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MEMORANDUM

FOR: Larry O'Brien

FROM: Mike Manatos

When the President sees Senators Muskie and Pastore tomorrow morning he may wish, in view of the meeting of the Senate Banking Committee at 10 o'clock to talk about two matters, one involving Muskie, the other Pastore.

1) Muskie has no "philosophical" problem with Rapid Transit, having supported the bill last year, but he feels that somewhere along the line he must establish an image of budget consciousness for 1964 with respect to new programs. Muskie is the key vote on the Committee because he would take along with him Senator McIntyre, who, contrary to what he told me in an hour-long meeting, now tells Bernie Boutin that he would have "no skepticism" if Muskie will support the bill and not put him in the position of standing alone in support of Mass Transit from New England.

The vote in Committee now stands as follows:

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Sparkman	Robertson
Douglas	Proxmire
Clark	Bennett
Williams, N. Y.	Tower
Long, Mo.	Simpson
Neuberger	Dominick
Javits	

UNDECIDED
Muskie
McIntyre

Senators Lausche and Thurmond (and to some extent Engle) want Mass Transit referred to the Commerce Committee. Magnuson tells me that if the Committee will back him up he will resist any such motion as he testified before the Banking Committee last week, he was the one who suggested the bill be referred to Banking in the first place. Magnuson will fold unless reinforced, and I think Pastore would be ideal if he were willing to support Magnuson. Everyone agrees Lausche wants to kill the bill, as does Thurmond. Engle happens to believe the bill would have a better chance if two committees reported it.

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