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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JAMES R. JONES

Subject: Airports legislation

This is in reply to your question with respect to Senator Monroney's inquiry about aid to airports.

The Department of Transportation is proposing a three-part package consisting of (a) a bill to provide financial assistance for airport development, (b) a bill to increase aviation user charges, and (c) a 1969 budget amendment for FAA.

The Bureau is now considering this package, and the Director is scheduled to meet with the staff on Thursday to reach a judgment on the two remaining major issues as we see them. One involves a provision in the financial assistance bill which deals with airport systems planning and DOT-MUB relationships. The other involves the size and composition of a 1969 budget amendment. Secretary Boyd may feel there are other issues.

I also understand that Joe Califano is considering the possibility of a Presidential message on this package and is in the process of reviewing a draft.

It seems to me that the President might wish to postpone a meeting with Senator Monroney until the issues are resolved and he has a chance to review the package.

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