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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN *by*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 28, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: JIM CANNON *[Signature]*
SUBJECT: DESIGNATION OF SECRETARY COLEMAN
AS ADMINISTRATION'S COORDINATOR
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA METRO

PURPOSE

To recommend the designation of the Secretary of the Department of Transportation to coordinate the Federal effort for the District of Columbia Metro problems.

BACKGROUND

Because of the history of the District of Columbia's dependence on the Federal Government and because of the independent structure of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, Metro issues have been closely associated with the White House. The current press coverage has reported that OMB has sent an option paper to you. Consequently, you will be placed out front of every future Metro issue.

Metro should be considered as a transportation issue rather than a District matter. The Secretary of Transportation is the logical choice to be the Administration's coordinator on the D. C. Metro. This would serve the dual purpose of removing the issue from the White House and placing it in the context of the nation's transportation program.

RECOMMENDATION

That you designate Secretary William Coleman as the Administration's coordinator for the Washington Metro. Jack Marsh and Paul O'Neill concur in this recommendation. If you approve, I will advise the Secretary and other interested parties.

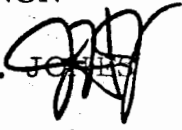
MMF APPROVE

_____ DISAPPROVE

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 5, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CANNON
FROM: JERRY H. JOHNS 
SUBJECT: Designation of Secretary Coleman
as Administration's Coordinator
for the District of Columbia METRO

Your memorandum to the President of May 28 on the above subject has been reviewed and your recommendation was approved.

Please follow-up with the appropriate action.

Thank you.

cc: Don Rumsfeld