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Mr. James D. Palmer, Administrator
Research and Special Programs Administration
Department of Transportation
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Palmer:

We have received your November 17, 1978, letter to Chairman Hendrie emphasizing the need for our two agencies to move ahead expeditiously to update the 1973 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The staff has completed its work on the memorandum and it has been sent to the Commission for its review. We should be able to have a decision on the document by the end of the month.

I regret that a delay has occurred in concluding this matter. A policy issue arose which interfered with our prompt resolution of the issue, a circumstance which was attenuated by a particularly heavy workload on the relevant staff.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Lee V. Gossick

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