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EXHIBIT ON SIGNS AND SYMBOLS

One of the largest exhibits of signs and symbols ever displayed in one place in the Washington area is now on display in the Southwest Lobby of the DOT Headquarters Building from May 15 through June 6, 1972. This exhibit is drawn largely from a collection of symbols contained in a recently released book, the "Symbol Sourcebook," and has been loaned to the Department by the Hallmark Gallery in New York. The exhibit has already been acclaimed by many visitors as outstanding.

The Office of Facilitation, OST, sponsor of this exhibit, has formulated a program for industry and Government representatives to develop a carefully studied and comprehensive system of standardized signs and symbols to serve the U. S. domestic and international transportation needs. After proper testing, it may be suitable for use as a uniform standard. A DOT Advisory Committee on Signs and Symbols has been organized to coordinate the above program.



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RETIREMENT BONUS DEFINITE

The Civil Service Commission announced a Cost-of-Living Annuity Increase of 4.8% effective July 1, 1972. This means that eligible Federal employees who retire by June 30, 1972, will be able to get the 4.8% bonus.

The Cost-of-Living increase was triggered by a jump in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for a third consecutive month:

February 1972	3.3%
March 1972	3.5%
April 1972	3.8%

Under the Civil Service Retirement Law, annuities are increased by the highest percentage during the three-month period plus an additional 1% authorized by law. The retirement bonus, as a result, is 4.8% for all eligible employees who retire by June 30, 1972!

ELEVATOR MECHANICS STILL ON STRIKE

You may have noticed that elevator service in the DOT Headquarters Building is not quite up to usual standards. The reason is that elevator mechanics are on strike and maintenance and trouble response must be handled by supervisory personnel.

Most obvious manifestation of the slight reduction in service is that a substantially larger number of elevator control lights are inoperative. Another is that malfunctioning elevators are not repaired and placed back into service quite as rapidly as usual. Employees are urged to be patient and to exercise a bit more care while using elevators until the strike period is over.

TRANSPO COMMEMORATIVE STAMPED ENVELOPES STILL AVAILABLE

The TRANSPO commemorative stamp on the special cacheted envelope is still available for purchase. The souvenir program covering the special ceremony May 2, 1972, in the Headquarters Building plaza area, has also been reprinted and will be distributed with the first-day cover. Anyone interested may obtain these items in Room 637, FOB-10A.

DOT TENNIS TOURNAMENT AWARDS PRESENTED BY THE ASSISTANT
SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Heffelfinger, Assistant Secretary for Administration, recently presented awards to the winners and to the runners-up in the First Annual DOT Tennis Tournament. At the awards ceremony, Mr. Ezio Cerrelli, manager of the DOT Tennis Team, expressed his appreciation to the Department and to the sponsoring organizations (FAA Club, USCG Morale Fund, FHWA Recreation Association, and NTSB Club) for their support and cooperation. Mr. Cerrelli pointed out that this event could appropriately mark the first birthday of the tennis program which has provided to more than 200 employees activities ranging from tennis clinics to team competition and from social to tournament tennis. He hopes that from this pioneer Departmentwide activity, a DOT Recreation Association might grow which would encompass the full range of social and athletic programs.



Left to right: Ezio Cerrelli, Constantine Ben, Rolf M. Wulfsberg, Jane E. Braucher, Hugh C. Harris, John A. McQuaig, Donald Leavens, and John P. Irish.

The finalists were as follows:

Men's Singles

Winner: Lt. (jg.) Rolf M. Wulfsberg (USCG)
Runner-up : John A. McQuaig (FAA)

Men's Doubles

Winner: John P. Irish (FAA) and Donald Leavens (OST)
Runners-up : Constantine Ben (FHWA) and Lt. (jg.) Rolf M.
Wulfsberg (USCG)

Women's Singles

Winner: Jane E. Braucher (OST)
Runner-up: Judith L. Hopkinson (OST)

Consolation Tournament

Men's Singles

Winner: Ens. Hugh C. Harris (USCG)
Runner-up: Jerome Teplite (FAA)

Men's Doubles

Winner: James R. Etgen (FAA) and J. Bruce Putnam (FAA)
Runners-up : David Schmeltzer (NHTSA) and John. G. Womack (NHTSA)

MAIL CHUTES - PERSONAL MAIL

A recurring problem in the DOT buildings is stopping up of the mail chutes by employees who force oversize letters or cards into the mail slots. Evidently, it doesn't occur to these employees that although this folded over material may pass through the slot, it then unfolds and blocks the chute. Only the Post Office Department has the authority to open these chutes. Any blockages should be reported to the appropriate mail room. Headquarters Building: 61825; FOB-10A: 68180. They will arrange for a Post Office employee to clear the chute.