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MEMORANDUM FOR CHARLES L. SCHULTZE

The Governors are deeply wedded to the concept of Appalachia. The success of the Appalachian venture, and the voice Governors have had in its implementation, have convinced Governors everywhere that this is the means of establishing a real Federal-State relationship. Any overt opposition to that concept will be taken as a rejection of the concept of Federal-State partnership.

Governor Romney, and the Governors of Wisconsin and Minnesota have recently activated such a Commission, have come to Washington to confer with Federal Commissioners, and have given public endorsement to the idea. If the idea were destroyed, the conclusion would be fostered that the Federal octopus was destroying a threat to its unilateral control of State affairs.

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