

President is a Dabbler in Jewelry

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For that matter, a formal petition from United Aircraft is now pending before the CAB. The firm has asked Timm and his fellow commissioners not to include United Aircraft in a CAB investigation into the relationship between airlines and investors.

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WASHINGTON WHIRL: America's most disaffected and disadvantaged veterans, the men who fought in Vietnam, are receiving orders to report back to duty just as they are beginning to adjust to civilian life. With the end of the draft, the Army reserves are no longer attracting large numbers. The Army has been compelled, therefore, to tap Vietnam veterans to conduct training sessions. . . The National Retail Merchants Association has fired off a memo to all its members urging them to "act promptly" with letters to their senators against the Consumer Protection Agency. But not all retail merchants agree with the association. As Montgomery Ward's president Edward Donnell put it: "For business to always oppose whatever consumers propose, strains the credibility of our public statements that for us the consumer always comes first."