

with your office. At the convenience of Mr. Densmore, Mr. Harper will meet with him to develop any further thoughts your office may have and to establish priorities and schedules.

I am in full accord with your suggestion that you and I follow this study closely. Beyond its immediate importance, the study should assist in establishing a pattern of successful cooperative actions between DOT and NASA that will become increasingly important as air transport develops. Mr. Densmore and Mr. Harper should arrange for a regular joint review process by those involved in the study to keep us fully informed of its progress and of the results as they affect our Agency's plans.

I look forward to this initial step forming the basis for establishing most effective relations between us.

Sincerely yours,

T. O. PAINE, *Deputy Administrator.*

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE COUNCIL,
Washington, September 24, 1968.

Hon. ALAN S. BOYD,
Secretary of Transportation,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. SECRETARY: The National Aeronautics and Space Council has a continuing interest and a legislated responsibility in the progress of aeronautical research and development.

As you know, the Senate Committee on Aeronautical and Space Sciences issued a report on January 31, 1968, in which some specific recommendations were made regarding aeronautical policy. One of those Committee recommendations was that a study should be made to analyze the relation between the benefits that accrue to the nation from aviation and the level of aeronautical research and development effort. The Committee went on to propose that such a study be accomplished by NASA and the Department of Transportation and that the results of the study should be transmitted to the National Aeronautics and Space Council. This recommendation went further and urged that the Council, after appropriate consultation, should determine the level of Federal government involvement and the relative effort of participating agencies. In actual fact, the National Aeronautics and Space Council's function would not be one of determining but rather one of proposing to the President and then carrying out needed coordination after a decision had been made.

At the May 22, 1968, meeting of the National Aeronautics and Space Council, the Vice President asked for progress reports on the study recommended by the Senate Committee. Administrator Webb of NASA proposed at that time that the Department of Transportation take leadership in the study because of its direct relationship to transportation policy. Mr. Densmore, representing your Department, reported that high level attention and interest were being devoted to this problem and that NASA-DOT meetings had already been held with the purpose of formulating an outline for the project.

The Vice President requested prompt action on the study and agreed that the expertise of the Defense Department should be coordinated with that of DOT and NASA in this matter. He also asked that interim reports be made to the Council. It would be in the interest of efficiency if such reports would be made to me so that they could be brought directly and promptly to the attention of the Vice President.

Sincerely,

E. C. WELSH.

The CHAIRMAN. Can you tell us when you expect to obtain some results from this study, and will you keep the committee informed of its progress?

Dr. PAINE. May we furnish that information for the record?

The CHAIRMAN. That will be fine.

(The material referred to follows:)

GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION IN AERONAUTICS R. & D.

The subject study, to be guided jointly by NASA and DOT, will be carried out in its initial phases by the Mission Analysis Division of OART. Representatives of other government agencies related to national aeronautics activities will be brought in as they are required.