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MEMORANDUM FOR LEON PANETTA, THE WHITE HOUSE June 20, 1996

FROM: Secretary Pêa

SUBJECT: DOT Weekly Report -- Week of June 24, 1996

The following is the Department of Transportation Weekly Report:

KEY DEPARTMENT NEWS

Travel to Washington State. Secretary Pêas trip to Seattle and Tacoma, Washington June 19 and 20 amplified how the Clinton Administration leadership in expanding international trade has increased family-wage jobs and economic security for the Northwest. Together with Boeing the Secretary witnessed the signing of a \$12.5 billion order for new aircraft by Singapore Airlines, a deal facilitated by the Secretary's visit to the Far East last November. Adding to the ceremony was a personal call from President Clinton. The revitalization of the aviation industry and promotion of sales of American-made aircraft have Boeing expanding its workforce once again.

On June 19, a ceremony in Seattle underscored President Clinton's commitment to the partnership between government and business as federal and local officials broke ground for a \$260 million construction project that will double the size of American President Lines (APL) container terminal. According to the Port of Seattle, the increased cargo capacity created by the expanded APL container terminal will create 1,500 port-related jobs with average annual earnings in the \$40,000 per year range and \$220 million annually in new business. Not only will this be the largest on-dock loading facility on the West Coast, but it also

results from the regions most ambitious environmental restoration to date, a model \$60 million Superfund cleanup project. \$12 million in bridge access improvements to the new terminal were provided in part by US DOT funds.

On June 20, Secretary Peña will join labor and business leaders at the Port of Tacoma to be briefed by the Burlington Northern/Santa Fe Railroad on their planned \$175 million commitment to reopen Stampede Pass rail service, a project described as the Alameda Corridor of the Northwest. This opening will allow continued expansion of Pacific Rim container trade through both the Ports of Tacoma and Seattle, which at 2.4 million units a year rank second to LA/Long Beach in container cargo nationally.

Crash of ValuJet Flight 592. On June 25, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Aviation will hold a hearing on issues raised by the crash of ValueJet flight 6592. Federal Aviation Administrator David Hinson will testify on the Departments behalf. On June 27, the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee will hold a hearing on information related to the ValuJet accident. They have requested Secretary Peña and Administrator Hinson as witnesses.

Travel to San Diego. At the request of the California congressional delegation including Senators Boxer and Feinstein, the Secretary will hold the fourth in a series of National Forums on the reauthorization of ISTEA. The Secretary will hear testimony from leaders from California, Nevada, and Arizona on highway and transit issues including border crossing infrastructure and innovative financing.

Airlines Response to Families. On June 19, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on the treatment of families after airline accidents. Associate Deputy Secretary Michael Huerta testified for the Department, accompanied by U.S. Coast Guard Commander Ed Gleason. Mr. Huerta was queried about the proposed creation of a family advocacy position, the role of the Red Cross following accidents, and the way that airlines currently deal with families of airline accident victims.

Secretary Peña to Address ICAO Council. The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Council will be meeting on June 26 to consider the report of its fact-finding investigation into the Cuban shoot-down of two unarmed U.S. civil aircraft on February 26, 1996. The report (which has not yet been publicly released) concludes that the two Brothers to the Rescue aircraft were shot down outside of Cuban airspace without warning and in violation of international law. The Secretary will forcefully urge the Council to adopt a resolution condemning the use of weapons by Cuban military aircraft and the Cuban failure to acknowledge the impropriety of those actions. The report will be transmitted to the U.N. Security Council for their action.

Secaucus Transfer Award Ceremony. On June 24, Secretary Peña will join U.S. Senator Frank Lautenberg and Federal Transit Administrator Linton in a Newark, New Jersey ceremony to announce the award of \$79.3 million for the Secaucus Transfer project. The New Jersey Transit Corporation project will construct a commuter rail transfer station in Secaucus where the Main

and Bergen Lines intersect the Northeast Corridor Line. The new station will allow rail passengers to transfer to commuter trains operating on the Northeast Corridor Line.

Harlem Visit. On June 24, Secretary Peña will travel to Harlem, NY to attend a Moving Kids Safely event. He will present a Safe Community Award to Dr. Barbara Barlow of the Harlem Hospital Injury Prevention Center, tour a bicycle shop, speak with volunteer bike safety tutors, and then speak to a group of children and adolescents about bike safety.

FRA Tightens Standards on Railroad Accident Reporting. On 18 June, as part of President Clintons commitment to rail safety, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) issued a comprehensive final rule that requires more complete reporting of railroad accidents and incidents. The revision of the accident reporting regulations, particularly the implementation of Internal Control Plans by all railroads, will assure the FRA is receiving the most accurate and timely data on injuries and accidents. The data will enable the FRA to effectively carry-out its safety mission and its commitment to zero tolerance of accidents in the rail industry.

Major Announcements Regarding ValuJet and Federal Aviation Administration Organization. On June 17 and 18, Secretary Peña and Administrator Hinson made a number of announcements about ValuJet Airlines and policy and personnel changes at the Federal Aviation Administration. These include:

Agreement with ValuJet to Suspend Operations. On June 17, ValuJet agreed to suspend operations effective midnight that day, following Federal Aviation Administrations (FAA) analysis of an intensive 30-day review of the airlines. In its analysis, FAA concluded that the airline was no longer in compliance with Federal Aviation Regulations, most significantly because of problems relating to its oversight of maintenance activities.

Retirement of Associate Administrator. On June 18, Associate Administrator for Regulation and Certification Tony Broderick announced his retirement. This decision was made in consultation with the Administrator and deemed by both to be in the best interests of the agency. In his retirement letter, Mr. Broderick stated that his leaving will provide the Administrator with the maximum amount of flexibility to make the required changes at the agency and select new leadership.

Secretary Peñas Call for Clarification of Federal Aviation Administration Charter. On June 18, Secretary Peña called upon Congress to change the charter of the Federal Aviation Administration to state the agencys sole mission as safety. The 1958 Act on which the agency is based calls upon the agency to regulate aviation safety and promote air commerce.

Six-Point Plan to improve Federal Aviation Administration inspection oversight. Administrator Hinson announced a series of six major steps designed to improve the way Federal Aviation Administration oversees air carriers and maintenance facilities; several of these steps are specifically designed to address a ValuJet-type operation which contracts out most of its maintenance operations.

Memorandum of Understanding between DOT and the Gas Research Institute.

On June 20, Deputy Secretary Mortimer L. Downey and Mr. Stephen D. Ban, President of Gas Research Institute signed a memorandum of understanding which establishes a long-term partnership with the natural gas industry on pipeline safety. This event generated trade press coverage and radio interviews on news talk radio stations.

Migrant Interdiction. On June 15, a Coast Guard C-130 aircraft sighted a Dominican yola heading east about 12 miles off Miches, Dominican Republic. During an intercept by USCGC KEY LARGO, the migrants on board the yola brandished machetes at the cutter's small boat, and the yola entered Dominican territorial seas before USCGC KEY LARGO could stop it. USCGC KEY LARGO passed the yola's position to a Dominican Naval vessel, which intercepted the vessel off Miches and returned the 75 migrants onboard the yola to the Dominican Republic. To date in FY 96 there have been 4,829 Dominicans, 2,281 Haitians, 258 Cubans, and 38 Chinese interdicted.

Drug Interdiction.

On June 11, a Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment embarked in HMS ARGYLL exercised the US/Belize bilateral agreement and boarded the Belizean Motor Vessel CAYTRANS CARIBE. The boarding team located 3.4 kilograms of cocaine hidden behind a water tank in a common head used by the crew. The vessel was escorted to Ponce, Puerto Rico, for a customs boarding, and the contraband was turned over to U.S. Customs for further investigation. No arrests were made.

On June 12, Her Majesty's Customs requested authorization to board and search the 45 foot sloop BATTLESTAR (US), which was approximately 20 miles off the English coast. The State Department took the lead on the case with assistance from the Coast Guard, and authorized the enforcement of British law. British customs found 1.75 tons of cannabis resin (hashish) onboard. The vessel and contraband were seized, and two U.S. crewmembers were arrested. This is a noteworthy case in that it is believed to be the first request by another nation to board a U.S. vessel.

On June 13, an Operation Bahamas, Turks, Caicos (OPBAT) helicopter spotted the 43 foot sailboat ELLE (US), about 18 miles off the coast of Cuba, in the Windward Passage. The vessel was boarded by USCGC VIGILANT, and 4,300 pounds of marijuana was located in plain view. The vessel and contraband were seized and the two persons on board were arrested.

Living Marine Resource Enforcement. On June 14, USCGC MELLON seized the 270 foot Polish stern trawler ADMIRAL ARCISZEWSKI and its catch for illegally fishing in the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), which was a violation of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MFCMA). The vessel was detected fishing on the U.S. side of the U.S./Russia Convention Line north of the Donut Hole in the Bering Sea. The Coast Guard is escorting the vessel and her 68 member crew to Kodiak, AK, for transfer to the U.S. Attorney.

Delta-Austrian, Sabena, Swissair Antitrust Immunity Exemption Approved. Secretary Peña, June 14, announced DOT's final decision to grant authority to Delta Air Lines, Austrian Airlines, the Belgian carrier Sabena and Swissair to establish a network of new pro-competitive and pro-consumer

worldwide aviation services. In its decision, the department said that granting immunity will permit the four airlines to operate more efficiently, provide better service to the U.S. traveling and shipping public, and allow Delta to compete more effectively with other global alliances.

International Aviation:

Colombia. Talks continue on June 18 in Washington with Colombia concerning Colombian restrictions on our rights under the bilateral agreement and on ways to open more opportunities for airlines of both countries.

Japan. Talks continue on June 27 in Washington with Japan concerning a structure for talks on revising airline passenger rights in the bilateral agreement.

Airport Rates and Charges. On June 19, continuing with the Clintons administrations effort to create common sense government regulations, Secretary Peña announced new airport rates and charges policy for airport users which will reflect real world practices and experiences that work. The policy pegs airfield fees imposed on air carriers at an airport proprietor's costs. Should the airport ever be privatized, the policy requires subsequent purchasers to acquire the cost basis of the airfield assets at the original historic cost, adjusted for improvements. For non-airfield aeronautical facilities (such as hangars, gates and terminal rentals), any reasonable methodology may be used to determine fees. The methodology must be justified and applied on a consistent basis to comparable facilities.

The Department's final policy statement on airport rates and charges will be made public June 19 and will be formally published in the Federal Register on June 21. The policy provides more flexibility for airports to set their fees than the Department's interim policy had permitted. The final policy, which incorporates widespread current industry practice, requires the valuation of "airfield assets" (runways, taxiways, etc.) at their historical cost for rate-setting purposes. The value of other airport assets, such as terminal facilities, hangars, and non-aeronautical use facilities, may be set through any reasonable methodology, including market rates. (Under the interim policy, all aeronautical facilities had to be valued at historical cost. Following public comment, the Department determined that this was contrary to nearly universal industry practice.)

40th Anniversary of Interstate System. FHWA Administrator Slater's is currently participating in his cross country tour to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Interstate System. The tour began in San Francisco June 16 and will end in Washington on June 26.

General Accounting Office Report on Los Angeles Red Line. On June 14, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) received the GAO Report entitled Los Angeles Red Line: Financing Decisions Could Affect This and Other Los Angeles County Rail Projects. The GAO initiated this report at the

request of House Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman Frank Wolf. The GAO credits the FTA's proactive and timely withholding of Federal funds for the Red Line and FTA requiring a plan for strengthening quality control and safety as successful. The GAO also credits FTA for increasing project management oversight at the subway construction sites. The GAO report did not make any recommendations for further FTA action.

I-95 Structure Open to Traffic. In a roadside ceremony on June 12, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Secretary Brad Mallory and Administrator Slater joined to celebrate the reopening of three lanes of traffic (in each direction) on each structure of a viaduct damaged by a major tire fire on March 13. The lanes were opened to traffic well ahead of the July 9 date as called for in the emergency contract. Administrator Slater and Secretary Mallory also jointly presented the contractor with a \$532,000 incentive check for its completion of the project three weeks ahead of schedule. The Administrator also presented the Commonwealth with a supplemental allocation of \$1.5 million for eligible emergency relief work associated with the restoration of this vital transportation artery. \$5 million in Emergency Relief (ER) funds was originally allocated for this repair.

Chrysler ABS Recall. During the week of June 10, Chrysler notified the agency that it will recall 321,000 cars and minivans manufactured from July 1989 through June 1993 in which the Allied Signal ABS hydraulic control unit can experience excessive brake actuator piston seal wear causing pump motor deterioration. If this occurs, the ABS function fails and the driver can experience reduced power assist during braking. Dealers will inspect and repair vehicles which experience ABS malfunctions or illumination of the brake warning lamp. The warranty on all ABS related-components will be extended to 10 years or 100,000 miles, except the brake actuator piston and pump motor assembly which will have lifetime warranties.

Amtrak Finance Committee Meeting. The Federal Railroad Administrator Jolene Molitoris attended the finance committee meeting of the Amtrak Board of Directors here in Washington. The meeting focused on May financial results, which indicate Amtrak is still not achieving its projected financial goals. The members discussed the likely cash shortfall for FY 1996, which best case/worst case is projected to be between \$42 and \$138 million. The members also addressed plans for FY 1997 and the necessity for Amtrak operating within the likely appropriation from Congress, including the consideration of route adjustments that would put Amtrak operations in line with available resources.

Conference on Infrastructure Opportunities in Southeast Asia. Deputy Secretary Downey participated as a keynote speaker on June 19 at the Conference on Infrastructure Opportunities in Southeast Asia, sponsored by the Trade and Development Agency (TDA) and held June 18-20 in San Francisco. Senior staff coordinated with TDA on developing the program and a list of invites and also attended the conference itself. The Department's opportunity for engagement in activities such as this conference was advanced by Secretary Peña's trade mission to Asia in November 1995.

AGENCY WORK ON PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES

New Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities. On June 17, the White House requested that MARAD compile information on port projects which will be assisted by the President's initiative and used as examples to describe the new program's impact. FRA is also working with OST-Policy to include transportation infrastructure projects.

CONGRESS

Full Committee Markup of DOT FY 1997 Appropriations Bill. The House Appropriations Committee reported the FY 1997 Transportation Appropriations bill on June 19. No major changes were made to the bill reported by the Subcommittee, and the bill is scheduled for floor action on June 25. Our major concerns with the bill are funding for Amtrak capital, the Northeast Corridor, FAA and Coast Guard operations, and State Infrastructure banks

National Transportation Safety Board Hearing. On June 26-28, the Federal Transit Administration and Federal Railroad Administration will testify at the NTSB hearing on the February 17, 1996 Maryland commuter rail and AMTRAK accident in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Pipeline Safety Program Reauthorization Proposal. At a markup session held on June 6, the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee unanimously approved Senator Lott's pipeline safety reauthorization bill. We expect the full Senate to consider the bill before the July 4 recess, and we have briefed House staff on this bill. Research and Special Programs Administration has also met with Senator Carl Levin's staff to resolve regulatory reform concerns with the bill.

Jones Act. On June 12, 1996, the House Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, held an Oversight Hearing on the Jones Act. The Maritime Administrator testified on an Administration panel including representatives from the U.S. Customs Service and the U.S. International Trade Commission. A second panel expressed the views of the Jones Act Reform Coalition, represented by Rob Quartel, and agricultural interests seeking to reform the Jones Act. The remaining three panels included Jones Act Operators, Maritime Labor and Shipyards, and Shippers. Members gave no indication that legislation affecting the Jones Act would be introduced in the House during the Second Session of the 104th Congress. In the Senate, Sen. Jesse Helms has introduced S. 1813, the Coastal Shipping Competition Act of 1996, which would seriously weaken the Jones Act.

OECD Shipbuilding Agreement. On June 13, the House passed H.R. 2754, the (OECD) Shipbuilding Trade Agreement Act, by a vote of 325 to 100. The OECD Agreement seeks to end shipbuilding subsidies and other trade-distortive practices in the shipbuilding industry. Prior to final passage, the House voted (278 - 149) to adopt an amendment offered by Rep. Herb Bateman which extends the current terms of the Title XI Loan

Guarantee Program until January 1, 1999. The amendment also clarifies that the OECD Agreement will not impact the Jones Act and the National Defense Features Program. The Bateman Amendment, characterized by supporters as adding transitional assistance to U.S. shipyards, spurred debate over whether its changes to the U.S. implementation bill are inconsistent with the Agreement and would cause other signatories to back out and resume subsidies. The deadline for U.S. ratification of the Agreement was June 15, and the Senate is expected to act on the counterpart proposal at any time.

Secretary Travel

June 19-21 Secretary Peña will participate in the groundbreaking for the American Presidents Line in Seattle, in which ISTEA funds were used to bring a rail line directly into the Port of Seattle. The event is June 20. The Secretary will host an ISTEA regional forum June 21 in San Diego.

June 24 Secretary Peña will travel to Secaucus, NJ for a light-rail event with Senator Frank Lautenberg and will also make an award presentation to a Harlem bike shop in connection with the Moving Kids Safely Conference. Secretary Peña will speak on bicycle safety.

June 26 Secretary Peña will be in Montreal for an ICAO event.

June 29 Secretary Peña will be in South Dakota for an airport grant announcement.

Deputy Secretary Travel

June 26 -- Washington, DC at the J.W. Marriott. Luncheon speaker at the American Public Transit Associations (APTA) Annual Police/Security Workshop. The purpose of this workshop is to bring together transit police chiefs and security directors from the transit systems and commuter railroads from throughout North America to focus on security issues.

June 28 -- Washington, DC at the Omni-Shoreham. Participate on a plenary panel titled Practical Steps to Acquisition Excellence at the 2nd Annual Acquisition Reform Conference.

July 2 -- Portland OR to attend ISTEA Hearing.

July 8 -- New York City, New York DOT Regional Forum on ISTEA Reauthorization.

July 23-24 -- Portland, OR AMTRAK meetings.

July 31-August 1 (Tentative) Park City, UT to attend ITS Board Meeting.

Modal Administrators/Assistant Secretaries

June 17-26

Federal Highway Administrator Rodney Slater on Road Tour in recognition and celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the Interstate System.

June 18-21

Maritime Administrator ADM. Herberger will participate in the National Navy League Convention and address a joint meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii - Maritime Committee, Propeller Club of Hawaii and the NDTA Aloha Chapter, in Honolulu, HI.

June 20

Federal Aviation Deputy Administrator Linda Daschle to speak at NAAN Annual Training Conference in Ft. Worth, TX.

Federal Railroad Administrator Jolene Molitoris will travel around the Boston area to visit several Consolidated Railroad Corporation rail construction work sites for the purpose of viewing first-hand how well the railroad is voluntarily implementing the procedures contained in the notice of proposed rulemaking for track side workers.

June 21

Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs Louise Stoll to represent the Department at the ISTEA Reauthorization Outreach session in San Diego, CA.

Federal Highway Deputy Administrator Garvey will speak at ISTEA Reauthorization Regional Forum in San Diego, CA.

June 22

Research and Special Programs Administrator D.K. Sharma to attend Transportation Institute meeting at the Institute for Surface Transportation Policy Studies at San Jose State University in San Jose, CA.

Federal Transit Administrator Gordon Linton to participate in an announcement ceremony for the Secaucas Transfer Project in Newark, N.J.

June 23-26

Federal Highway Deputy Administrator Jane Garvey will speak at the Western Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials in Albuquerque, NM.

June 24

Coast Guard Commandant ADM Robert Kramek will officiate at the Coast Guard Yard Change of Command Ceremony in Curtis Bay, MD.

National Highway Traffic Safety Deputy Administrator Phil Recht will speak at the North Dakota Native American Lifesavers Conference, Bismarck, ND.

Federal Railroad Administrator Jolene Molitoris will travel to Sacramento, CA, to address the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers' Annual Western Regional Meeting.

Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation Administrator Gail McDonald will visit the Port of Newport News, Virginia and will meet with port officials.

June 25

National Highway Traffic and Safety Administrator Ricardo Martinez will participate in Grand Rounds at Louisiana State University Medical School, Shreveport, LA.

June 26-28

Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization Director Luz Hopewell to speak at breakfast for the Womens Transportation Seminar and meet with small and women-owned businesses in Miami, FL.

June 26-27

Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation Administrator Gail McDonald will attend a Chamber of Commerce meeting in St. Lawrence County, N.Y.

June 27

Coast Guard Commandant ADM Robert Kramek will officiate at Vice Admiral Henns retirement Ceremony in Alexandria, VA.

Federal Highway Deputy Administrator Jane Garvey will speak at the Liveable Communities ISTEIA Outreach in Los Angeles, CA.

Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation Administrator Gail McDonald will attend a Chamber of Commerce meeting in St. Lawrence County, N.Y.

June 28

Coast Guard Commandant ADM Robert Kramek is tentatively scheduled to travel to Long Beach, CA to officiate at the Coast Guard Eleventh District decommissioning & ceremony.

June 29

Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation Administrator Gail McDonald will meet with the board of directors of Save the River in Clayton, N.Y.

Research and Special Programs Administrator D.K. Sharma to deliver keynote address at the Pan Pacific Hazards 96 Conference and Trade Show in Vancouver, BC.

June 30

National Highway Traffic and Safety Administrator Ricardo Martinez will give the opening address at the 1996 EN C.A.R.E. and ENA First National Injury Prevention Conference on the Economic Impact of Injuries, Orlando, FL.

July 1

National Highway Traffic and Safety Administrator Ricardo Martinez will speak at the 1996 EN C.A.R.E. and ENA First National Injury Prevention Conference on the Biomechanics of Motor Vehicle Crashes, Orlando, FL.

July 3

Coast Guard Commandant Admiral Kramek is scheduled to travel to Newport, RI for the commissioning of the Coast Guard Cutter JUNIPER.

July 9

Federal Railroad Administrator Jolene Molitoris will address the United Transportation Union's Technical Workshop San Antonio, TX.

July 15

Federal Aviation Administrator David Hinson to speak at Voice Switching Control System Dedication in Leesburg, VA.

July 17

National Highway Traffic and Safety Ricardo Martinez will participate in TEAM GEORGIA Atlanta, GA.

July 22

National Highway Traffic and Safety Deputy Administrator Philip Recht will be the keynote speaker at the 22nd International Forum on Traffic Records and Highway Information Systems, Philadelphia, PA.

July 23-24

Federal Railroad Administrator Jolene Molitoris will attend Amtrak's Board and Committee Meetings in Portland, OR.

July 29

Research and Special Programs Administrator D.K. Sharma to deliver keynote address at the Pan Pacific Hazards 96 Conference and Trade Show in Vancouver, BC.

July 30

Coast Guard Commandant Admiral Kramek is hosting breakfast at Coast Guard Headquarters for Senators Pell, Nunn and Murkowski.

August 2-3

Coast Guard Commandant Admiral Kramek will attend the Coast Guard Festival in Grand Haven, MI.

August 4-5

Federal Aviation Administrator David Hinson to attend Experimental Aircraft Association Convention Oshkosh, WI.

August 6

Federal Aviation Administrator David Hinson to speak at National Hispanic Coalition of the Federal Aviation Employees Annual Training Conference Atlantic City, N.J.

August 16

National Highway Traffic and Safety Ricardo Martinez will speak at the Moving Kids Safely Regional Conference in San Francisco, CA.

August 29

Federal Aviation Administrator David Hinson to speak at Financial Times Aviation Conference in London.

Press

Media Inquiries
(New Listings in Bold)

Following up on the June 17 decision to ground ValuJet Airlines until it demonstrates appropriate corrective action, Secretary Peña and FAA Administrator Hinson, June 18 announced further action on FAA inspection policy, personnel and mission. Both briefings received heavy media coverage.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution ran an editorial June 19 supporting Secretary Peña's request that Congress drop FAA's promotional role in its charter, calling it a "wise decision."

FAA Administrator Hinson will meet with Washington Post, New York Times and USA Today editorial boards during the next two weeks.

ABC Good Morning America, June 19, asked the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) for information on background about recalls in general. NHTSA Associate Administrator Michael Brownlee will respond by phone.

Maritime Administrator Herberger met with the editorial board of the Journal of Commerce June 14. The Administrator provided an extensive background briefing on maritime issues and participated in an on-the-record question and answer session. Publisher Don Becker ran a favorable Publisher's Notebook column June 19.

ABC Prime time Live is researching a story about a rescue in Sea Bright, NJ, in October 1993. There is some controversy concerning the level of Coast Guard medals awarded civilians in this rescue.

Newsweek, June 11, requested interview on prospects for U.S.-U.K. open skies agreement and tie-in with British Airways-American Airlines agreement. He interviewed Patrick Murphy, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs. Article should appear next week.

New York Times, June 13, asked for the number of code-sharing complaints. USA Today, June 13, asked for a list of code-sharing agreements.

Hearst Newspapers, June 13, interviewed FHWA Administrator Slater in relation to his Interstate anniversary cross-country tour. Story to be distributed nationally via Hearst and the New York Times News Service.

June 12, called to update information on President Clinton's transportation agenda. Asked questions concerning ITS, transit and repair of existing highways.

WRC-TV (local, NBC), June 14, interviewed NHTSA Associate Administrator Michael Brownlee concerning dummy air bag covers used on steering wheels

after a repair, instead of paying for a new air bag. The story is expected to air in the next couple of weeks, and may be used by other NBC owned-and-operated stations.

NBC Dateline, June 12, called with questions about automobile glazing. NHTSA Associate Administrator Barry Felrice responded and provided a copy of the report of the NHTSA glazing team. Further interviews may be requested if the producers decide to pursue the story.

USA Today, June 18, asked for the number of children 12 and under killed in the front seat of passenger cars and light trucks. Reporter is working on a story on the history of the air bag, expected in the next couple of weeks.

Associated Press, June 12, called for a copy of the Conditions and Performance report after an AAA news conference that called for increased spending on roads. FHWA Executive Director Tony Kane provided a formal statement. Washington Post and CNBC also called. The Post article ran June 13.

Journal of Commerce, June 13, called concerning reaction to a letter from Senator Grassley to the DOT Inspector General concerning Maritime Administration programs. No immediate comment was provided.

ABC's Prime Time Live is researching a story on safety regulations and Coast Guard oversight of gambling boats. No broadcast date set.

ABC's 20/20 will do a NAFTA truck safety issue in three to five weeks. A representative from the National Association of Independent Insurers was interviewed and said NAII wants NAFTA implementation delayed until Mexican trucks impose no greater threat in the U.S. than is currently the case with U.S. and Canadian motor carriers. The spokesperson also said they are impressed with the quality of inspections and by the dedication and commitment of border officials, though they are undermanned.

NHTSA Administrator Martinez was interviewed June 11 for NBC Dateline concerning a segment on aggressive driving. Commissioner Maurice Hannigan of the California Highway Patrol is also scheduled to be interviewed. He can be expected to support NHTSA on these issues. The segment is expected to air during the first two weeks of July.

Houston Chronicle, requested updated listing of foreign flag ships owned by U.S. parent companies. He anticipates the paper will publish two series of articles about the maritime industry: one in mid-August and one in September. Most material provided by or related to MARAD is expected to be covered in the earlier installment. The paper also plans extensive follow-up to its reports.

ABC News 20/20, asked about the progress of Chrysler's recall of ABS systems in certain minivans. NHTSA Associate Administrator Brownlee is providing her with information.

ABC's Prime Time Live is interested in developing a program on grade crossing safety to air in late August.

The Patriot Ledger, Plympton, MA, requested information on the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority's (MBTA) Old Colony railroad restoration project. June 4.

WCPO Television of Cincinnati, Ohio requested a copy of an audit on the adequacy of actions implemented by FAA to strengthen airport security.

The material provided by OIG to Senator Ted Stevens was requested by Stephen Barr of The Washington Post, Chris Hansen of NBC News, Peter Cary of U.S. News & World Report, Rebecca Peterson of 60 Minutes, and Robert Davis of USA Today.

Traffic World requested information related to reviews of program management at the Federal Railroad Administration.

Bloomberg Business News requested information regarding any investigation of an FAA employee.

FOIA REQUESTS

Newsweek, May 21, requested a letter of complaint regarding ValuJet Airlines sent to DOT by Robert Litan, Associate Director of the Office of Management and Budget. The Litan letter was sent to Newsweek June 12.

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) correspondence with ValuJet regarding de-certification of the airline; FAAs 1995 NASIP and RASIP inspections of ValuJet -- USA Today.

Federal Aviation Administrations May 6 draft report on results of the 120 day special investigation -- The Associated Press, Aviation Week and Space Technology, Chicago Tribune, USA Today, and Bloomberg Business News

Documents regarding ValuJets contacts with foreign and domestic repair stations --Newsday

All records related to the Federal Aviation Administrations regulation and oversight of ValuJet -- The Wall Street Journal
PTRS reports on ValuJet (Aeronautical Center) -- U.S. News and World Report

Federal Aviation Administration correspondence on Jamaica government Category II ratings -- Jamaica Herald

Proposed expansion of Lambert-St. Louis Airport -- KSDK-TV

47 Near collision over Southern California on August 5, 1992 -- American Journal

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following is our report on NC and an update on Florida. Once again, MANY
apologies for the delay -- this will NOT happen often.

MEMORANDUM TO: Kitty Higgins
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FROM: Katherine Archuleta
Chief of Staff

SUBJECT: Background Information - North Carolina

DATE: July 9, 1996

Following are significant issues in North Carolina. Please feel free to
contact me or Judi Gold at 366-9497 if you have any questions.

Maritime

Senator Jesse Helms has introduced S.1813 which would repeal much of the
Jones Act. Originally, Rep. Walter Jones was expected to introduce
similar legislation in the House, although at this point it seems he will
probably not do so.

Repeal of the Jones Act would have a devastating impact on the economy in
NC, in trucking, fishery, shipbuilding, commercial shipping, coastal

transportation and defense constituencies. Most directly impacted would be commercial shipping companies that could not compete against foreign vessels that would be exempt from many US laws and regulations. In addition, the Helms bill would eliminate US build requirements and currently 1000 employees of Newport News Shipbuilding reside in NC.

Agricultural interests in NC, specifically the hog farmers of eastern NC favor the repeal.

FLORIDA UPDATE

Two recent airline crashes - Valuejet in the Everglades and Delta Airlines in Pensacola continue to raise air safety concerns in the Congress, the media and with the public.

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'Engagement' With China Doesn't Work. Now What?

By Jesse Helms

Thanks to the Cox report's revelations, Americans now know that Communist China has moved almost overnight from a 1950s nuclear capability to the most modern, advanced technology in the American nuclear arsenal. It is the most devastating intelligence failure in American history. But while the details of the report have been widely discussed, one question remains unanswered: What are we going to do about it?

China's apologists in Washington have quickly circled their wagons in an attempt to limit the impact of the Cox report's damning disclosures on the Clinton administration's "engagement" policy toward Beijing. Incredibly, some in the administration have even had the gall to attempt to use this scandal of their own making to press for ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. If anyone believes that flimsy arms-control agreement will restrain China's now-exposed nuclear ambitions, there's a bridge in Hong Kong I want to sell him.

The administration can no longer spin its way out of a fundamental reassessment of its China policy. The time has come for President Clinton to confront some uncomfortable facts about how China views the U.S., and about how the U.S. must respond to protect its vital interests in Asia.

China is not interested in a "strategic partnership" with the U.S., as demonstrated by the spate of anti-American, government-sponsored riots all across China following NATO's accidental

bombing in May of the Chinese embassy in Belgrade. To the contrary, the Chinese regime views America as an adversary, perhaps an outright enemy. No country truly interested in a "strategic partnership" with America would mislead its people into believing that the bombing was deliberate, or refuse to broadcast American apologies--and then incite mobs to attack U.S. diplomatic posts with rocks and Molotov cocktails.

Beijing's paramount goal is to displace U.S. influence in the Asia-Pacific region. China's aim is to undermine U.S. relations with its Asian allies (who they hope will increasingly turn to China as the region's security guarantor), and prevent America from defending its vital interests in Asia--particularly our ability, and willingness, to defend Taiwan against forced reunification with the mainland.

China is determined to modernize its military forces, especially its nuclear capabilities, speedily in order to challenge U.S. military dominance in the Pacific. The Chinese know that today their military is vastly inferior to ours, but as their military might increases, we can be sure that the Chinese regime will act more assertively.

China's nuclear espionage has brought us significantly closer to the day when Beijing will be in a position to use nuclear blackmail against the U.S. China has already shown its willingness to issue such threats. Just after China fired missiles off Taiwan's coast in 1995, a Chinese general publicly boasted that the U.S. would never come to Taiwan's defense because "Americans care more about Los Angeles than Taipei."

Of course, China does not want open war with America. As the Chinese philosopher Sun Tzu wrote some 2,500 years ago in "The Art of War": "Supreme excellence in war consists in breaking the enemy's resistance without fighting." China hopes to develop the military capacity to prevent America from defending its interests in Asia, with what Sun Tzu called a "sheathed sword"--in this case, a nuclear sword.

Those who argue for U.S. "engagement" with China delude themselves if they daydream that America can engage China from a position of weakness. Ronald Reagan's dictum of peace through strength applies as much in the Far East as it did in the East Bloc. We can convince the

Chinese leadership to behave only if their avenues to adventurism and confrontation are closed. To start, we must take the following steps:

First, shore up our own defenses, and those of our allies, in the region. The most urgent priority is Taiwan. With Hong Kong back in the fold and Macau soon to be reabsorbed into the mainland, Beijing's leaders now view the reunification of Taiwan as their No. 1 priority.

That is why the U.S. Senate must approve the bipartisan Taiwan Security Enhancement Act. The act will authorize more U.S. arms sales to Taiwan and increase cooperation between the U.S. and Taiwanese militaries. This will deter Chinese threats against the island. And given China's recent seizures of islands that lie within Philippine maritime boundaries, it is also imperative that we rebuild our defense relationship with the Philippines, now that the Philippine Senate has ratified the Visiting Forces Agreement.

Second, we must bring Taiwan under a regional missile-defense umbrella that will protect the Taiwanese, and all U.S. allies in the region, from ballistic missile attack by China (or for that matter by North Korea). This is vital because during the past year China has begun moving hundreds of medium-range ballistic missiles along the coast near the Taiwan Strait, in a clear effort to intimidate Taipei.

Third and foremost, the U.S. must move quickly to build a national missile defense to protect the American people from ballistic-missile attack. China can't blackmail us with nuclear weapons if its missiles can't hit the U.S. We must, once and for all, place that antiquated Cold War relic known as the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty into the dustbin of history, and then build and deploy a system to defend us from the threat of Chinese ballistic missile attack.

Thanks to this administration's ineptitude, China now possesses the most advanced American nuclear weapons technology. The leaders in Beijing must be made to know, in no uncertain terms, that they will never be able to use that technology to intimidate the U.S. Then, and only then, can we have any sort of constructive "engagement" with them.

Helms (R., N.C.) is chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

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