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Secretary of Transportation Alan S. Boyd today reported to Vice President Humphrey that the Department's efforts in connection with the President's Youth Opportunity Campaign had resulted in the hiring of nearly 28,000 needy youths.

"These are the kinds of responses I wanted to my request of all employers --- public and private --- to hire more young people this summer," said the Vice President, Chairman of the President's Council on Youth Opportunity.

Most of the youths, 25,587, are employed on Federal-aid highway projects and were hired through the cooperative efforts of the Federal Highway Administration, regional Federal highway administrators, state highway departments and contractors working under Federal construction grants. Of the 2,065 youths working directly for the Department of Transportation, 1,257 were hired as part of the Youth Opportunity Campaign.

Some of the youths are being offered a special nine-week training course designed to upgrade their clerical and reading and writing skills. Youths showing a need through diagnostic tests for refresher training receive individual counselling on what can be gained by attending the voluntary course.

By operating elements of the Department, there are 1,154 youths in the Federal Aviation Administration, 492 in the Federal Highway Administration,

347 in the Coast Guard, 42 in the Office of the Secretary, 21 in the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, 7 in the Federal Railroad Administration and 2 in the National Transportation Safety Board.

Secretary Body told the Vice President that all elements of his Department are being urged to continue, even at this stage of the summer, to hire youths in support of the President's Youth Opportunity Campaign. Offices of the Department in outlying areas of cities are working with state employment agencies and local Community Action Agencies to provide chartered transportation from in-town points and back so that city youths can have access to jobs.