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WASHINGTON

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let's push

7/16/82

Red: *ETH* H.S. JUL 16 1982

Thad and I agreed on most of  
this, but he requested that I  
put it in memo form.

Bob Bonitati

RE:  
ETH agree.  
Says "let's  
push".

(S)

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 16, 1982

Agree  
[Signature]

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February 3, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR THAD GARRETT

FROM: BOB BONITATI 

SUBJECT: February 4 Meeting with Labor Leaders

We are now expecting ten labor leaders to attend our 5:00 p.m. meeting with the Vice President and the Secretary of Labor.

The President will do a "drop by" at about 5:30 p.m. and will probably not stay for more than 5 minutes.

I don't expect the meeting will be difficult to handle, although the diversity of the attendees may produce an unusual array of issues.

I would expect that Lane Kirkland will express concern about the state of the economy and the seriousness of the unemployment picture. He will probably also want to talk about Poland and will urge that "further steps be taken".

Other issues that the labor leaders might raise include the following:

1. Reduction in OSHA inspections and enforcement.
2. Development of an Administration maritime policy.
3. The problems with OPM and their handling of federal employee health insurance programs.
4. The dismantling of the Department of Education.
5. The closing of U.S. Employment Service Offices.
6. Efforts to alter the Davis-Bacon Act.

In the Vice President's opening remarks I would suggest that he briefly talk about enterprise zones and the Administration tax initiatives, asking them to take a look at each and that we would appreciate whatever help they might provide. He should also mention New Federalism and our desire to consult with them on this program.



I would suggest the following sequence of events for the meeting:

- 4:55 p.m. Labor leaders assemble in Roosevelt Room.
- 5:00 p.m. Vice President enters Roosevelt Room, shaking hands with all participants and takes seat reserved for him.
- 5:05 p.m. The Vice President welcomes the assembled group and indicates that the President has asked he and Secretary Donovan to get together on a regular basis, and that this is the first of such sessions.  
  
The Vice President then talks briefly about some of the President's initiatives such as enterprise zones and the Administration tax initiatives. New Federalism should also be mentioned.
- 5:15 p.m. The Vice President then asks Secretary Donovan for any remarks or comments.
- 5:20 p.m. After Secretary Donovan's remarks, the Vice President then opens the meeting to whatever comments and issues they might want to raise.
- 5:30 p.m. President's "drop by".
- 6:00 p.m. Adjourn.

I have also attached some suggested Talking Points and the List of Participants for the meeting.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS  
Vice President with Labor Leaders  
February 4, 1982  
Roosevelt Room 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Thomas Donahue  
Secretary-Treasurer  
AFL-CIO

Mr. Robert A. Georgine  
President  
Building & Construction Trades  
Department, AFL-CIO

Mr. Lane Kirkland  
President  
AFL-CIO

Mr. Leo Marchetti  
President  
Fraternal Order of Police

Mr. Willard McGuire  
President  
National Education Association

Capt. John J. O'Donnell  
President  
Air Line Pilots Association

Mr. Howard Samuel  
President  
Industrial Union Department,  
AFL-CIO

Mr. Vincent Sombrotto  
President  
National Association of Letter  
Carriers

Mr. Shannon J. Wall  
President  
National Maritime Union

Administration

Vice President

Elizabeth H. Dole  
Assistant to the President  
for Public Liaison

Secretary Donovan

Malcolm Lovell  
Under Secretary of Labor

Thad Garrett  
Assistant to the Vice President  
for Domestic Policy

Robert Bonitati  
Special Assistant to the  
President

SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING  
WITH LABOR LEADERS

- - Before we begin, let me offer a few introductory comments.
  
- - I'm delighted that each of you were able to arrange your schedules to be here with us today. I know how busy you are and regret that Doug Fraser, Lloyd McBride and Roy Williams weren't able to join us.
  
- - The President has asked Secretary Donovan and I to meet regularly with a cross section of labor leaders so that we might keep him fully informed about the issues that top your agenda.
  
- - The President is eager for us to maintain communication and we hope that this can be the first of many such sessions.
  
- - I understand that several staff members from the Teamsters, the AFL-CIO and several unions were briefed this morning on two subjects that we would like you to take a look at -- offer your advice -- and hope that you might be helpful with these proposals.
  
- - I'm talking about our package of tax revisions and our proposal on enterprise zones. We'll probably have lots of opponents on our tax revisions, and we'll be able to use all the help we can get.

- - The enterprise zone proposal is one that I feel very strongly about. We think this concept will create jobs in the depressed areas for disadvantaged workers and hope that when you take a good look at the proposal you'll be able to help us with it. We're open to suggestions before the legislation is submitted and hope that you'll let us have your thoughts.
  
- - In the next few months we will also be consulting with you as we develop the New Federalism concept. We'd like very much to receive your thoughts as the planning proceeds.
  
- - Mr. Secretary, let me ask you to make whatever remarks you might have before we open this session to general discussion.
  
- - Well, the purpose of this meeting is to hear what's on your minds, so I'm going to keep quiet for awhile and listen.
  
- - Who'd like to begin?

PM-UNEMPLOYMENT SKED 2-4

EDITORS: STATISTICS RELEASED AT 9 A.M. EST  
RISING UNEMPLOYMENT FEARED  
BY DREW VON BERGE

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- GOVERNMENT AND LABOR OFFICIALS FEAR THE NATION'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE WILL BREAK A FOUR-DECADE RECORD OF 9 PERCENT, WITH NEARLY 10 MILLION AMERICANS JOBLESS IN THE RECESSION-WEAKENED ECONOMY.

THE LABOR DEPARTMENT'S BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS WAS SCHEDULED TO RELEASE JANUARY'S JOBLESS RATE TODAY. IN DECEMBER, THE RATE HIT 8.9 PERCENT, WITH 9.5 MILLION WORKERS OFFICIALLY LISTED AS OUT OF WORK AND ACTIVELY SEEKING JOBS.

THAT WAS THE HIGHEST UNEMPLOYMENT RATE SINCE MAY 1975, WHEN THE FIGURE HIT 9 PERCENT. THE LAST TIME THE YEARLY AVERAGE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE TOP 9 PERCENT WAS IN 1941 WHEN IT WAS 9.9 PERCENT.

THE REGAN ADMINISTRATION HAS ACKNOWLEDGED THE SITUATION MAY GET WORSE BEFORE IT GETS BETTER, BUT HAS BEEN ADMANT IN ITS BELIEF THE PRESIDENT'S PROGRAM WILL REVITALIZE THE ECONOMY AND BEGIN TURNING THE UNEMPLOYMENT AROUND AS EARLY AS THE SPRING.

BUT OFFICIALS IN THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND LABOR MOVEMENT SEE MORE HARD TIMES.

GERALD MCENTEE, PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES UNION NOTED THURSDAY THAT THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE HAS RISEN FROM 7.4 PERCENT WHEN REGAN TOOK OFFICE TO 8.9 PERCENT.

"INSTEAD OF RESTORING CONFIDENCE, THE FIRST YEAR OF REAGNONICS HAS INSPIRED DOUBT IN THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND DESPAIR AMONG 9.5 MILLION JOBLESS WORKERS," SAID MCENTEE.

"WE FEAR THAT TOMORROW'S UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS WILL BRING EVEN WORSE NEWS," HE ADDED.

MCENTEE'S UNION THURSDAY ANNOUNCED A PROPOSAL FOR A \$24 BILLION PROGRAM TO CREATE 2.5 MILLION JOBS AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO REGAN'S ECONOMIC POLICIES.

**NINE UNION REPRESENTATIVES, INCLUDING AFL-CIO PRESIDENT LANE KIRKLAND, MET THURSDAY WITH PRESIDENT REGAN ABOUT UNEMPLOYMENT AND AFTERWARDS KIRKLAND SAID HE WAS A "FUNDAMENTAL" DISAGREEMENT WITH THE ADMINISTRATION'S REMEDY.**

"WE BELIEVE THAT THE ACTION THAT'S TAKEN FLICE IN THE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES, THE CUTBACKS IN UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS AND TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE OUGHT TO BE REVERSED."

SPECIFICALLY, HE SAID, JOB TRAINING AND PLACEMENT PROGRAMS SHOULD BE REDULT AND PROGRAMS SHOULD BE DESIGNED TO "MEET THE CRIEVCUS PROBLEMS OF INDEBUTRE HOUSING."

CONGRESSIONAL ECONOMISTS WERE PREDICTING PRIVATELY THAT THE RATE WOULD JUMP TO BETWEEN 9.3 PERCENT AND 9.8 PERCENT, SAID A CAPITOL HILL SOURCE.

AND ANOTHER INDICATION OF THE WEAKNING ECONOMY CAME IN FIGURES ON THOSE RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT INCOURNCE.

THE LABOR DEPARTMENT SAID 4771,300 PERSONS RECEIVED UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS DURING THE WEEK ENDING JAN. 16, AN INCREASE OF 258,400 FROM THE PREVIOUS WEEK, AND ANOTHER 776,500 INDIVIDUALS FILED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR BENEFITS THE FOLLOWING WEEK.

STATES WITH SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER NUMBERS OF BENEFIT RECIPIENTS, COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS WEEK, WERE CALIFORNIA, GEORGIA, MICHIGAN, NEW JERSEY, AND NORTH CAROLINA.



## Poland

5:00 V.P. Allies come a way - good rules? V.P. asks  
Korkepatrick - boycott on USSR

JK: ① no final decision made - impact of decision on U.S. jobs -

Korkepatrick - Pull back by Cohen i views after take over -  
follow up steps - what  
end of united front - release of political prisoners, etc -  
if not, then we would go further - 1) steps taken  
contradict 2) why can't further steps? 3) but us  
more than them?

- ① technology transfer - licensing
- ② grain exports - embargo across the board
- ③ credit - Poland ~~to~~ keep

Up to us to take exemplary action - allies looking  
at us.

5:30 pm - Pres. asks

Glad being regular communicative - talking about  
each other not talking to each other - not backing  
away - NATO alliance is shakier - resting that -  
nothing gladder Soviets - separate us from European allies -  
Friendship - 10 European countries - productivity  
more than USSR - not dividing ourselves from  
alliance - we don't have that much trade ~~with~~ w/  
Soviets - limit to what we can do - cosmetic  
gestures - we've got their attention - work w/  
us - rather than find 2 crosses take - picture  
so them of disarray - thank you, women - Poles  
are grateful - Keep communication - you  
help is vital -

We're determined. May not be done for credit -  
Warm block + world communism <sup>and</sup> others may feel  
like poles. Stay together on this - we feel as  
strongly as you.

Kirkland: Discussion w/ Enggen friends. Hazard of the alliance -  
want us to take lead. Credits is critical.  
Conduct trade on cash basis. Choke off flow of  
extension of credits.

Pres: 1 consideration, option we have. Steps we can take.

K: All hunt vs. Can't extricate ourselves w/out damage.  
Military is worst scenario.

Pres: Hark back to Kennedy. Different world. All these  
things in forefront. What can cause them pain.  
Sacrifice on our part. Cause them more pain  
than they cause us.

5:45 P. leaves

Kirk - We can't leave w/out telling unemployment

Wall: Defense of this country. Seapower of U.S. is bad thing.  
Discussion w/ adm. Other ~~say~~ countries adding to  
their fleet. U.S. struggling to maintain West Coast  
Mexico - more vessels under foreign flag. Adm -  
how would we man vessels of this country?  
All said yes they would return. Taken away  
marine hospital - injuries during II, Korea, Vietnam.  
Can't be used under American flag. Civil Force  
denied Veterans benefits.



Need market man for defense. Much more needs to be done. Talk softly - carry big stick. Very hard consider market man as integral part of defense of country.

V.P. : Recognizing strategy defense of this country. Many not go into defense. Best way to negotiate - get conventional weapons. Need for strong market man.

Kirkland - Principal defenses of econ. policy. Don't see means being found - prob's - human resource base of this country. Further cuts in programs that are vital. People with real need. Job training programs ~~not~~ <sup>shot</sup> down. Magic of tax cut will cause reversal - how long to wait? Realities oppressive. Deficit caused by unemployment.

Proponent of adequate defense - not because of jobs. Values we prize. Important to hold that position - not because of build up. Cut in domestic programs. Tax cut affecting those least affected - pay for it, pay for defense. Everyone should pay fair share. Burden on poor people + unemployed. No prospect or promise - horrible unemployment. Elimination of trade adjustment, clearing of employment offices, job training, etc.



Gulf between us not having oppor. to talk.

Samuel: Manufacturing sector. Began 10-15 yrs ago. Decline accelerated - not able to sustain economy. Affect defense. Awareness of dangers - perceived dangers of this on manufacturing sector.

V.P. Support us as we amend (Clear Air Act)

Samuel: No benefit to us - probably opposite. Closing existing companies.

5:57 Berger

V.P. Start: The union to auto industry.

Common ground - for many we will create jobs. Taking it on from liberal friends.

Samuel: Demands against (Steel, etc)

George: AFL + Luker not that far apart. Building Trades need to talk to him.

Dorson: Econ. plan not working. If here is right - go back to old ways - public employment failed - back to old ways. Don't accept premise program will fail.

Denov: Howard Samuel's remarks. This Admin sensitive - KNO  
tax credits. Can't believe see position as anything  
but positive for reindustrialization of America. Dislike  
you a nice blend - strike down econ. One  
package, one President. Ryan's vigorously lifting  
remarks for labor. Don't sink boat before it  
leaves the dock. Feel deeply for unemployed.

Progress report on opening communication w/ labor. Met  
3 times of reg's Ass't Sec'y level. but one input.  
Reach out on their own. Reports - worthwhile  
info - cooperation. Treasury Dept set of notes, Whitehouse  
looking for Bonds + Commission, DOT w/ Shum Wad,  
mention of Slicking, Reports for Ass't Sec'y -  
reactions from you, time, --- ?

See a difference

Koller: No complaint on access. No difficulty getting reports,  
meeting w/ info. There has been issue of access.  
Defense of principal on issues. Areas come to  
some agreement - come together. Trade, united,

Ready, willing, eager to work together on subject  
we can find common ground.

V.P. Fundamental differences. eg. tax exemptions. Pres  
elected to do some things, doing them.



Find some agreement on some. Most areas committed -  
govt spending -

New Federalism? Don't know how you feel?  
Surprised if mainly. Talk at various levels.

We know ~~we~~ we're going down a different track  
on economics.

Miller: be even more optimistic. Believe that there  
will come a point - hope you prepare  
work, hope there is a boom. Don't care  
about philosophy. If you're right combination  
of mountains - - love learned

Come a time when it

L.K. Back to drawing board together

Drew: What would we do?

L.K.: Trade union agreement prepared to coop & bear  
portion of sacrifice to restrict inflation - start a  
road to growth (1) people offered sacrifices  
at lower end of ladder - you believe,  
greatest good for greatest # ultimately.  
Efforts toward industrialized areas. Toward  
businessmen.

V.P. What are I using for. Rapid Redemptio + RND?  
L.K.: Read document.

Support depreciation + RND credits on targeted basis. Target major industries. Don't stick for notion of planning

Sund: Depreciation will end up w/ windfall for industries already well off.  
Not targeting the Admin. Started by two ago.

Wall: Northern Tier pipeline - replace oil for Canada - they cut it off. - state of Washington. Pipelines is jobs. What is greatest good - pipeline or protection of environment. State can stop.

O'Donnell: Don't deny state rights.

Wall: Government domain

V.P. Not what we need by federalism

Partner on federalism

L.K.: How we we have. State role + federal role. Job training programs across country. Efficiency, equity. Rethink process. Bias against it - only age. Remember when states, business had right to do anything.

L.K. Cargo preference / cargo allentia



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 3, 1982

MEETING WITH LABOR LEADERS

DATE: February 4, 1982

LOCATION: Roosevelt Room

TIME: 5:30 - 5:40 p.m.

FROM: Elizabeth H. Dole 

I. PURPOSE

To further emphasize your willingness to cooperate with and listen to concerns of the labor community.

II. BACKGROUND

This is the first in a series of "regular" meetings between labor leaders and the Vice President to keep the Administration informed of the concerns of working people. The idea for these "regular" meetings was suggested during your meetings with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and the AFL-CIO Executive Council in December, 1981.

III. PARTICIPANTS

See attached list.

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House photographer only.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

5:30 p.m. You enter the Roosevelt Room and shake the hands of your guests as you move around the table.

5:35 p.m. You offer brief remarks.

5:40 p.m. You thank your guests and depart Roosevelt Room.

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Attachments: Participants  
Talking Points

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SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING WITH  
LABOR LEADERS

- - When the Vice President told me he would be meeting with you today, I thought I would stop by to say welcome.
  
- - You and the views of the organizations you represent are always welcome at the White House and throughout the Administration.
  
- - I know you don't want to hear any long-winded speeches from me - and I'm sure you have lots to talk about - so I'll let you get back to your meeting.
  
- - Thank you for coming today - and I'll look forward to hearing from the Vice President about these discussions.

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TIME: 5:30 - 5:40 p.m.

FROM: Elizabeth H. Dole

I. PURPOSE

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II. BACKGROUND

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III. PARTICIPANTS

See attached list.

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House photographer only.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

5:30 p.m. You enter the Roosevelt Room and shake the hands of your guests as you move around the table.

5:35 p.m. You offer brief remarks.

5:40 p.m. You thank your guests and depart Roosevelt Room.

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Attachments: Participants  
Talking Points

SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING WITH  
LABOR LEADERS

- - When the Vice President told me he would be meeting with you today, I thought I would stop by to say welcome.
  
- - You and the views of the organizations you represent are always welcome at the White House and throughout the Administration.
  
- - I know you don't want to hear any long-winded speeches from me - and I'm sure you have lots to talk about - so I'll let you get back to your meeting.
  
- - Thank you for coming today - and I'll look forward to hearing from the Vice President about these discussions.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS  
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February 4, 1982  
Roosevelt Room 5:00 p.m.

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Malcolm Lovell  
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Assistant to the Vice President  
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Special Assistant to the  
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*Thad sent -  
Thad Garrett info  
11:30 2/3/82*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 1, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR THAD GARRETT

FROM: BOB BONITATI

SUBJECT: February 4 Meeting with Labor Leaders

The attached letter has been sent to 17 labor leaders inviting them to meet with the Vice President and the Secretary of Labor on February 4 at 5:00 p.m. We are just beginning to receive responses, and I will provide you with a complete list of attendees prior to the meeting. I expect that we will have 10 to 12 labor people in attendance.

Unless we hear differently from you, we will not plan to use any place cards but will reserve two spots at the table for the Vice President and Secretary Donovan.

I would suggest the following format for the meeting:

1. The Vice President welcomes the assembled group and indicates that the President has asked he and Secretary Donovan to get together on a regular basis, and that this is the first of such sessions.
2. The Vice President may want to talk briefly about some of the President's initiatives such as the New Federalism, enterprise zones and the Administration tax initiatives, then say that we would appreciate their taking a look at each concept and hope that they can offer their help wherever possible.
3. The Vice President may then ask Secretary Donovan for any remarks or comments.
4. At the conclusion of Secretary Donovan's remarks, the Vice President might open the meeting to whatever comments and issues they might want to raise.
5. At approximately 6:00 or 6:15 p.m. the Vice President should bring the meeting to a close.

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Assistant to the President  
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# TELEGRAM

## The White House Washington

FULL RATE  
(STRAIGHT TELEGRAM)   
NIGHT LETTER   
MAILGRAM

Mr. Jesse Calhoon  
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THE WHITE HOUSE

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SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

TO: GREGORY J. NEWELL, DIRECTOR  
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM: Elizabeth H. Dole

REQUEST: Drop by/labor leaders meeting

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PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: Meetings with International Brotherhood of Teamsters and AFL-CIO Executive Council in December, 1981.

DATE: Thursday, February 4 DURATION: 10 minutes

LOCATION: Roosevelt Room

PARTICIPANTS: List of invitees attached.

OUTLINE OF EVENT: President drop by anytime between 5:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

REMARKS REQUIRED: Brief remarks of welcome

MEDIA COVERAGE: None

RECOMMENDED BY: Elizabeth H. Dole, Secretary Donovan

OPPOSED BY:

PROJECT OFFICER: Robert F. Bonitati

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2/2/82

Ed:

I am told that there is a scheduling meeting this afternoon and a decision on our request to have the President "drop by" the labor leaders meeting with the Vice President will be acted on.

You might want to give Greg Newell a call before the 2:30 p.m. meeting.

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I look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,

EHD

Mallegans

Dear

As you are aware the President has asked that Vice President Bush and Secretary Donovan meet regularly with a ~~broad range~~ of labor leaders so that he might be kept fully informed of the views and concerns of the labor community.

*To ensure a timely flow of communication re the views & concerns of the labor comm.*  
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 18, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: ELIZABETH H. DOLE

SUBJECT: Meeting with labor leaders

I'm delighted to hear that you will be attending the AFL-CIO Executive Council meeting in Florida during the week of February 15.

I'm also in agreement that we should have our first "regular" meeting with labor leaders, as promised by the President, during the week of February 1. I've asked Bob Bonitati to work closely with you and your staff in making the necessary arrangements.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 13, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR ELIZABETH H. DOLE

THRU: JACK BURGESS/RED CAVANEY

FROM: BOB BONITATI *R*

SUBJECT: Labor meeting with Vice President/  
Secretary of Labor

In checking with the AFL-CIO I find that the preliminary meetings in Florida (prior to the Executive Council) will begin on Monday, February 8. Our first regular labor meeting with the Vice President/Secretary of Labor should obviously take place prior to February 8.

I would suggest then that our first meeting should take place during the week of February 1.

If this is agreeable with you, I will begin working on an agenda, arrangements and setting a specific date.