

BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
OF THE  
FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM  
WASHINGTON

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ADDRESS OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE  
TO THE BOARD



February 5, 1942

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith a copy of a memorandum dated January 23, 1942, with attachment, addressed to Government departments and agencies other than military by Brigadier General Donald H. Connolly, Military Director of Civil Aviation, regarding priority travel on scheduled air carriers.

Since persons signing the priority travel certificates must certify that the travel is necessary to the successful prosecution of the war effort, and since it is urged that the number of persons authorized to sign the certificates be limited as much as possible, you will, no doubt, wish to require that any such certificates issued by your Bank be signed by the President or, in his absence, by the First Vice President.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "L. P. Bethea". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light background.

L. P. Bethea,  
Assistant Secretary

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TO THE PRESIDENTS OF ALL FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS

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HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY AIR FORCES  
WAR DEPARTMENT  
Washington

January 23, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR GOVERNMENTAL DEPARTMENTS  
AND AGENCIES OTHER THAN MILITARY

Subject: Priority Travel on  
Scheduled Air Carriers

Each Scheduled Air Carrier has been instructed by this office to grant priority transportation upon presentation of a certificate, in the form shown on attached sample, signed by an approved executive of a Federal Department or Agency, or other competent Government official.

The granting of a priority makes it mandatory upon the Air Carriers to remove other passengers or cargo if necessary, causing delay and inconvenience to these passengers or shippers whose transportation may be of importance. Consequently, it is urged that the persons authorized to sign the certificate be limited as much as possible. This certification may be made by telegram to a person requiring priority, as explained in the attached instructions.

(Signed) Donald H. Connolly

DONALD H. CONNOLLY  
Brigadier-General, U. S. A.  
MILITARY DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION

Attachment:

January 23, 1942

WAR DEPARTMENT  
HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY AIR FORCES  
Washington

Priorities for Air Transportation  
DIRECTIVE #2

1. The Air Transport Industry Representative may route on any airline or any flight consistent with the required arrival at destination and availability of the passenger for departure.
2. Clearing of space for passengers or cargo of higher priority classifications than "other than military" may require displacement of passengers in this classification.
3. Use of the certificate below makes it mandatory upon air carriers to provide space for transportation stated, removing passengers and cargo if necessary.
4. Airline office should be contacted for reservation and to register priority as soon as possible, because priority passengers in the same classification will be carried in order of the time reservation was made and priority established, if a schedule cannot accommodate all priority requests made for it.
5. This form must be surrendered to the air carrier on which flight originates and passenger should be required to present it in advance to establish priority classification clearly. If trip consists of several stops, carrier will stamp tickets "PRIORITY" to insure proper handling at other cities.
6. This form must bear the signature of an approved executive of the issuing Federal Department or Agency. When necessary, a telegram addressed to the person requiring priority, worded as below, and signed by an approved executive will suffice, and the form will be completed by the passenger at an airline office.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Department or Agency of Federal Government)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Place)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

TO: Air Transport Industry Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City of origin of flight)

I certify that air transportation from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ is necessary to the successful prosecution of the war effort and is hereby granted priority under classification "other than military".

(It is suggested that each Department or Agency duplicate this form on its own stationery to be distributed to those persons authorized to certify the necessity for priority air travel.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)