

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Monday, January 10, 1966  
6:30 p.m.

FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM Lee C. White

I went into some detail with Jerry Grinstein of the Senate Commerce Committee staff on the suggestions for transportation program that have been received at the White House. He checked with Maggie on a confidential basis and called late this afternoon to report that Maggie is now strong for the Department of Transportation and the Presidentially appointed ICC chairmanship. He would like to introduce the bill and will speak on its behalf.

With respect to the regulatory proposals, he believes that they should not be submitted and that they won't get anywhere if they are. Similarly, on one of the central issues in the maritime field, he is strong against having any vessels built abroad which are subsidized.

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January 19, 1966  
Wednesday, 10:45 a.m.

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Center for Transportation

FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM Joe Califano

*Abraham*

Katzenbach has talked to Ribicoff about the move of the Community Relations Service to Justice. I have talked to him about that move and about other organizational possibilities.

We are also ready to move ahead on the Department of Transportation and the Presidential appointment of the ICC Chairman. While all components of the Department of Transportation are not yet firmly established, it is clear that the regulatory functions of the ICC and CAB will not be moved into the Department.

Ribicoff will be most interested in how the Department of Housing and Urban Development is going to reorganize. He is a strong supporter of very strong regional directors to decentralize authority.

Less likely reorganization actions that we are now considering and are not yet in the position to make firm recommendations to you on include a reorganization of the health services of HEW, moving SBA to the Commerce Department with a new Assistant Secretary, a single AEC Administrator or some strengthening of the Chairman, some change in the organization of the government to deal with air and water pollution.

Ribicoff is also interested in a Department of Education -- something we have abandoned for the time being. Finally, he may be interested in how mass transit and urban highways will be handled between the Department of Transportation and HUD. We are still trying to work this out. In any case, should he raise this, I recommend you indicate that we will not permit urban highways and mass transit to adversely affect the revitalization of our cities. Mass transit is now in HUD. Urban highways are now in Commerce under the Bureau of Public Roads.

Nothing else sent to  
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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON



January 25, 1966  
Tuesday, 5:00 p.m.

TO: THE PRESIDENT  
FROM: Lee C. White *LCW*

*William L.*  
I met with Congressman Stagger <sup>*10/4*</sup> this afternoon to discuss the transportation legislation. He was quite positive about the departmental bill and indicated that he would cooperate fully with Congressman Dawson and whoever on the Government Operations Committee handles the bill. Similarly, he had no difficulty with the proposal to change the ICC Chairmanship to a Presidentially designated individual.

With respect to the changes in the principles for regulation by the ICC, he regarded the proposals as "worth striving for," but predicted bitter opposition and controversy over them. I told him that we had not yet made a staff recommendation, but that certainly his reaction would be reported to you.

He was most cooperative, and I assured him that you were anxious to learn his views on all matters before his Committee and that you had given instructions for all of us to work very closely with him.