WEST VIRGINIA-4th DISTRICT

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WASHINGTON D.C. --- WEST VIRGINIA'S FOURTH DISTRICT
CONGRESSMAN NICK J. RAHALL, ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE
CONGRESSIONAL COAL GROUP WILL MEET WITH PRESIDENT CARTER ON
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, TO DISCUSS THE ADMINISTRATION'S
MANDATORY COAL CONVERSION LEGISLATION.

THE MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE WHITE HOUSE, AT 4PM.

"I AM PLEASED THE PRESIDENT IS MOVING AHEAD WITH THIS
PROPOSAL," RAHALL, CHAIRMAN OF THE COAL GROUP STATED. "SUCH
A MEASURE WILL TAKE GREAT STRIDES TO REDUCE OUR USE OF FOREIGN
OIL, AND IN TURN INCREASE THE USE OF DOMESTIC COAL," RAHALL
ADDED.

"I AM ALSO ENCOURAGED, BECAUSE THE EXPANDED USE OF COAL WILL MEAN MORE JOBS IN THE COAL FIELDS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN WITHOUT WORK FOR TOO MANY MONTHS," RAHALL POINTED OUT.

ALSO EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING, WILL BE SECRETARY OF ENERGY DUNCAN AND DEPUTY ENERGY SECRETARY, JOHN SAWHILL.