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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 15, 1975

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR:

DOUGLAS P. BENNETT

FROM:

JAMES E. CONNOR *JEC*

The Recommended Telephone Call to John L. McLucas submitted by you on October 14 was returned in the President's outbox with the following notation:

"Done -- He will let us know Friday"

cc: Don Rumsfeld

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO: John L. McLucas, Secretary of the Air Force

DATE: Urgent, preferably October 15, 1975

RECOMMENDED BY: Douglas P. Bennett *DPB*

PURPOSE: To confirm your strong interest in his taking the FAA Administrator's position

BACKGROUND: McLucas is concerned that he is being moved out of the Air Force position and into the FAA because we are somehow dissatisfied with his performance as Secretary of the Air Force. He is probably aware of our abortive search over an eight month period for an Administrator but he should have been made equally aware of the quality of the men we have had under consideration. The following points would therefore bear emphasizing:

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

1. That you wanted to tell him personally how anxious you were for him to shoulder the FAA burden .
2. That his combination of experience as Under Secretary and Secretary of the Air Force and in the research and development operation there made him uniquely and almost ideally suited for the needs of FAA at this time.
3. That coming from the military sector he should be able to quickly determine how much of current FAA structure and procedure is necessary and how much might be cut away in the interests both of efficiency and safety.
4. That a well run and reorganized FAA is crucial to the development of a national transportation policy, and that Bill Coleman is very much interested in having him aboard and helping to hammer out the aviation part of that policy.

Date of Submission: October 14, 1975

Action _____

*Done -
He will let
us know
Frederic
DR*