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The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Thursday, August 2 has two actualities dealing with cutting cargo thefts at truck terminals.

Transportation Secretary Claude Brinegar announced today that a cooperative security effort by seven New Jersey truck terminals succeeded in cutting cargo theft and pilferage losses in half.

Assistant Secretary William Heffelfinger comments:

"I hope that this will set an example for management elsewhere to move forward in response to this problem of theft-related cargo losses. These firms spend about \$68,000 which resulted in a \$283,000 reduction in claims during 1972. And, using a Department study as a basis, they had increased profits totaling \$140,000 as a result of the improved security.

"This effort paid off through the use of guard security, fencing, lighting and improved cargo accountability procedures, to mention a few of the measures. But, there is no doubt that good management and security awareness by the terminal manager is the single most effective deterrent to cargo theft."

This has been the Transportation News Report. For further information dial 202-426-4333.

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