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SEPTEMBER 1, 1993

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO: President Lane Kirkland
637-5230

DATE: Today, September 1, before 5:30 pm.

RECOMMENDED BY: Joan N. Baggett

PURPOSE: To brief President Kirkland on NPR recommendations, and to address possible labor concerns.

BACKGROUND: While the federal unions have been touched throughout this process, the AFL-CIO and other unions have not heard much about this until the past couple of weeks when some of the recommendations were mentioned in the press. I have discussed the following issues with Lane Kirkland's assistant, Jim Baker: the maritime question, the transferring of the railroad retirement to Social Security, and the proposed changes on procurement laws that affect Davis-Bacon, Service Contracts, the Copeland Act and Walsh Healy. I have not heard back from him yet.

I have reviewed the Davis-Bacon and Copeland Act changes with Bob Georgine of the Building Trades. They are fine with the increase in the Davis-Bacon threshold to \$100,000 as long as we acknowledge that the increase is for new construction with a \$15,000 threshold for repairs, renovation and remodeling, as the Kennedy bill does. Their concern over the Copeland Act changes is that they be assured access to contractor payroll reports if they suspect violations.

Jim Baker did mention that CWA President Morty Bahr indicated no one from NPR would agree to meet with them regarding the GPO issues.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

1. Describe the working relationship you have had with AFGE and other federal unions throughout this process.

2. Brief him on the report with specific mentions of the labor items: maritime, railroad retirement, procurement laws affecting labor and OSHA, and other regulatory changes that might affect labor.

3. Indicate that you would like their support.

CONTACT PERSON AND
TELEPHONE NUMBER:

Mary Bosch, Mr. Kirkland's secretary
637-5320

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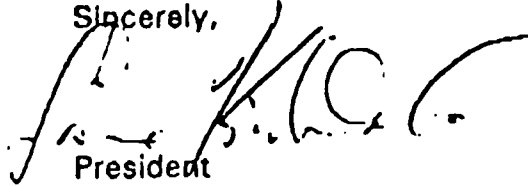
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Sincerely,

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President

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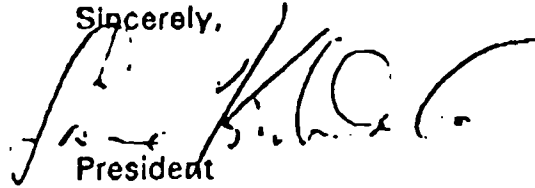
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Date: Sept. 7, 1993

To: Joan Baggett

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From: J. Baker

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Comments:

Joan - Per our discussion,
enclosed is a copy of
Kirkland letter to the
"Washington Post"

There is/are 2 page(s) following this cover sheet.

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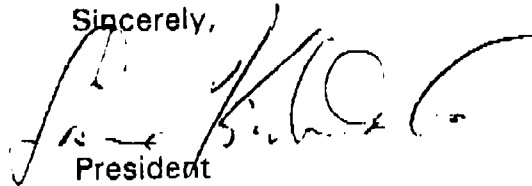
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CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE PRESIDENT
THE WHITE HOUSE

September 20, 1993

Mr. Lane Kirkland
President
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Dear Lane:

Joan Baggett brought to my attention your
September 7th letter to the Washington
Post regarding President Clinton's Labor
Day activities.

I thought your comments were superb.

Personally,

M. J.

Mack McLarty

cc: Joan Baggett

LANE -

many thanks,

to your continuing

support.