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THE WHITE HOUSE washington

May 31, 1976

Administratively Confidential

MEMORANDUM FOR:

L. WILLIAM SEIDMAN

FROM:

JAMES E CONNOR

The attached letter was received in the President's out box today with the note:

Gov. H. gave me this on Thursday. Answer?

A further notation was made that the letter should be answered. In view of the subject matter, it is transmitted to you for coordination of reply with Amb. Dent and other members of the EPB as appropriate.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE RALEIGH 276II

JAMES E. HOLSHOUSER, JR. GOVERNOR

May 24, 1976

The President The White House Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Your address to the members of the American Textile Manufacturers Institute at San Francisco is still being enthusiastically applauded. Interest is especially high in North Carolina, where the industry is such a major part of our industrial and economic strength.

I especially thank you for your statement regarding the threat of uncontrolled textile imports from nations which are not signatories to the Multi-Fiber Arrangement. I was highly pleased that this is being handled at the Cabinet level and that the matter has your personal attention. I further am gratified that you are committed to finding an appropriate solution.

Your statement regarding extention of the Multi-Fiber Arrangment is most significant. Such an arrangement, vigorously enforced, is essential to the preservation of some 2,225,000 jobs in the American textile and apparel industries. Not incidentally, 349,000 of these jobs are in North Carolina, and a high percentage are filled by minorities and women. Certainly, these are economic assets of vital importance to our state and nation.

I assure you of my desire to be of any help that I can in these important matters.

Respectfully and cordially,

James E. Holshouser, Jr.

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

Mrs. H. ym

Dear Jim:

Thanks for your letter of May 24 about my recent address before the American Textile Manufacturers Institute in San Francisco. I was pleased to have the opportunity to meet so many representatives of the industry and to share with them some thoughts on my policies for maintaining the economic well-being of this vitally important part of the private sector.

In the months ahead we will be working vigorously both at home and abroad to assure the American textile industry's continued vitality, with particular emphasis on gaining renewal of the Multi-Fiber Arrangement.

I appreciate your support and assistance in these efforts and share your recognition of the economic importance of these matters to the industry and its workers in North Carolina.

Warm personal regards.

The Honorable James E. Holshouser, Jr. Governor of North Carolina Raleigh, North Carolina 27611