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President

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MEMORANDUM

To: The Members of the Executive Committee
From: Samuel D. Chilcote, Jr. 
Re: Airplane Cabin Air Quality

The Aviation Subcommittee (Chairman Nancy Kassebaum) of the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee has called for a hearing on airplane cabin air quality, Friday, September 19 at 9:30 a.m.

Senator Kassebaum is holding the hearing at the request of Senator Inouye, who originally sponsored the legislation mandating the study of airplane cabin air quality, which was recently completed and transmitted by the National Academy of Science to the Federal Aviation Administration. As you know, the NAS called for a ban of smoking on board aircraft.

Witnesses informally invited to testify include: National Academy of Science, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, Air Transport Association, Regional Airlines Association and Association of Flight Attendants.

Possible further witnesses may include the Aerospace Manufacturers Association and a consumer group (not yet identified).

Neither The Tobacco Institute, nor any anti-tobacco groups were invited to testify because the subcommittee wants to try to avoid focusing on the issue of smoking aboard aircraft. (Requests to testify by ASH and GASP have been turned down by the subcommittee.) Witnesses have been asked to address the entire issue of cabin air quality and comment on recommended improvements.

The Department of Transportation would like to see the hearings postponed until they have a chance to review and report on the NAS study.

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For planning purposes we are assuming that the hearings will go forward as scheduled and that smoking issues will be raised by some witnesses and Senators. TI has not asked to testify because such a request would almost certainly not be granted without provoking an invitation to anti-smoking groups. If any such group is invited, we have expert witnesses on standby to counter their arguments.

We will attempt to persuade the subcommittee to include as a witness at least one person who testified at our request at the NAS hearings on general scientific questions concerning air quality.

We will also attempt to assure the presence of Subcommittee Members Ford and Tribble and to assist them in every way.

Subcommittee Members include:

Kassebaum, Chairman	Exon
Goldwater	Inouye
Stevens	Ford
Tribble	

We will advise you of significant developments as they occur.

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