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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS

SWEARING-IN OF JOHN MC LUCAS

FAA ADMINISTRATOR

NOVEMBER 24, 1975

IT IS A PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU FOR THE
SWEARING IN OF DR. JOHN MC LUCAS AS ADMINISTRATOR OF
THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION.

WHEN BILL COLEMAN SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED
JOHN MC LUCAS FOR THIS IMPORTANT NEW RESPONSIBILITY,
I WAS ONLY TOO HAPPY TO NOMINATE HIM.

INSURING THE SAFE PASSAGE OF MILLIONS OF AMERICAN
AIR TRAVELLERS -- WHETHER FOR BUSINESS OR PLEASURE -- IS A
RESPONSIBILITY REQUIRING GREAT DEDICATION, SKILL AND INDUSTRY.
ALL OF THESE QUALITIES HAVE BEEN ABUNDANTLY DISPLAYED IN
JOHN MC LUCAS' CAREER.

HE HAS BEEN AN INVENTOR, AN ENGINEER,
A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSMAN, AND A DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC
SERVANT IN A VARIETY OF CHALLENGING GOVERNMENTAL POSITIONS.

FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS, HE HAS SERVED WITH
GREAT DISTINCTION AS SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE. THE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, IN BESTOWING UPON DR. MC LUCAS
ITS HIGHEST CIVILIAN AWARD -- THE DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC
SERVICE MEDAL -- CITED HIS "SUPERIOR JUDGMENT," HIS
"BRILLIANT FORESIGHT," HIS "OUTSTANDING MANAGERIAL
COMPETANCE," AND HIS "POSITIVE DIRECTION."

HIS TALENTS, HIS EXPERIENCE, HIS DEPTH AND
BREADTH OF EXPERTISE, HIS CAPACITY FOR LEADERSHIP,
PROVIDE FAR MORE THAN AMPLE QUALIFICATION FOR THE NEW
OFFICE HE IS ABOUT TO ENTER.

SECRETARY COLEMAN AND I PLACE GREAT FAITH AND
CONFIDENCE IN HIS ABILITY AND GREAT EXPECTATIONS IN HIS
SERVICE AS HEAD OF THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION.
I JOIN ALL OF YOU IN WISHING HIM GREAT SUCCESS IN THIS
IMPORTANT NEW ASSIGNMENT.

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