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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JIM CANNON

SUBJECT: RAILROAD STRIKE SITUATION,  
9:30 A.M. DECEMBER 3, 1975

THE PARTIES HAVE NEGOTIATED THROUGH THE NIGHT WITH BOTH GEORGE IVES OF THE NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD AND BILL USERY PRESENT. USERY AND JOHN DUNLOP ARE IN CONSTANT TOUCH.

THE NEXT TWO HOURS ARE CRITICAL IN THE NEGOTIATION PROCESS. THE STRIKE DEADLINE IS PRESENTLY SET AT 6:00 A.M. (EST) THURSDAY MORNING.

BOTH PARTIES UNOFFICIALLY ACCEPT THE REPORT OF THE EMERGENCY BOARD, BUT CANNOT AGREE ON THE MEANING OF WHAT THE EMERGENCY BOARD SAID.

AT 10 A.M. THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR WILL BEGIN INFORMALLY ADVISING THE CONGRESS THAT WE MAY SEND LEGISLATION TO THE CONGRESS THIS AFTERNOON TO REQUEST AN EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER SECTION 10 OF THE RAILWAY LABOR ACT TO CONTINUE THE PERIOD OF STATUS QUO DURING WHICH NO STRIKE WOULD BE PERMITTED.

IF THERE IS A STRIKE, IT WOULD BE NATIONWIDE.

NEGOTIATING PARTIES ARE RAILWAY EMPLOYEES DEPARTMENT (AFL-CIO) FOR LABOR AND THE NATIONAL RAILWAY LABOR CONFERENCE FOR MANAGEMENT.  
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