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MEMORANDUM

TO: Michael Forscey  
James Savarese

FROM: Susan Stuntz *SMJ*

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A new twist in the bizarre tale of the HHS executive order. The attached letter to OMB and revised executive order came to us by way of a contact at the education department. We're assuming that the April 2 date is an inaccurate one. But another agency reportedly has a similar letter dated April 19 -- with the same revised executive order -- that makes reference to this letter. On the third hand, OMB claims that it has not yet received any follow-up communication from HHS on its executive order.

Regardless, HHS clearly continues in its efforts to satisfy various agencies so that it can obtain a Presidential signature on a government-wide smoking ban.

We're touching all the bases again at the various agencies. And the assignment for you folks ... as quickly as possible as usual ... is to give me a read on where the federal sector unions would stand on these revisions. While the cover letter appears to agree to consultation over implementation, I find it difficult to believe that HHS would agree to that, as it would not solve its problem with its own unions.

Also, to the extent possible, let me know what you or the unions might hear from the Department of Labor.

This is yet another opportunity to retouch the Dave Schlein base to find out just what -- if anything -- AFGE has been doing with this issue, as repeated requests to determine whether letters have been sent or other activity undertaken still have not been answered satisfactorily.

Let me know if you've questions and thanks.

Attachment

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