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Office of the White House Press Secretary

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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President today announced his decision to appoint a new Chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board. The term of office of the current Chairman, Robert D. Timm, expires December 31, 1974.

The President has decided not to reappoint Mr. Timm as Chairman. Mr. Timm will continue to serve as a member of the Civil Aeronautics Board. His term expires in December 1976.

The President will sign today an Executive Order exempting Whitney Gilliland from mandatory retirement when Mr. Gilliland turns 70 on January 3, 1975. Under this order, Mr. Gilliland can continue to serve as a member of the Civil Aeronautics Board through June 30, 1975. Mr. Gilliland was first appointed to the Board in 1959 and served as Chairman in 1960 to 1961.

The President intends to nominate a successor to Mr. Gilliland after Congress reconvenes next year. The successor will take office upon retirement of Mr. Gilliland and will be nominated to become Chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board.

The President is designating Richard J. O'Melia as Acting Chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board to serve until the new Chairman takes office. Mr. O'Melia has been a member of the Civil Aeronautics Board since November, 1973, and was reappointed to a six year term on September 24, 1974.

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