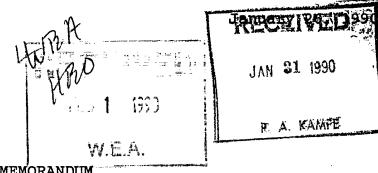
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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Members of the Executive Committee

Samuel D. Chilcote, Jr. FROM:

We have received additional information on the status of the Department of Transportation cabin air quality study, the results of which I outlined for you earlier in the week.

We now understand that the study has gone to the Office of Management and Budget for review. At the same time, we are told that DoT Secretary Skinner has directed his staff to begin polling the airlines for their opinions on a ban on all flights, including international.

An extension of the ban to international flights may pose some competitive problems for U.S. carriers; we are working through airline counsel to ensure that appropriate contacts are made with the domestic carriers.

The information we have learned from the DoT report suggests that environmental tobacco smoke is not the only component of aircraft cabin air that should be of concern. DoT's recommendations concerning a smoking ban do nothing to address these other issues.

Staff is taking steps to ensure that Administration and Congressional officials recognize the industry's objections to consideration of additional regulation even before the legislation mandating the ban on flights of six hours or less has taken effect, and without consideration given to other components of cabin air.

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