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Attached for your information is the latest revised edition of the work done by the Subcommittee on Organization and Management of the Department of Transportation. The work now being done by the Sub-Committee is a crash effort to develop recommendations from those areas which will affect or be affected by the draft bill.

Present plans are to have a draft bill out of the parent committee and ready for circulation to the other agencies by Tuesday, February 1.

I am also attaching a copy of an issue paper on urban transportation. This is a revised version of the paper drafted by Charlie Snick, representing his understanding of the decision reached at the meeting Wednesday night, January 26 with Secretary Connor, Charlie Schultze, and Joe Califano.

I am attaching an extra copy of the material for your transmittal to Secretary Connor.

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URBAN TRANSPORTATION: AN ISSUE PAPER

One of the most complex problems that must be resolved in establishing the Department of Transportation is the division of responsibility between DOT and HUD with regard to Urban Transportation.

Ultimately, DOT should be responsible for the following activities related to Urban Transportation:

- (1) Overall technical criteria for Government investments in urban transportation facilities.
- (2) R&D on Urban Transportation facilities and equipment.
- (3) Detailed planning and engineering of specific systems.
- (4) Urban Transportation demonstration activities.
- (5) Financing the development or improvement of urban transportation systems.

Ultimately, HUD should be responsible for the following activities related to Urban Transportation:

- (1) Overall general planning criteria for Government investment in urban facilities. In the case of transportation facilities, both public transit and urban highways should be under the purview of the department.

- (2) Studies of the inter-relationships between various patterns of urban development and transportation requirements, including development of planning methodology, techniques of system analysis and model building which relate transportation to overall community development.
- (3) Certification of the adequacy of urban development plans, including plans for all forms of urban transportation, as a basis for Federal financial assistance.
- (4) Demonstrations designed to provide information useful in the preparation of plans, and in making planning decisions, including decisions on transportation plans.

It is clear that these responsibilities are highly inter-related and must be carried out in close cooperation between the two Departments if governmental efficiency is to be obtained. Currently, HUD carries out activities in the public transit area which logically should be part of DOT. Similarly, the Bureau of Public Roads is responsible for general urban highway planning, which logically should be in HUD.

Because of the complexity of these interactions, it is proposed that only minimal changes in responsibilities between the two Departments will be undertaken initially. As soon as DOT is created and a Secretary of Transportation named, the heads of the two agencies should undertake joint staff analyses, with the objective of recommending to the President in more precise detail how these several functions should be allocated between the two Departments. A joint report of the two Secretaries, with recommendations, should be made to the President not later than one year after the enactment of the legislation establishing the Department of Transportation. The President should make any necessary reassignments of functions (under authority to be obtained in the legislation authorizing the establishment of the Department) not later than two years after enactment of the aforesaid legislation.

Any demonstration activities underway in HUD (at the time of the enactment of the legislation) relating to technological aspects of urban transportation should be transferred to DOT.