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June 30, 1976

SUBJECT: RUBBER STRIKE NEGOTIATIONS

What is the Administration doing about the rubber strike negotiations? Do you expect a breakthrough soon?

Secretary Usery and Federal Mediation Service Director James Scarce, have both been out in Cleveland helping with the negotiations. Scarce will be remaining out there in the hope of reaching a rapid settlement.

There has not been a settlement as yet, but the President is hopeful that some resolution to this issue can be reached very shortly.

Background: The strike has been going on since April 21. To date, the URW have only been meeting with Firestone; however, some optimism is developing over their interest in bringing Goodyear into the negotiations.)

ME

August 10, 1976

SUBJECT:

RUBBER TALKS UPDATE

What is the latest on the rubber talks? Has any settlement been reached?

GUIDANCE: As you know, the President has directed Secretary Usery to call in both the workers and the manufacturers, and they convened Saturday morning and worked straight through the weekend. They took a break Monday morning and then reconvened yesterday afternoon at 2:00 PM. Yesterday afternoon Secretary Usery and Jim Searce presented both parties with a recommendation for settlement of the strike, with specific guidelines for reaching a settlement.* This morning everyone is back at the Labor Department meeting in separate groups, and we expect that they will reconvene as a whole sometime later in the day.

The President continues to be hopeful that an agreement can be reached soon.

*(No details of the proposal have been discussed publicly.)

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June 29, 1976

For

SUBJECT:

SECRETARY USERY AND RUBBER
CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

Secretary Usery is presently in Cleveland working with James Searce, Director of the Federal Mediation Service, in an attempt to resolve the dispute in the rubber industry. Mr. Usery became involved after discussions with Mr. Searce and representatives of both labor and management. The Secretary presently expects to return to Washington either tonight or tomorrow morning and is scheduled to testify before the Senate Labor Committee on the status of the Teamsters Central States Pension Fund investigation on Thursday morning. The Secretary may return to Cleveland for continuing discussions with the rubber industry if the situations warrants so.

JGC

April 19, 1976

SUBJECT: RUBBER WORKERS TALKS

Does the President plan to take any action is no agreement is reached in the rubber workers' talks before midnight April 20?

GUIDANCE: Federal Mediator James Scearce has been to Cleveland and Columbus (sites of two of the four negotiating sessions), and he has talked to principals on both sides of the negotiations. Also, we have government mediators sitting in on each of the negotiations. We will just have to wait and see what develops out of the talks.