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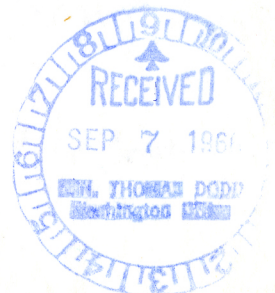
Hon. Thomas Dodd
U .S. Senator from Connecticut
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Dodd:

I believe you will be interested in the attached
letter to Chairman McClellan of the Government Operations
Committee regarding the proposed Department of Transportation.

Sincerely yours,

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Chairman
Committee on Government Operations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator McClellan:

I am writing you about the bill which would set up a Department of Transportation. The House of Representatives has passed an emasculated bill which would exclude the Maritime Administration from the new department. I understand this bill will come before the Government Operations Committee shortly.

To one as closely involved in transportation as I, a Department of Transportation without the important maritime industry included would be a shell. I do favor the creation of the new department as a necessary vehicle for the needed improvement of over all transportation planning.

However, the maritime industry and its labor unions have taken it upon themselves to torpedo this needed legislation because of the "peculiar problems of their industry". Most of these problems, it might be noted have been caused by inept managements, some coasting on subsidies, and even more so by the most irresponsible labor union leaders on the whole American scene. Only last week another "quickie" strike held up twenty-five American ships, and more shippers and passengers will use foreign-flag next time.

The American Association of Port Authorities took a position opposing the inclusion of the Maritime Administration in the Department of Transportation. In the Port of New York Authority, where I am Director of Port Commerce, many of us felt the best interests of the country would be served if it were included, and therefore our organization took no position on the legislation.

However, as an individual experienced in the maritime field I urge that the Senate pass the Department of Transportation bill, but insist that the Maritime Administration be included in the new department.

Sincerely yours,