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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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DATE: 23 MAR 79

FOR ACTION: ARNIE MILLER

INFO ONLY:

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SUBJECT: WATSON MEMO RE RESIGNATION OF RICHARD PAGE, ADMINISTRATOR
OF THE URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION

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+ RESPONSE DJE TO RICK HUTCHESON STAFF SECRETARY (456-7052) +
+ BY: 1200 PM MONDAY 26 MAR 79 +
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ACTION REQUESTED: YOUR COMMENTS PLEASE PREPARE ACCEPTANCE LETTER

STAFF RESPONSE: () I CONCUR. () NO COMMENT. () HOLD.

PLEASE NOTE OTHER COMMENTS BELOW:

FOR ACTION
FYI

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letter*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

3/22/79

rick hutcherson --

president has not yet
seen

thanks--susan clough

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 22, 1979

NOTE TO: Susan Clough

Dick Page, with whom I have worked very closely over the last two years, had this letter of resignation delivered to me this afternoon and asked that I give it immediately to the President.

Dick has done a first-rate job as Administrator of the Urban Mass Transportation Administration and will be sorely missed. He is a great admirer and strong supporter of the President. I will appreciate your giving his letter to the President. If the President wishes, I will draft a note for his signature.

Thanks.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jack". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Jack Watson

Attachment



THE ADMINISTRATOR

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

March 22, 1979

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am hereby tendering my resignation as Administrator of the Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration effective May 4, 1979.

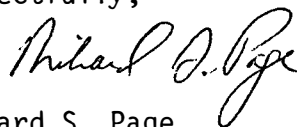
It is with sincere regret that I do so, for I have enjoyed the opportunity to serve in your Administration under Secretary Adams as head of an important Federal agency. Under your leadership, Federal support for mass transportation has increased significantly from \$2 billion in fiscal year 1976 to over \$3.5 billion in fiscal 1979. Legislation, which you sponsored and signed last year, the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1978, broadened the scope of Federal support for mass transportation to include an important rural transit program and provided for a new five year mandate for the Federal program.

At UMTA we have decentralized staff and authority of the agency to the ten regional offices, issued a policy statement on rail transit, and improved UMTA's management review of mass transit projects. Just last month, Jack Watson and Secretary Adams announced the urban initiatives transit part of your urban policy. I believe that these and other changes have made important contributions to the effectiveness and responsiveness of the Federal urban mass transportation program.

I am submitting my resignation in order to accept the offer of the Board of Directors of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority to be Metro's next General Manager. I have accepted the Board's offer because of the challenging opportunity it provides to manage one of the most important mass transit systems in the United States. This enables me to return to local government in a field where I believe I can make a valuable contribution.

I am grateful for the confidence which you and Secretary Adams demonstrated by appointing me as Administrator. I have enjoyed my two years in this position, and I thank you for the opportunity to be of service in your Administration. Please do not hesitate to call upon me if I can be of any further assistance.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard S. Page".

Richard S. Page