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William T. Coleman, the second black ever to serve in the Cabinet, was sworn in as secretary of transportation yesterday by the nation's first black justice of the Supreme Court [Thurgood Marshall]....

As secretary of transportation, Coleman succeeded Claude S. Brinegar, who resigned effective February 1....

(See also story on intv of Coleman, and his suggestions for inducements to Nixon to resign, which he says were published 7 Aug 74, the day before Nixon did resign; these resemble the provisions of the pardon given 8 Sep 74. WXPost 22 Feb 75, by Aaron Epstein, filed W/gate.)