

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
CONCERNING COOPERATION IN THE
DEVELOPMENT OF EXPERIMENTAL SAFETY VEHICLES

- I. This Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Transportation (DOT) of the United States of America and the Department of the Environment (DOE) of the United Kingdom outlines a program to achieve the optimum practicable cooperation in research and development related to experimental safety vehicles.
- II. In connection with the Study on Road Safety being conducted under United States leadership as part of the program of the Committee on the Challenges of Modern Society (CCMS) of the NATO, the DOT and the DOE have had discussions on an Experimental Safety Vehicle project. The DOE has decided to undertake such a project immediately and will carry out a number of individual projects and studies with the aid of British car and component manufacturers as well as the research community. The aim of the British program is to develop in practical engineering form car safety features designed to prevent vehicle crashes or to afford high levels of protection to vehicle occupants in crashes, and to incorporate features so developed into complete cars which will be tested in order to demonstrate feasible performance standards.

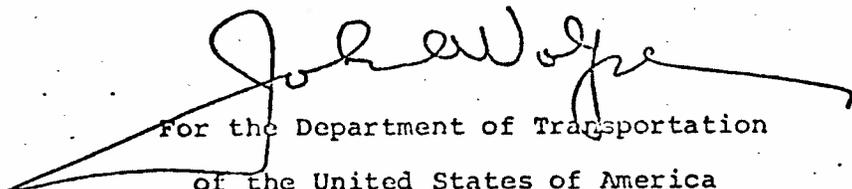
III. The British project, which will complement a project already initiated by the United States for the development of an experimental safety vehicle in the 4,000 lbs. class, will be related to vehicles in lighter weight classes. The DOT has already made available to the DOE the technical information and other data which are the basis of three United States Government contracts, each calling for the design, fabrication, and delivery to the DOT of a 4,000 lbs. experimental safety vehicle that meets a number of specifications for high level safety performance. The DOT will further make available to the DOE technical experts to provide such consultation and assistance as the DOE requests with regard to the elaboration of its program and the development of appropriate safety performance specifications for the small size vehicles.

IV. The DOT and the DOE will exchange the knowledge and experience gained in their respective projects, to the extent that they are available to them, in as timely and detailed a manner as practicable. The DOE accepts that knowledge and experience which it provides to the DOT in the course of such exchange should be transmitted to the appropriate agencies of other countries which have similar understandings or arrangements with the DOT, to the extent that such agencies equally undertake to provide their knowledge and experience to the DOT and accept that it should be transmitted to the DOE.

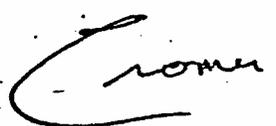
V. It is contemplated that a number of detailed procedures for implementing the cooperative efforts will be developed as the two projects proceed and will be incorporated in the present understanding as technical annexes to this Memorandum.

VI. This Memorandum of Understanding will become effective when signed by authorized representatives of the two agencies and will remain in effect until terminated by either side on 30-days notice in writing. It is understood that the pace of this program of cooperation will be contingent upon the availability of funds.

Done at Washington, this eleventh day of May, 1971.



For the Department of Transportation
of the United States of America



For the Department of the Environment
of the United Kingdom