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SUBJECT: WESTINGHOUSE STRIKE TALKS

Secretary Usery went to Pittsburgh yesterday to intervene in the Westinghouse strike talks, after talking to all parties involved by phone. This is Westinghouse's first nationwide strike since 1956 and affects about 41,000 workers. The dispute centers on contract language and benefit coverage.

Why did Secretary Usery go to Pittsburgh, and is the President being kept informed?

Secretary Usery went at the request of the parties involved, and I understand that he has been up all night with them in an attempt to reach a settlement as soon as possible.

The President is being kept informed of developments in the strike case through his senior aides who have been in contact with Secretary Usery in Pittsburgh.

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