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MOTOR CARRIER MEETING WITH THE
PRESIDENT

Thursday, November 13, 1975
9:30 a.m. Cabinet Room

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 12, 1975

MEETING WITH SECRETARY COLEMAN ON
MOTOR CARRIER REFORM ACT

Thursday, November 13, 1975
9:30 a.m. (10 minutes)
The Oval Office

From: Jim Cannon

I. PURPOSE

To discuss the motor carrier regulatory reform bill with Secretary Coleman and members of the task force on motor carrier reform before the legislation is announced in a press briefing.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

A. Background: The motor carrier regulatory reform task force has completed drafting legislation to reform the regulation of the motor carrier industry and you have agreed to send this legislation to Congress.

The objectives of the bill are to:

- Benefit consumers and shippers by providing more efficient and economical motor carrier transportation services.
- Stimulate a wider variety of motor carrier services and prices by liberalizing entry and reducing pricing constraints.

Important provisions in the bill will:

- Eliminate antitrust immunities from certain rate bureau price-fixing activities.
- Reduce ICC mandates for circuitous routing and empty truck backhauls.

- Promote flexible pricing by reducing ICC involvement in rate setting.
- Eliminate entry restrictions based upon protections of existing carriers.
- Strengthen the enforcement of motor carrier safety regulation.
- Reduce restrictions on private carriers, owner-operators, contract carriers, air freight forwarders and agricultural carriers.
- Eliminate the exclusive authority of the ICC over motor carrier mergers and provide for a court-enforced merger standard similar to the Bank Merger Act.

B. Participants:

Secretary William Coleman
John Barnum - Deputy Secretary of DOT
John Snow - Deputy Under Secretary of DOT
Jim Cannon
Ed Schmults
Cal Collier
Paul MacAvoy
Paul Leach
Stan Morris

C. Press Plan:

Secretary Coleman and Ed Schmults will meet with the press following the meeting.

III. TALKING POINTS

1. Mr. Secretary, I appreciate your efforts and those of your staff in developing this important reform bill.
2. As you well know, improving motor carrier regulation is a major element in our overall regulatory reform program.

3. It is my belief that this proposal by eliminating costly and outdated government regulations will move us closer to a free and competitive market place.
4. I am confident that these reforms will result in a stronger and more efficient motor carrier system and will benefit the long term interests of consumers.
5. Thank you again for your efforts and I am sure you will work untiringly for the prompt enactment of this very important legislation.