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Fred Feinsken is sending me a more detailed memo on The Frontier Strike & Board activity which I will send you when I receive it.

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MEMORANDUM ON FRONTIER STRIKE

DATE: June 6, 1996

John Wilhelm, the Western Regional Director of the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees Union, will be with the President in Las Vegas on Sunday. Both he and Rich Trumka have asked that the President raise with Nevada Governor Miller the need to urge both parties to end the four year old Frontier Hotel strike. The Governor has in the past brought both sides to the table (he instituted a fact finding process several years ago) and both John and Rich believe he should do so again now that a number of NLRB charges against the company have been upheld by the Ninth Circuit. They believe that the Governor should be asked to try again.

We need to assure John and Rich that we will communicate to the Governor the Administration's hope that he will continue to try to resolve this long standing dispute.

Background

Approximately 550 workers at the Frontier Hotel and Gambling Hall in Las Vegas, Nevada have been on strike since 1991. The workers are represented by the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees Union, whose contract with the hotel owners, Margaret Elardi and her sons Tom and John, expired on May 31, 1989.

The Frontier strike has achieved symbolic importance for the labor movement because the strikers have maintained a picket line outside the hotel 24 hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week since September 21, 1991. The strikers have won the support of local businesses (the other major hotels on the strip have accepted a pattern agreement and maintain good relations with the union), the political establishment and labor leaders from around the country who have traveled to Las Vegas to speak at rallies.

Talking Points

- o Thank the Governor for his past efforts to bring the two sides together to end the strike;
- o Suggest that it would be in everyone's interest for the Governor to try once again to end this long standing dispute.

The AFL CIO has asked