

TALKING POINTS FOR
SECRETARY ELIZABETH HANFORD DOLE
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* Welcome to the U.S. Department of Transportation. We are pleased to have you here for the next new months.

* Some of you have already begun working in your appointed offices. For others, this is your first day. Still others will be joining the program a little later,

* We hope you will find this experience in government worthwhile. I have always felt that working in the public interest is rewarding and exciting.

* You come here from many different backgrounds, from different regions and states -- including, I note, my own home state of North Carolina. I'm sure your interests and experiences are just as diverse. But I hope you share a common interest in transportation and a concern for our country and its future.

* The colleges you attend -- Michigan University, Notre Dame, UCLA, University of Kansas, Brigham Young and Duke, my alma mater, to name but a few -- are institutions we rely on to train the professionals and managers of the future.

* The career goals you bring to the Department, are varied, from among the areas of law and law enforcement to political science, accounting, economics, journalism and even philosophy and Greek.

* I know you came here to get a feel for how government works, but we are looking forward to learning just as much from your fresh approach and ideas.

* Someone once said that, "Those who 'know it all' can never learn anything, while those who are the most learned are always students."

* I hope you will enjoy your work in the different agencies of the Department. Some of you will be in the operating administrations, such as the Federal Aviation Administration, the Urban Mass Transportation Administration, the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Railroad Administration and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Others will be in the Office of the Secretary, in such areas as Congressional Affairs, General Counsel and Public Affairs.

* I am delighted you are here and look forward to working with you. We plan to keep you busy and -- I hope -- to whet your appetite for public service.

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