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Today, President Ford accepted with deep regret the resignation of Frank C. Herringer, the Administrator of the Urban Mass Transportation Administration. The resignation is to be effective July 1, 1975. In his letter accepting the resignation, President Ford said "...it is with sincere gratitude for your dedicated service to our Nation, that I accept your resignation as Urban Mass Transportation Administrator, effective July 1, 1975, as you requested.

In doing so, I welcome this opportunity to express my personal appreciation for the exceptional manner in which you have directed the complex and rapidly growing Federal urban mass transportation program over the past two and one-half years. Your accomplishments during this eventful period have been many, but I have been particularly impressed with the key role you have played in the design, passage, and implementation of the National Mass Transportation Assistance Act of 1974. It is the most significant mass transportation legislation since the inception of the UMTA program and an accomplishment in which you can always take great personal pride."

Mr. Herringer is planning to accept the position of General Manager and Chief Executive Officer of the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) system in San Francisco.

Mr. Herringer was nominated to be Urban Mass Transportation Administrator on December 19, 1972, and assumed his duties on February 2, 1973, after confirmation by the Senate. As Administrator,

Mr. Herringer has been responsible for directing the total Federal program of financial assistance and research and development in urban mass transportation, with an annual budget of approximately \$1.5 billion. He was a major architect of the design and passage of the National Mass Transportation Assistance Act of 1974, which established a six year, \$11.8 billion Federal mass transportation program, including the first Federal participation in operating assistance for mass transportation. In recognition of his accomplishments as Urban Mass Transportation Administrator, on January 24, 1975 Mr. Herringer received the Secretary of Transportation's Award for Outstanding Achievement, the citation on which reads "...in recognition of the exceptional managerial skill, intellect and judgment that has enabled him to become a highly respected and effective leader in the effort to improve the quality of life in our nation's cities."

He came to UMTA from the White House staff where he was responsible for personnel management related matters, involving several major government departments. Prior to his White House assignment, which began in October 1971, Mr. Herringer was a Principal with the international management consulting firm of Cresap, McCormick and Paget, Inc., in New York City. He started with this firm as an Associate in 1965, and was elected a Principal, the youngest in the firm's history, in 1969. At Cresap, he was responsible for supervising teams of professional consultants on client engagements concerned with general management questions in the areas of strategy formulation, marketing, organization and planning. His clients included a broad range of industrial, financial, and commercial corporations in the United States and abroad.

Mr. Herringer was born in New York City on November 12, 1942. He was raised in Seaford, New York, where he attended public schools, and his parents still live. His father is a lifelong employee of the New York Transit Authority, as was his grandfather.

Mr. Herringer was graduated, magna cum laude, from Dartmouth College in 1964 with an A. B. degree and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. The following year he was graduated from the Amos Tuck School of Business Administration at Dartmouth, where he received an M. B. A. degree with Highest Distinction, and achieved the highest academic average in his class.

He and his wife, the former Nancy Lynn Blair, reside in Fairfax, Virginia. In their spare time, the Herringers golf, ski, play squash, and exercise their three German Shepherds.