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The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Tuesday, August 7 has two actualities from a Press Conference on a Department official's recent trip to the Soviet Union.

The Federal Aviation Administrator Alexander Butterfield held a press conference today on a joint Aeronautical and Technological Symposium which he attended in the Soviet Union July 22 through 25. He had these comments about the purpose of the meetings:

The specific purpose being, in my mind, a discussion -- a technical discussion -- of new and safer methods of utilizing intelligently two increasingly rare commodities -- airports and airspace. That was a broad interpretation of the purpose, but nevertheless accurate, in my mind. I said that our two countries have a great deal in common, so much so that I thought that it was important that we realize together that continued and dramatic economic development depended to a large degree on more efficient air systems operating in well-planned coordination with other modes of transportation.

Butterfield went on to point out what each nation could gain from such conferences, he said:

No nation has a monopoly on brains -- no nation has a monopoly on resources or technological know-how. The same thing I said at the Paris Air Show -- it bothers me when others believe that we Americans think that we're necessarily number one in everything. We don't by a long shot -- and we fully realize that other governments -- other people throughout the world have out-paced us as a matter of fact -- not just kept abreast but out-paced us in a number of very important technological areas. The name of the game was exchange -- a mutual trust and exchange.

This has been the transportation news report.