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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 29, 1976

MR. PRESIDENT:

You asked about Bill Usery's involvement in the rubber negotiations. Mike Moskow prepared the attached report for your information. You should know that the rubber industry had asked Bill to involve himself and he now has.

JIM CONNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J.C.', written in a cursive, stylized script.

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20210



June 29, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES CONNOR

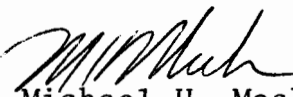
SUBJECT: Secretary Usery's Involvement in the Rubber Industry Collective Bargaining Negotiations

As you requested, the following information is provided for the President and should not be publicly disseminated.

After discussions with James Searce, Director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service and the parties involved in the negotiations, Secretary Usery met with the parties on Monday, June 28 in Cleveland, Ohio. Talks are continuing with both Secretary Usery and Director Searce involved. At the present time Secretary Usery expects to return to Washington later this afternoon.

As you know, the Secretary is scheduled to appear before the Senate Labor Committee Thursday morning to report on the Department's investigation of the Teamster Union's Central State pension fund. The Secretary presently expects to return to Cleveland on Thursday or Friday to resume sessions with the parties. If necessary, he plans to work throughout the entire weekend in an attempt to resolve the dispute.

The Secretary believed that he should become involved at this time for several reasons: the length of the strike; extensive previous discussions with the parties; and the fact that one of the companies appeared to be moving towards an individual settlement which would complicate a resolution of the industry-wide strike.


Michael H. Moskow
Under Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Jim Carson) Jim Connor

Ray Bliss last night
at the reception urged that
Sec. Young get into the
rubber negotiations personally.

I told Ray I would contact

Bill W.

Will one of you do so &
let me know status?

Jim Connor advised
this handled. RB 4/130