



THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

July 30, 1997

Mr. Ronald Barnes
President
Conference of Minority Transportation Officials
777 North Capitol Street
Washington, D.C. 20002

Dear Mr. Barnes:

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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.

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I am hoping to see you on the 27th.

Sincerely,


Rodney E. Slater



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President
Federal Express
1980 Nonconnah Boulevard
Memphis, TN 38132

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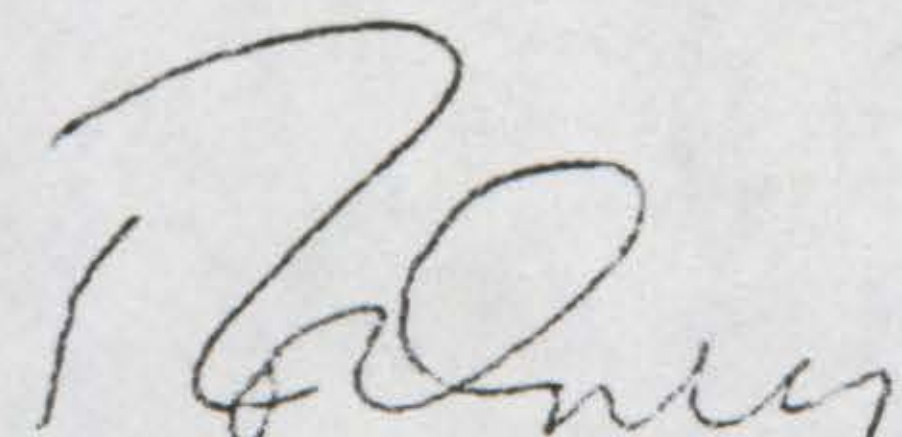
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President
J.B. Hunt Transport, Inc.
615 J.B. Hunt Corporate Drive
Lowell, AR 72745

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