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An extraordinary effort by industry and government is justified to get passive restraint systems, such as the air bag, in use on automobiles because of the crash protection and life-saving potential of the devices, Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe said today.

"I intend to push this important safety advance to the utmost and welcome your support," Secretary Volpe replied to 94 members of Congress who had written him supporting the Department of Transportation's proposal to make the restraint systems mandatory on cars sold in the United States after January 1, 1973.

The Secretary said he realized that the Department's proposal has generated some concern in the automotive industry. The central issue, he said, appears to be the time needed to get various reliable safety devices into mass production, not their life-saving potential.

"However, the crash protection and life-saving potential of these devices on the part of industry as well as government to get these devices into widespread use as rapidly as possible is more than justified," he said.

Secretary Volpe pointed out that no final decision on the proposal will be made until all views and evidence have been weighed. Among the important evidence to be considered is that presented at public hearings on the proposal held in Washington on June 24 and June 25.

Similar letters signed by 62 members of the House of Representatives and 32 members of the Senate were received by Secretary Volpe.

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Both letters strongly supported the Department's proposal.

"Congress has been gravely concerned with the intolerable toll of deaths and injuries on our nation's highways. There is strong support in the Congress for your proposal to require the automobile industry to equip all cars sold after January 1, 1973 with the inflatable occupant restraint system, popularly known as the air bag," both letters stated in their opening remarks.

"We appreciate the new vigor you have brought to the task of reducing the senseless loss of life and property on our nation's streets," each letter concluded.

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CORRECTION

In Department of Transportation release (DOT--14670), for immediate release, July 2, 1970, make third paragraph read:

However, the crash protection and life-saving potential of these devices is so great that even an extraordinary effort on the part of industry as well as Government to get these devices into widespread use as rapidly as possible is more than justified.

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James C. Elms of Wellesley Hills, Mass., was sworn in today as director of the Department of Transportation's Transportation Systems Center in Cambridge by Under Secretary of Transportation James M. Beggs.

In ceremonies in the Under Secretary's Office, Beggs presented Elms with a Departmental flag for the Center's flagstaff in Cambridge. The Center was transferred to the Department of Transportation on July 1 from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

"I welcome you and all employees of the Transportation Systems Center to the Department of Transportation," Beggs told Elms. "The job you undertake for us is most significant. There is no other area perhaps that needs the systems approach to research and development more than the transportation industry.

"We are looking to you to perform for us the broad technical analyses of transportation systems that are required if we are to meet the transportation requirements of the nation in this and coming decades."

Elms, 54, had directed the NASA facility since October, 1967. Prior to that he was director of space and electronics for the Ford Motor Company's Aeronautical Division for seven years. He also was associated with the aerospace industry through the Avco Corporation, the Martin Company and other firms.

Elms is a senior member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, a member of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and a member of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association. He holds various patents in armament electronics.

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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today announced the appointments of Eleanor A. Hanneman of West Lafayette, Indiana, and Eugene E. McIntosh of New York, New York, as members of the Department of Transportation's Citizens' Advisory Committee on Transportation Quality.

The 20-member committee was formed in 1968 to evaluate the quality of transportation programs from the citizen's viewpoint and to act as a sounding board in the consideration of alternative technological solutions to transportation problems.

Mrs. Hanneman is the wife of Dr. Robert R. Hanneman, a Lafayette pediatrician and chief of Indiana's Head Start Medical consultants, and the mother of three children. She is president of the Tippecanoe County Medical Society Auxiliary and active in the Indiana State Medical Society Auxiliary. Mrs. Hanneman lives at 812 Avondale Drive, West Lafayette.

Mr. McIntosh is the founder and director of Regent Pre-School and Kindergarten and Administrator of the Little Brown Elementary School, both located in the Bronx, New York. The two private schools serve minority group students from the upper Manhattan and lower Bronx areas of New York. Mr. McIntosh resides at 610 West 174th Street.

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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today announced the award of a \$228,594 contract to Arthur D. Little, Inc. of Boston to assist in making the Department's planning more responsive to environmental considerations.

The award is for the third of seven contracts planned to evaluate and improve transportation planning.

The planning improvement effort is administered by the Department's Assistant Secretary for Environment and Urban Systems J. D. Braman.

"The Environmental Policy Act of 1969 became, upon its enactment, the criterion for evaluating environmental and ecological considerations in the Department of Transportation's planning, policy and actions," Assistant Secretary Braman said.

"We are making a vigorous and generally successful effort to conform with the mandates of the Act," Braman said. "The objective of this contract is the attempt to ensure maximum responsiveness."

The contractor will analyse the Environmental Policy Act as it relates to legislation, both enacted and pending, administered and planned to be administered by the Department, as well as its impact on the Department's present policy and procedural directives.

The contractor will determine areas of conformity and inconsistency with the Environmental Policy Act and will recommend policy alternatives for correcting areas of non-conformity.

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The contractor also will obtain and compile recommendations from public interest groups involved in transportation planning as to how best to implement the Environmental Policy Act.

Among the groups planned to be contacted are state and local elected officials, architects, urban and transportation planners, highway engineers, sociologists, conservationists and ecologists.

The study is to be completed within eight months.

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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today announced the award of a \$160,569 contract to Real Estate Research Corporation of Chicago to perform a study designed to improve municipal transportation planning.

"The awarding of this contract represents a further step in the Department of Transportation's continuing effort to make transportation planning completely responsive to the mandates of the Environmental Policy Act of 1969," Secretary Volpe said.

"The objective of this study," the Secretary said, "is to develop a system of fostering representative and comprehensive transportation planning for urban areas that incorporates considerations of environmental, esthetic and social factors.

"We expect such a system to increase the opportunity for citizen participation and the inclusion of community goals in the planning process," Secretary Volpe said.

The contract awarded today is for the second of seven studies planned to evaluate and improve metropolitan transportation planning.

The planning improvement effort is administered by the Department's Assistant Secretary for Environment and Urban Systems J.D. Braman.

The contractor will study transportation planning in four metropolitan areas with diverse geographic and demographic features.

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Among the criteria to be used in selecting the cities to be studied are the:

- presence of transportation projects involving more than one mode.
- nature and extent of traffic congestion.
- use of public transportation and the potential for increasing it.
- presence of controversy concerning a planned transportation project and its potential impact upon the environment.
- potential of demonstrating the value of environmental and social considerations in the planning process.
- dependence of community goals upon the effectiveness of public transportation.
- potential for innovation in demonstrating what can be achieved by integrated transportation planning and its use as a tool for achieving broader social and economic community goals.

The study is scheduled to be completed in 12 months.

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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe said today that rescue operations in the tragic sinking of the freighter Eastcliff Hall in the St. Lawrence Seaway are proceeding with utmost speed and that Seaway traffic is expected to resume today.

St. Lawrence Seaway Administrator David W. Oberlin is on the scene as the Secretary's personal representative and is giving him periodic reports. He said vessels of both the Seaway Administration and the U.S. Coast Guard are cooperating in the rescue operations.

The Transportation Secretary said that while Seaway traffic has been halted temporarily, the sunken Eastcliff Hall is not blocking the channel. The freighter went down 13 miles west of the Eisenhower Lock in the international section of the Seaway.

Secretary Volpe has asked for a complete report on the accident as soon as rescue operations are completed, probably late today.

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FOR NOON RELEASE
Wednesday, July 15, 1970

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Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird and Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today announced a joint test program to determine the value of helicopters in providing medical assistance to auto accident victims and other persons needing emergency medical care.

The test program, to be conducted in the San Antonio, Texas, area from July 15 through December 31, will use Army helicopters and medical corpsmen to provide medical assistance to civilians involved in emergency situations. It will utilize techniques developed during the Korean and Vietnam Wars to provide medical aid and evacuation for wounded soldiers.

The rapidity of evacuation by helicopter has been determined as one reason for the death rate of wounded soldiers declining from 4.5 per 1,000 in World War II to 2.3 per 1,000 in Vietnam.

Most assistance is expected to be for victims of highway accidents, but the test will also provide transportation for doctors needed by critically injured or ill persons, especially in remote rural areas.

The Army's 507th Air Ambulance Company, Fort Sam Houston, will maintain one UH-1 "Huey" helicopter and crew on constant alert to respond to emergency calls. The UH-1 can transport three stretcher and four sitting patients plus flight crew and medical personnel.

Requests for assistance by the Army will be routed through the Bexar County Sheriff's Office. Sixteen civilian and two military hospitals in the 10-county area of the test program are to be involved in the program.

It is expected that the program will help determine the effectiveness of communications and coordination systems, training requirements for civilian and military participants, number of missions during an average time period, and the feasibility of the use of other services and reserve Army aviation units.

Decision to initiate the program was based on Departments of Defense and Transportation studies in conjunction with the Departments of Justice and Health, Education and Welfare and other federal, state and local authorities.

The experiment in the San Antonio area is in line with the Department of Transportation's role in supporting State efforts to render emergency medical aid to traffic accident victims and in conducting a number of emergency medical demonstration projects.

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PROJECT MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO SAFETY AND TRAFFIC (MAST)

Since August 1969, the Departments of Defense, Transportation, and Health, Education and Welfare have been studying the possible use of military helicopters to assist civil agencies in providing faster medical attention to citizens, primarily in rural areas where both speed and transfer to large medical facilities would be required for the preservation of life.

Following completion of the study, and in consultation with federal, state and local officials in Texas, a decision was made to conduct a pilot test in the San Antonio area during the period 1 July - 31 December 1970.

The demonstration project will take place primarily within the Alamo Area Council of Governments, an organization of ten counties surrounding San Antonio. The counties include: Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Frio, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Kendall, Medina and Wilson. In extreme emergencies, counties adjacent to this area will be included, within the operational limitations of military helicopters.

The test program will be conducted by the 507th Air Ambulance Company located at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Fifteen helicopters, 21 pilots and 10 corpsmen trained in medical aid and evacuation will be assigned to the test program. The helicopter ambulances to be used in the operation are the UH-1 "Huey" and can transport three stretcher and four sitting patients, in addition to the accompanying medical personnel.

It is anticipated that most of the evacuees will be victims of highway accidents but the program will be employed to transport physicians to the site of patients whose condition makes it inadvisable to move them to medical facilities.

In the ten-county test-area, there are 16 civilian and two military hospitals. Four of the hospitals, all in San Antonio, have helicopter landing pads. The four are: Santa Rosa Medical Center, Baptist Memorial Hospital, Southwest Methodist Hospital and Brooke General Hospital. In addition, there are 16 hospitals outside the ten-county area, but immediately adjacent to the test area.

Funding for the test program will be by the Department of Defense and be charged against training funds.

The objectives of the San Antonio tests are to determine the approximate number of missions required during a given time; funding required for related program activities; communications and coordination; the degree to which

military missions may be affected; determination of possible participation by Reserve Component aviation units; and training requirements for program participants.

At this time additional programs are being considered for several other sites throughout the United States. As these sites are selected, public announcements will be made.

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The Department of Transportation has awarded a \$49,547 contract to Southern Cross Corporation, of Atlanta, Georgia, to conduct a leak detection survey of 20 municipally-owned gas distribution systems.

The cities to be surveyed are: Huntsville, Alabama; Mena, Arkansas; Trinidad, Colorado; DeFuniak Springs, Florida; Social Circle, Georgia; Marshall, Illinois; Rensselaer, Indiana; Tipton, Iowa; Altamont, Kansas; Tompkinsville, Kentucky; Abita Springs, Louisiana; New Ulm, Minnesota; Vicksburg, Mississippi; Granby, Missouri; Central City, Nebraska; Las Vegas, New Mexico; Ramona, Oklahoma; Blacksburg, South Carolina; Dunlap, Tennessee; and Alto, Texas.

The survey will determine the conditions of these systems and estimate the costs of upgrading the safety of those systems which require it. It is expected to be completed in October.

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The programs and the key issues facing the Department of Transportation will be explained to the White House Fellows when they meet at the Secretary's office on July 21.

Under Secretary James M. Beggs will brief the Fellows on the Department of Transportation's activities and planning. The Assistant Secretaries and Administrators of the Department will participate in the briefing.

The 18 White House Fellows will be guests of Secretary John A. Volpe at a luncheon.

The current White House Fellows are nearing completion of their one-year internship.

The purpose of the program is "to provide gifted and highly motivated young Americans with some first hand experience in the process of governing the nation and a sense of personal involvement in the leadership of society."

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Twenty firms of minority businesses have been awarded a total of \$894,284 for services to the Department of Transportation during the first six months of this year, Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe announced today.

"The significance of this report," Secretary Volpe said, "is that in the past very few minority firms held procurement contracts with this Agency.

"The thrust to encourage minority contractors to bid on services to the Department," the Secretary said, "was stimulated by the President's program of assisting the minority entrepreneur to get into the mainstream of the Nation's economic life through the recently organized Office of Minority Business Enterprise in the Department of Commerce.

"I pledged to Secretary of Commerce Maurice Stans that the Department of Transportation would support this program. The report that nearly a million dollars from the Department are being shared by this segment of the Nation's business community is demonstrable evidence of my intention to see that the commitment is kept."

The largest award went to the Component Concepts Corporation, Omaha, Nebraska, of \$387,710 for transmitter control systems and patch panels.

Other contracts involved buoys, road repairs, building alterations, refined aviation fuel and janitorial services.

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The availability of a standard international shipping document format with the capability of significantly reducing paperwork in the transportation industry was announced today by Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe.

"This format, known as the U.S. Standard Master for International Trade, is thought to be capable of acting as the framework for all of the specialized documents that are now required by any nation and for any mode or combination of modes of transportation," Secretary Volpe said.

At the present time, there are as many as 93 documents involved in a single shipment of cargo from an inland shipment point to foreign destinations. It has been estimated that this through document will reduce existing documentation by at least 25 percent and will result in annual savings of at least \$500 million dollars.

The U.S. Standard Master for International Trade was ratified on June 26, 1970, by the member nations and cooperating agencies of the Economic Commission for Europe, the United Nations agency responsible for international documentation simplification. The Office of Facilitation of the Department of Transportation will make the format available to those who want to study it and prepare procedures to comply with it.

The documentary format is the result of close cooperation between the Department of Transportation and a number of other government and industry interests, including the National Committee on International Trade Documentation and the San Francisco Marine Exchange.

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A number of associated export forms have been redesigned to align with the new standard format. Among them are bill of lading, delivery instruction, arrival notice, dock receipt, insurance policy, certificate of origin and commercial invoice,

A duplicating master mat has been designed from which the export forms can be filled in.

The use of the U.S. Standard Master is not limited to the forms named. It can be used as the format for any other forms related to any shipment -- export or import, domestic or international, break-bulk or container, intermodal or single mode.

Further information and copies of the U.S. Standard Master for International Trade may be obtained from:

Office of Facilitation
Department of Transportation
Washington, D.C. 20590

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FOR RELEASE
Saturday, July 18, 1970

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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe has announced a \$781,826 Federal grant to assist the San Diego (California) Transit Corporation in the construction of an administration and maintenance building and for other facility improvements.

The Department of Transportation grant also provides for assistance in the purchase of 210 two-way radios for buses, an automatic bus washer and office furniture and equipment.

In announcing the grant, Secretary Volpe said, "San Diego Transit has been increasing its ridership in recent years. It has increased and improved its service. We are pleased to be able to furnish additional funds for a building, for radios and other facilities to still further modernize San Diego Transit."

The grant was made by the Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA). The Federal contribution represents one-half the total project cost of \$1,563,652. An additional grant of \$260,608 will be available to the corporation upon completion of a regional transportation planning program.

UMTA Administrator Carlos C. Villarreal said, "The great majority of all transit riders ride on buses. Even in the largest cities,

rail rapid transit still only carries a small portion of daily transit commuters. San Diego Transit is a bus system working to further improve its equipment utilization, management, and service. We are glad to be able to continue to provide funds for its further modernization."

The Administrator added, "More and more cities are coming to realize the importance of their bus company. Despite new systems and new technologies, the fact remains that bus systems continue to be the dominant means of public urban transportation. They offer the ideal combination of relative high capacity and flexibility.

Villarreal said, "Most of our grants have been for renovations and improvements of existing bus systems. This is the point. A well managed, attractive and reliable bus system is the best present answer to San Diego's present needs. We have every reason to believe that San Diego Transit will continue to offer even better service as future local transit planning is completed and implemented and longer range systems and needs are identified and financing becomes available.

For further information, contact:

Mr. Tom Prior
General Manager
San Diego Transit Corporation
235 15th Street
San Diego, California 92112

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FOR RELEASE TUESDAY A.M.
July 21, 1970

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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today announced the award of a \$70,944 contract to A. T. Kearney & Company, Inc. of Chicago to study the feasibility of developing and operating facilities for interchanging and pooling containers and equipment used in international and domestic traffic.

The study will concentrate on such aspects of interchange and pooling as location, economic feasibility, comparative costs, types of ownership and intermodal support requirements.

The contract awarded to Kearney is for the second phase of the interchange and pooling study.

A study recently completed by Booz, Allen & Hamilton, Inc. of Washington examined the current and developing requirements for container interchange and pooling in international trade.

The study will be performed for the Office of Facilitation of the Department of Transportation.

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FOR RELEASE 12:00 NOON
TUESDAY, JULY 21, 1970

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Plans for a nationwide Federal-State program to train 10,000 workers a year for skilled jobs in highway construction with special emphasis on minority workers were announced today by Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe.

The program will be based on the equal opportunity provisions of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1968. In addition to meeting the need for additional skilled construction workers, the program is intended to provide increased employment opportunities for minorities in these high-paying jobs. "I fully expect that at least half, or 5,000, of the yearly trainees will be blacks and other minorities," Secretary Volpe said.

The Secretary said final details are being worked out by the Department's Federal Highway Administration with representatives of the highway construction industry and other interested groups, including minority group representatives and organized labor.

"The manpower situation in the highway construction industry is becoming critical," Secretary Volpe said. "The shortage of qualified skilled workers is contributing to the spiralling costs of highway construction. It is estimated that the industry will need 60,000 additional construction workers in the next five to ten years.

"This program must provide those workers -- while at the same time helping minorities qualify for better-paying and permanent jobs in the highway construction field."

The program will involve highway construction projects in all 50 States and the District of Columbia. The number of skilled workers to be trained in each State will be based in part on the extent of each State's participation in the four to five billion dollar annual Federal Highway Trust Fund.

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In laying out the broad outlines of the program, Volpe noted that Federal and State responsibilities would follow the traditional partnership approach in the highway construction industry. He said the State highway departments will screen all federally aided highway projects to determine those capable of supporting training efforts. Specific training requirements will then be included in bid specifications prior to contract awards.

Among the factors to be considered in selecting projects are: dollar value of the contract, type of work, geographic location, availability of minority workers, and the duration of the contract.

The exact contract terms will specify the total number of trainees required on the job with provisions to assure full minority group participation. The terms will also specify the nature and duration of the training, wages for trainees, and reimbursement to contractors.

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FOR RELEASE WEDNESDAY A.M.
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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe announced today that the United States Coast Guard will conduct a series of experiments during the next month to determine the effect of oil spills in the Arctic on the earth's environment.

Secretary Volpe said it is imperative that such studies be made prior to the movement of large volumes of oil from the fields on Alaska's north slope.

"We are determined," said Secretary Volpe, "that effective controls and procedures be established to prevent pollution of the Arctic waters and ice fields which could damage the environment of that area, and possibly that of the entire earth."

The experiments will consist of controlled tests with crude oil on both water and ice in a selected area of the Arctic. Among the questions the Coast Guard will attempt to answer through these experiments are:

1. Will the oil's dark color create a heat blanket which causes the ice to melt?
2. How rapidly will oil spread at Arctic temperatures? How extensive an area will be covered by a given quantity of oil spilled on the ice?

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3. How will oil behave when flowing as an intermediate layer between sea water and ice?
4. How rapidly and how completely will oil evaporate at Arctic temperatures? What will be the nature and consistency of any residue?

The test team will also evaluate a variety of oil spill removal techniques, many of which have never been previously tried in the Arctic. Absorbent materials and burning agents will be tested.

Information gathered will assist the Coast Guard in the development of improved techniques and equipment for preventing, detecting, containing, and cleaning up oil pollution of the seas. The service is presently embarked on a comprehensive pollution control research and development program, and has begun organization of a "strike force" trained to deal with pollution incidents.

Lieutenant Commander George P. Vance, a member of the Coast Guard Academy faculty, will act as Scientific Director of the mission. Lieutenant (junior grade) John L. Glaeser, a graduate of the Webb Institute of Naval Architecture and a native of Islip, Long Island, New York has been named as project officer. Hoult, Cross, and Milgram, a scientific-engineering consultative organization associated with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has been contracted to provide and man certain specialized pieces of test equipment which will be used. Cadets from the Coast Guard Academy will also be participating in the experiments, providing them with the opportunity of making practical applications of the Academy's scientific and oceanographic curriculum.

The scientific party will be transported to the spill site by the Coast Guard cutter STATEN ISLAND, a polar icebreaker based in Seattle. The experiments are expected to be conducted in international waters approximately 50 miles north of Point Barrow, Alaska. An area is being sought which will offer "typical Arctic ice," formed over a period of years but less than four-feet thick.

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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today announced the appointments of two key aides to Assistant Secretary for Systems Development and Technology Robert H. Cannon, Jr.

They are Robert N. Parker, who will be Deputy Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Systems Development and Technology, and Dr. Donald E. Findley, who will be Deputy Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Systems Engineering.

Both men are presently employed by the Avionics and Sensors Division of Autonetics, a division of the North American Rockwell Corporation in Anaheim, California. Cannon also worked for Autonetics from 1951 to 1957.

Parker, 42, is presently Chief Engineer of the Avionics and Sensors Division where he has been responsible for work on aircraft avionic systems, including the F-111D and B-1 programs, and a wide range of electronic projects.

Prior to joining North American Rockwell in 1966, Parker was with Hughes Aircraft Company where he managed several advanced radar and signal processor programs and participated in the design and analysis of avionics systems.

A graduate of the University of California at Los Angeles, Parker holds B. S. and M. S. degrees in engineering. He is married to the former Helen Wells and has two children. The Parkers reside in Whittier, California.

Findley, 46, is presently Manager, Avionic Systems Program Management in the Avionics and Sensors Division where he has been responsible for program direction of avionics systems for the FB-111 and F-111D aircraft.

He holds B. S. and M. S. degrees from Kansas State University and a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin, all in physics. He joined North American Rockwell in 1951 and has held various engineering, program and general management positions with the company.

Findley is married to the former Christine Teagarden and has two children. The Findleys also live in Whittier,

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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe Monday sought the support of leaders of nine trade associations to assist the Department of Transportation in launching a year-round youth opportunity program.

Secretary Volpe said that the new program involves the employment of disadvantaged youth, ages 14 to 21, expands "the summer programs" to "comprehensive year-round programs for the employment and training for youth who are victims of inadequate education."

Secretary Volpe asked the trade association leaders to designate a person as a liaison with the Department of Transportation in organizing and monitoring the program.

Attending the luncheon were:

William A. Bresnahan, Managing Director,
American Trucking Association

James Sprouse, Assistant Executive Director,
Associated General Contractors of America

Ralph E. Heffner, President, American Road Builders'
Association

Stuart G. Tipton, President, Air Transport Association
of America

I. Sewell Morris, Vice President, Association of
American Railroads

Matt Kaufman, Executive Director, Boat Manufacturers
Association

Herbert Scheuer, Assistant to Executive Vice President,
American Transit Association

Charles A. Webb, President, National Association of Motor
Bus Owners

Thomas C. Mann, President, Automobile Manufacturers
Association, Inc.

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July 31, 1970

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The Hazardous Materials Regulation Board of the Department of Transportation today announced its proposal to adopt the United Nations' labeling system for domestic and international shipment of hazardous materials.

The United Nations' system uses a combination of symbols and color coding to show the hazardous nature of the package contents and provides one set of labels for shipments by all modes of transportation.

The Department of Transportation proposal adds key wording and cautionary statements to more fully explain the hazardous nature of the materials and precautions for handling them.

The U.N. system would replace the existing labeling system which has been used for more than 50 years. The present system does not use symbols on labels for surface shipments of hazardous materials and contain unnecessary "small print" information.

Different labels are now used for air and surface shipments of hazardous materials, thus complicating intermodal transportation.

The Department of Transportation first announced its consideration of the United Nations labeling system in October 1968. The proposal announced today is based upon the generally favorable public reaction to that announcement.

The Notice of Proposed Rule Making is published in detail in the July 22 issue of the Federal Register, Part II, Docket HM-8, Notice Number 70-13.

Single copies of the notice may be obtained by contacting the Hazardous Materials Regulation Board of the Department of Transportation, Washington, D. C. 20590; or by telephone, Area Code 202/ 962-5545.

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FOR RELEASE FRIDAY
July 31, 1970

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Management responsibilities of the joint Department of Transportation-National Aeronautics and Space Council Civil Aviation Research and Development Study (CARD) have been reassigned in the effort to ensure that the study will have maximum impact on Federal aviation planning.

Lawrence P. Greene, the organizer and original Executive Director of the study, now will advance its results by working full time with aviation planners in the Department of Transportation, NASA, other Federal agencies and the aviation community.

Clarence A. Syvertson, Deputy Director of NASA's Ames Research Center, has joined the Department of Transportation to direct the final phase of the study.

The CARD study was initiated last year to develop a single national policy for aeronautical research and development.

Greene, 52, joined the Department of Transportation in 1969 after serving as assistant to the president of North American Rockwell Corporation.

Earlier at North American he held the positions of chief aerodynamicist during the development of the F-86 series and F-100 fighters, manager for research during development of the B-70 and X-15 aircraft, vice president for research and development and program manager for the firm's SST program.

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Greene was for two years chairman of the NASA Advisory Committee for Aircraft Aerodynamics.

Syvertson, 44, is the former director of the Mission Analysis Division, an organizational element of NASA Headquarters located at Ames, California. He served earlier as director of astronautics at the Ames Center.

Syvertson in 1957 received the Lawrence Sperry Award of the Institute of Aerospace Sciences. He and three other NASA employees shared in 1964 the Space Act Invention Award for the M-2 lifting body.

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