

THE WHITE HOUSE

From: Bob Nash
Director, Office of Presidential
Personnel

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Remarks:

Harold, DOL indicates that
AFL-CIO is fine with
McAteer for Solicitor. He probably
will not get confirmed but he
can act the rest of this year.

This decision memo is being
sent to POTUS.

Action Date: _____

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 7, 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: BOB J. NASH, Assistant to the President and
Director of Presidential Personnel

RE: J. DAVITT McATEER
SOLICITOR
OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR (PAS)

I. BACKGROUND

The Office of the Solicitor handles the legal activities of the Department of Labor, including preparation of legislative proposals and testimony on pending legislation. The Office performs all legal services in connection with statutes and programs administered by the Department.

II. DISCUSSION

The current Solicitor for the Department of Labor, Tom Williamson, resigned effective 2/3/96 to return to the private sector. This memorandum recommends J. Davitt McAteer to fill this position. Mr. McAteer is presently serving as Acting Solicitor.

III. RECOMMENDATION

I recommend that you approve the nomination of the following individual:

J. DAVITT McATEER, Democrat of West Virginia, to serve as Solicitor of the Department of Labor, vice Tom Williamson. Mr. McAteer is currently serving as Acting Solicitor. Previously, Mr. McAteer served as Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health. He was confirmed by the Senate on February 9, 1994. Before joining the Department of Labor, Mr. McAteer was the executive director of the Occupational Safety and Health Law Center in West Virginia and is an internationally known expert on mine safety and an advocate for miner's rights. Mr. McAteer has worked closely with both miners and mine owners to establish safe and economically viable working conditions. During his tenure at the Occupational Safety and Health Law Center, Mr. McAteer published numerous books on safety in the textile, chemical and mining industries, including a book many consider the definitive

text on mine safety, Miner's Manual: A Complete Guide to Health and Safety Protection on the Job. Mr. McAteer has also worked as an attorney for the Center for Law and Social Policy as a member of their mining project. Additionally, he was the solicitor for safety at the United Mine Workers of America. Mr. McAteer received his Bachelor's degree from Wheeling College and his J.D. from West Virginia University. **Sponsors:** Secretary Reich; United Mine Workers of America.

Approve: _____ Disapprove: _____

IV. OTHERS CONSIDERED

No other candidates were considered for this position.

BN:jka

ROUTING SLIP

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Deputy Assistants to the President and Directors of SchedulingSUBJECT: Photo Op. w/ United Mine Workers of America
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DATE and TIME: May 29, 1996

LOCATION: TBD

PARTICIPATION: UMWA President Roberts

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: TBD

REMARKS REQUIRED: TBD

MEDIA COVERAGE: White House photo

ORIGIN OF PROPOSAL: Department of Labor and
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CONTACT: Jennifer O'Connor
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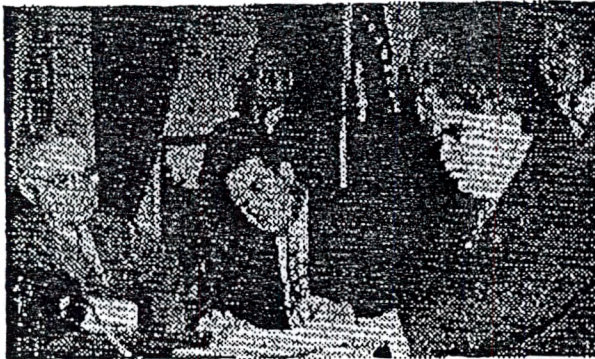
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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

A PROCLAMATION

Fifty years ago, hundreds of thousands of American workers toiled in the nation's coal mines to produce the coal that powered America's industrial growth. The price for their labor all too often was illness, injury and death. Yet the miners and their families, in coal camps throughout Appalachia and the West, could see only company doctors at company clinics—doing the bidding of companies that only wanted sick and injured men back in the mines as quickly as they could, without regard for their health or welfare.

For years, creating an independent medical care and pension fund had been a top priority for the miners and their union. Because it would be administered by the union, this fund would put the health and welfare of the miners and their families above all else. World War II forced the union to put its demands on hold. Negotiations between the union and coal companies resumed after the war, but quickly came to an impasse over the issue of the health and welfare fund. To avert a lengthy strike that could have stalled post-war economic expansion, President Truman ordered that the government should take control of the mines and negotiate a new agreement with the miners. Some weeks later, on May 29, 1946, Truman presided over the signing of an agreement between Interior Secretary Julius Krug and United Mine Workers president John L. Lewis that created the UMWA Health and Welfare Fund.

Today, 50 years later, the UMWA Health and Retirement Funds have left their mark on this nation's health system. The Funds pioneered compassionate, managed care based on the best interest of the patient. By bringing doctors, nurses and modern hospitals and clinics to the miners, the Funds transformed the medical care system for all residents of the coalfields. Pension benefits provided by the Funds have brought retirement security to hundreds of thousands of working Americans. Today, the Funds are a model for millions of American workers who desire more comprehensive pension and health security in retirement.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. CLINTON, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim May 29, 1996, to be celebrated as the 50th anniversary of the UMWA Health and Retirement Funds. I call upon Government officials, educators, the media and all the people of the United States to recall the promise made by the U.S. government to the nation's miners on May 29, 1946, and to observe this anniversary with ceremonies that encourage reflections on the UMWA Health and Retirement Funds' contributions to better health care and retirement security for millions of Americans.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF...

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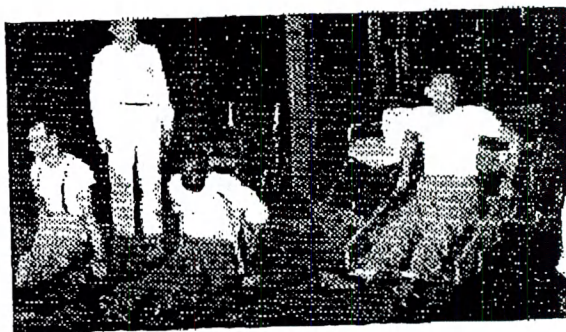
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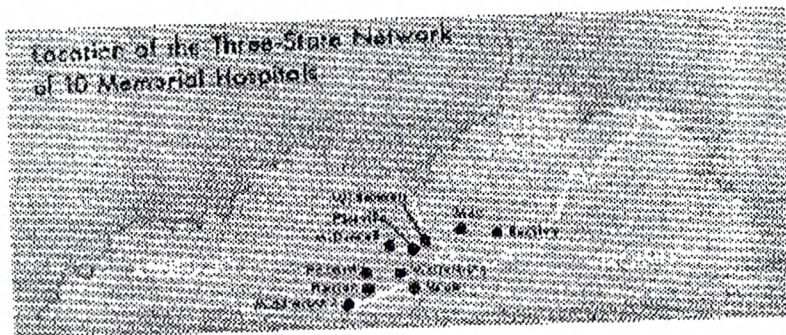
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The Funds Today and Tomorrow

The structure of the UMWA Funds has changed over the years, but the original promise to retired miners is still being kept. Today, the Funds provides health care benefits to approximately 90,000 retired miners and their dependents. It also provides pension benefits to over 115,000 retired miners and widows. It has contributed billions of dollars to improve the lives of those who worked in dangerous conditions to provide the nation with energy. And it has helped alleviate untold suffering and mind-numbing poverty. As John L. Lewis said on the twentieth anniversary of the UMWA Funds "I don't know of anything that runs further into the emotions of a human being than the matter of our Fund, with its security for our people. It is a dream that has come true, long deferred through the centuries."



The success of the UMWA Funds is a tribute to the many thousands of individuals who have strived to make this dream come true--Funds' doctors, lawyers, accountants, administrators and field staff. But mostly the success of the Funds is a testament to the men and women of the coal industry, members of the United Mine Workers of America, who made innumerable sacrifices to secure for themselves a part of the American dream. It is with a solemn respect for those who came before us and a solemn commitment to fight for those who will depend on the Funds in years to come that we celebrate this 50th Anniversary.

Beneficiaries of UMWA Health & Retirement Funds

	Pensioners	Disabled	Widows	Dependents	Total
1950 Pension	20,057	938	38,276	N.A.	54,281
1974 Pension	35,077	7,398	11,806	N.A.	59,271
Combined Benefit Fund	25,023	29	41,928	22,202	88,382
1992 Benefit Fund	1,856	7	239	2,398	4,500
1993 Benefit Fund	153	0	4	161	318

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

A PROCLAMATION

Fifty years ago, hundreds of thousands of American workers toiled in the nation's coal mines to produce the coal that powered America's industrial growth. The price for their labor all too often was illness, injury and death. Yet the miners and their families, in coal camps throughout Appalachia and the West, could see only company doctors at company clinics—doing the bidding of companies that only wanted sick and injured men back in the mines as quickly as they could, without regard for their health or welfare.

For years, creating an independent medical care and pension fund had been a top priority for the miners and their union. Because it would be administered by the union, this fund would put the health and welfare of the miners and their families above all else. World War II forced the union to put its demands on hold. Negotiations between the union and coal companies resumed after the war, but quickly came to an impasse over the issue of the health and welfare fund. To avert a lengthy strike that could have stalled post-war economic expansion, President Truman ordered that the government should take control of the mines and negotiate a new agreement with the miners. Some weeks later, on May 29, 1946, Truman presided over the signing of an agreement between Interior Secretary Julius Krug and United Mine Workers president John L. Lewis that created the UMWA Health and Welfare Fund.

Today, 50 years later, the UMWA Health and Retirement Funds have left their mark on this nation's health system. The Funds pioneered compassionate, managed care based on the best interest of the patient. By bringing doctors, nurses and modern hospitals and clinics to the miners, the Funds transformed the medical care system for all residents of the coalfields. Pension benefits provided by the Funds have brought retirement security to hundreds of thousands of working Americans. Today, the Funds are a model for millions of American workers who desire more comprehensive pension and health security in retirement.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. CLINTON, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim May 29, 1996, to be celebrated as the 50th anniversary of the UMWA Health and Retirement Funds. I call upon Government officials, educators, the media and all the people of the United States to recall the promise made by the U.S. government to the nation's miners on May 29, 1946, and to observe this anniversary with ceremonies that encourage reflections on the UMWA Health and Retirement Funds' contributions to better health care and retirement security for millions of Americans.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF...

UNITED MINE WORKERS OF AMERICA

WASHINGTON, D.C.

7/26/96

REFERRED TO:

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July 24, 1996

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Dear David:

I would like to thank you and the other members of the U.S. delegation for taking the time to meet with Gene Trisko, Bill Cunningham and me last week in Geneva. Additionally, I appreciate the follow-up call from Dan Abbasi from your office on Monday.

Even though I will be out of town next week, I feel it is extremely important that the additional analysis I have requested from Abe Haspel at DOE (attached) be made available to us as soon as possible. As you recall from our meeting in Geneva, there was a commitment to provide us with these analysis as soon as we got back to Washington. If these analysis are ready next week, I am requesting that you and your colleagues meet with Micheal Buckner, UMWA Research Director and/or Gene Trisko. Additionally, I am requesting that Bill Cunningham from the AFL-CIO be included in the meeting to present the analysis. You should contact Gene at (304) 258-1977.

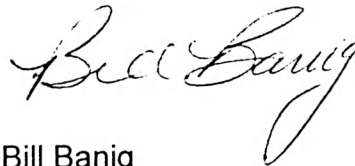
Additionally, at our meeting last week in Geneva, there was an indication that other industry specific analyses have been completed. We would like to request that you also share these important analyses with us.

I cannot stress enough the importance that we receive these additional analyses as soon as possible. Hopefully through this process we will be able to develop a more constructive dialogue on the issue of climate change.

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I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

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Bill Banig
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Attachment

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Re: Data Requests for DOE/EIA Carbon Permit Analyses

Dear Abe:

I'm writing to ask your help in obtaining additional information from the carbon reduction studies presented by DOE/EIA at the Inter-Agency Climate Workshop on June 6-7, 1996. We found the information presented very useful, but it covers only a small part of the results that presumably are available from the various DOE/EIA analyses using the DRI model.

Specifically, we are interested in obtaining more results from the studies summarized in the paper by Ron Earley, Kay Smith and Brian Unruh, "The Macroeconomic and Sectoral Impacts of Achieving Alternative Carbon Emission Targets." The following information would be very helpful:

- 1) For Figures 1-2 (Impacts Across Emission Targets) - All numerical data plotted in these charts, with base case projections for each variable (Real GDP, Real Consumption, Real Investments, Net Exports, Wholesale and Producer Price Indices, Disposable Income);
- 2) For Figures 3-4 (Impacts Across Implementation Strategies) - All numerical data plotted in these charts, including base case Federal Funds rate;

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3) For Figures 5-6 (Distributional Impacts Across Implementation Strategies, 2015) - All numerical data plotted in these charts, with the base case numerical values for each industry group; comparable industry group findings for Emission Target Cases 4-7, with results also shown for the years 2005, 2010 and 2015 for all Cases;

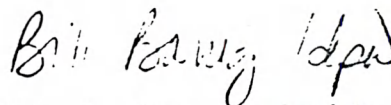
4) For Figures 7-8 (Impacts Across Potential GDP Specifications) - All numerical data plotted in these charts, with the comparable results for Emission Target Cases 4-7.

The UMWA is working with the AFL-CIO and other unions to develop a mutual understanding of the potential job and economic impacts of climate change proposals. The requested information will be extremely important in this process. Given the results presented at the Inter-Agency Workshop, it should be fairly easy to generate the data in hard copy or on disk (DB-IV or 123 format).

We appreciate your earlier help in providing EIA's carbon emission projections. We are continuing to review these data along with DOE's excellent "Service Report" critique of EPA's modification of the AEO energy use projections. We will be passing along some thoughts later on about possible alternative assumptions that might be modeled between DOE's Reference Case and EPA's three alternatives.

Please give me a call at (202) 842-7252 if you have questions about this request. We hope to see you in Geneva next month at COP-2.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bill Banig" followed by a stylized flourish or initials.

Bill Banig, Executive Assistant
to the Secretary-Treasurer

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