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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LEE C. WHITE

Subject: Reorganization of the Maritime Administration as an
independent agency

Eight bills have been introduced in the House by Congressmen Mailliard (R:California), Garmatz (D:Maryland), Pelly (R:Washington), Downing (D:Virginia), Reinecke (R:California), Bonner (D:North Carolina, deceased), Lennon (D:North Carolina), all members of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee; Congressman Cramer (R:Florida); and Senator Magnuson (D:Washington), Chairman, Senate Commerce Committee, to establish the Maritime Administration as an independent agency.

I believe you should keep this matter under close surveillance because:

- The bills will carry over to the next session and apparently will be given consideration as vehicles for investigation of all aspects of the maritime policy task force report and the inadvertent publicity.
- Larger expenditures under existing programs could easily result from removal of the Maritime Administration from departmental control.
- Separation of the Maritime Administration from Commerce would be a move against the thrust of probable Administration reorganization plans, e.g., a Department of Transportation.

Bills appear to reflect in part the disappointment and anxiety of the ocean carriers and maritime labor over the task force report. They may also reflect the desire of some Congressmen to seize initiative on maritime policy. The guiding hands of the Secretary of Commerce and the Under Secretary for Transportation in the task force effort are well known.

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