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The Honorable David A. Stockman
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Dear Mr. Stockman:

This is in response to your request for the views of the Department of Transportation on a proposed Presidential proclamation prepared by the Northern Mariana Islands Commission on Federal Laws:

"Application of certain laws of the United States to citizens of the Northern Mariana Islands."

The proposed proclamation would waive the application of United States citizenship or nationality requirements in specified federal laws to citizens of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to obviate the need for ad hoc treatment of the status of Northern Mariana citizens. This action is taken to fulfill the intent of Public Law 98-213 (December 8, 1983) (U.S.C.) that citizens of the Northern Mariana Islands be deemed U.S. citizens for the purposes of the laws specified therein.

The Department of Transportation does not object to the proposed proclamation, but suggests that certain citations to title 46, United States Code, be changed as follows:

<u>Section</u>	<u>Citation</u>	<u>Change to</u>
4(v)	46 U.S.C. §121	46 App. U.S.C. §121 ✓
4(x)	46 U.S.C. §325	46 App. U.S.C. §325 ✓
4(y)	46 U.S.C. §834	46 App. U.S.C. §834 ✓
4(z)	46 U.S.C. §§1151, 1159, 1171, 1213, 1273, 1274	46 App. U.S.C. §§1151, 1159, 1171, 1213, 1273, ✓ 1274
4(aa)	46 U.S.C. §1279c(a)	46 App. U.S.C. § 1279c(a) ✓
4(bb)	46 U.S.C. §§1281 and 1283	46 App. U.S.C. §§1281 and 1283

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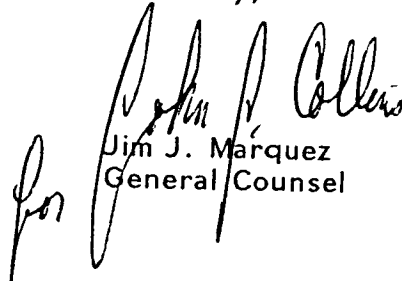
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<u>Section</u>	<u>Citation</u>	<u>Change to</u>
4(cc)	46 U.S.C. §§1295, 1295b, 1259c, 1259e	46 App. U.S.C. §§1295, 1295b, 1295c, 1295e

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter.

Sincerely,


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