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ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
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Rick -

Attached is the memo to the President
we discussed on the phone a few moments
ago.

Hubert L. Harris, Jr.

Attachment

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

December 27, 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: HUBERT L. HARRIS, *Hubert Harris*
Subject: Signing Ceremony for Metro Bill

H.R. 3951, the Washington metropolitan area rapid transit bill, is currently awaiting your signature. Final action is required by January 4. This bill provides authorization for completion of the Washington Metro system. It is almost identical to the revised bill requested by the Administration and does not contain an objectionable operating subsidy provision we worked to delete.

The bill was approved overwhelmingly by the Congress and supported unanimously by the local area congressional delegation. Frank, Jim, and I recommend a signing ceremony for the following reasons:

1. Completion of Metro is the most important local political issue to Maryland and Virginia suburbs. Your participation in a signing ceremony would help to solidify local support for your Administration.
2. The ceremony would help offset in D.C. the perceived "anti-Washington" sentiment of the Administration.
3. It would provide a good chance to speak out in support of the mass transit portion of your energy initiatives.
4. It is recommended by George Gilliam, Chairman of the Virginia Carter-Mondale Committee, as a positive step toward consolidating Northern Virginia delegate support.

A signing ceremony could be held almost any day next week, but a decision is necessary this week in order to invite appropriate State and local officials and Members of Congress.

Agree to signing ceremony. Work out details with Frank and DOT.

Prefer not to have ceremony.

Other: _____
