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November 12, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: FRANK ZARB *zarb*

THROUGH: SECRETARY ROGERS C. B. MORTON *Rogers CB Morton*

SUBJECT: UPDATE ON COAL NEGOTIATIONS AND CONTINGENCY MEASURES

Negotiations

- . Negotiators failed to reach agreement last night and the UMW went on strike. Remaining issues are being resolved at the bargaining table, but progress is slow. (Remaining open issues shown in Tab A - source: Usery)
- . The strike is expected to last a minimum of fourteen days.
- . The Departments of Labor and Justice are proceeding with a preliminary development of facts to support Taft-Hartley action.
- . Failure to reach an agreement by Friday, November 15 will move Taft-Hartley into the initial stages of serious consideration.

Contingency Measures

- . FEA and Interior have signalled their regional offices to begin contacting state offices regarding the implementation of limited programs to alleviate extreme hardship cases.
- . FPC and its Reliability Councils are ready to transmit power between utilities if coal stocks are depleted at individual sites.
- . Commerce has begun monitoring exports.
- . We are meeting with officials of affected states Wednesday to discuss contingency plans and the responsibilities of Federal and State governments during the strike.
- . We will reassess the situation by Friday, November 15 and provide you with an updated report including known economic impact and recommendations for subsequent steps.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

WARREN RUSTAND *WR*

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William Hackett, Congressman Al Cederberg's Administrative Assistant, was in Washington yesterday and today and wanted to come to say hello. He completely understood that your duties as President were much different than back in your Congressional days and asked me to pass on his greetings to you.

Since his retirement five years ago, Mr. Hackett has returned to work as political and feature writer for The Times-News, an afternoon daily in Hendersonville, North Carolina.