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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

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MEMORANDUM FOR DICK CHENEY

FROM: JOHN A. HILL *John Hill*

SUBJECT: STATUS OF COAL AGREEMENT AND STRIKE

UMW leadership conducted an extensive campaign to sell the tentative agreement to the 120,000 members. Voting began today in each of the locals.

Poor weather in some of the districts has delayed the voting, but we expect all of the votes to be tallied by c.o.b. tomorrow.

Intelligence reports from across the country indicate support for the contract in some districts and not in others. We do not have enough information at this point to determine if the tentative agreement will be ratified. Additional information regarding the outcome should be available by noon tomorrow.

We are still cautiously optimistic that the contract will be ratified and that the majority of the miners will return to work by the end of the week.