



**U.S. Department of
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Memorandum

Subject: Department of Transportation Tribute to
President Lyndon Baines Johnson

Date: July 28, 1997

From: Suzanne Sullivan
Kate Hallahan

Reply to
Attn. of:

To: Patricia Grodin
William Clyburn

We wanted to pass along additional details on the tribute to President Lyndon B. Johnson the Department is planning in late August. As we discussed with Senator Robb, the date of the events will be Wednesday, August 27. Here is the current schedule of events, please let us know if any of the times present a problem --our only firm time is the 2:30 p.m. scheduled beginning for the Forum at the LBJ School.

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To: Elizabeth Pyke

We wanted to pass along additional details on the tribute to President Lyndon B. Johnson the Department is planning on August 27. Here is the current schedule of events for your review. We would be delighted to have Governor Richards' participation in any and all of the events. Specifically, we would like Governor Richards to give opening remarks at the Forum at the Lyndon B. Johnson Library Auditorium (see below). If possible, we would like to confirm the Governor's participation at your earliest convenience.

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12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Lunch with the Johnson Family at the Ranch

Secretary Slater and a small official delegation will attend this lunch at the Johnson Family Ranch.

1:00 p.m.

Depart for the Lyndon B. Johnson Library in Austin

We are currently exploring travel options for this trip -- the Secretary will either travel by car or by airplane if the appropriate arrangements can be made.

2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

A Forum on the "Opportunities & Challenges for Transportation in the 21st Century"

Lyndon Baines Johnson Library Auditorium
2313 Red River St.
Austin, TX
(512) 916-5137

The tentative program for the forum is as follows:

Welcome -- Either UT President Flaun or LBJ Dean Dorn
Reflections on President Johnson's Life -- Governor Ann Richards
Brief Video Tribute to President Johnson
Remarks -- Secretary Rodney Slater

Transportation Forum--One panel of transportation visionaries (possible panelists include: Fred Smith of Federal Express, Herb Kelleher of Southwest Airlines, Robert Crandall of American Airlines, Gerald Grinstein formerly with Burlington Northern Railroad, Judith Espinoza with the Alliance for Transportation Research). The Moderator will be Dr. Leigh Boske, Associate Dean at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs. We are hopeful that CSPAN will carry the Forum.

Note: We would love to have Governor Richards reflect on President Johnson's broader contributions to the country. Secretary Slater will then speak to President Johnson's vision and leadership in creating the Department of Transportation. Senator Charles Robb may attend a portion of the Forum depending on his schedule.

Please feel free to call either one of us with any questions or concerns. Kate can be reached at 366-9365 or Suzanne can be reached at 366-2223.



THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

July 31, 1997

Mr. J.B. Hunt
President
J.B. Hunt Transport, Inc.
615 J.B. Hunt Corporate Drive
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Dear J.B.:

Thirty years ago, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law legislation that created the Department of Transportation. We at the Department have been celebrating this historic anniversary with a series of events running throughout the year. I will be in Austin, Texas on August 27, which is President Johnson's birthday, to pay tribute to his vision and leadership in creating the Department of Transportation and to Mrs. Johnson's tremendous contribution to the beautification of our nation's highways. The Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas has agreed to co-host a Forum on the Future: *Opportunities and Challenges for Transportation in the 21st Century*.

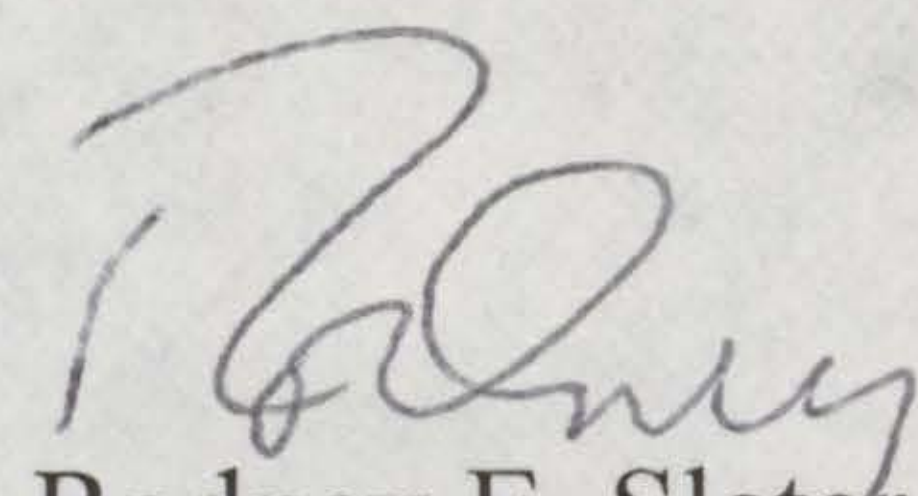
This afternoon policy forum promises to be a key component of the day's activities and will focus on the opportunities and challenges in transportation for the next century. Specifically, we are inviting transportation industry leaders like yourself to participate in a panel discussion on what the future holds for transportation and how best to address the industry's workforce, infrastructure and technology needs. The attendees at the policy forum will range from University of Texas students to representatives of transportation labor, management and government. Former Governor Ann Richards has already expressed interest in participating in the forum.

I would sincerely appreciate your personal participation in the forum as a special guest panelist. Your presence would be an important addition to the celebration of the Department of Transportation's 30th anniversary.

This forum promises to be a most thought provoking segment of the Department's 30th anniversary celebration. A member of my staff will be following up with your office shortly. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me or Kate Hallahan of my staff at (202) 366-9365 with any questions you may have about details or to confirm your attendance.

I am hoping to see you on the 27th.

Sincerely,


Rodney E. Slater

Author: Diana Marino at OSTNOV2

Date: 7/31/97 2:07 PM

Priority: Normal

Receipt Requested

TO: Kate Hallahan at OSTNOVM

Subject: More progress

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JJ Pickle has been on vacation but wondering what was going on. I called his assistant today just as she was being asked by JJ! Talk about timing. She's going to talk to Mrs. Johnson's people, JJ, the Chamber and pick their brains - she got the idea in 30 seconds what we are trying to achieve. She'll ring us back in the morning. I told her I spoke to Valenti too - so we should have some feedback. hope this helps -- diana

Author: Diana Marino at OSTNOV2

Date: 7/31/97 2:08 PM

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TO: Kate Hallahan at OSTNOVM

Subject: Re: Hear that you are the woman we need!!

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Subject: Re: Hear that you are the woman we need!!

Author: Diana Marino at OSTNOV2

Date: 7/31/97 1:14 PM

Hi -- OK, I got to work on this. Jack Valenti leaves on the 26th for the Venice Film Festival. He willl, however, suggest panelists, someone from the Johnson Admin., etc. etc., I believe. J.J. Pickle's assistant is calling me back - he represented Austin for 30 odd years, so Janice ought to have some ideas. Chris Edley, Harvard, whom I interviewed with Leon for the transportation pad job is going to call me so I can pick his brain -- I'll get back to youdiana

Diana:

Judi said that you may be able to help us (1) identify possible panelists for the LBJ event and perhaps more important (2) people that we should be inviting to attend (including the luncheon). I suspect some the real high powered ones won't come if they are not on the panel but we want to make sure that they get a courtesy invite.

Call me at 62223 or e-mail.

Thanks, Suzanne