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STATEMENT BY ALAN S. BOYD, UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR TRANSPORTATION  
AS CHAIRMAN OF THE INTERAGENCY MARITIME TASK FORCE

We have received a number of inquiries concerning newspaper stories and other published information on what is alleged to be the report of the Interagency Maritime Task Force. The Maritime Task Force was organized in June and has been meeting regularly since that time. It was charged with the responsibility of examining in depth the nation's current maritime policies and programs and the implications of continuing them. It has the additional responsibility of examining various alternatives and making recommendations.

It is apparent that one or more persons has obtained a copy of one of a series of staff papers which have been prepared for consideration by the Task Force. This is not the final report of the Task Force. In fact, no final report has yet been prepared and adopted.

The Task Force will continue its efforts to develop a final report which will recommend a policy and program for the future course of the American Merchant Marine.

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