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SUBJECT: FOLLOW UP ARTICLES REGARDING FAREBOX SECURITY

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The Los Angeles Times is expected to run articles Friday as a follow up to a news article which appeared in the paper today regarding farebox security. As you know, today's article was based on an Inspector General audit.

One article will focus on fare evasion by both bus and train patrons, and the comparative rates of ticketing for this violation by the Transit Police. Our officers ticketed nearly 6,400 train patrons, as of January 1995, compared to some 500 bus passengers. We explained that the disparity between groups is attributable to transit police maintaining fixed post security assignments on the rail system, as opposed to mobile security for the bus system. The article is expected to include interviews of patrons regarding fare evasion.

The second article is expected to focus on those arrested for bilking the MTA, including information on an operator terminated in 1993 and a MTA consultant, both of whom profited from the illicit sale of transfers and passes.