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Best wishes for a most successful event.

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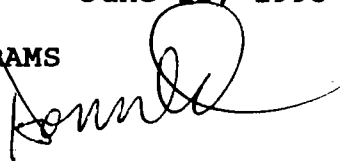
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MEMORANDUM TO LORI ABRAMS

FROM: DONALD DUNN 

SUBJECT: GREETINGS LETTER TO ARKANSAS AFL-CIO CONVENTION

May we have a greetings letter to be read at the Arkansas AFL-CIO Convention the week of June 19. Attached is background information and copies of two draft letters that were put together by Chuck Richards, Deputy Assistant to the Secretary at the Department of the Labor. The letter should be addressed to:

Mr. Bill Becker, President
Arkansas AFL-CIO
1115 Bishop Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

I apologize for the rush, but if possible could I have this letter returned to me by Friday, June 16? Please contact me at 65232/ 115 OEOB if you have any questions. Thank you for your assistance.

June 12, 1995

M E M O R A N D U M

To: Donald Dunn

From: Chuck Richards *CR.*

Re: Letter from POTUS to Arkansas AFL-CIO Convention

This event will be held in Hot Springs, Arkansas June 19, 20 and 21. I will be speaking the morning of the 20th, but will need to travel on the 19th. Since I will be leaving from BWI, my last day in the office before the trip will be Friday the 16th. I'll, therefore, need his letter by cob on the 16th.

As requested, I've put some thoughts on paper by drafting two letters. One is a greeting, the other a greeting plus comments on three or four issues of interest to Labor. No pride of authorship here. Feel free to use either or neither. Have also enclosed a list of Administration accomplishments of particular interest to the labor movement. It could be used to "build" a letter in combination with some of what I have drafted.

You should also know that ALL factual information in my draft letters has been verified.

1. The President attended EVERY State AFL-CIO Convention while Governor;

2. Labor Day picnics at the Governor's Mansion became a tradition:

3. He did sign the "striker" petition at one of the picnics.

Thanks for your help on this, Donald. I am available to provide what every additional information might be necessary and helpful.

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DRAFT LETTER FROM POTUS TO ARKANSAS AFL-CIO CONVENTION

(GREETINGS)

Mr. Bill Becker, President
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Dear Bill:

Thanks for this opportunity to extend by best wishes to all of you attending the 20th Biennial Convention of the Arkansas AFL-CIO.

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If memory serves me correctly, it was at one of those picnics when I signed a petition that first put me on record in opposition to the notion that employers should be allowed to permanently replace legally striking workers. It was the correct position then; it's the right position now.

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That much of the Republican agenda is mean spirited is now well known. What is less obvious is how damaging its passage would be to the core principles and values you and I share. That's one of the reasons I vetoed their recision proposals regarding the current budget. I refuse to allow them to gut education and training at a time when we need both to create high performance work places and compete successfully in the new global market place.

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I favor reform, flexibility and improved results, but not at the expense of hard-won rights. I'll try to do my part, but, as always, your help and support will be essential to our success.

Let's continue our work together to preserve what we have won. Let's work together for jobs, for growth, for fairness. Let's clear the way for the creation of a new middle class, at least as large but more inclusive than the vast middle class of earlier days. And let's empower every man and every woman to earn their way into that middle class. This should be our central mission.

Again, my best to all of you. Hillary and I look forward to seeing you soon. Come and visit when you can.

Sincerely,

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(GREETINGS AND SELECTED POLICY COMMENTS)

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But the plot gets even more absurd. Republicans, who claim they care about the welfare of working Americans, but try to destroy health and safety standards; who claim that they are for work

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over welfare and then cut summer jobs for 1.2 million young people; who say work should be rewarded and then refuse to make minimum wage and living wage...and who want to take the axe to Davis-Bacon. Well, they've got their work cut out for them because I'll veto any bill that comes to my desk that attempts to eliminate Davis-Bacon. And finally, Republicans who claim they're behind American workers but thin it's OK to replace them if they go on strike. I believe the right to strike is a fundamental American right. And that's why my new executive order makes it possible for the federal government to "just say no" to companies that hire permanent replacements for legally striking workers.

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Date: 01-24-95 4:18PM
From: (srosenth@mmsecy01@DOL@MSR):3CR:DOL
To: RICHARDS CHUCK:SECY:DOL
Subj: Labor Accomplishments

- 1) NLRB appointments -- Bill Gould, Peggy Browning and recess appointment of John Truesdale for Dem majority that will be fair to workers for a change. Fred Feinstein as General Counsel
- 2) Activist role in collective bargaining disputes -- American Airlines, LIRR, UPS, Teamster master freight, BCOA, baseball, Caterpillar, Bridgestone-Firestone
- 3) Hatch Act reform -- 3 million federal and postal workers
- 4) Executive order on posting -- rescind Bush order on Beck
- 5) Executive order on PATCO -- first group of strikers recently hired back
- 6) Stopped attempts in last congress to gut Davis-Bacon
- 7) Worked with Laborers on Helpers regulation
- 8) Family and Medical Leave Act
- 9) Minimum wage
- 10) Motor voter
- 11) School-to-work
- 12) EITC -- \$21 billion tax cut for 15 million low income Americans
- 13) AFL-CIO newsletter report that Clinton has signed into law 32 bills supported by the AFL-CIO
- 14) OSHA, ETA and OAW grants to labor organizations
- 15) National Partnership Council and Public Sector Task Force
- 16) Appointments throughout the Admin of people from the ranks of labor (Sec Reps now v. Reagan/Bush -- theirs were former advance people, drivers and Republican activists, many of ours come from ranks of labor and other progressive worker advocacy organizations)
- 17) List of things Repubs are going after