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Dear Mr. Roberts:

The President has asked me to look into the question raised by your letter and resolution of where the head office of Consolidated Rail Corporation is to be located. By the time we received your letter the new legislation had already passed both the House and Senate. It was signed into law by President Nixon on January 2. The statute mandates that the headquarters of CRC be located in Philadelphia.

However, it is possible that CRC might later decide upon an ancillary headquarters facility to be located at Pittsburgh. To assure consideration of this possibility, I will transmit your letter to appropriate officials at the newly created United States Railway Association (USRA) for inclusion in their planning process. To reinforce your case, I suggest you contact USRA officials in about a month when they should be established and operating at the Buzzard Point Building, 2100 Second Street, S. W., Washington, D. C.

If I can be of further assistance, please advise.

Sincerely,

Michael Raoul-Duval

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Mr. James G. Roberts
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Mr. Kenneth B. Cole, Jr.
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Dear Ken:

Now that the Senate has finally confirmed my nomination to the Board of Directors of the U.S.R.A., I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for the fine recommendations which you forwarded to the various interviewing authorities. I am sure that your support went along way towards my ultimate selection to represent the United States Conference of Mayors and the National League of Cities in this most important task.

I am sure that I would not have been selected to participate in this most challenging and difficult task had it not been for your aggressive support. I am most appreciative of the faith which you have shown in my ability. Recognizing the incredible pressures of your current assignments, I would very much like to meet with you for a short period of time in the foreseeable future to gain a more precise overview of the administration's goals and priorities as they see them within the framework of the Railroad Reorganization Act of 1973. I think it important that the Board of Directors of U.S.R.A. have this insight as well as that of the Congress as currently being articulated by Senator Hartke.

I hope all continues to go well for you and Marilyn in this most difficult time, and I look forward to seeing you in the near future.

Warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,



FRANK H. BLATZ, JR.

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