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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 3, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN ROBSON

FROM: DICK CHENEY

John, attached is the letter we discussed. Why don't you draft a response and feed it back to me.

Attachment



December 24, 1974

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

This will acknowledge receipt of your December 19 letter to the President in which you joined with Senator Symington to express your concern over the possibility of Mr. John Robson being named as Secretary of Transportation.

I do want to assure you that your letter will be called to the President's attention without delay. In addition, it will be shared with the appropriate members of the staff.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Patrick E. O'Donnell
Special Assistant
to the President

The Honorable Thomas F. Eagleton
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

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bcc: w/incoming to Don Rumsfeld-FYI ✓

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December 24, 1974

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COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

JAMES R. CALLOWAY
 CHIEF COUNSEL AND STAFF DIRECTOR

December 19, 1974

Honorable Gerald Ford
 President
 The White House
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Several newspapers have reported that you plan to nominate Mr. John Robson of Illinois to replace Secretary of Transportation Claude Brinegar when his resignation becomes effective on February 1. On the assumption that these reports are accurate, we are writing to express our strong reservations about the appointment.

Our concern stems from the recent employment of Mr. Robson as paid consultant for the St. Louis Regional Airport Authority, an organization created for the purpose of promoting construction of a new St. Louis airport at Columbia-Waterloo, Illinois.

As you may be aware, there is considerable opposition to this project on the part of many Missourians who feel the existing St. Louis airport can be made to serve the needs of the area through expansion and modernization.

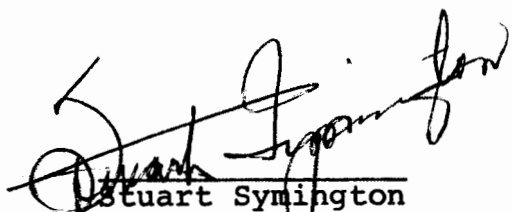
A study of that possibility is now underway and a report is expected to be made to the Department of Transportation next month.

As Secretary of Transportation, Mr. Robson could be called upon to make the final decision in this matter, a decision he clearly should not participate in by reason of his past employment. At the same time, we question whether there is any practical way by which Mr. Robson, as Secretary, could insulate himself from such an important department decision.

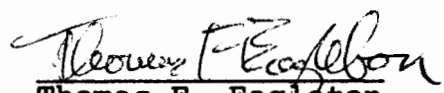
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December 19, 1974
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We would be very glad, of course, to discuss
this matter further with you or your representative.
In the meantime, we did want you to be advised of our
deep concern.


Stuart Symington
United States Senator

Yours very truly,


Thomas F. Eagleton
United States Senator