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[ca. Feb. 1975]

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DONALD RUMSFELD  
FROM: WILLIAM N. WALKER *Walker*  
SUBJECT: Civil Aeronautics Board Changes

Mel Laird called me concerning the Civil Aeronautics Board. He concurs with the judgment that Timm should not be re-appointed Chairman. However, he strongly urged that Whitney Gilliland be extended for a period of up to six months so as not to have a vacancy on the CAB while a new Chairman is being confirmed. He points out that the CAB has a number of important issues before it which are up for decision in February and March. Under the CAB statute, a two-two vote on rate and fare matters would result in proposed rates becoming effective. On the other hand, in route matters and matters relating to international agreements a two-two vote would prevent the Board from granting the necessary authorization. A split Board is likely if a vacancy exists and, in light of these statutory consequences, would be undesirable.

Laird also believes that there is likely to be a delay in confirmation of any nominee to become Chairman of the CAB.

I concur in these thoughts and make the following recommendations:

1. That we advise Timm that he will not be reappointed Chairman in accordance with your prior decision.
2. That we ask Whitney Gilliland to stay on to continue to serve through June 30, 1975 or such earlier date as his successor is confirmed and sworn in.

3. That we announce publicly your decision to appoint a new Chairman.

4. That you appoint Richard J. O'Melia as Acting Chairman pending the nomination and confirmation of a successor Chairman. O'Melia is a Republican. His resume is attached at Tab A.

Approve

G. R. F.

Disapprove

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TAB A

May 16, 1974

Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

The President today announced his intention to nominate Richard Joseph O'Melia, of Westmoreland Hills, Maryland, for reappointment as a Member of the Civil Aeronautics Board for the term of six years expiring December 31, 1980.

Mr. O'Melia is currently serving the remainder of the term expiring December 31, 1974. From 1957 until his appointment to the CAB on November 26, 1973, he was a member of the CAB staff, serving as Special Assistant in the Office of the General Counsel, Deputy Director of the Bureau of International Affairs, and from May 1969 to November 1973 as Director of the CAB's Bureau of Enforcement. From 1953 to 1955 he was a member of the professional staff of the U. S. Senate Committee on Government Operations serving as General Counsel.

He was born in Rhinelander, Wisconsin, on May 24, 1917. Mr. O'Melia received his M. A. degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1939 and his LL. B. from the Marquette University Law School in 1948, following his service as an officer in the U. S. Marine Corps from 1941 to 1946. From 1948 to 1951, he was engaged in the private practice of law with the firm of O'Melia and Kaye, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and from 1951 to 1953, he was assistant city attorney for the city of Milwaukee.

Mr. O'Melia is married to the former Anetta Jane O'Neil. They have five children.

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*O'Melia, Richard Joseph*



CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM

TO: WHITE HOUSE PERSONNEL OPERATION

FROM: JOHN VICKERMAN

SUBJ: APPOINTMENT CLEARANCE REQUEST

CLEARANCE REQUESTED -  FBI  HILL  FIELD

WHPO USE ONLY

FULL NAME Richard Joseph O'Melia		SSN
GRADE/LEVEL AND TYPE OF APPOINTMENT PAS, Level IV		APPOINTMENT DATE (WHPO Use Only)
DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY CAB		CITY AND STATE Washington, D. C.
POSITION TITLE <u>Commissioner Member</u>		

Enter below the following specific information:

Political Affiliation Republican

Voting Address 5304 Blackstone Road, Westmoreland Hills, Washington, D. C. 200.6

Mailing Address same as above (post office is in D. C., address in Maryland)

Ethnic Background Irish Sex Male

Date and Place of Birth May 2, 1917, Rhinelander, Wisconsin

New position \_\_\_\_\_ or replacing reappointment

who is \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Also attach completed, up-to-date and legible Standard Form 171 (Application for Federal Employment).

RECOMMENDED BY  Bob Timm, Chairman, CAB	TITLE	DATE
SIGNATURE OF SUBMITTING OFFICIAL		

# PERSONAL RESUME

Richard Joseph O'Melia

Home Address: 5304 Blackistone Road  
Westmoreland Hills  
Washington, D. C. 20016

656-7942

Business Address:

*MEMBER*  
*Commissioner*  
~~Director, Bureau of Enforcement~~  
Civil Aeronautics Board  
Washington, D. C. 20428

~~DU. 2-7695~~

Date of Birth: May 24, 1917 -- Rhinelander, Wisconsin

Marital Status: Married to the former Annetta Jane O'Neil, on May 18, 1942  
5 children.

Education: 1931 - 1935  
Rhinelander, Wisconsin Junior and Senior High Schools  
1935 - 1939  
University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana - M. A. Degree  
1939 - 1940 and 1946 - 1948  
University of Marquette Law School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
L. L. B. Degree

Military Service: 1937 - 1963 -- U. S. Marine Corps Reserve. Commissioned  
2nd Lt., U. S. Marine Air Corps on December 8, 1941.  
Instructor U. S. Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida,  
Pacific Theatre of Operations. Commanding Officer, Marine  
Corps Air Station, Kinston, North Carolina. Honorably dis-  
charged in 1946. Bronze Star citation, Retired Lt. Colonel  
USMCR in 1963.

Professional Experience: July, 1957 to Present  
Civil Aeronautics Board, Washington, D. C.  
Special Assistant, Office of the General Council  
Deputy Director, Bureau of International Affairs  
Director, Bureau of Enforcement (Assumed this new  
assignment on May 5, 1965)

1955 - 1957

Appointed professional staff member of the U. S. Senate  
Government Operations Committee



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Personal Resume  
Richard J. O'Melia

1953 - 1955

Appointed General Counsel to the U. S. Senate Government Operations Committee.

1951 - 1953

Appointed June 1, 1951, as Assistant City Attorney, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Was granted leave of absence from City Attorney's Office August, September and October, 1952, while working for State of Wisconsin Republican Party.

1948 - 1951

Engaged in the general practice of law under the firm name of O'Melia & Kaye, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Memberships:

Wisconsin State Bar Association; American Bar Association; Admitted to practice in the State of Wisconsin, in the U. S. Supreme Court, U. S. Court of Claims; Knights of Columbus; Kenwood Golf and Country Club; Notre Dame Alumni Club and the Wisconsin State Society.

Miscellaneous:

Author of Senate Document 148, First Complete Compilation of U. S. Senate and U. S. House of Representatives Hearings on Communism 1918 - 1956.  
Top Security clearance - 1958 to date.  
Hobbies include golfing, fishing and hunting  
President, Senior Class, University of Notre Dame in 1939

Foreign Travel:

As a member of official U. S. delegations negotiating bilateral air transport agreements, have traveled extensively throughout the world over the past 8 years, assisting in formulating U. S. policy in International Civil Aviation.