

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR: HONORABLE WILLIAM T. COLEMAN, JR.  
Secretary  
Department of Transportation

SUBJECT: Airline Safety

I have read with considerable concern news reports on the recent "near miss" incidents involving large passenger jets. It is of great importance that we maintain our excellent record in air safety. Therefore, I am requesting a report from you summarizing the circumstances surrounding these incidents and identifying the steps that are being taken to avoid similar problems in the future.

This matter merits immediate attention, particularly as we enter the holiday season when air travel will be heavy.

*Gerald R. Ford*