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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN . . .

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 11, 1976

TALKING POINTS FOR THE PRESIDENT ON THE HIGHJACKING

1. I am deeply concerned for the safety of the passengers and the crew on the flight, and I have asked to be kept regularly informed of all developments.
2. Secretary Coleman last night directed Dr. John McLucas, Administrator of the F.A.A., to investigate promptly the boarding procedures undertaken for this flight to see if there is any breakdown in security efforts at Laguardia Airport.
3. I have also directed Secretary Coleman to make certain that we continue to be vigilant at all U.S. airports, and to make certain that passengers will travel in safety.
4. I have asked Secretary Coleman to report to me on what, if anything, needs to be done to improve present airport security.
5. TWA is negotiating with the highjackers, not the U.S. government.

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