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TALKING POINTS

WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON COAL INDUSTRY

FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 1975

I. COAL REPRESENTS ONE IMMEDIATE
AND DEPENDABLE ANSWER TO THE QUESTION OF HOW WE
SOLVE OUR ENERGY NEEDS IN THIS NATION.

IT REPRESENTS AN AMERICAN ANSWER --

NOT ONE BASED ON UNCERTAIN RESOURCES IN FARAWAY

LANDS WITH DIFFERENT IDEAS AND DIVERSE INTERESTS.

IT REPRESENTS OUR HOPE FOR THE FUTURE. IT IS OUR

ACE IN THE HOLE.

SEVERAL PARTS OF MY PROPOSED ENERGY

INDEPENDENCE ACT OF JANUARY 30th ARE OF GREAT

SIGNIFICANCE TO THE COAL INDUSTRY. LET ME RECALL

SOME OF THEIR OBJECTIVES.

-- EXPEDITING THE DEVELOPMENT AND SITING OF ENERGY

FACILITIES IN COOPERATION WITH THE STATES.

-- AND PROVIDING NEEDED AUTHORITY TO PREVENT OTHER

NATIONS FROM UNDERCUTTING OUR EFFORTS TO DEVELOP DOMESTIC

RESOURCES AND ACHIEVE ENERGY INDEPENDENCE.

3. I ALSO PROPOSED LEGISLATION TO REGULATE
SURFACE MINING AND REGULATION OF COAL LANDS. THIS
WOULD PROVIDE APPROPRIATE BALANCE BETWEEN THE URGENT
NEED TO INCREASE COAL PRODUCTION AND THE NEED TO PROTECT
THE ENVIRONMENT. AS YOU KNOW, THIS LEGISLATION IS NOW IN
CONGRESSIONAL CONFERENCE.

I WILL NOT MAKE ANY DECISIONS ON IT

UNTIL THE FINAL LANGUAGE COMES ACROSS MY DESK.

4. IF WE HAVE STRIP MINING CONTROLS THAT CAUSE AN
UNNECESSARY LOSS OF COAL PRODUCTION -- LET'S SAY UP TO FIFTY
50
MILLION TONS PER YEAR, WHICH I UNDERSTAND FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF
THE INTERIOR AND THE FEDERAL ENERGY ADMINISTRATION IS A CONSERVATIVE
ESTIMATE -- WE MUST REPLACE THAT LOST COAL WITH THE EQUIVALENT OF
200
TWO HUNDRED MILLION BARRELS OF IMPORTED OIL PER YEAR.

IF WE IMPORT ANOTHER TWO HUNDRED MILLION BARRELS OF OIL,
WE EXPORT ANOTHER TWO BILLION DOLLARS AND LOSE AT LEAST
TEN THOUSAND JOBS AS WELL.

50 million tons of coal / 200 million barrels of oil
200,000 million barrels of oil - Exports - \$2.
10,000

5. I WANT TO REEMPHASIZE WHAT I SAID IN MY STATE OF
THE UNION MESSAGE: I ENVISION THE DEVELOPMENT OF MORE THAN
TWO HUNDRED MAJOR NEW COAL MINES IN THE NEXT DECADE AND THE
CONSTRUCTION OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTY MAJOR COAL-FIRED POWER PLANTS
AND TWENTY MAJOR SYNTHETIC FUEL PLANTS.

I AM PURSUING THREE MAJOR OBJECTIVES:

FIRST: TO INCREASE OUR CAPABILITY TO CONVERT COAL

INTO CLEAN GASEOUS AND LIQUID FUELS.

SECOND: TO DEVELOP TECHNOLOGIES THAT WILL BURN

DIRECTLY WITHOUT PRODUCING ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE.

THIRD: TO IMPROVE THE NATION'S MINING TECHNOLOGY

TO INSURE THAT WE CAN PRODUCE THE NEEDED COAL SAFELY AND IN

AN ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND WAY.

TO EMPHASIZE: IN ALL THESE EFFORTS, THE GOVERNMENT IS
WORKING CLOSELY WITH INDUSTRY. THE GOVERNMENT HAS
ACTIVELY ENCOURAGED -- AND I FULLY SUPPORT -- THE
PARTICIPATION AND JOINT SPONSORSHIP OF SUCH PROJECTS BY
MINE OWNERS, ENERGY COMPANIES, UTILITIES, MANUFACTURERS
AND RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS.

6. OUR JOB NOW IS TO PULL TOGETHER IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST. WE MUST USE OUR VAST SUPPLIES OF COAL IN BOTH SOLID AND CONVERTED FORMS.

A JOINT COMMITMENT OF LABOR AND MANAGEMENT IS

NECESSARY IF OUR COAL PRODUCTION GOALS ARE TO BE ACCOMPLISHED.

I HAVE SAID THE UNITED STATES MUST DOUBLE ITS ANNUAL COAL

PRODUCTION TO ONE-POINT-TWO-BILLION TONS ANNUALLY BY 1985.

THE COAL AND TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRIES MUST HAVE
CONFIDENCE THAT WE HERE IN WASHINGTON ARE REALLY COMMITTED
TO THE INCREASED, LONG-TERM USE OF COAL. I ASSURE YOU
TONIGHT OF THAT COMMITMENT. AMERICA WILL AND MUST --
WITH YOUR HELP -- BECOME INDEPENDENT IN ENERGY.

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