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CHARTER FOR THE WORKING GROUP ON
SCIENCE POLICY

A working group will be formed to examine and develop Administration policy on basic scientific research. The working group will conduct a fundamental and overall assessment of how Federal scientific research priorities are set. The need for such an assessment is clear in times of budgetary limitations, especially as the Federal government undertakes substantial funding obligations for new basic research programs such as the superconducting super collider.

Specifically, the working group will: (1) evaluate current basic scientific research efforts of the Federal government, including those of the National Science Foundation, Department of Energy, Department of Defense, and others, but not including health research conducted under the Department of Health and Human Resources (this is reserved for the DPC Health Policy Working Group); (2) examine current research priorities in light of large-scale research efforts in certain areas (e.g. global warming and the superconducting super collider) and whether these efforts are crowding out other basic research; (3) recommend ways to set Federal scientific research priorities and to ensure that the focus of Federal research and development remains on basic research; (4) investigate innovative approaches to encourage basic research and development by industry and State and local governments; (5) draft an executive order to establish a President's Council of Science and Technology Advisors, composed of leading scientists, engineers, and private sector leaders, in order to better coordinate the Federal science and technology process with the private sector; (6) examine the establishment of university-based, interdisciplinary research centers of excellence; and (7) encourage research partnerships between government laboratories, the private sector, and universities to take better advantage of fundamental scientific advances.

SCIENCE POLICY WORKING GROUP

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o Issues to be addressed:

1. Setting Priorities for Federal Basic Research Efforts (NSF, NIH, DOE, DOD, etc.)
2. Crowding-Out Effect of Large-Scale Projects (e.g., AIDS, Superconducting Super Collider)
3. Role of White House Science Advisor
4. Research and Development by Industry and State and Local Governments
5. Math and Science Education
6. Executive Order on President's Council of Science and Technology Advisors
7. Centers of Excellence

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Science Policy
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Specifically, the working group will (1) evaluate current basic scientific research efforts of the Federal government, including those of the National Science Foundation, National Institutes of Health, Department of Energy, Defense, and others; (2) examine current research priorities in light of large-scale research efforts in certain areas (e.g., AIDS, supersonic super collider) and whether these efforts are crowding out other basic research; (3) recommend ways to set Federal scientific research priorities and ensure that Federal research and development focuses on basic research; (4) examine the role of the White House Science Advisor and Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and assess how the function will be better carried out after being upgraded to the level of Assistant to the President; (5) investigate innovative approaches to encourage basic research and development by industry and State and local governments; (6) draft an executive order to establish a President's Council of Science and Technology Advisors, composed of leading scientists, engineers, and private sector leaders, in order to better coordinate the Federal science and technology process with the private sector; (7) examine the establishment of university-based, interdisciplinary research centers of excellence; (8) encourage research partnerships between government laboratories, the private sector, and universities to take better advantage of fundamental scientific advances; and (9) foster innovative approaches to improve math and science education, especially in elementary and secondary schools.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 8, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR DAVID Q. BATES
STEPHEN DANZANSKY

FROM: KEN YALE *KY*

SUBJECT: Charter on Science and Technology Working Group

Attached is a draft charter on science and technology. It is consistent with the priority domestic and social policy issue areas currently of interest to the Administration.

I have tried to indicate the appropriate relationship of the DPC with the Competitiveness Council and the FCCSET -- which I understand is an important concept that needs to be reinforced. You will note this clarification in the fifth and sixth paragraphs.

I have stayed away from the economic issues, such as capital formation, tax incentives for research and development, and international competition. As you know, the Competitiveness Council has been discussing these issues as they relate to biotechnology in a small group with select agency representatives. Obviously, they have very broad implications for all EPC members and may require Presidential attention or decision.

Please review and provide comments on the charter. Thank you.

March 8, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE
THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
THE SECRETARY OF ENERGY
THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
THE CHAIRMAN, COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISORS
THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR ECONOMIC AND
DOMESTIC POLICY
THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
POLICY
THE ADMINISTRATOR, NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE
ADMINISTRATION
THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

SUBJECT: Working Group on Science and Technology Policy

A Working Group on Science and Technology Policy will be formed under the Domestic Policy Council (DPC) to assist the President in the formulation, coordination and implementation of Administration policy on science and technology.

The Working Group will examine and develop Administration policy on basic scientific research and conduct a fundamental and overall assessment of how Federal scientific research priorities are set. The need for such an assessment is clear in times of budgetary limitations, especially as the Federal government undertakes substantial funding obligations for new basic research programs concerning AIDS, mapping the human genome, and the superconducting super collider.

Specifically, the working group will (1) evaluate current basic scientific research efforts of the Federal government, including those of the National Science Foundation, National Institutes of Health, Departments of Energy, Defense, and others; (2) examine current research priorities in light of large-scale research efforts in certain areas (e.g., AIDS, superconducting super collider) and whether these efforts are crowding out other basic research; (3) recommend ways to set Federal scientific research priorities and ensure that Federal research and development focuses on basic research; (4) investigate innovative approaches to encourage basic research and development by industry and State and local governments; (5) evaluate the establishment and effect of university-based, interdisciplinary research centers of excellence; (6) examine research partnerships between government laboratories, the private sector, and

universities to take better advantage of fundamental scientific advances.

The Assistant to the President for Science and Technology Policy will chair the working group. Other working group members shall include representatives from the Office of the Vice President, the Departments of Defense, Agriculture, Commerce, Health and Human Services, Energy, the Office of Management and Budget, the Council of Economic Advisors, the Office of Policy Development, the Office of Science and Technology Policy, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the National Science Foundation, and other White House offices as appropriate.

To foster greater interagency coordination and cooperation, all interagency domestic science and technology issues should be reviewed by the Working Group. Those meriting Presidential attention or decision will be reviewed by the Domestic Policy Council, which serves as the primary channel for advising the President on the formulation, coordination, and implementation of domestic and social policy.

The chairman of the Working Group shall coordinate its activities with the Executive Secretary to the Domestic Policy Council. The Executive Secretary will ensure coordination of related policy activities with the Competitiveness Council, the Economic Policy Council and the Federal Coordinating Council on Science, Engineering and Technology.

Please forward the name of your agency's representative at the Assistant Secretary level, or above, to Sara Sumner, Domestic Policy Council (456-6722), by close of business on March 19, 1990.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Dick Thornburgh
Chairman Pro Tempore
Domestic Policy Council