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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

INFORMATION

December 12, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT  
 THROUGH: KEN COLE  
 FROM: MIKE DUVAL  
 SUBJECT: WASHINGTON POST AD

The attached memorandum from Secretary Brinegar is a follow-up to the full-page advertisement which was taken out by a private corporation, challenging a Department of Transportation regulation concerning the braking capability of trucks.

We advised you by memorandum on November 27 that the ad overstated the case against the DOT regulations but that it did contain some valid complaints. You asked us to keep you advised of the DOT follow-up. Secretary Brinegar advises you that his Deputy Secretary, John Barnum, will meet with the truck company and give them a fair hearing.

*I have talked with several other truck operators (reliable & experienced) & they insistently disagree with the DOT order.  
 Was there an Inflation Impact Statement made by DOT?*



THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

December 10, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

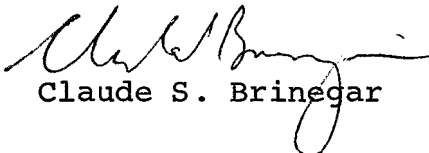
SUBJECT: Breeze complaint about truck braking regulation.

In a full page ad in the Washington Post for November 26, 1974, Mr. J. J. Mascuck, President of Breeze Corporations, Inc., New Jersey, asked you to "save us from the abuses of bureaucracy." His company sells a device to prevent truck-trailer combinations from jack-knifing during a sudden or panic stop. He asks that his device not be foreclosed from the market by a new DOT regulation on truck braking capability.

My investigation of Mr. Mascuck's complaint leads me to these conclusions:

1. One part of the regulation--the part Mr. Mascuck complained about--was not clearly written and is subject to possible misinterpretation. This confusion should be cleared up.
2. The broad thrust of the regulation is technically sound and is widely accepted by the truck and trailer manufacturers and operators.

The Deputy Secretary has called Mr. Mascuck and asked him to come in to discuss the issue. We will see that he is given a full, fair, and non-bureaucratic hearing.

  
Claude S. Brinegar

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 16, 1974

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: KEN COLE  
MIKE DUVAL

FROM: JERRY H. JOYNS

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON POST Ad

Your memorandum to the President of December 12 on the above subject has been reviewed and the following notation was made:

-- I have talked with several other truck operators (reliable and experienced) and they violently disagree with the DOT order.

Was there an Inflation Impact Statement made by DOT?

Please follow-up with the appropriate action and forward your response to the Office of the Staff Secretary.

Thank you.

cc: Don Rumsfeld