

THE WHITE HOUSE

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Jenn O'Connor -

THIS is one of the
issues that you asked me
about the other day.

Deb Assis Secy of Research
& Policy John Douglass made
this announcement in
Seattle in mid-June. They
~~had~~ followed normal
operating procedure & the
event ~~the~~ rec'd good
local press

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MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Harold Ickes, The White House

From: Dan Dutko and Pat Mitchell, The Dutko Group, Inc.

Re: Contract Award and New Shipyard Labor Agreement

Date: May 28, 1996

The Navy has decided to award Todd Shipyards in Seattle, one of our clients, a major contract to perform maintenance on an Auxiliary Oil Explosive (AOE) which are the "supermarket" and weapons supply ships that enable carrier battle groups to remain at sea for extended periods. This represents a major source of union jobs in the Seattle area.

The U.S. Navy has relied on Todd's expert repair work for 80 years. It is in the repair business that Todd does extensive work for the Navy which is planning to increase its presence in the Puget Sound area by building two nuclear carriers, two nuclear cruisers, 4 Auxiliary Oil Explosives (AOE's), 4 Guided Missile Destroyers (GMD's) and two Frigates. Ten of these ships represent the naval market available to Todd.

Todd Pacific Shipyards Corporation has had a long history at its current site in Seattle, Washington. They have been in operation since 1916 and are the only existing shipyard still in operation out of the fourteen original yards at their Puget Sound location. Todd Pacific has always make their employees a main priority; unionized since its inception, Todd employs over 1,250 persons, 90 percent of which are craftsmen and laborers. Todd is the only publicly traded shipyard in the United States.

All this coupled with the fact that a major new labor agreement has been reached with the West coast shipyard unions and is now awaiting ratification makes this an excellent political opportunity. Both Cong. Dicks and Cong. McDermott have expressed interest in working on an announcement ceremony with the appropriate administration representative. The optimal date would be either June 15 or 17.

Todd Shipyards believes the Administration has done a phenomenal job and is eager and willing to be publicly supportive in any way possible. Please let me know if we can be helpful.

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