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MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

At my request, the President's Advisory Committee on Government Organization, in conjunction with the Bureau of the Budget, has been carefully considering various proposals to more effectively organize our Federal transportation functions. They have recently submitted to me a memorandum on this subject, a copy of which is attached hereto. I should like to have, by November first, your personal written comments on the proposals embodied in this memorandum. I am particularly anxious that this matter not be discussed generally in your agency, and ask that you hold this document for your own personal use only, and limit discussion of it to those on your immediate staff with whom it is absolutely necessary to consult.

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The Honorable E. R. Quesada, Administrator
Federal Aviation Agency

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MEMORANDUM FOR

The Honorable Wendell B. Barnes
Administrator
Small Business Administration

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November 12, 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Meeting: November 6, 1959 -- 11:22 a. m. to 12:10 p. m.

The President, Dr. Milton Eisenhower, Secretary Flemming, Don Price, Elmer Staats, Robert Merriam, and Arthur Kimball

The purpose of the meeting with the President's Advisory Committee on Government Organization was to discuss a memorandum recommending formation of a Department of Transportation. Secretary Flemming briefly reviewed the proposal, and the President then commented that while he thought transportation certainly was important enough to warrant departmental status, he was worried about the cost of creating another new department which would need a building and all the other overhead involved in departmental status. The President asked that the matter be reviewed with the Secretaries of Treasury and Commerce and with the Administrators of the Small Business Administration and of the Federal Aviation Agency. He asked that it be emphasized that the matter is still under study and that he had not made any decision.

Secretary Flemming then brought up the question of a First Secretary and the reorganization of the State Department. The President said that if the State Department absorbed USIA and ICA, he was afraid it might defeat the purpose of the First Secretary and make it more difficult to get that proposal through Congress. He also indicated that with reference to the State Department reorganization he was concerned that if USIA were a part of State, the Secretary of State would spend too much time before Congress on details of the USIA and other programs. The President again indicated his hope that the First Secretary could be built up to where he could attend summit meetings and the like.

Milton Eisenhower urged favorable action on the State Department reorganization, and indicated his belief that it would add to rather than detract from the First Secretary proposal. He urged at the very least

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the physical location of USLA be in or adjacent to the New State Department building and the President indicated his concurrence in this proposal.

It was finally concluded, with reference to the First Secretary, that the President would discuss this proposal with the Cabinet after his return to Washington in December. The question of State Department reorganization was left in abeyance for the moment.

Robert E. Merriam