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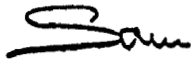
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SAMUEL D. CHILCOTE, JR.  
President

October 10, 1985

TO  
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## MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Executive Committee  
From: Samuel D. Chilcote, Jr. 

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Attached for your information is a report on current activities related to the Bingaman, Mitchell and Stevens bills.

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Attachment  
cc: TI Senior Staff

October 9, 1985

MEMORANDUM

To: Samuel D. Chilcote Jr.

From: Susan Stuntz *SMJ*

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Following is a rundown of current efforts related to the Bingaman, Mitchell and Stevens proposals in Congress.

Efforts on the Bingaman measure to increase the excise to 24 cents and earmark portions to Medicare and an HHS health promotion program include:

1. Legislative counsel, wholesaler association executives and other key contacts in New Mexico are being canvassed to identify opportunities for personal contact with Senators Bingaman and Domenici.
2. We understand Hispanic organizations are communicating their opposition to the New Mexico delegation.
3. The New Mexico director of the American GI Forum, an Hispanic veterans group, has contacted Senators Bingaman and Domenici.
4. We understand Vietnam veterans are organizing a phone bank to contact veterans' leaders in New Mexico, Texas and Florida.
5. We believe Citizens for Tax Justice, a labor-oriented group, will write letters, as will University of New Mexico economics professor Allen Parkman.

On the Mitchell proposal to increase the excise to 20 cents and earmark for Medicare, we are canvassing legislative counsel and allies in the Northeast to identify opportunities for personal communications. We understand counsel and wholesaler executives will meet with Mitchell this weekend.

On S. 1440, the Stevens bill to restrict smoking in government buildings, we are targeting Governmental Affairs and Armed Services committee members. Efforts include:

1. TAN activists in states represented by Governmental Affairs Committee members have been asked to write and call their senators.
2. Legislative counsel, wholesaler association executives and other key contacts in appropriate states are being canvassed to identify additional opportunities for personal communication.
3. The Public Employee Department (PED) of the AFL-CIO has submitted a statement for the record. Accompanying that statement, which opposes S. 1440, are letters from ten unions represented by PED (four of these unions also are represented on the Tobacco Industry Labor/Management Committee). We understand the statement is being shared with other members of the Governmental Affairs Committee. A copy is attached.
4. We understand the Veterans of Foreign Wars is sharing its resolution opposing S. 1440 with the Armed Services Committee, Stevens, and the Governmental Affairs Committee.
5. Thomas Birch, director of the National Coalition of Vietnam Veterans, who testified in opposition to the bill last week, has visited with Senator Mathias. We understand that he will deliver copies of his testimony to Armed Services Committee members by week's end. In addition, we are told that the director of his Kansas chapter will speak personally with Senator Dole.
6. We understand that Mylio Kraja, executive director of the American Legion, is placing phone calls to Armed Services Committee members, as well as to other senators known "personally" to him.

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