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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 11, 1975

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JERRY JONES

FROM:

JIM CONNOR

The attached letter was returned in the President's outbox with the following notation:

> "Keep in mind. Understand a superb example of how rehabilitation can be handled after strip mining."

Please follow-up with appropriate action.

cc: Dick Cheney

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H. ELKINS PAYNE VICE PRESIDENT-ADMINISTRATION AND EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

October 30, 1975

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The Vice President Executive Office Building Washington, D. C. 20503

Dear Mr. Vice President:

It was a distinct privilege and pleasure to talk with you during your recent Indianapolis visit. I especially enjoyed being able to chat with you briefly on the subject of developing our country's vast reserves of Western coal.

One of your suggestions I would like to pursue is that of having the President and the Washington Press Corps tour our surface mining facilities at Gillette, Wyoming. Since you are already aware of the work we are doing there, I think a similar Presidential visit of this nature would do much to encourage the responsible development of Western coal. I would be interested in your thinking as to the possibilities of such a Presidential visit. Needless to say, any assistance you might be able to provide within the White House would be appreciated. A member of your staff can contact me at any time concerning the steps necessary for such a visit.

In any event, I did enjoy our recent conversation, and I would hope that you or your staff will feel free to call on us at any time we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

H. Elkins Phyne, Jr. Vice President - Administration and Employee Relations

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