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COST OF LIVING ANNUITY INCREASE

A 6.1% cost of living annuity increase for retired Federal employees will become effective July 1. This increase will be reflected in annuity checks mailed August 1. Career Federal employees who are eligible to retire and wish to qualify for the cost of living increase must be separated or in a non-pay status before midnight June 30. In pending disability retirement cases, applicants may request agencies to place them on leave without pay beginning July 1, 1973, to qualify for the annuity increase. If the disability retirement claim is disallowed, sick or annual leave may be substituted retroactively for the leave without pay. If the claim is allowed, the accumulated annual leave will then be paid in a lump sum payment and accumulated sick leave will be allowed in the computation of the annuity rate. Employees who are eligible for optional retirement should contact their personnel office if they have any questions concerning the cost of living increase.

BUZZARD POINT BUILDING

Car Pool Locator Board. A board, similar to those in the Headquarters Building and in FOB-10A, will be located in the east bank elevator lobby. The board is scheduled for delivery in late June.

Parking Management. Parking management service will be provided for the Buzzard Point facility from the centralized Parking Management Office, TAD-444.3, in the Headquarters Building (Room 2322, ext. 60064). All applications, questions, and problems should be directed to that office. The attendants on duty in the Buzzard Point Building are representatives of Monument Parking Company who will extend coverage to the new building through the remainder of their contract (October 31, 1973).

Office Services Requests/Complaints. Support Services Division personnel are located in Room 6308 and building complaints or requests for service may be made by calling ext. 69109.

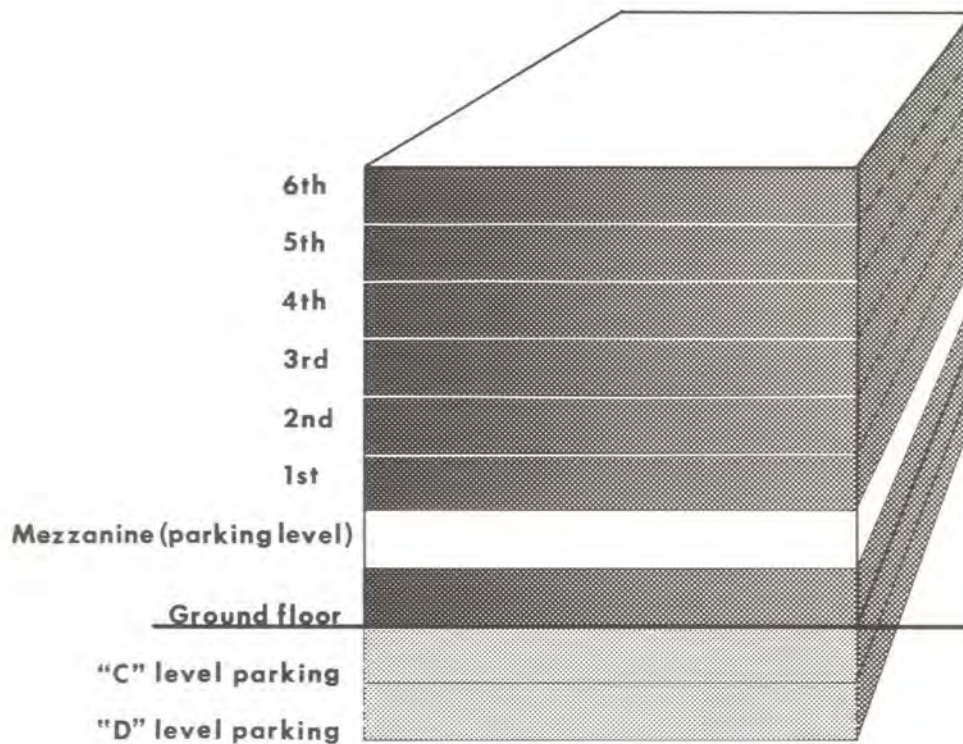
Health Services. A USCG nurse is temporarily located in Room 6308. The USCG employee health facility on the third floor will be opened about June 11 or shortly thereafter.

Cafeteria. The cafeteria is open and operating from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. These hours will probably be extended as more people are moved into the building.

DOT SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE

The shuttle bus service is in operation and running fairly smoothly in accordance with the schedule published in the May 15 issue (No. 82) of Southwest Seventh. The METRO construction situation has necessitated a change in several of the bus stops listed in that issue, however. The Headquarters Building bus stops have been moved from the Seventh Street end of "E" Street to the Sixth Street end--the south side of "E" going to FOB-10A and the north side of "E" going to Buzzard Point. The FOB-10A stop for busses going to Buzzard Point has been relocated from the front driveway of that building to the southwest corner of Seventh and Independence Avenue.

The DOT busses are easily distinguishable; they look like school busses except one is blue and the other is green. The DOD bus, however, is a chartered city bus and is recognized only by its designation as "DOD Route No. 6." The DOD drivers change from day to day and they know the bus stops only by street names (Sixth and E or Seventh and Independence) not by building names (DOT, Nassif Building, FAA, etc.). So if you are asking for information, be sure to use street names and not building names.



BUZZARD POINT BUILDING FLOOR DESIGNATIONS

The floor identification system established by the architect of the Buzzard Point Building is rather unusual. The above-ground parking level, the ground floor, and the two underground parking levels were designated respectively as floors "A," "B," "C," and "D." To clarify this somewhat, DOT has had the elevator buttons changed from "A" to Mezzanine" and from "B" to "Ground." The two lower levels were left as "C" and "D"--avoiding any duplication with FOB-10A's "A" and "B" levels or Headquarters Building's P-1, P-2, or P-3.

The ground floor is partially occupied by HEW. It also houses the DOT mailroom, cafeteria, and the guard station. Floors one through six are devoted to DOT office, conference, and support services space.

SECURITY CONTROLS AT BUZZARD POINT BUILDING

The Office of Investigations and Security (TAD-50) has initiated the following security measures for the Buzzard Point Building.

1. There will be guard coverage around-the-clock--two guards in the building at all times, plus a third during the 4:00 p.m. to midnight shift on weekdays. The guard office will be located on the ground floor on the Second Street side of the building and will be manned continuously. Telephone number of the guard station is ext. 69154.
2. Perimeter doors and stairwell barriers will be equipped with a special "fail-safe" control system and intrusion alarms installed in certain critical areas of the building for use during security hours.
3. Security hours will be in effect from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. on weekdays and all hours on weekends and holidays.
4. During security hours entry and exit will be through the Second Street lobby.
5. During security hours, two elevators on the east side of the building (First Street) will remain in operation but will run only between the upper office floors. Three elevators on the west side of the building (Second Street) will run only between the three parking levels and the street floor. The other three elevators on the west side will run between the street floor and the upper office floors, bypassing the parking levels. When security hours are not in effect, all elevators on both sides of the building will operate normally, serving all floors and parking levels.
6. Control of persons entering or leaving the building during security hours will be in accordance with Section 3(a) of Order DOT 1600.24 (8/21/72).

1973 SAVINGS BONDS CAMPAIGN.

The third weekly report shows the DOT overall participation rate at 82.5% with individual reporting elements as follows:

USCG	-	90%	FRA	-	62.1%	NTSB	-	73%
FAA	-	79.5%	ARR	-	29.6%	OST	-	66%
FHWA	-	74.9%	SLS	-	75.4%			(including
NHTSA	-	76%	UMTA	-	61%			TSC)

The campaign continues through the 1st of June.