MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

STATUS OF THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY PROGRAM

The President's Advisory Commission on the National Highway Program

The next action to be taken in planning a national highway program is the naming by the President of the Chairman of a Commission which might be called The President's Advisory Commission on the National Highway Program. Roger Kyes of the General Motors Corporation at Detroit is suggested for this responsibility.

It is suggested that this Commission be composed of not less than five nor more than nine members to be chosen in consultation with the Chairman from the public by reason of their experience in the fields of: (1) highway planning and administration (2) toll road and freeway financing (3) administrative government at the state and municipal level. It probably will be desirable to include one member (former Governor Driscoll of New Jersey) of the Kestnbaum Commission on Intergovernmental Relations and one member (Governor Wetherby of Kentucky or Governor Kennon of Louisiana) of the Governors' Conference, either in his capacity of Chairman of the Governors' Conference on Highway Planning, or as Chairman of the National Conference of Governors.

The Chairman of this Presidential Commission should be prepared to devote an equivalent of roughly half his time for the next three months with the further responsibility of supporting the legislative recommendations with the Congress at the appropriate time. The Commission will be provided with the necessary staff and located in the Executive Office of the President. Its funds will be a charge upon the Executive Budget.

The duties of the Commission will be consideration of the recommendations of the Federal Government Inter-Agency Committee, the Governors' Conference, the Highway Users Conference, and other public and private recommendations dealing with the national highway plan. The Commission will receive such recommendations, coordinate them, and prepare recommendations to the President and to the Conference of Governors for such legislation as will carry out the national highway objectives. It will consult, through the Inter-Agency
Committee, with all Departments of the Government concerned with
the development of a national plan, with the Commission on Inter-
governmental Relations, with the Governors' Conference, and with
such other organizations as it may find appropriate.

Other Cooperating Agencies

Upon the adjournment of the Governors' Conference last week a
resolution was passed setting up a Special Committee on the National
Highway Program. This Committee will oversee the reexamination
by the Governors of the highway programs of the States and will
receive a report from each Governor on the highway needs of his
State. The Special Committee will be prepared to report to the full
Conference of Governors so that a recommendation from the
Conference can be made to the President not later than November
first. During this procedure a close liaison will be maintained
between the Conference, the Bureau of Public Roads, and the Inter-
Agency Committee.

An Inter-Agency Committee under the supervision of the Bureau of
Public Roads will immediately be organized consisting of representa-
tives of the Bureau, the Department of the Treasury, the Department
of Defense, the Bureau of the Budget, Council of Economic Advisers,
Interstate Commerce Commission, together with a liaison from the
Executive Office of the President. The purpose of this Agency is to
examine the national highway needs, economic factors involved, and
the development of plans -- both for construction and financing --
to satisfy the recommendations of the national program.

A Committee of State Highway Officials under the supervision of the
Commissioner of Public Roads will meet from time to time in an
advisory capacity for the purpose of maintaining a close contact with
the highway officials. The recommendations of such officials will be
solicited and consideration given to these recommendations.

Congressional Action

It is proposed that the recommendations of this Presidential
Commission as approved by the President will be made a part of the
Report to the Congress on the State of the Union in January 1955.
An aggressive campaign for the adoption of the program in the Congress
will be the final responsibility of the Commission; and upon the
passage of the legislation by the Congress, the task of the Commission
will be completed.
Told President about Governors setting up their own special committee on roads. Said that what we need now is a central comprehensive committee under the President's general direction, headed by a top grade citizen. Suggests asking Roger Kyes to head it. President agrees he would be terrific, & is willing to call Charlie Wilson about how it can be done.

Adams gave further details. Commission would be set up by Presidential invitation. To be composed of not more than 9 members, people from the public. Would be an information-gathering commission, getting recommendations from the Governors' Conf., & other groups of people at national level. Would have small staff to evaluate recommendations. Would send out questionnaires to States to get their needs. We will set up inter-agency committee, under chairmanship of Frank Dupont (Commissioner of Public Roads), & composed of representatives of Bureau of Public Roads, Treasury, Budget, etc.

If we get Kyes, he should be prepared to spend 2 to 3 days a week at the job, for the next 2 or 3 months. Also, he would want to participate later on in selling this to the Congress to make it acceptable to the various people who would have to put it to work.

Suggest these 4 people on Republican side, as informal advisory committee: Martin, Case, Dondero, & McGregor. They would be sponsors at the proper time.

Robert Moses has interest in concentration of municipalities, & is willing to help.

President said that here is one case above all that there will have to be as much weight put on geographical distribution as well as to function. Specifically mentioned area between the Mississippi & California.

President asked Adams to give him brief memo in preparation for his call tomorrow morning.
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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

MR PRESIDENT AFTER THOROUGH DISCUSSION WITH ASSOCIATES I REGRET TO ADVISE YOU THAT I CANNOT UNDERTAKE RESPONSIBILITY DISCUSSED FRIDAY. MAJOR DIFFICULTY IS THAT WHAT MIGHT BE CONSIDERED SELFISH INTEREST OF CORPORATION IN SUCH A PROGRAM COULD PROVE DETRIMENTAL TO MY EFFECTIVENESS. SORRY THAT I MUST ANSWER IN THE NEGATIVE WARM PERSONAL REGARDS
Governor:

Frank Bane called with the following suggestions re the Commission on Highways:

Roger Kyes

John Collier

Chester Barnard
(Rockefeller Foundation)

Paul G. Hoffman

Robert W. Johnson
(Chairman of Board of Johnson & Johnson)

Lewis Douglas

James Palmer
(President of Marshall Field & Co.)
MEMORANDUM FOR

GOVERNOR ADAMS

My cogitations on a man to head the road committee produces nothing equal to Roger Kyes. I think his disadvantages are small compared to his merits. I would be for him. I would regard him as far superior to John Collyer of Goodrich.

Gabriel Hauge
MEMORANDUM FOR GOVERNOR ADAMS:

Re: Stephen D. Bechtel of California

I called Bob Ladd in the Vice President's office to find out whether or not the Vice President knew Mr. Bechtel.

The Vice President has met Mr. Bechtel in his capacity as Vice Chairman of the Business Advisory Council of the Department of Commerce. He was very impressed by him, and thinks he would be a good man and well qualified for some high spot.

Charles F. Willis, Jr.
MEMORANDUM FOR GOVERNOR ADAIRS

Although I have not been asked specifically, in reference to the attached memorandum from Cabe Hause, I think it would be a political mistake to appoint Roger Kyes to this job. He is a very difficult man to get along with. He considers himself above practical politics.

I understand there is a considerable amount of selling to do with the Governors of the various states to get them to go along with this program so they will not feel that their states' rights have been usurped. I do not think that Mr. Kyes would have much patience with the diplomatic approach that this job would require. Also I think it would be advisable to steer away from further top-level jobs going to General Motors people.

Have you considered Ernest Breech, Executive Vice President of the Ford Motor Company, or William Clay Ford, head of the Lincoln-Mercury division of the same company? Paul Hoffman — if he had the time — would be excellent in my opinion. I also think that Ed Trainer, Executive Vice President of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, would more than qualify. He is dynamic, personable, young, and a super-salesman. I am not sure that Mr. Firestone could spare him at this time but I would assume that if the President asked him he would let him go.

Charles F. Willis, Jr.

(Demand that E. Breech would do this if asked by you or me)
MEMORANDUM FOR GOVERNOR ADAMS

I talked with Sidney Weinberg and he thinks Ben Moreell is an excellent suggestion for the Road Committee post but he feels the internal problems in his company are of such magnitude that he would be prevented from devoting the proper amount of time to the program. Mr. Weinberg suggests the following:

Tom McCabe, Scott Paper Company, who is semi-retired, devoted to the President, and a wonderful man (the comments are my own).

Langborne Williams, President of the Freeport Sulphur Company, whose principle owner is John Whitney. Mr. Williams is an Eisenhower Democrat and a large contributor through Mr. Whitney.

John Holmes, President of Swift & Company.

Ted Houser, Sears Roebuck & Company.

Mr. Holton, Corning Glass Company.

Charles F. Willis, Jr.
MEMORANDUM FOR: Thomas E. Stephens
FROM: Arthur Minnich.

The Governor indicated today that he would have Governor Kohler and Lucius Clay, along with Dr. Hauge and himself, available on Monday, August 30th, following the American Legion address, to confer on the President's Highway Program.

The Governor expects to talk about it with the President on the way back from the Armory and follow with further discussion, either at luncheon with the President or after luncheon, depending on whether the President desires to eat with the group.

General Clay will head up the overall top level commission for promoting this highway program. For your information the commission will probably have members from the Governors' Conference, that section of the public interested in highways, the Administration and perhaps Congress. It will consolidate the work of the Governors' Highway Committee, the Administration Inter-agency Committee and any relevant task forces of the Kestnbaum-Hoover Commission.

Both Kohler & Clay have been advised of breakfast Monday 8:00 A.M.
August 23, 1954

Dear Lucius:

This will confirm our telephone conversation of this morning. If you will be at my office between eleven and eleven-thirty, on the morning of the thirtieth, that will be plenty of time.

Looking forward to seeing you,

Regards,

Sincerely,

[Signature]

General Lucius Clay  
Chairman of the Board  
Continental Can Company  
100 East 42nd Street  
New York 17, N. Y.

Bar's speech is at 12 noon. We will lunch afterwards.

[Signature]

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Honorable Sherman Adams  
Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sherm:

Thanks for your note of yesterday confirming our telephone conversation.

I will be in your office between 11:00 and 11:30 A.M. next Monday, August 30.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Walter J. Kohler  
Governor
MEMORANDUM FOR

THE PRESIDENT

August 30, 1954

After discussion with Governor Adams I would like to recommend the following to serve on the National Highway Commission:

(1) Mr. S. A. Bechtel from San Francisco, California. Mr. Bechtel has long experience in the construction field, is not a road contractor, but would be able to bring to the deliberations of the Committee a comprehensive knowledge of the construction industry.

(2) Mr. W. A. Roberts, now President of Allis Chalmers of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Mr. Roberts is a man of substance in the mid-West, familiar in a general way with agricultural problems, and capable of bringing a high degree of judgment to the deliberations of the Committee.

(3) Mr. Sloan Colt, President of the Bankers Trust Co. of New York City. Mr. Colt, of course, has had very extensive experience in financing, and this experience would be invaluable in determining the financing of such a highway program as may be recommended.

(4) To assure a representative highway committee we have added Mr. David Beck. While the Teamsters Union does have a special interest in highways it is still more desirable for labor to have a representative on the committee, particularly since the other members of the committee are from industry.

(5) It is further proposed that the viewpoints of municipalities, States, and other interested bodies will be obtained by direct and constant liaison; in addition, representatives of municipalities and States will be selected to serve as consultants to the committee. For instance, Mr. Moses will be asked to serve as a consultant, and the State Association of Highway Officials will also be asked to designate a representative to serve as a consultant. It is believed that the views of these
special interests can better be obtained this way than by giving them direct representation on the committee.

Lucius D. Clay
THE WHITE HOUSE SEPT 3
TO: NAGERTY (ATTENTION WAYNE HAWKS)
FROM: HAGEE

THE PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE WILL PREPARE BASIC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TRANSLATING INTO REALITY HIS BROAD CONCEPT OF A VASTLY EXPANDED AND STRENGTHENED NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM. THE PRESIDENT'S PROGRAM WAS SET FORTH BY VICE PRESIDENT NIXON AT THE GOVERNORS CONFERENCE AT BOLTON LANDING, N. Y. IN MID JULY.

THE PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE, COMPOSED OF FIVE LEADING CITIZENS WITH EXPERIENCE AND BACKGROUND IN CONSTRUCTION, FINANCE, LABOR AND AGRICULTURE, WILL CONSIDER VARIOUS APPROACHES TO THE PROBLEM AND WILL WORK IN COOPERATION WITH THE COMMITTEE OF THE GOVERNORS CONFERENCE APPOINTED AT BOLTON LANDING IN JULY FOR THE PURPOSE OF FORMULATING PROPOSALS IN CONNECTION WITH THE PRESIDENT'S PROGRAM. The Governors Committee is headed by Rev. Walter Kolb. A

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE WILL PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS TO PRESENT THEIR IDEAS AND THAT IT WILL ALSO HAVE THE FULL ASSISTANCE OF THE INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE WITHIN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH WHICH IS ALREADY AT WORK ON THE PROGRAM.

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TELEGRAM

TO: HAGERTY
FROM: HAUGE

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

SEPTEMBER 3, 1954

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MEMORANDUM FOR

GENERAL CARROLL

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 2, 1954

I have just had a telephone conversation with General Lucius Clay, newly
designated Chairman of the President's Advisory Committee on a National
Highway Program.

He says that he has now been in touch with and secured acceptances from
the following men, who will be serving with him on the Committee:

S. Sloan Colt
President
Bankers Trust Company
New York, New York

S. D. Bechtel
President
Bechtel Corporation
San Francisco, California

W. A. Roberts
President
Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

David Beck
President
International Brotherhood of Teamsters
Seattle, Washington

Clay says that this slate can now be announced from Denver whenever
Hagerty wishes.

He requests further that a telegram from the President go to each of these
men, expressing the President's personal appreciation of his willingness
to serve and informing them of the projected time of announcement of the
Committee.

[Signature]

Gabriel Hauge
TO: Governor Adams

FROM: General Carroll

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Will you kindly advise us of any action taken in this regard? Many thanks.
TO: GOVERNOR ADAMS
FROM: GENERAL CARROLL

GABE HAUGE JUST HAD A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH GENERAL LUCIUS CLAY, NEWLY DESIGNATED CHAIRMAN OF THE PRESIDENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON A NATIONAL HIGHWAY PROGRAM.

GENERAL CLAY SAYS THAT HE HAS NOW BEEN IN TOUCH WITH AND SECURED ACCEPTANCES FROM THE FOLLOWING MEN, WHO WILL BE SERVING WITH HIM ON THE COMMITTEE:

S. SLOAN COLT
   PRESIDENT
   BANKERS TRUST COMPANY
   NEW YORK, N. Y.

S. D. BECHTEL
   PRESIDENT
   BECHTEL CORPORATION
   SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

W. A. ROBERTS
   PRESIDENT
   ALLIS-CHALMERS MANUFACTURING COMPANY
   MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

DAVID BECK
   PRESIDENT
   INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS
   SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

CLAY SAYS THAT THIS Slate CAN NOW BE ANNOUNCED FROM DENVER WHENEVER HAGERTY WISHES. HE REQUESTS FURTHER THAT A TELEGRAM FROM THE PRESIDENT GO TO EACH OF THESE MEN, EXPRESSING THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL APPRECIATION OF HIS WILLINGNESS TO SERVE AND INFORMING THEM OF THE PROJECTED TIME OF ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE COMMITTEE.

WILL YOU KINDLY ADVISE US OF ANY ACTION TAKEN IN THIS REGARD? MANY THANKS.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 3, 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR: A. Wayne Hawks

FROM: General Carroll

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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President, International Brotherhood of Teamsters
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Governor Adams has seen this list and has approved it.

Clay says that this slate can now be announced from Denver whenever Hagerty wishes. He requests further that a telegram from the President go to each of these men, expressing the President's personal appreciation of his willingness to serve and informing them of the projected time of announcement of the Committee. General Clay should be informed from the Denver office in advance of any announcement concerning the appointment of these men to the Committee.

Will you kindly advise us of any action taken in this regard? Many thanks.
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 3, 1954

VIA TELETYPEx

TO: Hawks

FROM: Miller

Here is the biographical material I promised you on the phone.

Quote 1

Quote 2

Quote 3

Quote 4
THE WHITE HOUSE SEPT 3
TO HAWKS
FROM MILLER
HERE IS THE BIOGRAPHICAL MATERIAL I PROMISED YOU ON THE PHONE:

COLT, SAMUEL SLOAN
BANKING
BORN NEW YORK CITY JULY 13 1892
EDUCATION: PREP EDCN GROTON SCH; B A YALE; HON LL D COLGATE 1936
MARITAL STATUS MARRIED

EXPERIENCE BEGAN WITH FARMERS LOAN AND TRUST CO NYC 1914
VP 1925-29; V P NATIONAL CITY BANK 1929-30; V P AND DIR
BANKERS TRUST CO 1930-31 PRES SINCE JUNE 1931; DIRECTOR AND
MEM EXEC COMMITTEE GENERAL FOODS CORP; MEM U & S ADV COM
ROYAL EXCHANGE ASSURANCE; DIR PROVIDENT FIRE INS CO, AM BANK
NOTE CO; MEM FINANCE ADV BD OF U & S BR CAR AND GEN INS CORP;
STATE ASSURANCE CORP; DIR AM CAN CO, GENERAL ELECTRIC CO; DIR
MEM FINANCE COM DISCOUNT CORP OF NEW YORK; TRUSTEE MEM ADV
FINANCIAL COM COM FOR ECON DEVELOPMENT; TRUSTEE MEM FINANCE
COM ROCHESTER U, AM MUS NATURAL HISTORY; DIR AND TREAS
METROPOLITAN OPERA ASSN NAT CHMN AM RED CROSS WAR FUND
CAMPAIGN, 1941-42; COMMISSIONER PORT OF NEW YORK AUTHORITY;
TRUSTEE AND TREASURER TAX FOUNDATION INC.

MILITARY SERVED AS CORPORAL, Advanced to Major, World War I.

HOME 910 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK CITY 21.

OFFICE 16 WALL STREET NEW YORK CITY 15.

BECHTEL, STEPHEN DAVISON
ENGINEER CONSTRUCTOR

BORN AURORA INDIANA SEPT 24 1900.

EDUCATION: STUDENT IN ENGINEERING UNIV OF CALIFORNIA.

MARITAL STATUS MARRIED

EXPERIENCE IN GEN CONSTRUCTION BUS WITH FATHER WARREN A BECHTEL
1919; WITH W A BECHTEL CO V P 1925-36, PRES SINCE 1936; DIR
SIX COMPANIES INC, CONSTRUCTORS OF HOOVER DAM, 1931; CO-ORGANIZER
DIR, BECHTEL-MCCOY CORP, 1937-46; DURING WORLD WAR II, CHMN
BD CAL SHIPDLG CORP; DIR MARINSHIP CORP; NOW PRES, DIR
BECHTEL CORP CHIEF EXEC OFFICER VARIOUS BECHTEL DOMESTIC AND
INTERNATL AFFILIATED ORGS; CHMN BD TRANS MOUNTAIN OIL PIPE LINE
CO; DIR INDSTL INDEMNITY CO, JOSHUA HENDY CORP, U S LINES
CO, CONTINENTAL CAN CO, INC; S P CO, AND OTHERS; MEM EXEC
COM, BUR ADV COUNCIL, U S DEPT OF COMMERCE; ADV COUNCIL
U C AL INST; TRUSTEE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA COUNCIL.

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ROBERTS, WILLIAM ALVA
BUSINESS EXECUTIVE
BORN: OSCEOLA, MISSOURI, AUGUST 25, 1897.
EDUCATION: STUDENT OF SPRINGFIELD, MO BUSINESS COLLEGE.
MARITAL STATUS: MARRIED.
EXPERIENCE: PRES ALLIS-CHALMERS MFG CO, MILWAUKEE SINCE 1915; DIR FIRST WISC NAT BANK, MILWAUKEE. PAST PRES FARM EQUIPMENT INST; PAST REGIONAL V P AM ROAD BUILDERS ASSN; MEM AM SOC AUTOMOTIVE ENGRS, AM SOC OF AGRL ENGRS.
HOME: 6536 HILLCREST DRIVE, WAUWATOSA 13, WISCONSIN.
OFFICE: ALLIS-CHALMERS MFG CO, BOX 512, MILWAUKEE 1.

BECK, DAVID D
LABOR EXECUTIVE
BORN: STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA, JUNE 16, 1894.
EDUCATION: PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF SEATTLE AND EXTENSION COURSES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON.
MARITAL STATUS: MARRIED.
MEMBERSHIPS: AM LEGION, VETS FOREIGN WARS, ELKS.
HOME: 16749 SHORE DRIVE, N E SEATTLE.
OFFICE: 552 DENNY WAY, SEATTLE 9.

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General Lucius Clay has advised me of your availability for service on the President's Advisory Committee on a National Highway Program. I am deeply grateful for your willingness to serve. Announcement of your appointment to the Committee will be released to the press on September 7th.
Telegram

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The White House
Washington

Denver, Colorado
September 8, 1954

The Honorable Lucius Clay
100 East 42nd Street
New York, N. Y.

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CENTRAL FILES

Announcement of the members of the President's Advisory Committee on a National Highway Program to serve with you will be made from this office on September 7th.

James C. Hagerty
Press Secretary to the President
The President today appointed the following as members of the President's Advisory Committee on a National Highway Program:

Mr. Stephen D. Bechtel  
President, Bechtel Corporation  
San Francisco, California

Mr. David Beck  
President, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Seattle, Washington

Mr. S. Sloan Colt  
President, Bankers Trust Co.  
New York, New York

Mr. William A. Roberts  
President, Allis Chalmers Mfg. Co.  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Lucius D. Clay, Chairman of the Board, Continental Can Company, is Chairman of the Committee. He was appointed to that position by the President on August 30th.

The President's Advisory Committee will prepare basic recommendations for translating into reality his broad concept of a vastly expanded and strengthened national highway system. The President's program was set forth by Vice President Nixon at the Governors Conference at Bolton Landing, New York in mid-July.

The President's Committee, composed of five leading citizens with experience and background in construction, finance, labor and agriculture, will consider various approaches to the problem and will work in cooperation with the Committee of the Governors Conference appointed at Bolton Landing in July for the purpose of formulating proposals in connection with the President's program. The Governors' Committee is headed by Governor Walter Kohler of Wisconsin.

It is expected that the Advisory Committee will provide opportunity for interested individuals and groups to present their ideas and that it will also have the full assistance of the Interdepartmental Committee within the Executive Branch which is already at work on the program.