition and construction of the Williamsport Intermodal Transportation Center. This commitment will continue to provide better and more efficient transit service for the Williamsport community.

Cargo Security: On July 16, the Cargo Baseline Working Group of the Aviation Security Advisory Committee reconvened to modify the known shipper regime in light of the White House Commissions recommendations regarding cargo security. The working group will present its expanded recommendations to the Aviation Security Advisory Committee on July 23. The working group has concluded that express shipments should be included under the known shipper concept but that additional security measures should be applied to shipments paid for by cash, that vehicles transporting cargo should be locked or monitored, and that indirect air carrier (freight forwarder) employees with access to cargo should have receive the same background checks as air carrier employees.

MEGA Ship Conference: The fourth and final meeting of the "MEGA SHIP" conferences takes place on July 23-24 in Norfolk, VA. The information from these meetings will be used to identify and apprise Departmental Policy and Programmatic responses to the potential transportation impacts created by the larger and more efficient "MEGA SHIPS" on land side transportation facilities.

Canadian Fishing Protest Blocks U. S. Passenger Ship. On July 19, approximately 200 Canadian fishermen blockaded the Alaskan State Ferry MALASPINA in Prince Rupert, Canada. The State of Alaska has obtained a Canadian injunction against the fishing vessels but the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Canadian Coast Guard are fearful of enforcing the order due to potential violence. The blockade may have been spurred by a July 18 statement from Canadian authorities concerning U. S. enforcement against Canadian-bound salmon. As of July 21, the blockade was ended.

Hurricane DANNY: The Coast Guard and other agencies rescued or assisted 500 people in the mid-Gulf Coast area as the hurricane went ashore on July 19. In the wake of the hurricane, all ports in the region, with the exception of Mobile and the Gulf Intercoastal Waterway from Pascagoula, MI to Ft Walton Beach, FL are now open. The Coast Guard is conducting immediate inspections of aids to navigation for those remaining ports. Only minor pollution was reported with many small vessels sunk or damaged.

Helena Highway Bridge hit by Barge: On July 17, the Helena Highway Bridge, spanning the Mississippi River at Helena, AR was damaged by a barge which was being pushed by the tug JAMES R. HINES. The bridge is closed to vehicle traffic for approximately 6 weeks while repairs are made. However, the river is open under another undamaged span--with some restrictions. The Coast Guard Marine Safety Office Memphis has placed a safety zone in the area and is monitoring traffic in the restricted waterway.

Illinois Central Derailment: A northbound Illinois Central (IC) train derailed near Jackson, MS on July 18. Altogether, twelve cars derailed; two of these were hazardous materials tank cars, which began to leak slowly. Following an evacuation of about 1500 people from a 14-square mile area, the tank cars were purposely exploded in order to prevent further hazmat leakage. By Monday, July 21, the danger was eliminated and the evacuation zone reduced to a « mile radius while the remaining small fires died out. IC officials estimate that the track will be clear and able to handle all traffic by Friday, July 25. FRA is currently

investigating the cause of the derailment.

FAA's Age 60 Rule Upheld: On July 15, the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit issued a 2-to-1 decision upholding in all respects the FAA's Age 60 Rule. Since 1959 this rule has barred individuals over the age of 60 from piloting large, passenger aircraft. In addition, starting last December, the FAA broadened the rule to cover smaller, commuter aircraft operations, as well. The Court held that it was appropriate for the FAA to maintain and extend these restrictions, and that the Court should defer to the FAA's judgment that individuals over the age of 60 pose a greater safety risk, since they are more likely to have sudden heart attacks and strokes than younger pilots. The court also rejected various contentions that the rule violates the Age Discrimination in Employment Act.

Waivers Granted: FRA has granted temporary waivers of compliance of three months for the Union Pacific Railroad and one month for Canadian National Railways for new safety regulations. The regulations require two-way end of train (EOT) devices to be installed on most trains operating in the United States. FRA found that the railroads could not comply with the new regulations, because the supplier of these devices cannot keep pace with the industry's demand.

MARAD Final Rule - Maritime Security Program: On July 15, 1997, MARAD published a significant final rule that implements the Maritime Security Act's 10-year Maritime Security Program which commenced in 1996 and is subject to annual appropriations. The Program, which is fully enrolled

and in effect, supports 47 qualified U.S. flag vessel operations in foreign commerce through assistance payments. In return, participating vessel operators must make their ships and other commercial transportation resources available to the Government during times of war or national emergency. This is part of the Clinton Administration's proposed maritime revitalization program and is designed to be a less expensive, less regulatory successor to the current operating differential subsidy program. The Program also preserves a pool of well trained U.S. merchant mariners to crew ships for national security purposes.

WORK ON PRESIDENTIAL POLICY PRIORITIES

WELFARE TO WORK

First Welfare-to-Work Program Approved in Puerto Rico: On July 11th, the Puerto Rico Division approved a proposal from the Puerto Rico Highway and Transportation Authority for the Commonwealth's first Welfare-to-Work Program using Federal-aid highway funds. This \$180,000 program extends PRHTA's ongoing On-the-Job Training Program to individuals currently receiving public assistance, and provides employment opportunities with private sector contractors working on Federally-funded construction projects.

NPR Welfare-to-Work Meeting: During the monthly NPR Welfare to Work meeting on July 17, DOT reported 17 hires through June 30, one of the best efforts reported so far among agencies.

SAFETY

Presidents Seat Belt National Strategy Presented At Annual sTEP Conference: On July 14-15, NHTSA held its annual Special Traffic Enforcement Programs (sTEP) Conference in Washington, D.C. Attendees representing 21 states gathered to participate in laying the foundation for implementing the Presidents plan to increase seat belt use and decrease child occupant fatalities. The conference underscored the key role law enforcement programs will play in the Presidential Initiative and stressed the importance for restructuring state and local media messages to inform the public that the seat belt and child restraint use laws are being enforced.

REINVENTION

DOT/SBA 8(a) Procurement Reinvention Streamlining: Following the lead by Vice President Gore in the National Performance Review, DOT has crafted a reinvention experiment for streamlining certain aspects of the 8(a) contracting process. The Small Business Administration (SBA) has agreed with the streamlining concept and we have jointly developed and signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on January 23, to begin the pilot reinvention experiment. Due to the fast success of the pilot in time savings for contract awards it has now been expanded to cover all DOT agencies.

EXPORTS/TRADE/OPEN ECONOMY

U.S.-Aruba Aviation Talks: On July 22 the United States and Aruba met in Washington and initialed an open skies agreement between the two countries which both countries consider to be provisionally in effect pending formal ratification. This is the first open skies agreement in the Caribbean and involves special rights for American carriers to set up cargo hubs in Aruba.

NOTABLE CONGRESSIONAL ACTIVITY

FY98 Transportation Appropriations: On July 22, the Senate Appropriations Committee reported the FY 1998 DOT Appropriations bill. The major changes to the Subcommittee mark were: Amtrak operating assistance was increased by \$61 million, to the President's request of \$344 million; transit operating assistance was eliminated with transit capital increased by \$200 million and redefined to include preventive maintenance and operating expenses for areas with populations less than 200,000 (this is consistent with the Administration's NEXTEA request); and, the City of Dallas is allowed to prohibit certain flights using reconfigured aircraft within 60 days after the date of enactment of the bill (this was added to the Love Field provision). The Senate could consider the bill on Thursday. The House passed the FY 1998 DOT Appropriations bill on July 23, with only minor changes.

ISTEA Events: The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee is continuing with their series of events across the country to highlight transportation project and funding needs. On Monday, July 14, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Shuster and Ranking

Member Oberstar visited Miami and Atlanta. The Members toured the East-West/Miami Intermodal Center project with Governor Chiles in Florida and the Multi modal Passenger Terminal site, the Interstate-85 Express Lanes and the Georgia 400 corridor with Mayor Campbell in Atlanta. During both visits, Representatives Shuster and Oberstar urged that additional revenues in the Highway Trust fund be spent on transportation. There was a high level of media interest in the events.

MARAD Appropriations: On July 22, the House Appropriations Committee approved, by voice vote, the FY 98 spending level for the Maritime Administration during its consideration of the appropriations bill for the Departments of Commerce, Justice and State. The Committee approved spending levels roughly at FY97 levels. House and Senate floor action are expected before the August recess.

Coast Guard Authorization: On July 23, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee approved, by voice vote, H.R. 2004, legislation authorizing FY98 and FY99 appropriations for Coast Guard.

DOT Building: On July 23, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee passed a resolution addressing possible alternatives for the DOT headquarters.

FAA Administrator Nomination: On July 23, the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee approved by unanimous roll call vote the nomination of Jane Garvey to be Administrator of the FAA. The nomination will now be considered by the full Senate.

Amtrak: On July 29 or July 30, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee has tentatively scheduled a markup on Amtrak.

On July 17, the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on the issue of Amtraks mandated payment under the Railroad Retirement Tax Act. Deputy Secretary Downey testified. Chairman Shelby contended that Amtrak is overstating the size of the payments and wanted clarification of how Amtrak accounts for the payments. Mr. Downey, along with witnesses from OMB, the Railroad Retirement Board and Amtrak, stated that Amtrak is statutorily required to make payments to the Railroad Retirement fund. Mr. Downey further addressed Chairman Shelbys questions relating to how the money is accounted. At the end of the hearing, Chairman Shelby directed Committee staff to work with the Administration in clarifying budget categories for next years budget deliberations. Senator Lautenberg and Chairman Shelby will be revisiting the issue of Amtrak prior to the full Senate Appropriations Committees markup of the Transportation appropriations bill.

Importance of the Federal Transit Program: On July 22, the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee held a hearing on the importance of the Federal transit program. FTA Administrator Linton testified.

Flights Over National Parks: On July 29, the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee will hold a hearing on Flights Over National Parks. The Department will testify.

U.S.-France Aviation Agreement: On July 31, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Aviation will hold a hearing on the aviation relationship between the U.S. and France. Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs Hunnicutt will testify.

Secretary's Schedule

July 27

Secretary Slater dedicates the new terminal at National Airport in Washington, D.C.

July 28-31

Secretary Slater will travel to Haiti and Puerto Rico.

August 1

Secretary Slater will address the National Bar Association in Minneapolis, MN.

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The Deputy Secretary's Schedule

July 26

The Deputy Secretary will participate in the Presidents Lake Tahoe Business Forum in Incline Village, NV.

July 28

The Deputy Secretary will participate in the annual WASHTO Conference in Boise, ID.

August 5

The Deputy Secretary will participate in the Institute of Transportation Engineers' Annual Meeting in Boston, MA.

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The Deputy Secretary will attend the joint ITS America/National Automated Highway Systems Consortium (NAHSC) "Technical Feasibility Demonstration" in San Diego, CA.

August 11-12

The Deputy Secretary will attend the ITS America Board Meetings in San Diego, CA.

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The Deputy Secretary will participate in the APTA Annual Conference in Chicago, IL.

Modal Administrators/Assistant Secretaries

July 24-25

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July 25

NHTSA Administrator Martinez will speak at the Emory School of Business in Atlanta, GA.

FTA Administrator Linton will travel to Montgomery, AL, to participate in a Rosa Parks Conference.

USCG Admiral Kramek will attend the law enforcement breakfast at the White House.

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FTA Administrator Linton will travel to Lake Tahoe to participate in the Presidents Lake Tahoe Basin Forum.

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NHTSA Administrator Martinez will participate in San Francisco Giants Traffic Safety Day, San Francisco, CA.

July 27-29

FHWA Executive Director Kane will travel to Sun Valley, ID, for the WASHTO conference.

July 27-30

OSDBU Director Hopewell will participate in the Minority Procurement Conference in Boston, MA.

July 28-29

Inspector General Mead will visit the Chicago regional office.

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SLSDC Acting Administrator Sanders will meet with Seaway employees in Massena, NY.

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FRA Deputy Administrator Itzkoff will participate in a technical workshop hosted by FRAs Region 2 office in Gettysburg, PA.

July 30

RSPA Acting Administrator Coyner will discuss the research agenda for lifetime driver initiative at a forum held at Penn State University.

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FAA Acting Deputy Administrator Belger will travel to Dallas, TX, to meet with American Airline officials.

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OST General Counsel McFadden will be on a panel on Affirmative Action at the American Bar Associations Annual Conference in San Francisco.

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MEDIA INQUIRIES

The San Francisco Examiner, the Oakland Tribune, the San Francisco Chronicle and the San Jose Mercury News called to ask about the costs of the Cypress Freeway in Oakland and about other expensive highway projects. The Examiner and the Sacramento Bee also asked about a GAO report on the Cypress project. HPA provided some background and additional information sources. The Chronicle published a story July 12. KGO-TV (ABC affiliate in San Francisco) also aired a brief story.

The Nashville Tennessean and the Nashville Banner called about a lawsuit filed against FHWA and DOT to prevent construction on Route 840. FHWA advised the reporters that it could not comment on a pending legal

matter. (July 15)

Don Phillips, Washington Post, interviewed FRA Administrator Molitoris July 21 for story on safety inspections at CSX Railroad. Publication date not known.

Dateline NBC, July 16, interviewed Acting FAA Administrator Barry Valentine on White House commission recommendations on aviation security. Story to air week of July 21.

Don Phillips, Washington Post, interviewed FAA Assistant Administrator Flynn July 18 and 21 on the state of aviation security. Publication date not known.

Aviation Week, July 21, interviewed FAA Acting Administrator Valentine and other FAA officials on aviation regulation and certification. Story date not known.

Federal Computer Week inquired about DOTs implementation of initiatives under the National Performance Review, as part of a feature on NPR throughout the government. Story date not known.

The St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corp. is preparing an op-ed for the Journal of Commerce on plans to become a performance based organization.

Readers Digest interviewed FRA Administrator Molitoris July 15 for an article on grade crossing safety. Publication expected this fall.

FOIA REQUESTS

Recent 2-year NASIP and/or RASIP reports Parts 121/135 airlines and
specials audits of airlines transitioning from Part 135 to 121 --
Consumers Digest, Skokie, IL

Airport activity traffic counts at Meigs Field in Chicago for the past 10
years --Chicago Tribune

Staffing budget of the Meigs control tower before being turned over to
Midwest Air Traffic Control Services, Inc. -- In Flight USA, Woodside, CA

Enforcement and Program Tracking and Reporting System records concerning
Polar Air Cargo -- USA Today

Violation history of AirTran Airways since January 1, 1990; and
correspondence between the FAA and ValuJet Airlines concerning ValuJets
merger with AirTran Airways from May 11, 1996 to the present -- The Plain
Dealer

Copy of a recent FOIA request from the Cleveland Plain Dealer pertaining
to several FAA authorized repair shops -- NBC News, Washington, DC

Incident report involving N66568 in May 1997 outside Kingsford, MI -- NBC
News, New York, NY

Enforcement actions pertaining to several airlines from July 1, 1995 to
June 30, 1997 --Star Tribune, Washington, DC

Four enforcement actions pertaining to Mobile Aerospace Engineering --
Mobile Press Register, Mobile, AL

Incident reports/accident data involving Baltimore-Washington
International Airport from 1992 to 1997 - Capital-Gazette Newspapers,
Annapolis, MD

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

RECORD TYPE: FEDERAL (TRP NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Gay L. Joshlyn (Gay L. Joshlyn@EOP@LNGTWY@LNGTWY [UNKNOWN])

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SUBJECT: Roosevelt Room

TO: Melissa Green (Melissa Green@eop [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

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Dorothy addresses you in this email. I'm not sure if you received it when
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Dorothy Robyn

08/20/97 06:20:49 PM

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To: Gay L. Joshlyn/OPD/EOP

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Subject: Roosevelt Room

I would like to try to get the Roosevelt Room for about an hour on Sept. 4

or

Sept. 9. The event would be a speech, with press, by Rodney Slater on NEXTEA.

(He was supposed to give a speech at the National Press Club on Sept. 4,

but it

didn't come together. We need to get him out of the box on NEXTEA soon

after

Labor Day.) Melissa: I'd of course like Gene to make an appearance, if

possible, although it wouldn't be necessary.

John Horsley from DOT will call in from the road tomorrow morning to check

on

this, so cld you let him know what you find out about room availability.

Thanks!

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CREATOR: Cynthia Coogan (CN=Cynthia Coogan/OU=DOT/O=GOV [UNKNOWN])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 4-SEP-1997 09:46:27.00

SUBJECT: White House Weekly Report - Week of September 8, 1997

TO: Cabinet Affairs (Cabinet Affairs [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

MEMORANDUM FOR ERSKINE BOWLES, THE WHITE HOUSE September 3, 1997

FROM: Secretary Slater

SUBJECT: DOT Weekly Report -- Week of September 8, 1997

The following is the Department of Transportation Weekly Report:

KEY DEPARTMENT NEWS

Washington National Airport (DCA) Radar Interruption: On August 28, the radar system at DCA became unstable. Air traffic controllers switched to the backup radar services, which also displayed some unstable data blocks. For approximately one hour and 45 minutes, air traffic control verbally verified the data block information with pilots. Air traffic controllers were never without radar target information. There were only minor delays associated with this event; however, there is congressional and press interest. There was a second loss of a portion of the radar service at DCA on August 29 which FAA is also investigating. Again, safety was not compromised. The interruption stems from a communications

problem, and we are re-engineering data circuits which will provide lines dedicated to directly connecting the radar units at DCA and ADW. FAA technicians are reviewing all communications links between the two radars and are conducting a thorough review of maintenance procedures.

FRA Launches Safety Inspections of Union Pacific: On August 26, the Federal Railroad Administration launched round-the-clock inspections by 90 federal and state safety inspectors concerning operations on the Union Pacific Railroad. The inspection was initiated to determine ways to improve railroad safety following the Union Pacific's involvement in three railroad collisions that resulted in the deaths of seven people and millions of dollars in property damage over the last three months. On August 27, FRA Administrator Molitoris and FRA staff meet with the CEO of the UP, Mr. Jerry Davis, and other senior UP officials to review preliminary findings of the team inspections. Mr. Davis agreed to take immediate action on most issues, develop an Action Plan and with FRA's assistance, review with his managers FRA's Safety Assurance and Compliance Program for implementation on the railroad. FRA intends to meet with Mr. Davis within two weeks to discuss the progress made. There has been significant media attention.

Secretary Slater Travels to Panama: On September 7-8, 1997, Secretary Slater and Counsel to the President and Special Envoy to the President to Latin America Thomas McLarty will lead a United States Government mission to the Universal Congress of the Panama Canal. Secretary Slater, the U.S. Coast Guard Commandant and other DOT officials will be focusing on various transportation issues including the future of the Canal following its

transfer from U.S. control (on December 31, 1999); the design and enhancement of vessel traffic management; U.S.-Panama civil aviation relations; aviation search and rescue plans in Central America; and the Pan-American Highway. In addition to addressing these issues, the Secretary will also explore U.S. transportation firms access to business opportunities in Panama.

Vice President Announces Transit Funding Grants: On September 4, the Vice President will announce \$5.7 million in airport improvement grants in NH.

On September 6, the Vice President will announce a \$5 million grant to the Massachusetts Port Authority to soundproof residences near Logan International Airport.

Transportation Forum at the LBJ Library: On August 27, Secretary Slater held a forum at the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library in Austin, Texas, on the global impact of transportation infrastructure in the 21st century.

Former Governor Ann Richards gave a tribute to President Johnsons legacy on civil rights. Protesters from Americans Disabled for Accessible Public Transportation (ADAPT) briefly confronted Secretary Slater about greater access to over-the-road buses. Secretary Slater will meet with ADAPT on September 9 at DOT to discuss a rulemaking on the access issue.

Lady Bird Johnson Recognition: On the morning of August 27, the Secretary participated in a wreath laying ceremony commemorating President Johnsons birthday and dedicated a wildflower garden at Church Park Rest Stop, in Johnson City, in honor of Lady Bird Johnsons highway

beautification efforts. There was considerable media attention during these two events.

ValuJet Accident: On August 19, the National Transportation Safety board issued their probable cause for the crash of ValuJet Flight 592 on May 11, 1996. ValuJet was cited for failing to properly oversee its maintenance contractors and hazardous materials practice. SabreTech Corp. was cited for failing to properly prepare, package and identify the oxygen generators stowed in the plane. FAA was cited for failing to require smoke detection and fire suppression systems in Class D cargo compartments. FAA, since the disaster, has ordered the installation of detectors and extinguishers in aircraft cargo compartments. Since the accident, FAA has initiated a number of major safety improvements, including: -issuing a notice of proposed rulemaking to require the retrofit of fire detection and suppression systems in aircraft cargo compartments that do not have such safety features; hiring more aviation and hazardous materials inspectors; forming a national certification team of safety experts; increasing surveillance and oversight for the first five years that a carrier is in operation; along with RSPA, the FAA banned the shipment of oxygen generators on passenger plane and are preparing proposed regulations to ban oxidizers and oxidizing agents from passenger plane cargo compartments, and a new division of dangerous goods and cargo security has been created.

Smoke Detection Systems: FAA gave Delta Airlines approval to install cargo bay fire suppression and smoke detection systems on its 737s. Delta is the first airline to receive FAA certification of cargo bay smoke

detection and fire suppression systems. ValuJet Airlines has completed FAA required flight tests of a smoke detection system and will be installing both detection and suppression systems in October.

Fine Air Accident Update: Immediately following the August 7 accident, FAA initiated an inspection of Fine Air and have found several areas of concern involving the airlines written policies and procedures. Results from the inspection are being analyzed to determine whether: corrective actions have been implemented, regulatory violations have occurred, and enforcement action is appropriate.

Asbestos Update: After incidents involving asbestos in Boston and Indianapolis, FAA stopped asbestos abatement and construction projects at ~~air route-traffic-control centers until it could be certified~~ that all appropriate measures are in place with qualified oversight to proceed with the work. Since the review, six FAA regions have been given the go-ahead to proceed with their abatement projects.

ENVIRONMENT Coast Guard Leads First Ever Spill of National Significance (SONS) Exercise: From Sep 16-18, the Coast Guard will coordinate the first-ever SONS exercise in Philadelphia, PA to test the nations plans and response capabilities for an oil spill of disastrous national proportion, e.g., EXXON VALDEZ. Vice Admiral Roger Rufe, Commander Coast Guard Atlantic Area, will be the senior coordinator of the exercise, which was mandated by the National Contingency Plan. The exercise will bring together hundreds of response and contingency personnel from federal, state, local, and corporate entities. On September 17, in Washington,

Secretary Slater will participate in a videoconference assessing key planning and response issues.

Coast Guard and Mexican Navy Make Major Cocaine Seizure: On August 11, the cutter BOUTWELL and the Mexican Navy seized a fast boat near Acapulco, Mexico. Mexican and U. S. aircraft tracked the vessel and directed BOUTWELL and Mexican Naval vessels to intercept the fast boat as it approached the coastline. As BOUTWELL intercepted the boat the smugglers jettisoned the drugs and abandoned the boat. In all, 5,435 lbs of cocaine was seized and later turned over to the Mexican government for destruction. In addition, the USCG recovered 895 lbs. of cocaine in four other seizures.

FTA Transit Funding Announcements:

On August 26, FTA announced \$5.5 million in transit funding to the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority. FTA also announced \$5.7 million in funding to TRI-MET for construction of a transit center at the Portland State University.

On August 27, FTA announced the award of \$2.6 million to MI DOT, \$2.1 million to the TX DOT, and \$1.9 million in funding to the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) in Detroit, MI.

Re-Certification of the Minimum Safe Altitude Warning System (MSAW):

Immediately following the crash of KAL Flight 801 in Guam, FAA determined that the MSAW system at the Guam radar approach control facility was inhibited from generating low altitude alerts. In order to assure system

integrity nationwide, FAA re-certified MSAW at all 193 sites where this system is used. Problems were discovered in Fayetteville, NC and Florence, SC, which have since been corrected.

Passenger-Baggage Match Study: On August 27, air carrier representatives were briefed on the results of the domestic passenger-baggage match study recommended by the White House Commission. The briefing focused on the operational impact of passenger-baggage match. The key finding of the study is that the rate of passengers checking a bag and then not boarding that flight was much lower during the test than had been estimated in previous studies. The operational impact of removing bags of "no-board" passengers is therefore far less than had been anticipated. A later report will assess the impact of this procedure in terms of cost.

Spectrum Engineering Continues to Provide Support to the Mir Space Station: FAA, working in close coordination with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, re-coordinated the use of 121.750 MHZ to support emergency communications while performing repairs to the Mir space station.

WORK ON PRESIDENTIAL POLICY PRIORITIES

BRIDGE TO ASIA-PACIFIC

The second round of formal aviation negotiations with Japan took place in Washington, on August 27-29. Although the delegations developed draft

text on some issues, in the first round, the two sides remain far apart.

Nonetheless, they are continuing to work toward the previously established September target date for reaching an agreement.

The Government of Japan (GOJ), committed to institute, by July 31, 1997, major reforms of the administration of its ports and harbors to open port and terminal services to U.S.-flag commercial vessels. In order to open this system, an agreement must be reached between the GOJ and several powerful interests, led by the Japan Harbor Transport Association (JHTA) which represents the entrenched terminal operators. Japan failed to meet this deadline, and unless a breakthrough in the negotiations occurs between today and 12:01 a.m. Thursday, September 4, the Federal Maritime Commission will begin assessing financial penalties on all Japanese commercial ships calling at U.S. ports.

NOTABLE CONGRESSIONAL ACTIVITY

ISTEA Reauthorization: On September 10, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Surface Transportation is tentatively scheduled to mark up ISTEA reauthorization legislation. Markup by the full Transportation and Infrastructure Committee is possible on September 17.

Railway Labor Act: On September 9, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Aviation will hold a hearing on the application of the Railway Labor Act to airline crews based in foreign countries.

Conference Action on FY 1998 DOT Appropriations Bill. The House and Senate each passed a version of the DOT appropriations bill at the end of July, shortly before the August recess began. The Senate has named Conferees; the House is expected to name Conferees during the first week in September. The Conference Committee will likely convene to open deliberations the second week in September. DOT has provided the House and Senate Committees staff with its detailed recommendations. A formal letter to the Conferees is being drafted.

Secretary's Schedule

September 3

Secretary Slater will discuss NEXTEA in an address to the opening session of the 1997 National Pedestrian Conference in Washington, D.C.

September 7-8

Secretary Slater will participate in the Universal Congress of the Panama Canal in Panama.

The Deputy Secretary's Schedule

September 4

The Deputy Secretary will keynote the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations National Conference on Metropolitan Transportation Planning Issues in Saratoga Springs, New York.

September 22

The Deputy Secretary will participate in the APTA Annual Conference in Chicago, IL.

October 20-24

The Deputy Secretary will participate in the Intelligent Transportation Society of Americas World Congress Meeting in Berlin, Germany.

Modal Administrators/Assistant Secretaries

September 6-12

FAA Acting Deputy Administrator Valentine will meet with foreign officials on aviation issues in Macedonia.

September 7-11

SLSDC Acting Administrator Sanders will travel to Panama to participate in the Universal Congress of the Panama Canal.

September 8

USCG Admiral Kramek will speak at the opening of the Administrative Law Judge docketing center in Baltimore, MD.

Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy Kruesi will give the opening remarks at a conference on LORAN C in McLean, VA.

September 8-12

RSPA Acting Administrator Coyner is tentatively scheduled to meet with students at Thomas Jefferson Middle School in Arlington, VA, as part of

Back to School Week.

September 9

USCG Admiral Kramek will attend the Armed Forces Rescue at Sea Association annual awards reception at the Rayburn building.

USCG Admiral Kramek will attend the law enforcement breakfast with agency heads at the White House.

USCG Admiral Kramek will be the guest speaker at the National Cargo Bureau luncheon in Washington.

September 9-10

FAA Administrator Garvey will speak at the Move Massachusetts 2000 event and the Boston Breakfast Club.

September 10

USCG Admiral Kramek will address the Air War College at Maxwell AFB, AL.

September 11

USCG Admiral Kramek will meet with the chief of naval operations for the Dutch Navy.

USCG VADM Herr will speak at the Aviation Commanding Officers Workshop in Leesburg, VA.

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs Horsely will be the

keynote speaker at the Puget Sound Regional Council Freight and Goods Symposium in Seattle, WA.

Assistant Secretary for Policy Kruesi will be plenary speaker at the annual meeting of the Georgia Conservancy in Atlanta, GA.

September 12

FTA Administrator Linton will participate in the Welfare to Work Conference in Philadelphia, PA.

September 15

NHTSA Administrator Martinez will speak at the National Association of Governors Highway Safety Representatives Annual Meeting in Scottsdale, AZ.

USCG Admiral Kramek will address the Coast Guard Command Enlisted Advisor conference.

September 16

USCG Admiral Kramek will attend the Oceans Principals Group meeting at the Naval Observatory in Washington.

RSPA Acting Administrator Coyner will deliver remarks on the Garrett A. Morgan Technology and Transportation Futures Program at the 1997 Enforcement Conference at Solomons Island, MD.

Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy Krusei will give a luncheon speech at the National Small Shipments Traffic Conference in Washington,

D.C.

FTA Deputy Administrator Fernandaz will travel to Albuquerque, NM, to delivery a keynote address at the Welfare to Work Conference.

September 17

NHTSA Deputy Administrator Recht will speak at the National Association of Governors Highway Safety Representatives Annual Meeting in Scottsdale, AZ.

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs Horsley will be the keynote speaker at the Airline Conference of Employees Services Annual Conference in Tampa, FL.

FTA Administrator Linton will participate in the National Rural Conference in Conway, NH.

USCG Admiral Kramek will participate in the Spill of National Significance exercise videoconference in Washington.

September 17-20

OSDBU Director Hopewell will participate and receive an award at the Business Opportunity Symposium Series 1997 in Austin, TX.

September 18

USCG Admiral Kramek will co-chair the J3/USIC quarterly conference in the Pentagon.

September 18-19

RSPA Acting Administrator Coyner will speak at the American Council on International Intercultural Education conference in Warrenton, VA.

September 20-24

FTA Administrator Linton will address APTA's Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL.

FTA Deputy Administrator Fernandez will participate in COMTO/APTA Annual Meeting.

September 21

RSPA Acting Administrator Coyner will attend a listening session with Morgan Education Roundtable members at the Department of Transportation in Washington, D.C.

September 21-25

FTA Administrator Linton will address the APTA's Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL.

September 22

USCG Admiral Kramek will address the Reserve Forces Policy Board in Washington.

RSPA Acting Administrator Coyner will deliver remarks on the Garrett A. Morgan Technology and Transportation Futures Program at the American Public Transit Association (APTA) conference in Chicago, IL.

Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs Hunnicutt will represent DOT in civil aviation negotiations in Tokyo, Japan.

September 22-25

USCG Admiral Kramek will host the Flag Officer and Senior Executive Service Conference in Washington.

September 23-25

FAA Administrator Garvey will speak at the NBAA Conference, visit Southwest Airlines, meet with FAA officials and speak at the University Aviation Association Convention in Dallas, TX.

September 24

Transportation Policy Assistant Secretary Kruesi participate on a panel for a national teleconference broadcast on Transportation Implications of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards at North Carolina State University.

September 26

FTA Administrator Linton will participate in the Florida Trails & Greenways Conference.

FTA Deputy Administrator Fernandez will participate in the Old Colony Dedication ceremony in Boston, MA.

September 30

Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs Hunnicutt will address the International Federation of Freight Forwarders in Vienna, Austria.

October 1

FTA Deputy Administrator Fernandez will give remarks at the opening of the Riverfront Trolley Line in Memphis, TN.

October 3-5

USCG Admiral Kramek will attend events at the Coast Guard Academy.

October 7

USCG Admiral Kramek will host the Congressional celebration of the Coast Guards birthday.

October 8

USCG Admiral Kramek will attend The Interdiction Committee luncheon.

FTA Deputy Administrator will delivery the keynote address at the Welfare to Work Conference in Los Angeles, CA.

October 8-9

USCG Vice Admiral Herr will visit Coast Guard aviation Training Center in Mobile, AL.

October 11

USCG Admiral Kramek will attend the Navy League awards dinner in Seattle.

October 17

USCG Admiral Kramek will attend the Women in the Military (WIMSA) Dinner in Washington.

October 18

USCG Admiral Kramek will attend the WIMSA dedication in Washington.

October 19-21

FTA Deputy Administrator Fernandez will travel to Salt Lake City, UT, to participate in the Transit Construction Roundtable.

October 29

USCG Admiral Kramek will address students at the National Defense University.

RSPA Acting Administrator Coyner will attend a meeting with Government University Industry Research Roundtable members in Washington, D.C.

October 30

USCG Admiral Kramek will attend the Coast Guard Foundation Dinner in New York City.

USCG Vice Admiral Herr will attend the Executive Committee Meeting of the Coast Guard Foundation in New York City.

October 31-Nov 2

USCG Admiral Kramek will attend the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Armed Service (DACOWITS) annual conference hosted by the Coast Guard in Tampa, FL.

MEDIA INQUIRIES

CNN reporter Cathy Nellis interviewed FAA runway incursion program manager and technical staff in Atlanta regarding NASA-FAA low-visibility surface operations demo at Atlanta Hartsfield International Airport. Story expected to air on "Future Watch" segment.

NBC Dateline will air a segment September 7 on the Gore Commission security recommendations. FAA Acting Deputy Administrator Barry Valentine was interviewed.

The Wall Street Journal called about a DOT General Counsel decision pertaining to Dalfort Aviations providing passenger service from Dallas Love Field. A FOIA has also been received by the Dallas Morning News.

NHTSA Deputy Administrator Recht appeared on CNNs Talk Back Live and WAMUs Dereck McGuinty Show August 28 on aggressive driving.

NHTSA Public Affairs received a number of media calls in response to a speculative article in USA Today on air bag deactivation for at risk groups.

Newsweek is preparing a major story on air bags within the next few

weeks. Reporters have asked NHTSA relatively few questions about air bags in general and the deactivation proposal.

The New York Times is preparing an article about the safety implications of having light trucks on the same roads with cars. Could run as early as next week.

NBC Dateline is preparing a segment on vans used as school buses. NHTSA is currently considering a Dateline request for an on-camera interview sometime early in September.

FHWA received calls from The San Francisco Examiner and KTVU-TV for FHWA's reaction to an OIG audit of FHWA's emergency relief program. Reporters were advised that the FHWA response is included in the text of the audit.

The New York Times is preparing an article about unsafe aviation conditions in Argentina. The FAA deputy associate administrator for regulation and certification was interviewed July 17.

The Washington Post is preparing an article on aviation security. Reporter interviewed FAA associate administrator for security July 18.

CBS 48 Hours, June 23, interviewed NHTSA Administrator Martinez for story on aggressive driving. Segment expected to air in fall.

FOIA REQUESTS

Chart of Boston Center airspace overlayed with geographical landmarks --

The Boston Globe

June 1988 report pertaining to suspension of Ameriflight Inc., flight operations and subsequent reports indicating safety measures to restore airlines flying privileges -- The Seattle Times

Memoranda, reports, and videos concerning safety issues related to Ameriflight cargo aircraft for period March 1994 to present; June 22, 1988, suspension of Ameriflights operating certificate; and voice tape recordings from crashes involving Ameriflight aircraft--August 13, 1997, at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport; March 4, 1994, near Mount Pinos, in Kern County, CA; November 1994 near Avenal, CA; and December 23, 1995 in Alameda County, CA -- American Journal

Tower tapes involving conversation with Ameriflight cargo plane that crashed at Seattle Tacoma Airport, August 13, 1997 -- King 5 Television, Seattle, WA

N-number for Learjet that routinely flies on Sunday between Salt Lake City and Colorado City or flight logbook for every Sunday during 1997 -- The Salt Lake Tribune

Photos, design blueprints, and detailed specification sheets on the New York metro area TRACON facility, the radar scope counters, and the supervisors stations -- 20th Century Fox

Specified enforcement actions for Fine Air -- The Miami Herald

NASIP report completed in April on Fine Air -- St. Petersburg Times

Incident report involving Fine Airlines on July 13, 1997 -- WPLG TV-10,
Miami, FL

Complaints, enforcements, accident reports, incidents, occurrences and
inspections for Great Lakes Airlines since 1992 -- Fox News, WFLD,
Chicago, IL

Audio recordings and transcripts of the Meigs Field control tower before
and after the mid-air collision on July 19, 1997 -- City News Bureau of
Chicago

NASIP reports and related documentation for Fine Air Services from March
31 to April 18, 1997 -- The Miami Herald

Correspondence between Fine Air and FAA Flight Standards Offices since
January 1, 1996; NASIP and PTRS reports completed this year for Fine Air;
correspondence between Agro Air Association and FAA Flight Standards
Offices since January 1, 1996; and enforcement action against Fine Air or
Agro Air Association since January 1, 1996 -- St. Petersburg Times

Radio transmission between the tower control and the pilot of Fine Air
pertaining to the accident on August 7, 1997 -- WSVN 7, Miami, FL

Flight plans for N735 aircraft operated by the National Collegiate Athletic Association from June 28 to August 12 -- The Kansas City Star

Addresses of specific passengers shown on an enclosed FAAs enforcement data list for crew interference -- American City Business Journals, Arlington, VA

Inspection reports and maintenance history of a Beechcraft Duke aircraft registered to Corporate Aircraft Management Inc., of Ashland, MO; and license and discipline history of a specified pilot -- Springfield News-Leader, Springfield, MO

Actions taken against Trans World Airline and any airline for defacing FAA required documents during the last five years; actions taken against any airline for placing pictures inside compartment in the cockpits; and a copy of the October 1996 letter discussed by TWA regarding their Aircraft Performance Manuals -- KCTV News 5, Kansas City, MO

Tape or transcript from the tower of Newark International Airport involving the accident of Federal Express Flight 14 on July 31, 1997 -- The Star-Ledger, Newark, NJ

Request from American City Business Journals regarding enforcement actions on flights associated with air carrier 121.

Point of Contact: For the weekend of September 6-7, Suzanne Sullivan will be the contact. She can be reached through the FAA Operations Center at (202) 267-3333.