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THE WHITE HOUSE

The President today announced his intention to nominate Webster B. Todd, Jr., of Far Hills, New Jersey, to be a member of the National Transportation Safety Board for the term expiring December 31, 1980. The President also announced his intention to nominate Mr. Todd to be Chairman of the Board for a term of two years. He will succeed John H. Reed whose term has expired in both capacities. This is the first time that a person has been nominated to be Chairman as a result of Public Law 93-633 of January 3, 1975.

The President is also designating John H. Reed as Acting Chairman until the confirmation of Mr. Todd.

A native of New York City, Mr. Todd was born December 1, 1938. He received his A. B. degree from Princeton University in 1961. From 1962 to 1963, he was a partner with Basking Ridge Aviation; Owner of the Princeton Aviation Corporation from 1963 to 1969; Partner with General Aviation Engineering, Somerville, New Jersey from 1965 to 1969; and President of the Princeton Air Research Park Company in Princeton, New Jersey from 1965 to 1969.

Mr. Todd served as an Assemblyman in the New Jersey Legislature from 1967 to 1969. He came to Washington in 1969 as Special Assistant to the Chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board where he served two years before going to the White House in 1971 as Executive Director of the White House Conference on Aging. In 1973 he served four months as a Consultant to the Secretary of the Department of Transportation. He was named Inspector General of Foreign Assistance at the Department of State in May 1974.

Mr. Todd is married to the former Sheila Mitchell O'Keefe and they have three children.

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