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TO: DICK MORRIS

From: JENNIFER O'CONNOR

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trucker
fatigue

Harold wanted to make
Sure you saw this.

cc: nmm

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

2 November 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR HAROLD ICKES

FROM: JENNIFER O'CONNOR

RE: DRIVER FATIGUE

As the attached memorandum describes, the Federal Highway Administration is testing technology aimed at getting tired drivers off the road and working on publicizing these programs.

Is the President still interested in doing something on this front?

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I need a copy
of this looking
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Nancy
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Nancy



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Federal Highway
Administration**

Memorandum

Subject: INFORMATION: Follow up Regarding
Fitness-for-duty Testing Research
Underway in FHWA.

Date: October 18, 1995

From: Rodney E. Slater *RES*
Federal Highway Administrator

Reply to
Attn. of: HPS-10

To: Ms. Ann Bormolini
Chief of Staff (S-1)

This is a follow up to your note (see attached) on the draft news release regarding the fitness-for-duty testing research underway in FHWA. The work referred to in the release may in the future present the opportunity to publicize programs to develop technologies to continually monitor a vehicle driver, especially commercial drivers, and warn them of potential loss of alertness and unsafe driving.

The contract through the ATA Trucking Research Institute to Evaluations Systems, Inc., of San Diego, California, will be using truck drivers in real-life operations with Schneider National Trucking of Green Bay, Wisconsin. A fleet of 30 trucks is currently being installed with the testing equipment; a press session and discussion with drivers could be planned when the data collection stage is completed in early spring and results are noteworthy.

In addition to this technology, we have research with Walter Reed Hospital to develop a wristwatch that would monitor a driver's activity level and alert him or her to periods of decreased alertness. A public session could be arranged in the future on both these technologies. Both projects were included in the prior briefing materials on this subject.

The public relations firm retained by Evaluation Systems had consulted with us earlier about a joint news release, but proceeded to issue its own last month which we are aware was used by some publications. Therefore, we recommend that we not initiate an event at this time, but wait until it might be possible to report on success of the testing.

Attachment

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**DRIVER FATIGUE IS TARGET
OF NEW TRUCKING RESEARCH**

With driver fatigue identified at a recent national safety meeting as being the number one problem in trucking, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is testing technology aimed at getting tired drivers off the road.

Schneider National of Green Bay, Wis., the nation's largest full-truckload carrier, is testing the new system for the Trucking Institute of the American Trucking Associations under an FHWA contract.

Evaluations System, Inc. (ESI) of San Diego has developed a computerized, continuous-performance monitoring system that is installed in a truck cab.

This device monitors a driver's performance and detects when the driver is functioning outside the norm because of fatigue or other causes, said Ted Schramm, ESI president. At that point, the driver is instructed to pull over and take a fitness-for-duty test. If the driver fails the test, he or she is instructed to nap for a given period.

"This is of major importance to the trucking industry because it offers a solution to fatigue-related accidents in long-haul vehicles carrying revenue loads," said Tom DiSalvi, loss prevention manager for Schneider National.

FHWA Administrator Rodney E. Slater added: "This is an excellent example of how the agency is responding to the goals established at the safety meeting last March in Kansas City. We are working with our various partners in the interest of commercial vehicle safety and developing new technology."

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Rodney
POTUS had been
interested in being
something in the
area of trucking fatigue
you had prepared a paper
for him. Was it good?
any new
down the
POTUS
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Hanks
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