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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 21, 1975

MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVE JOHN J. RHODES (R-ARIZ) AND
OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS OF AMERICA

Tuesday, July 22, 1975
4:30-5:00 p.m. (30 minutes)
The Cabinet Room

From: Max L. Friedersdorf *M.L.F.*

I. PURPOSE

To accommodate requests from Congressmen Rhodes and Harsha that the President meet with officers of the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC).

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

A. Background:

1. Congressmen Rhodes and Harsha have requested the President meet with AGC officers to discuss situs picketing.
2. The issues of 14-B (right to work), and the \$2.00 tariff on imported oil may also be raised by AGC officials.
3. AGC is irrevocably committed against situs picketing and will likely be very critical of any Administration support regardless of other considerations.
4. The House will likely act on H.R. 5900, which would permit on-site picketing at construction sites, before the August recess, while the Senate expects to report a bill from the Labor & Public Welfare Committee.
5. AGC Executive Secretary James Sprouse has been very aggressive on arranging a meeting with the President, stimulating strong Hill pressure and criticizing the number of labor leaders seeing the President.
6. The AGC Executive Committee is composed of the chief executive officers of 21 major U.S. construction firms.
7. A previous briefing paper giving background on common situs picketing is attached in Tab A.

B. Participants: See Tab B



C. Press Plan:

Press Office to announce meeting. White House
photographer only.

III. TALKING POINTS

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Wednesday, June 16, 1975

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