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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY ORGANIZATION CHANGES

Secretary Claude S. Brinegar has announced significant organization changes in the Office of the Secretary to be effective February 5, 1973.

The President, the Secretary, and Under Secretary have all recently underscored the importance of strengthening Executive Branch communications with the Congress. To give prompt emphasis to this objective the Secretary has established a new Office of Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs. The new Assistant Secretary's office will carry the routing symbol TCI and is comprised of the Offices of Congressional Relations and Intergovernmental Affairs. The nucleus of this new office is the previously constituted Office of Congressional Relations, S-70.

The Office of Assistant Secretary for Environment and Urban Systems (TEU) has been disestablished. The urban systems and the planning assistance functions formerly in TEU are more effectively consolidated with the related policy development and planning functions in the newly-titled Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Plans and International Affairs (TPI). The OST environmental role and community affairs functions are being integrated with the related

safety and consumer activities in the newly designated Office of the Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety and Consumer Affairs (TES). The position of Assistant to the Secretary also is being established. Authority to make 4F and Section 102 environmental determinations is being delegated to the operating administrations.

In order that the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Plans and International Affairs may better concentrate on the development and review of Departmental policies and on broad aspects of planning, efforts formerly performed in that office which are more operational in nature are reassigned. Facilitation functions, which fit into the broad mission of assuring safety and convenience to users, are being transferred to TES. The International Secretariat functions are being transferred to the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration. Those functions performed in TPI which are most closely associated with aspects of collection, analysis and exchange of data will be transferred to the Transportation Systems Center. The Assistant Secretary for Administration will conduct an immediate study to determine the specific functions and positions involved.

To better focus the responsibilities for transportation systems development the Transportation Systems Center will henceforth report to the Assistant Secretary for Systems Development and Technology.

As a result of vacancies created by the recent Presidential freeze, OST expects to be able to offer all affected employees jobs in one of the new OST organizational elements. No separations by reduction in force are expected.