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November 4, 1977

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

This is in response to your memorandum of October 31 to the President following your discussion with him about the Conference for United States Attorneys to be held in Washington, November 14-16.

Most regrettably, because of his heavy schedule, it will not be possible for the President to participate in one of the activities planned for this conference. He does want you to know, though, he warmly appreciates your thoughtfulness in inviting him to do so.

Sincerely,

Fran Voorde
Director of Scheduling

The Honorable Griffin B. Bell
Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

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Information copy to Rick Hutcheson ✓
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Date: November 1, 1977

MEMORANDUM

FOR ACTION:
Tim Kraft

FOR INFORMATION:

FROM: Rick Hutcheson, Staff Secretary

SUBJECT: November Conference for U.S. Attorneys

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE DELIVERED
TO THE STAFF SECRETARY BY:

TIME: 10:00 AM

DAY: Thursday

DATE: November 3, 1977

ACTION REQUESTED:

Your comments

Other:

STAFF RESPONSE:

I concur.

No comment.

Please note other comments below:

*Given to Fran Bourde
for declining to A.R.*

PLEASE ATTACH THIS COPY TO MATERIAL SUBMITTED.

If you have any questions or if you anticipate a delay in submitting the required material, please telephone the Staff Secretary immediately. (Telephone, 7052)



Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D. C. 20530

October 31, 1977


MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Re: November Conference for U.S. Attorneys

As discussed with you this morning, a conference will be held November 14-16 for all United States Attorneys, including new appointees, those awaiting confirmation, and hold-overs. The Conference will include one day of general speeches from myself and Assistant Attorneys General (Monday, the 14th), two days of workshops in general areas (Tuesday and Wednesday, 15th and 16th), and three days of optional seminars in specific areas for those who wish to stay on (17th through 19th). On Sunday evening, November 13, a reception for all the United States Attorneys and spouses will be held from 7:15 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. at the Watergate Terrace. On Wednesday evening, November 15, a banquet will be held at the Dupont Plaza Hotel, a social hour at 7:00 p.m., dinner at 8:00 p.m.

We would like to invite you to any of these activities. We will of course make any adjustments or arrangements to allow your attendance at any of these functions, including the day-time meetings.

Respectfully submitted,


Griffin B. Bell
Attorney General

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WASHINGTON

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November 4, 1977

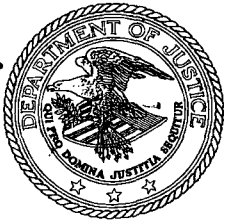
Landon Butler

Do you think that the President
needs to see the attached?

Rick Hutcheson

RE: LABOR PROBLEMS

1. Per Landon - Does NOT
need to go to President. CB
will notify Kelly that it's not
going to President.



Office of the Attorney General

Washington, D. C. 20530

November 2, 1977

MEMORANDUM TO: Rick Hutcheson
Staff Secretary
The White House

FROM:

J. Michael Kelly
Counselor to the Attorney General

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "J. Michael Kelly", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

The Attorney General asked me to forward the attached
for the President's attention.

Attachment

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The Honorable Griffin B. Bell
Attorney General
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Griffin:

I am writing you because I don't know anyone else in the Carter Administration well enough to hope that I could get a message through.

The message has nothing to do with partisan politics or political issues as such. It concerns the important labor problems in this country--the only subject I claim to know anything about.

Rather than plague you with my thinking I am enclosing an article by Victor Riesel, noted, syndicated columnist. This article contains a story which the President should hear or read without staff screening.

My best regards to you and Mary.

Sincerely,

Robert T. Thompson

RTT/gr

*Don Bell
Thank you for your letter of
Oct 22, 1977. I have forwarded
the Riesel article and your letter
to the President.
Warm regards. S*

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OFFICE OF THE
ATTORNEY GENERAL
OCT 27 1977

Look Homeward, Jimmy:

White House Criticized for Idly
Watching Rocketing Strike Crises

WASHINGTON -- That gracious First Lady, Rosalynn Carter, the Eleanor Roosevelt of the slipshod '70s, says her husband is doing "a great job." Such a testimonial is laudable, admirable and understandable. But she does deprive some of us insiders of our human and professional right by adding that those who criticize him "are uninformed."

Actually the President is in a buzz saw confrontation on the home front because he believes, as some of his intimates are saying, there are too many "unpostponable issues" abroad. So there are in the White House both a misunderstanding of the impact and a misreading of the significance of the current labor crises across our land.

On this front the executive mansion, with all decision-making centered in the President, isn't moving and is "hoping that we won't have to move at all."

For example, anything may happen on the waterfront in the next few hours. For more than two weeks Mr. Carter let the Atlantic and Gulf Coast dockwallopers' strike drift. With the entire New Orleans port locked tight, farmers began screaming because 1,000 grain loaded barges piled up

in the lower Mississippi, according to reports.

Farm state Senators telephoned strike leader Teddy Gleason who has attempted to confine the walkout only to container vessels.

In New Orleans, because of inner union feuds, all ships were "down." And in other harbors, strikers who usually handle the container craft were distributing leaflets calling on longshoremen who have been working the traditional freighters and bulk carriers to quit work and so tie up all coasts and Great Lakes. The intricacy here is simple if one knows it.

Most of the container-slinging longshoremen are the senior dockers. They resent striking while the junior men are working. Some White House emissary with wharfside savvy should have stepped in and attempted to pull all sides together. No one of real clout and standing on the waterfront did.

And there are the explosive coal fields. This one has been as predictable as a race between the prancing Seattle Slew and a covered wagon ox team. The dapper, newly modishly dressed United Mine Workers' Union president, Arnold Miller, though now assured of his reelection, doesn't control his

international executive board, nor his hot-headed rank and file and certainly not the ski-masked stranger pickets.

So Brother Miller will certainly try to deliver a big costly package to his restless, strike-happy members.

He's demanding a "substantial" wage and fringe increase. Or else. And more time off. Or else. Well, now a miner's employment cost (including Social Security, workmen's compensation and jobless insurance, etc.) runs to \$110.61 a day. Atop that, Miller and company want a 30 to 40 per cent increase. That would bring a coaldigger's cost to his -- or her -- employer to some \$145 or \$150 daily.

Since coal is the unsteady steel industry's biggest source of energy, the increased costs could prove one of the greatest boons to Japan since the Samurais invented the sword.

This could compound the problems and confound President Carter's intergovernmental steel task force as it struggles to keep the American steel industry's head above some mighty turbulent waters. And let's not forget the three-month-old iron ore strike, also affecting the steel companies. Yet there is very little White House movement into the coal negotiations even in some private nonsmoke-filled hotel rooms as in days of yore.

And elsewhere it's real nip and tuck in the virtually unobserved aerospace industry. At this moment there are some 40,000 machinists and others striking the big aircraft companies. I'm told that it may yet spread to 100,000 workers. The International Assn. of Machinists' new president, tough, razor-tongued William "Winpi" Winpisinger, when he was a vice president told a U.S. President to go to hell. Now he's in there to really produce for the big union he took over only four months ago.

And pledging him solidarity no matter where it takes them is the officialdom of the militant United Auto Workers, also a power in the air frame and aircraft engine field. This lines up well over two million unionists. Could be quite a showdown. And showdowns, like measles, are catching. And like measles, the results could be serious, and this nation's aerospace industry could lose much of its market to the Anglo-French airbus companies.

The machinists and the auto union, both under new militant management, have a string of new fringe and non-economic demands which "involve great principle." These will certainly set collective bargaining fashions for 1978. And especially for the critical big national collective

bargaining year of 1979 -- involving Teamsters, steel and auto.

Thus in this field there's a rather whimsical White House casualness.

And for closers on this report there's the big battle coming on the rails. Revision of the work rules and crew sizes in effect almost since Watt blew steam out of an engine are the issues in the battle between 60 Class One lines and 13 hard-bargaining rail unions. The kicker in this one is that Amtrak is eager to settle. It has a five-year plan it wants to put on the road. So it will break the railways' employer front (commuters and shippers take heed) and leave the private lines on the battlefield. Winpisinger is in on this one, too. And he hasn't hesitated to slow the rails in past conflicts.

So we hope the gracious and devoted Rosalynn Carter won't be too hard on those who don't believe criticizing her husband is synonymous with being "uninformed." There are those of us who believe it's good for a man to get out in the world and go sightseeing on many continents. But not when there's work at home. Not when this economy, like the Charlie Chaplin heroine, is on its back and heading for the buzz saw.

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