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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 10, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR DAVID L. CHEW  
STAFF SECRETARY

FROM: RICHARD A. HAUSER *RHS*  
DEPUTY COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Correspondence from Lin Bollinger

You have advised this office that Lin Bollinger, spouse of Stephen J. Bollinger, has requested White House assistance in prosecuting a compensation claim before the Department of Labor. Mr. Bollinger, a former Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, died on June 18, 1984, in Savannah, Georgia, while meeting with municipal leaders. You have asked whether it would be appropriate for the White House to intervene in this matter.

As a matter of policy, no member of the White House staff should make an ex parte contact on any particular matter pending before an agency when such a contact may imply preferential treatment or the use of influence on the decision-making process. In order to maintain public confidence in the effective and impartial administration of the laws, all inquiries which concern or may concern particular matters or cases are to be referred to the Office of Counsel to the President for a determination as to whether any inquiry would be appropriate under the circumstances.

In the instant case, we have contacted the Office of the Solicitor, Department of Labor, to determine the status of this matter. We are advised that the Department is familiar with and sympathetic to the Bollinger claim. We are further advised, however, that the claimant may have difficulty demonstrating that the medical problems leading to Mr. Bollinger's death were work-related - an essential element for relief to be granted. A hearing is scheduled for February 11, 1986.

In sum, additional contact, beyond that described above, would, in our view, be inappropriate. The Department of Labor will keep us apprised of the progress of this case, and we will in turn advise you of the results.

Please let me know if you have additional questions concerning this matter.