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In pursuance of our meeting on April 6 concerning General Bragdon's Interim Report on the Interstate Highway System, the following are the guidelines I would like observed:

1. There will be no elimination of presently designated routes as general corridors of traffic as designated in 1947, as shown in General Location of National System of Interstate Highways (Yellow Book, September 1955), and designations of October 1957. Nevertheless, I would like you to maintain a continuing effort to achieve a basic interconnected System at the earliest practicable date.
2. There will be no designation of additional routes or additional mileage (except as may be determined for Alaska and Hawaii). Any substitutions of routes or mileage will be on the basis of economy and service and at no increase in capital cost.
3. The final location of routes will be such as to economically serve the primary function of the Interstate System.
4. In determining final routes and locations for smaller cities, bypass routes and spurs are to be preferred to penetrating routes.
5. Solution of the rush hour traffic problems in metropolitan areas is not considered a function of the Interstate System.
6. Exceptions to revised criteria as to maximum number of lanes and as to spacing of interchanges will be granted only where there is clear evidence of need.
7. Maximum economy, consistent with the achievement of basic objectives, is to be sought.

Note: Mr. Merriam read this memo to Secretary Mueller prior to the time of signing, and the Secretary indicated that it was satisfactory to him.

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