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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

DATE: 14 DEC 79

FOR ACTION: ARNIE MILLER

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INFO ONLY: JACK WATSON

SUBJECT: GOLDSCHMIDT MEMO RE APPOINTMENT OF UNITED STATES  
RAIL ASSOCIATION BOARD

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+ RESPONSE DUE TO RICK HUTCHESON STAFF SECRETARY (456-7052) +  
+ BY: 1200 PM MONDAY 17 DEC 79 +  
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ACTION REQUESTED: YOUR COMMENTS

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

PLEASE NOTE OTHER COMMENTS BELOW:

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cc: Rick Hutcheson

THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

DEC 13 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM : Neil Goldschmidt

SUBJECT: Appointment of United States Rail Association Board  
Chairman

William Smith, Chairman of the Board of Directors, the United States Rail Association (USRA), has informed me he intends to resign his position in February. The legislation which created USRA provides the Chairman shall be appointed for a six year term by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate. The filling of this position is very important to the success of our efforts to revitalize rail service in the northeast.

I believe it is important we have as Chairman of USRA, a person who is committed to your Administration's efforts to reduce regulation of the rail freight industry and to the timely sunset of USRA, a subject now being studied by this Department. Our candidate should also possess the capability to accurately assess whether or not Conrail can become a profitable railroad and if not work with us on alternative solutions to the northeast rail freight problem. This individual should also be familiar with federal budgeting and legislative processes because of their relevance to Conrail decisions now facing us. We are also anxious to have a new Chairman capable of assessing more objectively the ability of USRA's management.

I believe we have found a person with these capabilities in Mr. Stephen Berger. Mr. Berger, President of Stephen Berger Associates, Inc., a New York management consulting firm, specializing in services in the field of public and municipal finance, is also a member of the Board of the New York State Metropolitan Transportation Authority and Chairman of its finance committee. Under his leadership the finance committee has undertaken major reviews of the operations and financing of the agencies under the jurisdiction of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, including the New York City Transit Authority, the Long Island Railroad and the Conrail Metropolitan Region Commuter Services.

Mr. Berger is also presently professor of public administration at New York University, Graduate School of Public Administration. He comes to us highly recommended by Governor Hugh Carey, for whom he served as Executive Director of New York State's Emergency Financial Control Board. Our interviews of Mr. Berger and research into his background I believe show him to be an articulate individual with leadership qualities and a predisposition towards the rail policies set forth above.

I recommend Mr. Berger to you as a candidate for Chairman of the Board of the United States Rail Association.



Office of the Attorney General  
Washington, D. C. 20530

December 14, 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President  
FROM: The Attorney General **GRC**  
SUBJECT: Iranian Student Case

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At 4:30 this afternoon, the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, granted a stay of the order of Judge Joyce Hens Green which had enjoined implementation of our November 13, 1979 order with respect to Iranian students in the United States. The stay was granted in view of my representation to the Court that the Department would extend the reporting period.

The Court has scheduled a hearing on our appeal for Thursday, December 20, at 10:00 a.m. Briefs are due to be filed by noon on Wednesday, December 17, 1979. The reporting period will now end 15 days from today.

cc: Zbigniew K. Brzezinski  
Assistant to the President  
for National Security Affairs