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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Pat/Mason -

Pls note that 2  
memo's have been  
combined.

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ID 791971

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DATE: 11 MAY 79

FOR ACTION: TIM KRAFT

ARNIE MILLER

*Report back to Program  
5/29 - FBI + Conflicts IP,  
expected 2 wks*

*5/31 soon/within 2  
weeks*

*6/15 - start in clearance  
(3 more weeks)*

INFO ONLY:

SUBJECT: STRAUSS MEMO RE CHIEF U.S. TEXTILE NEGOTIATOR

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+ RESPONSE DUE TO RICK HUTCHESON STAFF SECRETARY (456-7052) +

+ BY: 1200 PM MONDAY 14 MAY 79 +

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ACTION REQUESTED: YOUR COMMENTS

STAFF RESPONSE: ( ) I CONCUR. ( ) NO COMMENT. ( ) HOLD.

PLEASE NOTE OTHER COMMENTS BELOW:

FOR ACTION  
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20506

May 10, 1979

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Ambassador Robert S. Strauss   
RE: Chief U.S. Textile Negotiator

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There is, however, an even greater need at this moment to make this appointment a permanent one: because of career considerations, Mike Smith would have little choice but to move out of the textile program and into a new State Department assignment around mid-year. He has the unqualified trust of the labor and industry leaders and staff people and would be almost irreplaceable under normal circumstances. As it happens, I will be leaving my trade responsibilities at about the same time; Alan Wolff and Vince Clephas, who work with this industry, will also be leaving; Bob Shepherd of Commerce will go to a new assignment, as will Bill Barraclough of State. As a result, the textile/apparel industry will be left with almost no one in a day-to-day government role looking after their problems within the context of the white paper. If Mike Smith can be retained, that would take care of at least 75% of their worries.

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PLEASE NOTE OTHER COMMENTS BELOW:

State Department is currently working on this nomination. Mr. Smith is currently in clearance (update of his conflicts and FBI). When all clearances are met, State will send the necessary papers to the White House for the President to sign nomination document.

ID 791115

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

DATE: 24 MAR 79

FOR ACTION: TIM KRAFT *nc*

ARNIE MILLER

INFO ONLY: THE VICE PRESIDENT

ZBIG BRZEZINSKI *concur*

SUBJECT: STRAUSS MEMO RE STATUS OF THE U.S. CHIEF TEXTILE  
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+  RESPONSE DUE TO RICK HUTCHESON STAFF SECRETARY (456-7052)  +
+  BY: 1200 PM TUESDAY 27 MAR 79                               +
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March 23, 1979

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Ambassador Robert S. Strauss *RS*  
RE: Status of the U.S. Chief Textile Negotiator

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Letters urging this course have been sent to you by Murray Finley, Robert Small (president of the American Textile Manufacturers Institute), and John Woltz (chairman of the American Apparel Manufacturers Association). They point out the value this rank represents in our negotiations with the officials of other nations. This was the purpose in the elevation of this position from Minister to Ambassador, and it evidently has proved out.

The Department of State was very cooperative in working out the temporary appointment last year, and I hope they would be again if we can go for a permanent appointment. Senate confirmation would be strongly advocated by the textile and apparel state Senators.

As you know from our meeting with the industry, labor and Hill group in the Roosevelt Room, our negotiating performance will be under intense scrutiny. Giving stature to our negotiator would help.

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ARNIE MILLER

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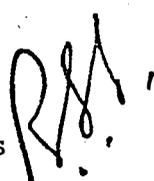
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