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1168	January 25	Boyd to hold press conference on 1969 Budget
1268	January 30	Lindsey Cowen appointed to Advisory Committee to the U. S. C. G. Academy
1368	February 1	Panel to judge 227 entries in DOT's first annual Highway Beauty Awards
1468	February 8	DOT announces major step in development of its Planning-Programming-Budgeting system
1568	February 14	DOT announces order establishing the boundaries of three new time zones in Alaska and Hawaii
1668	February 18	Boyd announces approval of $750,000 grant to Texas for state-wide driver education program

DOT--1768	February 20, 1968	A study to determine DOT's responsibility in polar region announced by BOYD
DOT--1868 HUD	March 1, 1968	DOT/HUD to finance "before and after" study of travel patterns of four-mile rail extension at Hopkins Intl Airport, Cleveland, Ohio
DOT--1968	March 10, 1968	Appointment of Peter S. Douglas, as chairman of Task Force on Intermodal Documentation of the Trans. Facilitation Committee
DOT--2068	March 17, 1968	Tapping of natural resources in Arctic Alaska can be achieved through improved transportation system, DOT study reports
DOT--2168	March 16, 1968	DOT Awards Three Expermental Car Contracts
DOT--2268	March 25, 1968	Fred Burke Named to DOT
DOT--2368	March 21	DOT petitions ICC on motor carrier rate increases
DOT--2468	March 23	DOT has no decision on time zone boundary in Indiana
DOT--2568	March 27	Boyd announces members to the National Motor Vehicle Safety Advisory Council
DOT--2668	March 27	Dallas, Texas, speech by Boyd - air pollution
DOT--2768	March 28	DOT annouces Frank A. Smith to Task Force on Intermodal Transport of the Transportation Facilitation Committee
DOT--2868	March 31	Boyd announces winners in 12 areas in first annual Highway Beauty Awards competition
DOT--2968	March 31	Boyd to raise DOT flag
DOT--3068	April 17	DOT gives go-ahead to W. Va. & Ohio for replacing Point Pleasant Bridge

DOT--3168	April 17, 1968	Establishment of a technical task group to review progress of high-speed train system between New York and Washington
DOT--3268	April 19	To improve existing maritime distress communication system
DOT--3368	April 21	DOT to provide jobs for disadvantaged youths
DOT--3468	April 23	Rent-a-Train service for grain shippers announces DOT official
DOT--3568	April 25	Statement from Agger's speech in New Jerse on "Trade Simplification Act"
DOT--3668	April 24	Boyd announces revision of Federal-aid highway fund obligation schedule
DOT--3768	April 30	Award of contract to ABT Associates of Cambridge, Mass. for research study of transportation needs of physically-handicapped
DOT--3868	April 28	John Y. Yoshino named Executive Secretary of DOT's Summer Youth Opportunity Campaig
DOT--3968	May 1	DOT sends to Congress Rail Safety Bill
DOT--4068	May 1, 1968	Joint agency effort to develop a national air and maritime navigation plan
DOT--4168	May 10	Taken from Boyd's Denver speech - pipelin safety bill
DOT--4268	May 12	Burby as special assistant for communicat
	May 12-17	Radio spots for National Transportation Week
DOT--4368	May 10	DOT proposes change in FAA rule to protect quality of environment in the fac of aircraft operations & airport construc
DOT--4468	May 14	Boyd's itinerary of Tour of Cities
DOT--4568	May 20	Suggested maritime program to Congress

DOT--4668	May 24	Alan Boyd announces appointment of Richard L. Beam as consultant on Telecommunications
DOT--4768	May 24	Release of report "Freeway in the City"
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DOT--4968	May 31	Lee W. Huff named to head auto insurance study
DOT--5068	May 31	Joint program between DOT and State of Delaware to improve conditions at four Penn Central crossings to be used by high-speed trains
DOT--5168	May 31	Boyd receives report of Government-Industry Task Force which reviewed progress on the Washington-New York rail passenger program
	June 7	Department's summer program for employment of disadvantaged youths
DOT--5268	June 12	Changes in Alaska time zones
DOT--5368	June 12	Mr. Boyd's tour of North cities (Chicago)
DOT--5468	June 13	DOT decides against time zone change in Kansas
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DOT--5668	June 21	DOT announces contract to study the feasibility of improving signs and signals for travelers
DOT--5768	June 28	Boyd announces approval of Cross Brooklyn Expressway
DOT--5868	June 28	DOT, HEW, and HUD to finance New York's Linear City
DOT--5968		
DOT--6068	July 2	"Safety for Motor Vehicles in Use" report sent to Congress
DOT--6168	July 11	DOT receives first of series of reports in a $250,000 Union Station Transportation Center Study

DOT--6268	July 14	Boyd announces Dana Orwick as Director of the Office of International Industrial Cooperation in DOT
DOT--6368	July 19	Bus service in Baltimore to bring unemployed to areas of new job opportunities
DOT-6468	July 19	Computer model grant for use with existing and future airline passenger and cargo demands
DOT-6568	July 21	Federal, State, city and etc., join today to urge Congress to reject any addition of the Interstate and Defense Highway System
DOT-6568(2)	July 25	Boyd praises House and Senate Conferees on agreement they reached on Gas Pipeline Safety Bill
DOT-6668	July 26	Classification and qualification standards announced for air traffic controllers
DOT-6768	July 30	Boyd announces formation of an 11-member advisory committee to plan for tomorrow's air traffic control
DOT-6868	August 6	Alcohol and accidents report released by DOT (Sent to Congress)
DOT-6968	July 31	DOT has asked to intervene in ICC rulemaking proceeding which would develop cost standards involving ICC regulation of completion between different forms of transportation
DOT-7068	August 1	Boyd releases statement expressing DOT position on proposed increase in fee schedule for the use of 3 New York area airports (Port of New York Authority's proposal)
DOT-7168	August 5	DOT directed 5 operating units to take precautions to assure procurements of steel and steel products at losest possible price

DOT--7268	August 8	UMTA makes $300,000 grant to Baltimore, Maryland Regional Planning Council
DOT--7368	August 11	Ocean-going world trade through the year 2043 will continue to be carried by conventional ship according to a report prepared for DOT
DOT--7468	August 17	Robson announces Federal grant to City of Montebello, California (UMTA)
DOT--7568	August 13	Mario Ruiz de Chavez, Mexico, meeting with DOT officials
DOT--7668	August 19	DOT and Smithsonian Institution Exhibit on Cars
DOT--7768	August 19	UMTA announces three employees of Dallas Transit System to receive fellowships for advanced study at West Virginia University
DOT--7868	August 19	DOT and Texas A&M University will jointly sponsor 11th Annual Transportation Conference at the University, March 27 and 28, 1969. Conference theme is "Emergency Transportation"
DOT--7968	August 21	Announces $353,393 grant to Memphis, Tennessee, to expand and improve mass transit service for Memphis and Shelby County
DOT--	August 22	Certificate presentation to YOC employees
DOT--8068	August 29	Office of Emergency Transportation reassigned to Assistant Secretary for Administration
DOT--8168	August 23	Boyd announces statement of policy for the development of a transportation system in Arctic Alaska requiring public & private investment
DOT--8268	August 29	UMTA gives grant of $495,660 to Columbus, Ga., to purchase fleet of air-conditioned buses
DOT--8368	August 29	McGruder named as Director Management Systems/ also remains Director of Emergency Transportation
DOT--8468	September 1	Exhibit presented by DOT and Smithsonian
DOT--8568	September 4	DOT and HUD announce award of $22,860 contract for three-month study aimed at providing immedia relief from aircraft noise at Boston's Logan International Airport

DOT--8668	September 5	UMTA DOT's Urban Mass Transportation Administration announces $25,000 grant to conduct a one-year test of a Transportation Center to assist workers in the SW area of Washington, D. C.
DOT--8768	September 11	UMTA Grant ($727,344) to Tri-State Transportation Commission of New York City, to test a self-propelled turbo-electric rail commuter car
DOT--8868	September 7	UMTA grant ($442,767) for study of Mass. Bay Transportation Authority's subway system
DOT--8968	September 6	UMTA grant ($7,500) to Hollywood, Florida, to conduct study to determine need to plan for continuing and improving public transportation in Hollywood urban area
DOT--9068	September 9	Boyd announces steps to reduce Federal-aid highway spending by $200 million during FY 1969
DOT--9168	September 10	Boyd announces establishment of Office of Pipeline Safety (Jennings announced acting director and Caldwell acting deputy director)
DOT--9268	September 12	UMTA grant to Wichita Falls, Texas ($135,848) to conduct technical studies to determine if and how it should operate public mass transit system
DOT--9368	September 12	UMTA grant to Lafayette, La. ($84,868) to complete modernization of its transit system
DOT--9468	September 13	UMTA --- DOT and HUD take major step toward coordinating their urban transportation responsibilities
DOT--9568	September 13	UMTA -- DOT and HUD announce publication of an Interim Guide for non-profit institutions of higher learning seeking research and training grants under Section 11 of the UMTAct of 1964
DOT--9668	September 16	UMTA Robson speech in Cleveland, Ohio, condensed into press release - re: urban mass transportation "I have never been more confident that the wave of the future in our cities is public transportation" said Robson
DOT--9768	September 16	Issues order extending Alaska-Hawaii Time Zone

DOT--9868	September 20	Rutgers University to get $49,900 (UMTA) Grant to continue studying the feasibility of operating low-altitude air shuttle service i the New York-NewJersey-Connecticut area
DOT--9968	September 23	DOT Okays Expressway in San Antonio Park Area
DOT--10068	September 24	UMTA grant to Toledo, Ohio to study the feasibility of a publicly-owned transit system with the help of a $21,220 technical study grar
DOT--10168	September 24	DOT asks the ICC to order the Penn Central Railroad to take immediate ownership of the New Haven Railroad
DOT--10268	September 26	UMTA grant to the Bi-State Development Agency of St. Louis, Missouri ($491,771). Grants to purchase new passenger buses, etc.
DOT--10368	October 1	UMTA $2,046,000 grant to Manhattan's busiest local subway station, BMT 49th Street to get face lifting
DOT--10468	October 4	Boyd announces issuance of major revision of Federal regulations for the transportation of radioactive materials
DOT--10568	October 10	(UMTA) Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority to modernize its Boston area system today received $13,956,153 grant
DOT--10668	October 11	Boyd announces formation of an Urban Transportation Coordination Group
DOT--10768	October	Boyd announces that Summer Youth Opportunity Campaign accounted for more than 70,000 jobs in 1968
DOT--10868	October 12	Acceptance ceremony at New London of TurboTrair October 21
DOT--10868	October 14	Boyd announces appointment of 17 persons to a Citizens' Advisory Committee on Transportation Quality
DOT--10968	October 13	DOT to hold First Annual Awards Ceremony October 15
DOT--11068	October 14	Vice President Humphrey to speak at acceptance ceremony at New London on October 21
DOT--11168	October 18	UMTA grants totaling $8,240,166 to City of Chicago, Ill., for construction of new 9.5 mil rapid transit line & purchase of 150 rapid transit cars

DOT--11268	October 14, 1968	Boyd commends 75 DOT employees for "Especially significant service"
DOT--11368	October 20, 1968	Boyd to accept TurboTrains at New London Connecticut, ceremony
DOT--11468	No release	
DOT--11568	October 21	Boyd accepts TurboTrains
DOT--11668	October 22	DOT issues order changing boundary line between Central Time Zone & Mountain Time Zone - North Dakota
DOT--11768	October 22	DOT & Department of Justice request the ICC to order Penn Central Railroad to include the New Haven Railroad in its system
DOT--11868	October 23	DOT issues order changing boundary line between Alaska-Hawaii Time Zone and Bering Time Zone - Alaska
DOT--11968	October 23	UMTA grant to Pittsburgh, Pa. ($340,962) Port Authority of Allegheny County to enable it to complete two bus garages
DOT--12068	October 25	DOT announces appointment of Frederick Davis and Harold L. Graham as chairmen of two new task forces of Transportation Facilitation Committee
DOT--12168	October 23	Same as DOT--11968
DOT--12268	October 23	UMTA grant of $74,620 to Lafayette, La., for completion of mass transit modernization project
DOT--12368	October 24	UMTA grants to Chicago, Illinois, Erie, Pa., Eugene, Oregon, Skokie, Ill., San Jose, Calif., and Dade County, Fla
DOT--12468	October 25	UMTA grant to Tacoma, Washington ($203,990) to purchase ten new 51-passenger buses
DOT--12568	October 29	UMTA grant to Washington, D.C., metropolitar area using two-way express bus service to ma suburban jobs more accessible to urban worke
DOT--12668	October 29	UMTA grant to Bi-State Development Agency o St. Louis, Missouri ($96,666) to assist in continued planning for a St. Louis regional mass transit system

DOT--12768	October 29	UMTA grant to Kansas City, Missouri ($121,466 for preliminary design work on bus freeway to its new airport -- UMTA grant to Warren, Ohio, ($353,132) for purchase of 24 new buses
DOT--12868	October 30	DOT urges CAB to approve agreements authorizing air carriers to establish scheduling committees for purpose of relievin airport congestion at Kennedy, LaGuardia, Newark, Washington National, and O'Hare
DOT--12968	October 31	DOT apportioned $5.5 billion of Federal-aid highway funds to states for fiscal year 1970
DOT--13068	November 1	UMTA grant to city of Euclid, Ohio, ($795,500 for purchase of 12 new 53-passenger buses
DOT--13168	November 3	UMTA grant to Pittsburgh, Pa. ($300,000) for preliminary studies of 12-mile rubber-tired, fully-automated transit system
DOT--13268	November 7	Coast Guard will conduct series of tests of proposed simplified procedures for the hirin and releasing of U. S. merchant seamen
DOT--13368	November 8	DOT annouces interim Federal safety standards for gas pipelines
DOT--13468	November 21	UMTA announces conditional grant of $28 million to San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District for purchase of approximately 125 high-speed transit cars
DOT--13568	November 25	40 DOT safety officers and engineers met in Chicago during week of October 27 to discuss current & future safety program developments
DOT--13668	November 26	Appointment of Langhorne Bond as Assistant Administrator for Public Affairs of UMTA
DOT--13768	November 27	UMTA grant to Waterloo, Iowa ($31,800) to buy 4 minibuses for operation in downtown loop
DOT--13868	November 27	UMTA grant to Chattanooga, Tennessee ($24,840) to examine transit problems
DOT--13968	November 29	UMTA grant to University of Pennsylvania ($699,074) for studies of Minicar Mass Transit Concept
DOT--14068	December 4	UMTA grant to Puerto Rico ($1,297,041) to purchase 210 transit buses & construct ferry terminal

DOT--14168	December 4	Boyd announces establishment of an Office of Environmental Impact. The office is in TIA headed by Oscar S. Gray
DOT--14268	December 9	Boyd announces establishment of Urban Transportation Advisory Council
DOT--14368	December 6	Boyd announces program to develop express bus service between poverty areas and employment sites
DOT--14468	December 6	UMTA News Feature - Windup of 1968 activities
DOT--14568	December 16	Agreements signed by DOT to establish two park and ride passenger stations in Maryland and New Jersey for upcoming high speed train service
	December 15	National Highway Safety Advisory Committee announces it will urge new Administration to give attention to Nation's highway safety needs
DOT--14668	December 13	Boyd announces allocation of 1,472.5 miles in 28 states of 1,500 additional miles of Interstate Highway authorized by Congress
DOT--14768	December 18	Boyd allocates $14,150,000 for 25 projects in 21 states to improve roads through Federal lands
DOT--14868	December 22	Boyd asks entertainment, advertising and news media to encourage better safety practices by motorists
DOT--14968	December 20	High-speed metroliner service to start on limited basis between Washington, D. C., and New York on January 16, 1969
DOT--15068	December 26	UMTA grant to Kansas City Area Transportation Authority ($3,203,500) to buy 30 new 45-passenger transit buses
DOT--15168	December 31	UMTA grant ($25.2 million) to Chicago's South Suburban Mass Transit District to improve commuter rail service
DOT--15268	December 31	UMTA grant ($1,413,066 in total) to Asheville, North Carolina, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Sioux City, Iowa

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
January 5, 1968

DOT -- 168
962-3928

Secretary of Transportation Alan S. Boyd announced today that Joe W. Fleming, Federal Cochairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission, had joined the Presidential Task Force on the Ohio River Bridge disaster. The Secretary said that this action had been requested by the President.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Monday, January 8, 1968

DOT -- 0568
962-3928

Alan S. Boyd, Secretary of Transportation, recently certified the appointment of Larry H. Dugan as a Deputy Regional Director of the Office of Emergency Transportation.

Mr. Dugan is Vice President and Western Counsel of the Milwaukee Road, Seattle, Washington.

The presentation of the certificate was made during a two-day conference of the OET Regional Directors in Washington, D. C.

Secretary Boyd said that Mr. Dugan typifies the caliber of the regional directors and their deputies chosen from eight regions for their outstanding achievements and leadership in the various modes of transportation. In the event of an emergency, these men would head up regional offices which would become focal points of civil transportation services for the movement of passenger and freight of all types.

They also would coordinate activities with State and local governments, such Federal agencies as the Interstate Commerce Commission, Maritime Administration, etc.

The Office of Emergency Transportation was established in 1962.

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FOR WEDNESDAY A.M. RELEASE
January 10, 1968

DOT -- 0668
962-3928

Customs regulations under which foreign-made motor vehicles, vehicle equipment, and parts may be imported into the United States were announced jointly today by the Departments of Transportation and the Treasury.

All motor vehicles and vehicle equipment manufactured on or after January 1, 1968, for sale in the United States must be certified as conforming to applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards, whether manufactured in the United States or in a foreign country. The regulations announced today establish requirements for importing foreign-made vehicles and provide certain exemptions.

Vehicles, including chassis-cabs intended for further manufacture, will be admitted if they bear certification or a label indicating compliance with applicable standards.

Vehicles which may be imported without complying with the safety standards include:

--Vehicles manufactured before January 1, 1968.
--Vehicles intended solely for export, that are so labeled or tagged.
--Vehicles imported solely for the purposes of show, test, experiment, competition, repairs, or alterations, which will not be sold or licensed for use on the public roads. This includes racing cars for use on competition circuits.
--Vehicles belonging to foreign tourists, to members of the armed forces of a foreign country on assignment in the United States, to foreign diplomatic personnel, members of United Nations delegations, and members of other public international organizations on assignment in this country.
--Vehicles not manufactured in conformity with applicable standards, but which have since been brought into conformity. These must be accompanied by a certificate showing the work performed which brought the vehicle into conformity.
--Vehicles which do not conform to applicable standards, but which the importer or consignee agrees to bring into conformity. The importer or consignee must post a cash bond and bring the vehicle into conformity within 90 days. If

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the vehicle is a new car intended for sale to the public, however, and does not conform because it lacks readily attachable equipment items, the vehicle must have a label on its windshield stating the extent of the non-conformity and that it will be brought into conformity before being offered for sale.

No special exemptions from the requirements are made for importers on consignees who are American military or diplomatic personnel returning to the United States.

The regulations announced today will be published in the Federal Register on January 10, 1968, and will become effective on that date.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
January 11, 1968 P.M.

DOT -- 768
962-3928

Secretary of Transportation Alan S. Boyd announced today that the first Coast Guard polar icebreaker to enter the Great Lakes will be sent to Buffalo, New York, next spring to determine whether the Buffalo Harbor can be freed of ice at an earlier date than weather normally permits -- thereby expanding the port's navigational season. The Secretary stated that this decision was in response to a request by Congressman Thaddeus J. Dulski in consultation with the Port Authority and commercial shippers in the area.

An early opening of the Buffalo Harbor would assist commercial shippers to break through the ice barrier and speed up Great Lakes shipping activities.

A "Wind"-class polar icebreaker, yet unnamed, will probably be the first oceangoing ship to pass through the St. Lawrence Seaway next spring as it makes its way to Buffalo. Coast Guard ships of this type are 269 feet in length and are used for resupply missions and oceanographic studies in the Arctic and Antarctic.

The icebreaker will arrive in Buffalo prior to a planned polar deployment scheduled for May.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
January 12, 1968 P.M.

DOT -- 868
962-3928

The Department of Transportation announced today that a proposal, made last August, to place all of Indiana within the U. S. Central Standard Time Zone will be modified. The modified proposal would place all of Indiana in the U. S. Eastern Standard Time Zone with the exception of Lake, Porter, LaPorte, Starke, Jasper, Newton, Gibson, Pike, Dubois, Spencer, Warrick, Vanderburgh, and Posey Counties. These thirteen counties would remain in the Central Standard Time Zone.

Currently, the western third of the State of Indiana is located in the U. S. Central Time Zone. The remainder of the state is in the Eastern Time Zone.

The present proceeding to determine whether the time zone boundary should be relocated was initiated on August 9, 1967, on the basis of a petition submitted to the Department by Governor Roger Branigan. The petition requested the Department to begin proceedings to determine whether or not the time zone boundary should be moved to the Ohio-Indiana border, thereby placing all of Indiana in the Central Time Zone.

The Department of Transportation is authorized under the provisions of the Uniform Time Act to alter the location of time zone boundaries. In considering proposals to change time zone boundaries, the Act requires the Department to consider the convenience of commerce, in particular, common carriers. Due consideration is also given to public convenience.

A seventy-five day period was provided in which all interested persons were afforded an opportunity to comment on the original proposal. Large segments of the citizenry, business community, and organizations of all sizes and types responded to the request for comments.

Almost seventy-five percent of the citizens responding (outside the Gary and Evansville areas) favored eastern time.

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Eighty-eight percent of the businesses and commercial groups who responded (outside the Gary and Evansville areas) favored eastern time.

Ninety percent of the citizens responding from the Gary, Indiana, area favored central time.

Ninety-three percent of the citizens commenting from the Evansville area favored central time.

Twenty-three chambers of commerce outside the Gary and Evansville areas wrote the Department supporting eastern time.

Numerous civic groups, labor unions, transportation groups and common carriers, news media, religious groups and educational organizations (including schools and colleges) wrote us to express their support for eastern time (again outside the Evansville and Gary areas).

The evidence received clearly indicates that the designation of central time for all of Indiana would not accommodate commercial or public convenience in a large part of the state. The original proposal, therefore, has been modified to more nearly conform to the wishes of the public.

All interested persons are invited to comment upon the modified proposal. Opinion, argument, and data received before February 26, 1968, will be considered by the Department before making a final decision. Comments should be addressed to Docket Clerk, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, Washington, D. C. 20590.

This proceeding, which is a continuation of the one that began last August, is to determine the physical location of the time zone boundary. It does not, in any way, concern the issue of daylight saving time. In accordance with the provisions of the Uniform Time Act, the question of whether daylight saving time will be observed is left to the state legislature.

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FOR RELEASE
10 a.m., January 22, 1968

DOT -- 968
962-3928

Secretary of Transportation Alan S. Boyd today announced that Federal-aid highway obligation levels during calendar year 1968 will be held approximately five percent below 1967 levels.

He said the hold-down, to be carried out in cooperation with state highway authorities, is a "modest but essential move to combat general inflationary tendencies in the economy."

It will represent a reduction of $600 million from previously estimated levels of highway fund obligation for calendar year 1968, he said. Of the total reduction, $350 million will be in the current fiscal year between now and June 30, and $250 million between that date and December 31.

Boyd stressed the deep concern of the Administration over the rising cost of all construction activity, public and private, and the significant impact of Federal and state highway construction activities on these price levels.

A hold-down to $4.115 billion in the obligational level for highway construction in this calendar year will be "of important assistance in reducing this inflationary trend," he said.

Boyd said that he had expressed these views on January 11 during a meeting with Alf E. Johnson, Executive Secretary of the American Association of State Highway Officials, and elected officers of that organization.

There was substantial discussion at this meeting, Boyd said, of whether the desired levels of obligation could be maintained without severe disruption of long-range highway construction programs.

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The group also considered techniques to implement the hold-down through cooperation between state highway officials and the Federal Highway Administration.

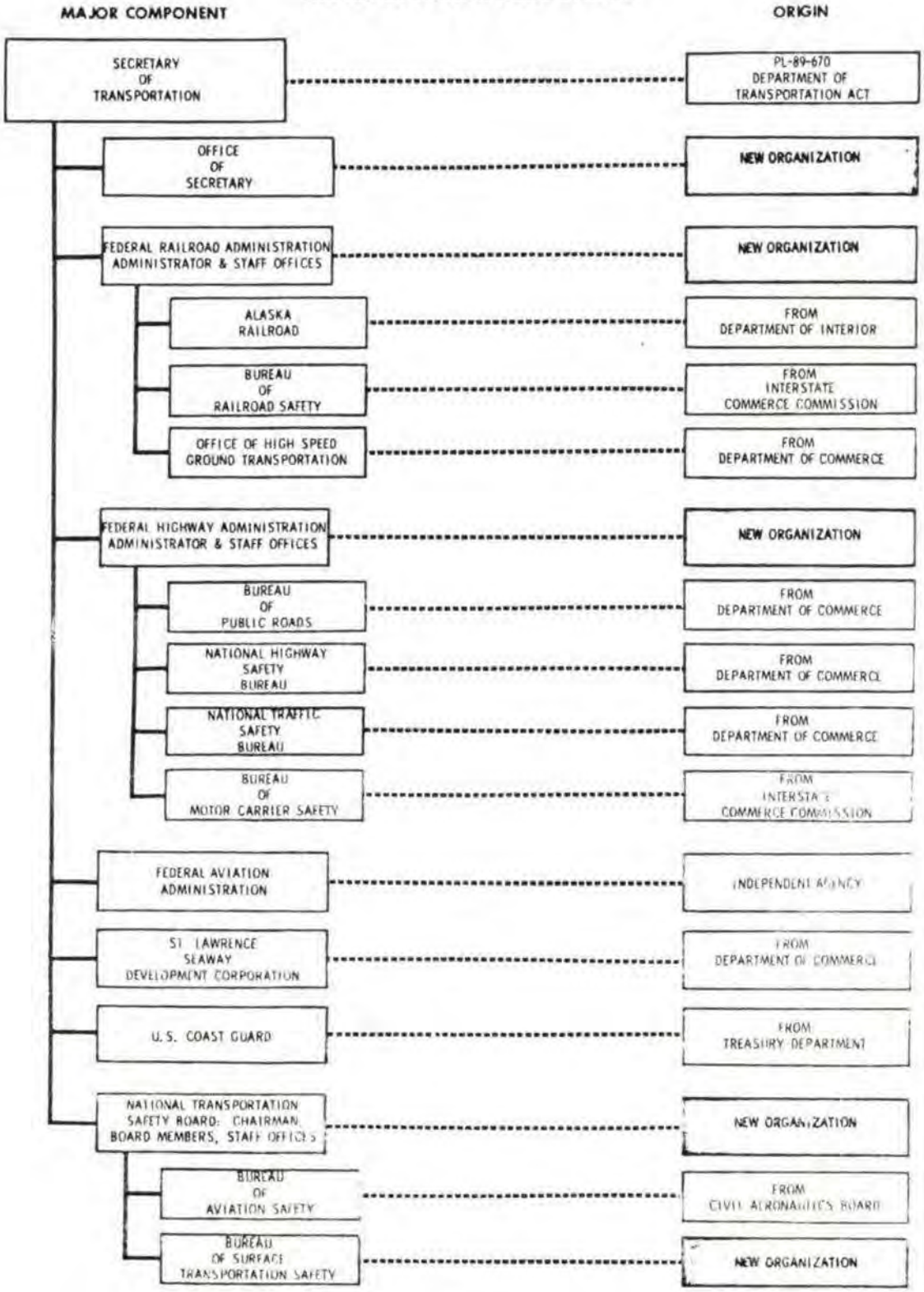
Boyd, in his announcement, pointed out that in addition to general inflationary tendencies in the national economy, there have been undue increases in highway construction cost levels in recent months.

For instance, he pointed out, the last quarter of 1967 showed a highway construction bid-price index level of 119.2 compared with a level of 112.8 for the last quarter of 1966.

In 1967, he said, the level increased 4.0 percent over the level for 1966, compared with average annual increases of 2.8 percent during the years 1960-65.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
January 25, 1968

DOT -- 1068
962-3928

Secretary of Transportation Alan S. Boyd said today that the Department of Transportation would initiate a study of the recent toll increase on the Walt Whitman and Benjamin Franklin Bridges in the Philadelphia-Camden area.

Secretary Boyd said that this study would be conducted by Lowell K. Bridwell, Federal Highway Administrator. The announcement was made at a meeting with Secretary Boyd sponsored by the five Congressmen from the Philadelphia area; William A. Barrett, Robert N. Nix, James A. Byrne, Joshua Eilberg, and William J. Green. The meeting also included other Senators and Congressmen interested in the problem.

"At the request of the Congressmen, and other interested persons, I have asked Mr. Bridwell to undertake a study of the recent toll increase on the Walt Whitman and Benjamin Franklin Bridges," Boyd said.

The General Bridge Act of 1946, he pointed out, provides that such tolls shall be reasonable and just. The power to make the determination of what is "reasonable and just" was transferred from the Secretary of the Army to the Secretary of Transportation when the Department of Transportation Act was enacted in 1966.

The Secretary said that this study would be conducted with dispatch. He expressed the hope that the Port Authority would offer swift and fruitful cooperation.

Boyd also released a letter from Bridwell to the Chairman of the Delaware Port Authority asking him for the specific information and data on the recent increase. A copy of that letter is attached.

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Secretary of Transportation Alan S. Boyd will hold a press conference on the 1969 Budget of the Department of Transportation, 12 noon, Saturday, January 27, 1968. It will be in the third floor auditorium of the DOT Building, 800 Independence Avenue, S. W. Parking will be available on Level A, reached by the 8th Street entrance.

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Secretary of Transportation Alan S. Boyd today announced the appointment of Lindsey Cowen, Dean of the University of Georgia Law School, to the Advisory Committee to the U. S. Coast Guard Academy.

Cowen, 48, received his LL.B. from Virginia in 1947 and his LL.M. from Harvard in 1965. He is a member of the Bar in Ohio, Virginia and Georgia, and has been admitted to practice before the U. S. Supreme Court. He was Associate Dean of the University of Virginia Law school before accepting his present position in 1964.

The Coast Guard Academy Advisory Committee has the primary task of examining the course of instruction at the Academy and to act as advisor to the Coast Guard Commandant.

Other members of the Committee are:

Dr. William W. Hagerty, President, Drexel Institute of Technology, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Dr. Homer D. Babbidge, Jr., President, University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut; Dr. William H. Hale, President, Langston University, Langston, Oklahoma; Honorable James A. Reed, Attorney, New York, New York and former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury; Welsey J. Barta, President, Mississippi Valley Barge Line Company, St. Louis, Missouri; and Dr. Richard H. Fleming, Chairman, Department of Oceanography, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington.

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