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MEMORANDUM FOR THE WHITE HOUSE STAFF

Subject: Contacts between the White House and  
the Independent Regulatory Agencies

The independent regulatory agencies include:

- Civil Aeronautics Board
- Federal Communications Commission
- Federal Maritime Commission
- Federal Power Commission
- Federal Trade Commission
- Interstate Commerce Commission
- Securities and Exchange Commission

This memorandum discusses some important points you should bear in mind with regard to these agencies.

Contacts between the White House and the regulatory agencies are very sensitive on two grounds: (1) The Congress has a special relationship with these agencies, viewing them in part as instruments of the Congress in its constitutional power to regulate interstate and foreign commerce; (2) the Commissioners of these agencies have quasi-judicial responsibilities for individual cases coming before their agencies on rates, license renewals, route awards, and so forth. Obviously, any executive interference in this quasi-judicial function would be highly improper.

In spite of these sensitivities, matters often arise which do require official or informal contacts with the Commissioners or the staffs of these agencies. The following guidelines are provided for any exposure you may have to these agencies or problems pending before them. They also apply in those cases where other agencies of the executive branch act in a regulatory or quasi-judicial role.

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