



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION
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Dear Editor:

The Department of Transportation along with other Federal agencies is actively supporting President Johnson's summer program for the employment of disadvantaged youth.

In connection with this effort the Secretary of Transportation Alan S. Boyd has prepared the enclosed remarks for submission to you for your use in any manner that you see fit.

With continued best wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Raymond L. Courage".

Raymond L. Courage
Director
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Enclosure

BY ALAN S. BOYD
SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

I'm frequently asked, "What can businessmen do to help set America right? What can I do as a person to help correct the imbalance between the privileged and the underprivileged?"

This summer, thousands of answers are pouring out of our schools - - answers in the form of young people looking for employment. Many will be bright, personable, educated teenagers. For them, there is no problem. But many will be shy, ill at ease, poorly educated and unskilled. We can find work for these, or we can leave them on the streets with mischief as their daily companion.

The Government is doing its part. The Department of Transportation, for example, plans to hire over 1,700 of these disadvantaged youngsters. But the Government cannot do it all. The problem cries for personal involvement.

Management may say, "What can I do with these youngsters?" The answer is that you can hire them -- give them training. You can start equipping them for a tomorrow that has promise. You will find, later, that hiring these youngsters will pay dividends in the form of loyal and dependable employees.

The future of America's transportation industry is bright and exciting. I urge you to let these youngsters share in that future. Let us show them friendship and honest concern. Let us give them that most important outlook of confidence and hope.