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Statement on Approving Report re Cotton Textile Industry (lgh.)
The following statement was issued this morning by the President:

In formally approving the report submitted to me by the Board of Inquiry for the Cotton Textile Industry I want to express the very sincere hope that all employees now out on strike will return to work and that all textile manufacturers will take back employees without discrimination. At the same time I am confident that manufacturers will aid the Government in the carrying out of the steps outlined.

Settlement of the problems involved will be attained with the exercise of a spirit of fair play and intelligence on both sides.
MESSAGE TO CONGRESS

MESSAGE TO CONGRESS-FEBRUARY "$.$.
Memo. for Mr. Early:

Here's the Memo. the President wants released for tomorrow morning's papers coincident with the Textile Board Report. Stop. Will you advise just when you give it out. Stop. Perkins seeing boys now but giving out nothing reference statement or report. Everything & K.
Statement by the Board.

The excellent report of the Board of Inquiring for the Cotton Textile Industry presents findings and recommendations which cover the basic sources of difficulties, and does this in a way which shows the worth of a reasonable approach which the Board recognized as its first step.

It is I think a good example of the practical way in which industrial problems can be calmly discussed and solved under a democratic form of Government.

It is of course from the lessons learned.
Textile manufacturers are working
out the recommendations laid at
the Queen's feet as immediate
remedies for the crisis. The first
provision should be the prompt and
fair return of pay to all regular
employees who have been dismissed
and reinstatement to all faithfulemployees
in the company and
of the government employment
declined to accept such terms back
all employees without discrimination.
At the same time I am confident that
the manufacturers will appeal to the
Government in its casing most of the
styles presented.
A proper solution can be had because of the good will and integrity which undoubtedly exists among the contractors in the industry as a whole, including both workers and plant owners.
The Secretary of Labor is to have the report of the Board of Inquiry for the Cotton Textile industry, which finds Wyman and his associates Mr. Marion Smith and Mr. Raymond V. Dingerwell completed yesterday. The Wyman report must now be reviewed in detail with the Secretary of Labor and the President. The report will be given out at the White House for publication in Friday morning’s papers.