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#### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 6, 1985



#### MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

THRU:

RICHARD A. HAUSER

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS

SUBJECT:

Potential Changes in the Review Process

for International Aviation Decisions

Submitted to the President

Connie Horner has asked David Chew for White House reactions to a proposed revision of the Executive Order governing processing of international aviation decisions. Chew has asked for your views as soon as possible. Horner proposes transferring responsibility for coordinating the interagency review process from OMB to Transportation in all non-controversial cases. If any affected agency should recommend or contemplate recommending disapproval of a proposed order, OMB would reassume responsibility for processing the case. Horner's proposal would also establish a 28-day deadline for agencies to communicate their views to Transportation in non-controversial cases. The provisions on ex parte contacts would be unchanged, generally prohibiting individuals within the Executive Office of the President from discussing section 801 cases with private parties.

A new Executive Order should be issued, but I do not agree with Horner's proposed changes. Providing distinct review processes depending on the merits of a case discloses significant information about the Presidential deliberative process. Thus, whenever a case were channeled to OMB, interested parties and observers would know that at least one of the affected agencies objected to the proposed decision, even if the President ultimately decided not to disapprove it. In addition, agencies may become reluctant to voice minor qualms about an order, if doing so requires activating a special review process. The President, however, should be made aware of all agency concerns, and not have some filtered out because of the administrative costs of raising them.

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It may be appropriate, however, to revise the White House staff manual (page F-9) to indicate that the Department of Transportation now has the CAB regulatory responsibilities,

and that the normal rules against <u>ex parte</u> contacts on particular cases now applies to aviation decisions at Transportation. We may also want to issue a brief memorandum to the staff.

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STAFF SECRETARY

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# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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#### REMARKS:

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Could I please have your views on the attached memo by Wednesday, June 5th. Thanks.

RESPONSE:



# EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

May 31, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR:

DAVID CHEW

FROM:

CONSTANCE HORNER

SUBJECT:

Potential Changes in the Review Process for International Aviation Decisions Submitted

to the President

My staff has proposed changes in the interagency review process used to advise the President on international aviation decisions (air cases) submitted by the Department of Transportation. Before pursuing these proposed changes, I would like to know of any White House guidance or concerns about the process and these proposals.

### Current OMB Procedures

Interagency views on air cases have been collected by OMB since at least 1953. No law or executive order stipulates that OMB will assume this role; rather, informal agreements on procedures govern the process. Executive Order 11920, signed by President Ford in 1976, does instruct agencies on which views are appropriate for Presidential consideration, but E.O. 11920 is silent on the process involved.

Historically, the rationale for OMB involvement is twofold: 1) as an institution, OMB has more permanence than internal White House organizations, and 2) with its budget, policy, and regulatory review powers, OMB holds enough authority over reviewing agencies to effectively manage the coordination process.

My staff believes that two events call into question the need for OMB to continue its role. First, the Airline Deregulation Act of 1978 limited Presidential review of air cases to national defense and foreign relations considerations. With this restriction, all but a handful of the 60-70 air cases each year are routine. Second, the sunset of the Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB) transferred authority to send air cases to the President from an independent regulatory commission (CAB) to an executive branch agency (DOT).

# OMB Staff Proposed Changes

The proposed changes are in the form of a new executive order to replace E.O. 11920. The changes, found primarily in Section 3 of the attached draft executive order (also attached is a copy of E.O. 11920), would do the following:

 Shift the responsibility from OMB to DOT for coordination of interagency views on non-controversial air cases.

- o For the non-controversial air cases, establish a deadline of four weeks for DOT to advise the President.
- o Continue OMB's current role for controversial cases. A case becomes "controversial" should any agency indicate that it recommends disapproval or if the agency indicates that it has concerns and wishes OMB coordination.
- o Establish similar procedures for air cases with a statutory 10-day review period.

From OMB's point of view, the primary benefit from these changes would be a more efficient processing of air cases. Currently, interagency views on non-controversial cases are oftentimes not transmitted to the President until four to six weeks, or later, into the statutory 60 day review period. Quite frankly, this is due to a combination of OMB and reviewing agency (Justice, State, Defense, and the NSC) bureaucratic inertia. Also, in non-controversial air cases, the insertion of OMB into the process creates an additional paperwork burden, without contributing to the goal of advising the President of any national defense or foreign relations considerations.

## Possible West Wing Concerns

As the receiver of the air case transmittal memoranda, you might wish to consider the following implications of these changes:

- o A new executive order, with specified timetables and designated agencies, would be more difficult to change than the current informal arrangements.
- o In some instances (usually controversial cases), OMB can serve to catch obvious errors in orders, protect against agency pressures, or provide early warning of potential problems with cases.
- o While still in effect, E.O. 11920 is by now dated, and a new executive order could correct for changes resulting from both the 1978 Airline Deregulation Act and the transfer of responsibilities to DOT. An update would also clarify that the existing ex parte rules would apply to orders submitted by DOT.

The proposed changes do provide safeguards on the process. Because deadlines are specified, the President is assured of adequate time in which to make his decision. Also, because reviewing agencies are routinely aware of the deliberations that go into proposed DOT decisions, they are unlikely to be hindered by the proposed timetables. If any decision is controversial or if any reviewing agency believes that DOT should not coordinate the air case, the air case is automatically coordinated by OMB.

I will await your comments before recommending any action with regard to these proposals.

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#### THE PRESIDENT

Executive Order xxx

Establishing Executive Branch Procedures Solely for the Purpose of Facilitating Presidential Review of Decisions Submitted to the President by the Department of Transportation

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States of America, including section 801 of the Federal Aviation Act, as amended (49 U.S.C. 1461), and as President of the United States of America, solely to provide Presidential guidance to department and agency heads and in order to facilitate Presidential review of decisions submitted to the President for his review by the Department of Transportation pursuant to section 801 of the Federal Aviation Act, as amended, it is hereby ordered as follows:

- Section 1. (a) Except as provided in this section, decisions of the Department of Transportation, hereinafter referred to as the DOT, transmitted to the President pursuant to section 801 of the Federal Aviation Act, as amended, hereinafter referred to as section 801, may be made available by the DOT for public inspection and copying following submission to the President.
- (b) In the interests of national security, and in order to allow for consideration of appropriate action under Executive Order No. 12356, decisions of the DOT transmitted to the President under section 801 shall be withheld from public disclosure for five days after submission to the President.
- (c) At the same time that decisions of the DOT are submitted to the President pursuant to section 801, the DOT shall transmit copies thereof to the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, the Attorney General, the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.
- (d) The Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense, or their designees, shall review the decisions of the DOT transmitted pursuant to subsection (c) above, and shall promptly advise the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs or his designee, whether, and if so, why, action pursuant to Executive Order No. 12356, is deemed appropriate. If, after considering the above recommendations, the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs or his designee determines that classification under Executive Order No. 12356 is appropriate, he shall take such action and immediately so inform the DOT. Action pursuant to this subsection shall be completed within five days of receipt of the decision by the President.

- (e) On and after the sixth day following receipt by the President of a DOT decision submitted pursuant to section 801, the DOT is authorized to disclose all unclassified portions of the text of such decision. Nothing in this section is intended to affect the ability to withhold material under Executive Order or statute other than section 801.
- Sec. 2. (a) Views of departments and agencies outside of the Executive Office of the President, other than those views involving considerations of national defense or foreign relations, which are to be the subject of recommendations to the President in connection with his review under section 801, shall be presented to the DOT in accordance with the procedures of the DOT. While some issues will inevitably involve both questions of regulatory policy and national defense or foreign relations, departments and agencies outside of the Executive Office of the President should make a conscientious effort to present their views on regulatory matters in proceedings before the DOT and raise only matters of national defense or foreign relations that are of Presidential concern in the course of the review under section 801.
- (b) Departments and agencies of the Executive Office of the President which intend to make recommendations to the President on matters of national defense or foreign relations and have such intentions while the matter is pending before the DOT shall, except as confidentiality is required for reasons of defense or foreign policy, make the existence of such intentions and the conclusions to be recommended known to the DOT in the course of its proceedings.
- Sec. 3. After transmitting an Order under section 801 to the President for his review, the DOT shall obtain the recommendations to the President of the agencies referred to in section 1(c) of this Order.
- (a) Should any agency recommend, or contemplate recommending, that any Order submitted by the DOT to the President under section 801, be disapproved by the President, such agency shall so inform the DOT and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (hereinafter referred to as the OMB). Immediately upon the DOT's receipt of such advice, the DOT shall discontinue obtaining agency recommendations and defer any further coordinating role to the OMB as outlined in section 3 (c) of this Order. Unless specifically exempted by the DOT, the agencies referred to in section 1 (c) of this Order shall inform the DOT of the need for an OMB coordinating role, within twenty-one days

of the DOT's issuance of a proposed Order, for Orders subject to a 60 day statutory review period under section 801(a), and within three days of the DOT's issuance of a proposed Order, for Orders subject to a ten day statutory review period under section 801(b).

- (b) In the absence of a referral of a coordinating role to the OMB, the DOT is expected to transmit to the President a memorandum indicating that the agencies referred to in section 1 (c) of this Order, do not advise disapproval of the proposed Order for any national defense or foreign relations reason. Should the DOT transmit such a memorandum to the President past the 28th day since issuance of the proposed Order, the DOT shall notify the Director of the OMB, or his designee, of such delay, on or before the 28th day.
- (c) If required by the conditions outlined in section 3(a) of this Order, the OMB shall assume the responsibility of receiving the views of the agencies referred to in section 1(c) of this Order, and any other appropriate agency, and summarizing such views in a timely memorandum to the President.
- Sec. 4. (a) In advising the President with respect to his review of an order submitted to him pursuant to section 801, departments and agencies outside of the Executive Office of the President shall identify with particularity the defense or foreign policy implications of the DOT decision which are deemed appropriate for the President's consideration.
- (b) Orders involving foreign and overseas air transportation certificates of U.S. carriers that are subject to disapproval of the President are not subject to judicial review when the President disapproves an order for reasons of national defense or foreign relations. All disapprovals necessarily are based on such a Presidential decision, but failure by the President to disapprove a DOT order does not necessarily imply the existence of any national defense or foreign relations reason. For the purpose of assuring opportunity is available under the law for judicial review of the DOT decisions, all departments and agencies which made recommendations to the President pursuant to section 801 should indicate separately whether, and why, if the Order or any portion of the order is not disapproved, the President cannot state that no national defense or foreign relations reason underlies his action.

- Sec. 5. Individuals within the Executive Office of the President shall follow a policy of (a) refusing to discuss matters relating to the disposition of a case subject to the review of the President under section 801 with any interested private party, or an attorney or agent for any such party, prior to the President's decision, and (b) referring any written communication from an interested private party, or an attorney or agent for any such party, to the appropriate department or agency outside of the Executive Office of the President. Exceptions to this policy may only be made when the head of an appropriate department or agency outside of the Executive Office of the President personally finds that direct written or oral communication between a private party and a person within the Executive Office of the President is needed for reasons of defense or foreign policy.
- Sec. 6. Departments and agencies outside of the Executive Office of the President which regularly make recommendations to the President in connection with the Presidential review pursuant to section 801 shall, consistent with applicable law, including the provisions of Chapter 5 of Title 5 of the United States Code:
- (a) establish public dockets for all written communications (other than those requiring confidential treatment for defense or foreign policy reasons) between their officers and employees and private parties in connection with the preparation of such recommendations; and
- (b) prescribe such other procedures governing oral and written communications as they deem appropriate.
- Sec. 7. Although it is recognized that the provisions set forth in this Order will frequently apply to review of decisions made in adversary proceedings involving private parties, this Order is intended solely for the internal guidance of the departments and agencies in order to facilitate the Presidential review process. This Order does not confer rights on any private parties.
- Sec. 8. (a) None of the time deadlines referred to in this Order shall be construed as a limitation on an expedited Presidential review of any Order proposed under section 801.
- (b) Executive Order 11920 of June 10, 1976, is revoked as of the effective date of this Order.
- (c) This Order shall become effective on the 30th day following publication in the Federal Register.

June 10, 1976

Establishing Executive Branch Procedures Solely for the Purpose of Facilitating Presidential Review of Decisions Submitted to the President by the Civil Aeronautics Board

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States of America, including section 801 of the Federal Aviation Act, as amended (49 U.S.C. 1461), and as President of the United States of America, solely to provide Presidential guidance to department and agency heads and in order to facilitate Presidential review of decisions submitted to the President for his approval by the Civil Aeronautics Board pursuant to section 801 of the Federal Aviation Act, as amended, it is hereby ordered as follows:

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- (1) identify any matter contained in their respective recommendations which was not previously submitted to the CAB pursuant to section 2(a) above;
- (2) explain why such matter was not previously submitted to the CAB for its consideration; and
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- Sec. 5. Departments and agencies outside of the Executive Office of the President which regularly make recommendations to the President in connection with the Presidential review pursuant to section 801 shall, consistent with applicable law, including the provisions of Chapter 5 of Title 5 of the United States Code:
- (a) establish public dockets for all written communications (other than those requiring confidential treatment for defense or foreign policy reasons) between their officers and employees and private parties in connection with the preparation of such recommendations; and
- (b) prescribe such other procedures governing oral and written communications as they deem appropriate.
- Sec. 6. Although it is recognized that the provisions set forth in this Order will frequently apply to review of decisions made in adversary proceedings involving private parties, this Order is intended solely for the internal guidance of the departments and agencies in order to facilitate the Presidential review process. This Order does not confer rights on any private parties.
- Sec. 7. The provisions of this Order shall be effective on the 30th day following publication in the Federal Register.

THE WHITE House, June 10, 1976. Genel R. Ford

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MEMORANDUM FOR: DAVID CHEW

FROM: CONSTANCE HORNER

SUBJECT: Potential Changes in the Review Process for

International Aviation Decisions Submitted

to the President

My staff has proposed changes in the interagency review process used to advise the President on international aviation decisions (air cases) submitted by the Department of Transportation. Before pursuing these proposed changes, I would like to know of any White House guidance or concerns about the process and these proposals.

### Current OMB Procedures

Interagency views on air cases have been collected by OMB since at least 1953. No law or executive order stipulates that OMB will assume this role; rather, informal agreements on procedures govern the process. Executive Order 11920, signed by President Ford in 1976, does instruct agencies on which views are appropriate for Presidential consideration, but E.O. 11920 is silent on the process involved.

Historically, the rationale for OMB involvement is twofold: 1) as an institution, OMB has more permanence than internal White House organizations, and 2) with its budget, policy, and regulatory review powers, OMB holds enough authority over reviewing agencies to effectively manage the coordination process.

My staff believes that two events call into question the need for OMB to continue its role. First, the Airline Deregulation Act of 1978 limited Presidential review of air cases to national defense and foreign relations considerations. With this restriction, all but a handful of the 60-70 air cases each year are routine. Second, the sunset of the Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB) transferred authority to send air cases to the President from an independent regulatory commission (CAB) to an executive branch agency (DOT).

# OMB Staff Proposed Changes

The proposed changes are in the form of a new executive order to replace E.O. 11920. The changes, found primarily in Section 3 of the attached draft executive order (also attached is a copy of E.O. 11920), would do the following:

o Shift the responsibility from ONB to DOT for coordination of interagency views on non-controversial air cases.

- o For the non-controversial air cases, establish a deadline of four weeks for DOT to advise the President.
- o Continue OMB's current role for controversial cases. A case becomes "controversial" should any agency indicate that it recommends disapproval or if the agency indicates that it has concerns and wishes OMB coordination.
- o Establish similar procedures for air cases with a statutory 10-day review period.

From OMB's point of view, the primary benefit from these changes would be a more efficient processing of air cases. Currently, interagency views on non-controversial cases are oftentimes not transmitted to the President until four to six weeks, or later, into the statutory 60 day review period. Quite frankly, this is due to a combination of OMB and reviewing agency (Justice, State, Defense, and the NSC) bureaucratic inertia. Also, in non-controversial air cases, the insertion of OMB into the process creates an additional paperwork burden, without contributing to the goal of advising the President of any national defense or foreign relations considerations.

## Possible West Wing Concerns

As the receiver of the air case transmittal memoranda, you might wish to consider the following implications of these changes:

- A new executive order, with specified timetables and designated agencies, would be more difficult to change than the current informal arrangements.
- o In some instances (usually controversial cases), OMB can serve to catch obvious errors in orders, protect against agency pressures, or provide early warning of potential problems with cases.
- o While still in effect, E.O. 11920 is by now dated, and a new executive order could correct for changes resulting from both the 1978 Airline Deregulation Act and the transfer of responsibilities to DOT. An update would also clarify that the existing ex parte rules would apply to orders submitted by DOT.

The proposed changes do provide safeguards on the process. Because deadlines are specified, the President is assured of adequate time in which to make his decision. Also, because reviewing agencies are routinely aware of the deliberations that go into proposed DOT decisions, they are unlikely to be hindered by the proposed timetables. If any decision is controversial or if any reviewing agency believes that DOT should not coordinate the air case, the air case is automatically coordinated by OMB.

I will await your comments before recommending any action with regard to these proposals.

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#### THE PRESIDENT

#### Executive Order xxx

Establishing Executive Branch Procedures Solely for the Purpose of Facilitating Presidential Review of Decisions Submitted to the President by the Department of Transportation

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States of America, including section 801 of the Federal Aviation Act, as amended (49 U.S.C. 1461), and as President of the United States of America, solely to provide Presidential guidance to department and agency heads and in order to facilitate Presidential review of decisions submitted to the President for his review by the Department of Transportation pursuant to section 801 of the Federal Aviation Act, as amended, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. (a) Except as provided in this section, decisions of the Department of Transportation, hereinafter referred to as the DOT, transmitted to the President pursuant to section 801 of the Federal Aviation Act, as amended, hereinafter referred to as section 801, may be made available by the DOT for public inspection and copying following submission to the President.

- (b) In the interests of national security, and in order to allow for consideration of appropriate action under Executive Order No. 12356, decisions of the DOT transmitted to the President under section 801 shall be withheld from public disclosure for five days after submission to the President.
- (c) At the same time that decisions of the DOT are submitted to the President pursuant to section 801, the DOT shall transmit copies thereof to the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, the Attorney General, the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.
- (d) The Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense, or their designees, shall review the decisions of the DOT transmitted pursuant to subsection (c) above, and shall promptly advise the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs or his designee, whether, and if so, why, action pursuant to Executive Order No. 12356, is deemed appropriate. If, after considering the above recommendations, the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs or his designee determines that classification under Executive Order No. 12356 is appropriate, he shall take such action and immediately so inform the DOT. Action pursuant to this subsection shall be completed within five days of receipt of the decision by the President.

- (e) On and after the sixth day following receipt by the President of a DOT decision submitted pursuant to section 801, the DOT is authorized to disclose all unclassified portions of the text of such decision. Nothing in this section is intended to affect the ability to withhold material under Executive Order or statute other than section 801.
- Sec. 2. (a) Views of departments and agencies outside of the Executive Office of the President, other than those views involving considerations of national defense or foreign relations, which are to be the subject of recommendations to the President in connection with his review under section 801, shall be presented to the DOT in accordance with the procedures of the DOT. While some issues will inevitably involve both questions of regulatory policy and national defense or foreign relations, departments and agencies outside of the Executive Office of the President should make a conscientious effort to present their views on regulatory matters in proceedings before the DOT and raise only matters of national defense or foreign relations that are of Presidential concern in the course of the review under section 801.
- (b) Departments and agencies of the Executive Office of the President which intend to make recommendations to the President on matters of national defense or foreign relations and have such intentions while the matter is pending before the DOT shall, except as confidentiality is required for reasons of defense or foreign policy, make the existence of such intentions and the conclusions to be recommended known to the DOT in the course of its proceedings.
- Sec. 3. After transmitting an Order under section 801 to the President for his review, the DOT shall obtain the recommendations to the President of the agencies referred to in section 1(c) of this Order.
- (a) Should any agency recommend, or contemplate recommending, that any Order submitted by the DOT to the President under section 801, be disapproved by the President, such agency shall so inform the DOT and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (hereinafter referred to as the OMB). Immediately upon the DOT's receipt of such advice, the DOT shall discontinue obtaining agency recommendations and defer any further coordinating role to the OMB as outlined in section 3 (c) of this Order. Unless specifically exempted by the DOT, the agencies referred to in section 1 (c) of this Order shall inform the DOT of the need for an OMB coordinating role, within twenty-one days

of the DOT's issuance of a proposed Order, for Orders subject to a 60 day statutory review period under section 801(a), and within three days of the DOT's issuance of a proposed Order, for Orders subject to a ten day statutory review period under section 801(b).

- (b) In the absence of a referral of a coordinating role to the OMB, the DOT is expected to transmit to the President a memorandum indicating that the agencies referred to in section 1 (c) of this Order, do not advise disapproval of the proposed Order for any national defense or foreign relations reason. Should the DOT transmit such a memorandum to the President past the 28th day since issuance of the proposed Order, the DOT shall notify the Director of the OMB, or his designee, of such delay, on or before the 28th day.
- (c) If required by the conditions outlined in section 3(a) of this Order, the OMB shall assume the responsibility of receiving the views of the agencies referred to in section 1(c) of this Order, and any other appropriate agency, and summarizing such views in a timely memorandum to the President.
- Sec. 4. (a) In advising the President with respect to his review of an order submitted to him pursuant to section 801, departments and agencies outside of the Executive Office of the President shall identify with particularity the defense or foreign policy implications of the DOT decision which are deemed appropriate for the President's consideration.
- (b) Orders involving foreign and overseas air transportation certificates of U.S. carriers that are subject to disapproval of the President are not subject to judicial review when the President disapproves an order for reasons of national defense or foreign relations. All disapprovals necessarily are based on such a Presidential decision, but failure by the President to disapprove a DOT order does not necessarily imply the existence of any national defense or foreign relations reason. For the purpose of assuring opportunity is available under the law for judicial review of the DOT decisions, all departments and agencies which made recommendations to the President pursuant to section 801 should indicate separately whether, and why, if the Order or any portion of the order is not disapproved, the President cannot state that no national defense or foreign relations reason underlies his action.

- Sec. 5. Individuals within the Executive Office of the President shall follow a policy of (a) refusing to discuss matters relating to the disposition of a case subject to the review of the President under section 801 with any interested private party, or an attorney or agent for any such party, prior to the President's decision, and (b) referring any written communication from an interested private party, or an attorney or agent for any such party, to the appropriate department or agency outside of the Executive Office of the President. Exceptions to this policy may only be made when the head of an appropriate department or agency outside of the Executive Office of the President personally finds that direct written or oral communication between a private party and a person within the Executive Office of the President is needed for reasons of defense or foreign policy.
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- Sec. 7. Although it is recognized that the provisions set forth in this Order will frequently apply to review of decisions made in adversary proceedings involving private parties, this Order is intended solely for the internal guidance of the departments and agencies in order to facilitate the Presidential review process. This Order does not confer rights on any private parties.
- Sec. 8. (a) None of the time deadlines referred to in this Order shall be construed as a limitation on an expedited Presidential review of any Order proposed under section 801.
- (b) Executive Order 11920 of June 10, 1976, is revoked as of the effective date of this Order.
- (c) This Order shall become effective on the 30th day following publication in the Federal Register.

Establishing Executive Branch Procedures Solely for the Purpose of Facilitating Presidential Review of Decisions Submitted to the President by the Civil Aeronautics Board

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States of America, including section 801 of the Federal Aviation Act, as amended (49 U.S.C. 1461), and as President of the United States of America, solely to provide Presidential guidance to department and agency heads and in order to facilitate Presidential review of decisions submitted to the President for his approval by the Civil Aeronautics Board pursuant to section 801 of the Federal Aviation Act, as amended, it is hereby ordered as follows:

- SECTION 1. (a) Except as provided in this section, decisions of the Civil Aeronautics Board, hereinafter referred to as the CAB, transmitted to the President pursuant to section 801 of the Federal Aviation Act, as amended, hereinafter referred to as section 801, may be made available by the CAB for public inspection and copying following submission to the President.
- (b) In the interests of national security, and in order to allow for consideration of appropriate action under Executive Order No. 11652, as amended, decisions of the CAB transmitted to the President under section 801 shall be withheld from public disclosure for five days after submission to the President.
- (c) At the same time that decisions of the CAB are submitted to the President pursuant to section 801, the CAB shall transmit copies thereof to the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, and the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs.
- (d) The Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense, or their designees, shall review the decisions of the CAB transmitted pursuant to subsection (c) above, and shall promptly advise the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs or his designee, whether, and if so, why, action pursuant to Executive Order No. 11652, as amended, is deemed appropriate. If, after considering the above recommendations, the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs or his designee determines that classification under Executive Order No. 11652 is appropriate, he shall take such action and immediately so inform the CAB. Action pursuant to this subsection shall be completed within five days of receipt of the decision by the President.
- (e) On and after the sixth day following receipt by the President of a CAB decision submitted pursuant to section 801, the CAB is authorized to disclose all unclassified portions of the text of such decision. Nothing in this section is intended to affect the ability to withhold material under Executive order or statute other than section 801.
- SEC. 2. (a) Views of departments and agencies outside of the Executive Office of the President, other than those views involving considerations of defense or foreign policy (including international negotiations costs) which are to be the subject of recommendations to the President in connection with his review under section 801, shall be presented to the CAB in accordance with the procedures of the CAB. While some issues will inevitably involve both questions of regulatory policy and defense or foreign policy, departments and agencies outside of the Executive Office of the President should make a conscientious effort to present their views on regulatory matters in proceedings before the CAB, and raise only matters of defense or foreign policy that are of Presidential concern in the course of the review under section 801.
- (b) Departments and agencies outside of the Executive Office of the President which intend to make recommendations to the President on matters of defense or foreign policy and have such intentions while the matter is pending before the CAB, shall, except as confidentiality is required for reasons of defense or foreign policy,

make the existence of such intentions and the conclusions to be recommended known to the CAB in the course of its proceedings.

- SEC. 3. (a) In advising the President with respect to his review of an order submitted to him pursuant to section 801, departments and agencies outside of the Executive Office of the President shall:
- -(1) identify any matter contained in their respective recommendations which was not previously submitted to the CAB pursuant to section 2(a) above;
- (2) explain why such matter was not previously submitted to the CAB for its consideration; and
- (3) identify with particularity the defense or foreign policy implications of the CAB decision which are deemed appropriate for the President's consideration.
- (b) Orders involving foreign and overseas air transportation certificates of U.S. carriers that are subject to the approval of the President are not subject to judicial review when the President approves or disapproves an order for reasons of defense or foreign policy. All disapprovals necessarily are based on such a Presidential decision, but approval by the President does not necessarily imply the existence of any defense or foreign policy reason. For the purpose of assuring whatever opportunity is available under the law for judicial review of the CAB decisions, all departments and agencies which make recommendations to the President pursuant to section 801 should indicate separately whether, and why, if the order or any portion of the order is approved, the President cannot state in his approval that no defense or foreign policy reason underlies his action.
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Sec. 7. The provisions of this Order shall be effective on the 30th day following publication in the Federal Register.

THE WHITE HOUSE, June 10, 1976.

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#### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 11, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR DAVID L. CHEW

STAFF SECRETARY

FROM:

FRED F. FIELDING Orig. signed by FFF

COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT:

Potential Changes in the Review Process

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for International Aviation Decisions

Submitted to the President

I have reviewed the changes in the review process for international aviation decisions proposed by Connie Horner. I agree that it is necessary to revise Executive Order 11920, in light of the "sunset" of the Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB). I am not convinced, however, of the desirability of the principal change in the review process proposed by Ms. Horner.

Ms. Horner would establish a two-track system for review of international aviation orders proposed by the Department of Transportation (DOT). Review would be coordinated by DOT unless an affected agency contemplated recommending disapproval of an order. In that event, review would be coordinated by OMB.

Providing distinct review processes depending on the merits of a case, however, discloses significant information about the Presidential deliberative process. Thus, whenever a case were channeled to OMB, interested parties and observers would know that at least one of the affected agencies objected to the proposed decision, even if the President ultimately decided not to disapprove it. In addition, agencies may become reluctant to voice minor qualms about an order, if doing so requires activating a special review process. The President, however, should be made aware of all agency concerns, and not have some filtered out because of the administrative costs of raising them.

These are, admittedly, not overly serious problems, but I see no benefits to the two-track approach that outweigh them. Indeed, the two-track approach is inefficient, in that it requires two sets of bureaucrats trained in handling Section 801 cases -- one in DOT and one in OMB -- rather than one.

I would delete all of section 3 of Ms. Horner's proposed order. I would add a new section 3(a) to read as follows: "After an Order under section 801 is transmitted to the President for review, OMB shall obtain the recommendations to the President of the agencies referred to in section 1(c) of this Order." Section 4(a) of the proposed order should then be changed to 3(b), and 4(b) to 3(c), and the remainder of the order renumbered accordingly. In section 2(b) of the proposed order, "outside" should be inserted between "agencies" and "of." I have no strong views on whether time deadlines for submission of agency views to OMB should be imposed in the Executive Order.

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#### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 21, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR DAVID L. CHEW

STAFF SECRETARY

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS

ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT:

DOT International Aviation Decisions: Action

Air Cargo Corporation and Air Express

International Corporation

Our office has reviewed the above-referenced Department of Transportation International Aviation decisions, and has no legal objection to the procedure that was followed with respect to Presidential review of such decisions under 49 U.S.C. § 1461(a).

We also have no legal objection to OMB's recommendation that the President not disapprove these orders or to the substance of the letter from the President to the Secretary of Transportation prepared by OMB.

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#### THE WHITE HOUSE

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Presidential Determination
No. 85-14

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE ELIZABETH H. DOLE The Secretary of Transportation

SUBJECT:

Suspension of Foreign Air Transportation to Lebanon by U.S. Air Carriers and of Foreign Air Transportation by Lebanse Carriers

By virtue of the authority vested in me by Section 1114(a) of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958, as amended ("the Act"), I hereby:

- (1) determine that Lebanon is acting in a manner inconsistent with the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft;
- (2) suspend the rights of all air carriers within the meaning of Section 101(3) of the Act to engage in foreign air transportation, whether direct or indirect (including through interline agreements), to and from Lebanon; and
- (3) suspend the rights of Middle East Airlines Airliban, S.A.L. (MEA), on its own behalf, and Trans-Mediterranean Airways, S.A.L. (TMA), both Lebanese carriers, to engage in foreign air transportation within the meaning of Section 101(24) of the Act.

You are requested to bring this determination and these suspensions immediately to the attention of all air carriers within the meaning of Section 101(3) of the Act and to the attention of MEA and TMA.

This determination shall be published in the Federal Register.

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(a) Whenever the President determines that a foreign nation is actig in a manner inconsistent with the Convention for the Suppression of mlawful Seizure of Aircraft, or if he determines that a foreign naon permits the use of territory under its jurisdiction as a base of oprations or training or as a sanctuary for, or in any way arms, aids, abets, any terrorist organization which knowingly uses the illegal eizure of aircraft or the threat thereof as an instrument of policy, he ay, without notice or hearing and for as long as he determines necesry to assure the security of aircraft against unlawful seizure, susend (1) the right of any air carrier or foreign air carrier to engage a foreign air transportation, and the right of any person to operate arcraft in foreign air commerce, to and from that foreign nation, and 2) the right of any foreign air carrier to engage in foreign air transortation, and the right of any foreign person to operate aircraft in oreign air commerce, between the United States and any foreign naon which maintains air service between itself and that foreign nation. otwithstanding section 1502 of this title, the President's authority to uspend rights under this section shall be deemed to be a condition to my certificate of public convenience and necessity or foreign air carer or foreign aircraft permit issued by the Civil Aeronautics Board ind any air carrier operating certificate or foreign air carrier operatng specification issued by the Secretary of Transportation.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any air carrier or foreign air carrier to ugage in foreign air transportation, or for any person to operate aircraft in foreign air commerce, in violation of the suspension of rights by the President under this section.

Pub.L. 85-726, Title XI, § 1114, as added Pub.L. 93-366, Title I, § 166, Aug. 5, 1974, 88 Stat. 413.

#### Historical Note

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#### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 11, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR DAVID L. CHEW

STAFF SECRETARY

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS

ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT:

DOT International Aviation Decision:

Transportes Aereos Bolivianos

Our office has reviewed the above-referenced Department of Transportation International Aviation decision, and has no legal objection to the procedure that was followed with respect to Presidential review of such decisions under 49 U.S.C. § 1461(a).

We also have no legal objection to OMB's recommendation that the President not disapprove this order or to the substance of the letter from the President to the Secretary of Transportation prepared by OMB.

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**RESPONSE:** 



# EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

JUL 10 1985

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MEMORANDUM FOR: STAFF SECRETARY

AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT:

Department of Transportation International

Aviation Decision:

Transportes Aereos Bolivianos

Docket 41932

Date due: July 13, 1985

Attached is a memorandum for the President about the above international aviation case. The interested executive agencies have reviewed the Department of Transportation's (DOT) decision and have no objection to the proposed order.

This is a routine, noncontroversial matter. No foreign policy or national defense reason for disapproving DOT's order has been identified. I recommend that the President sign the attached letter to the Secretary of Transportation which indicates that he does not intend to disapprove the proposed order within the 60 days allowed by statute. Otherwise, DOT's order becomes final on the 61st day.

Original signed by Constance Horner

Constance Horner Associate Director Economics and Government

#### Attachments:

Memorandum to the President DOT letter of transmittal DOT order Letter to the Secretary



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT:

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) proposes to take the following action with regard to the above international aviation case:

-- Renew for five years the authority of Transportes Aereos Bolivianos to engage in foreign air transportation of property between Bolivia and the United States and engage in charter foreign air transportation.

The Departments of State, Defense, and Justice, and the National Security Council have not identified any foreign policy or national defense reason for disapproving the order in whole or in part.

The Office of Management and Budget recommends that you approve DOT's decision by signing the attached letter to the Secretary which indicates that you do not intend to disapprove DOT's order within the 60 days allowed by statute for your review.

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## Options and Implementation Actions:

- ( ) (1) Approve DOT's order (DOS, DOD, DOJ, NSC, OMB). -- Sign the attached letter to the Secretary.
- ( ) (2) Disapprove DOT's order.-- Implementation materials to be prepared.
- ( ) (3) See me.

# THE WHITE HOUSE

Dear Madam Secretary:

I have reviewed the order proposed by the Department of Transportation in the following case:

Transportes Aereos Bolivianos Docket 41932

I have decided not to disapprove the proposed order.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Elizabeth Dole Secretary of Transportation Washington, D.C. 20590



Office of Assistant Secretary

400 Seventh St., S.W. Washington, D.C. 20590

MAY 1 5 1985

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

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The President (2)

We are submitting the proposed decision to you before publication under the provisions of section 801(a) of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958. In accordance with Executive Order 11920, however, we plan to release all unclassified portions of the decision on or after the sixth day following this transmittal unless notified by your Assistant for National Security Affairs.

Respectfully yours,

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Assistant Secretary for Policy and International Affairs

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