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OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

April 15, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: FRANK ZARB *FZ*

SUBJECT: Strike by the United Mine Workers of America *MRJ*

On April 15 the strike of the anthracite industry by the United Mine Workers of America entered its third week. The loss of production is estimated to be 120,000 tons weekly, although the independent segment of the industry is expanding production as rapidly as it can. Normally, the independents account for 35 percent of total anthracite output.

Governor Milton Shapp of Pennsylvania has established an anthracite hotline for consumers who may be running out of fuel. Commonwealth officials have been successful in arranging deliveries from independent mines and from stockpiles at State institutions.

Negotiations between the mine operators and the union, which broke off April 3, resumed April 14 at the urging of the Federal Mediation Service.

Negotiations seem still to be far apart on many issues. Central is the desire of the union to obtain a settlement similar to the one negotiated with the operators of bituminous coal mines last winter. The mine operators are resisting such a settlement as being too costly.

No additional action by the Administration is required at this time.