

constituted, will offer improvement. However, full cooperation envisioned in the Interagency Agreement and the "commercial standards" approach authorized by the Congress would provide valuable impetus to vehicle safety.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

On the basis of this study, the Safety Board recommends that:

1. GSA again undertake the promulgation of advanced safety standards for vehicles purchased by the Federal Government. This may be accomplished by some form of higher standards than those now prescribed by the DOT for all vehicles, and by employing the full features of "commercial standards" using grades and labels.
2. DOT and GSA cooperate as provided for in the Interagency Agreement of March 3, 1967, to develop such advanced standards.
3. DOT, in developing higher standards applicable to all vehicles, exploit the experience of GSA with vehicles which meet such higher standards.
4. If "commercial standards" are developed and used by GSA, DOT consider prescribing such grades and labels of safety performance to be employed for all vehicles in the consumer information program.