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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

KENNETH RUSH

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Attached is the latest update on the status  
of coal negotiations.

Attachment

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MEMORANDUM FOR: ROY L. ASH  
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SUBJECT: INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE ON COAL INDUSTRY LABOR  
DISPUTE -- REPORT #5

Labor Situation. Negotiations are now fully underway. The UMW has developed a list of over 200 bargaining issues, but these are likely to be scaled down substantially over the next couple of weeks. It is too early to tell the ultimate size and shape of the final package. In spite of a good start, the situation still remains very sensitive.

Usery and his team have done a good job in developing relations with the UMW. Given the union's traditional distrust for the government, the fact that both sides are actively seeking assistance from the FMCS is really a plus.

Contingency Plans.

- Coal Supplies: The five day memorial strike resulted in an estimated loss of 5.9 million tons of coal valued at approximately \$85 million. Striking miners lost an estimated \$25 million in wages.
- Data and Analysis: Interior and FEA reported that they are unable to reach agreement on respective responsibilities in the collection and analysis of data for a potential coal strike, and requested OMB to settle the issue. We are examining the capabilities of both organizations and will settle the question this week.

Next Steps.

- Complete Information System.
- Continue assessing role of non-labor agencies and programs.

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