

We, therefore, recommend -

- (1) that a Federal Study of the need and means for preserving a National Rail Passenger System be initiated as soon as possible;
- (2) that section 13a be amended to provide more effective and efficient regulation geared to present conditions, including a provision to preserve a minimum level of service while the study is in progress; and
- (3) that the Post Office Department temporarily redirect its policies on mail contracts to support the present level of passenger train service during this study.