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FEDERAL ENERGY ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20461

April 3, 1975

OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: FRANK ZAKB *J*
SUBJECT: Strike by the United Mine Workers of America

At midnight April 1 the United Mine Workers of America struck the anthracite coal industry. They have a separate contract from that of the bituminous coal industry, which was ratified and signed last December. Some 2,900 anthracite miners - seventy-five percent of the work force - are involved. Sixty-five percent of production or 4 million tons per year is affected.

Major areas of concern are wages, the pension fund, and sick and accident pay. Their demands are similar to the bituminous miners' except for payments to the pension fund which would triple to \$2.70 per ton. The bituminous settlement had doubled the royalty to \$1.60 per ton. Unpublicized bargaining sessions have been underway for some time and the Federal Mediation Service believes there is hope for an early settlement.

Because most anthracite is used for space heating, the strike's impact will not be as immediate as the bituminous strike last fall. Current stocks of anthracite appear to be sufficient to satisfy industrial and institutional needs for at least 3 to 6 weeks, although individual consumers may be hurt earlier.

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

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