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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN *by*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 15, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT  
FROM: JACK MARSH *JM*  
SUBJECT: Strip Mining Bill

*JM*

John Rhodes spoke to me this afternoon and asked me to convey the following information to you, some of which I suspect he has previously mentioned to you on the phone in his conversations with you.

1. He says time is of the essence and if you are going to veto, he recommends that you do this as quickly as possible.
2. Interests in Oklahoma have been in touch with Carl Albert and Carl has advised him that if he receives the veto message by the first of the coming week, he can schedule it for a vote prior to the recess.
3. John is of the view that it would be better to vote on the veto question prior to the recess rather than after the recess.
4. He feels that momentum is on your side which causes him to recommend action sooner rather than later.