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May 7, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: **JOHN RATCHFORD**

FROM: **JACK MARSH**

Attached is some correspondence I have received in reference to H. R. 25, the Surface Mining Legislation. I would appreciate your arranging to have this correspondence acknowledged and a copy sent to me for our records.

Many thanks.



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Mr. John Marsh
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Re: HR-25

Dear Mr. Marsh:

As a citizen, as a businessman, and as a lifetime loyal Republican, I strongly urge you to use all influence with the President for the veto of HR-25.

This is just one more attempt to destroy the free enterprise system. Unless morally right action is taken each time our heritage is threatened, we will all lose.

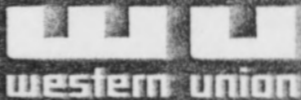
Thank you.

Sincerely,

Leo S. McIntire, C.L.U.

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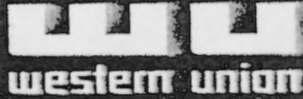
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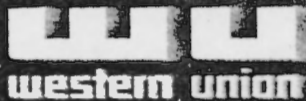
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May 5, 1975

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Vice-President

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HOME TELEPHONE 303-757-3800

Mr. John O. Marsh, Jr.
Assistant to the President
of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Marsh:

~~I believe that the White House might be unaware of the great dissatisfaction that the commercial ranchers of the West have with proposed Surface Mining Legislation.~~

Consistently, the individual that the Bill is designed to protect, the owner of surface over federal coal - or the fortunate rancher that might own coal in fee, is the individual who does not want the Federal Government's protection because he believes that he is able to look after himself. The small minority who would like to ban all surface mining in the West are, for the most part, affluent members of the community who have migrated to Wyoming and Montana to "get away from it all." They are not individuals who are dependent for their livelihood on the agricultural production of their ranches and farmlands.

We strongly believe that our ranch would have greater agricultural productivity after it had been surface mined than today because nature didn't lay down the land in an ideal contour for hay meadows or grazing purposes. The reclamation process after surface mining, will provide the opportunity for man to engineer the land to meet his needs.

We have ranched in Montana and Wyoming for over 90 years and would like to point out that the ranchers and the surface miners have in the past, been able to accommodate themselves to each other to permit the development of the important coal reserves of the West.

If surface mining legislation is enacted into law, it will not only eliminate many planned mines, but the protracted litigation that will ensue will extensively delay the opening of the limited number of surface mines that would be permitted under the Bill.

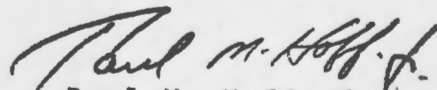


If the Bill is not enacted into law and the Interior Department administratively adopts the reclamation standards of the Bill as already published in the Federal Register, this action along with the tough surface mining laws of Montana and Wyoming, will permit orderly, responsible development of these coal reserves.

~~John Kendrick, the President of Kendrick Cattle Company, and I, have been intimately involved for over three years in the interrelationship of the coal and agricultural development of the F. Union Formation. We believe that we are sensitive to the complexities involved and to the beliefs and attitudes of our neighbors. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you or your assistants so that you may more fully understand the strong local opposition to Federal Surface Mining Legislation.~~

~~If such a meeting is impossible, we urge you to advise the President to veto S7/HR25 and pledge our support to see that the veto is sustained.~~

Sincerely,



Paul M. Hoff, Jr.
Vice President

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17 TELEGRAM TO THE PRESIDENT

18 DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

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20 WE ARE EXTREMELY CONCERNED ABOUT THE POTENTIAL EFFECTS OF THE
21 PROPOSED SURFACE MINING CONTROL AND RECLAMATION ACT OF 1975.

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23 THIS PROPOSAL CONTAINS VARIOUS SECTIONS WHICH ARE AMBIGUOUS
24 AND SUBJECT TO INTERPRETATIONS THAT COULD POTENTIALLY CURTAIL
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AND TO PROCEED WITH OUR PLANNED EXPANSION.

ALLUVIAL VALLEY AND HYDROLOGY PROVISIONS COULD PROHIBIT THE MINING OF SUBSTANTIAL PORTIONS OF WESTERN COAL RESERVES. HYDROLOGY AND OTHER PROVISIONS WILL HAVE A SERIOUS IMPACT ON EASTERN MINING. LITIGATION AND DELAYS UNDER THIS PROPOSAL WILL RESULT IN LOSS OF PRODUCTION AND POSSIBLE PROHIBITION OF MINING MUCH OF OUR COAL RESERVES IN THIS COUNTRY. IN TIME OF ENERGY DEMAND AND

INF
ATION, THIS ACTION CAN NOT AFFORD THE IMPOSITION OF UNNECESSARY RESTRICTIONS WHICH WILL CRIPPLE OUR ABILITY TO SURFACE MINE OUR COAL RESERVES. WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST YOUR VETO OF THIS PROPOSAL.

W H HOPPER, PRESIDENT
AMAX COAL COMPANY



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MR JOHN MARSH
COUNSELLOR TO THE PRESIDENT
THE WHITE HOUSE
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FOR YOUR INFORMATION THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM WAS SENT TODAY:

MR PRESIDENT:

AT A TIME WHEN THERE IS AN URGENT NEED TO DECREASE OUR
DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN FUELS, THE CONGRESS HAS PASSED H.R.
25, THE COAL SURFACE MINING BILL,
WHICH WILL MOVE THIS COUNTRY IN EXACTLY THE WRONG
DIRECTION.

THE BILL IS INFLATIONARY AND WILL RESULT IN LOSSES OR
URGENTLY NEEDED COAL PRODUCTION. FEA ADMINISTRATOR ZARB
OUTLINED THESE LOSSES IN HIS APRIL 22 LETTER TO THE
CHAIRMAN OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

ELECTRIC UTILITIES ARE ALREADY ENCOUNTERING DIFFICULTIES
IN BURNING COAL BECAUSE OF EPA AND STATE
ACTIONS UNDER THE CLEAN AIR ACT, AND THE LOSSES
CAUSED BY H.R. 25 WILL GREATLY AGGRAVATE THIS
SITUATION.

SETTING ASIDE THE PROBLEMS THIS LEGISLATION CREATES, WHAT
ARE THE POSITIVE EFFECTS OF THE BILL? IN OUR VIEW,
THEY ARE FEW. IT BEGINS A PROGRAM TO
RECLAIM PREVIOUSLY-MINED LANDS WHICH IS WORTHWHILE,
BUT IT ALSO CONTAINS HUNDREDS OF DETAILED REQUIREMENTS FOR
PRESENT OR FUTURE MINING OPERATIONS WHICH ARE EXTREMELY
BURDENSOME AND UNNECESSARY. MOST STATES HAVE
LAWS TO ENSURE THE MINED LAND IS RECLAIMED, THOSE STATES
THAT EITHER DO NOT HAVE LAWS,
OR WHOSE LAWS ARE NOT ENTIRELY ADEQUATE HAVE THE
AUTHORITY TO CHANGE THOSE LAWS.

IN SUMMARY H.R. 25 WILL EXACERBATE OUR ALREADY
CRITICAL ENERGY SITUATION, AND WILL BRING FEW
BENEFITS. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU VETO THE BILL.

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11 PMS MR. JOHN O. MARSH

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13 WASHINGTON D.C.

14 THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM WAS SENT TO PRESIDENT FORD TODAY:

15 QUOTE.

16 WE URGE YOU TO VETO THE SURFACE MINING CONTROL AND RECLAMATION
17 ACT. WE URGE THIS ACTION DESPITE THE FACT THAT GULF AND ITS
18 COAL MINING SUBSIDIARY COMMA THE PITTSBURG AND MIDWAY COAL
19 CO. COMMA STRONGLY SUPPORT EFFECTIVE RECLAMATION MEASURES COMMA
20 AND HAVE BEEN RECLAIMING LAND FOR MANY YEARS.
21 BUT THE PRESENT ACT GOES FAR BEYOND STEPS NEEDED COMMA EVEN FOR



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RIGOROUS RECLAMATION. IT WOULD REDUCE ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND PRODUCTION OF COAL BY AS MUCH AS 22 PERCENT IN THE FIRST FULL YEAR

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OF OPERATION. OUR MINING ENGINEERS ESTIMATE THAT THE ACT WILL RESULT IN AT LEAST AN 8 PERCENT INCREASE IN CONSUMERS' ELECTRICITY BILLS. MOST OF THE COST INCREASE RESULTS FROM RESTRICTIONS WHICH GO FAR BEYOND THE NEED FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

POTENTIAL WESTERN COAL PRODUCTION WILL BE SEVERELY CURTAILED COMMA PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF THREE UNNECESSARY RESTRICTIONS:

FIRST - THE PROHIBITION ON MINING IN ALLUVIAL VALLEY FLOORS COMMA SECTION 510/B/ /5/ COMMA WOULD PREVENT THE TEMPORARY WITHDRAWAL OF RECLAIMABLE LAND FROM ACTUAL OR POTENTIAL RANCHING OR FARMING OPERATIONS. IT IMPLIES THAT IN MOST INSTANCES RANCHING OR FARMING IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN COAL PRODUCTION. SUCH A CHOICE DOES NOT HAVE TO BE MADE

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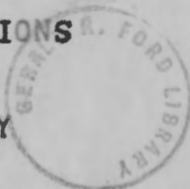
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FARM LAND TEMPORARILY DIVERTED TO COAL PRODUCTION CAN BE
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12 SECOND - THE ACT /SECTION 717/ GRANTS THE SURFACE OWNER THE POWER
13 OF VETO OVER MINING OPERATIONS COMMA WHILE THE LIMIT OF
14 DLRS. 100 PER ACRE ON SURFACE OWNER COMPENSATION REMOVES
15 THE INCENTIVE FOR HIM TO CONSENT TO MINING OPERATIONS.
16 IN MANY CASES HE WOULD BE DENIED REASONABLE COMPENSATION
17 BY THE LAW.

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21 THIRD - OTHER PROVISIONS REQUIRE LABORIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS
22 /INCLUDING SECTION 507/ AND ENCOURAGE MINE BY MINE
23 LITIGATION WHICH AT BEST WOULD DELAY COMMA AND IN MANY
24 CASES WOULD PROHIBIT PRODUCTION OF SIGNIFICANT COAL
25 RESOURCES.
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11 SHOULD BE MINED BY 1985 TO MEET ENERGY NEEDS COMMA CAN BE RECLAIMED.
12 AND THIS IS A RELATIVELY SMALL AREA -- LESS THAN IS PUT INTO
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14 PARKING LOTS THROUGHOUT THE NATION IN ONE YEAR.
15 THE SURFACE MINING CONTROL AND RECLAMATION ACT COMMA UNFORTUNATELY
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17 COMMA EXCEEDS THE NEEDS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMA WOULD
18 SERIOUSLY RETARD OUR COAL PRODUCTION COMMA AND WOULD RESULT IN
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20 UNNECESSARILY HIGH IMPORTS OF FOREIGN OIL. WE URGE YOU TO VETO THIS
21 LEGISLATION.

22 JAMES E. LEE

23 PRESIDENT

24 GULF OIL CORPORATION
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