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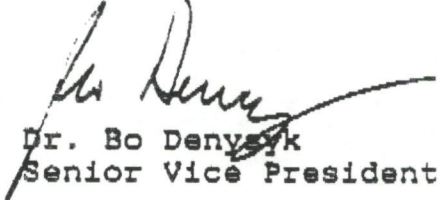
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REQUEST FOR CLEARANCE - COMMENTS

TO: Mary Catherine English, OSTP

Date Due:
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Date of Event:
DUE: OCT. 16 for printing/EVENT: NOV. 10

Subject:
Presidential message for the 1989 Kyoto Prize laureates

Requested by:
D. Allan Bromley, OSTP

Background:

May we please have your approval on the attached.
Copy of incoming request attached, FYI.
Telephone clearance would be appreciated.
Thank you.

*10-13-89
4:20 pm
letter OK
mcg*

Signature: LINDA WATSON

Date: OCT. 13, 1989

Presidential Messages
Old Executive Office Building
Room 18
(202) 456-2941

Your Recommendation/Comments:

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Call Damar Hawkins, x6272, for pick up

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cc: Pres.Msgs.Rm.18/D.MacKinnon/CF
EVENT: Nov 10 89
DUE: Oct 15 89
Kyoto Prize

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20508

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Assign to DOUG 10-10

MEMORANDUM FOR SHIRLEY M. GREEN

FROM: DAMAR W. HAWKINS *Damar*

SUBJECT: Presidential Message to the 1989 Kyoto Prize Laureates

I am forwarding to you a copy of Allan Bromley's August 28 memorandum to the President proposing a Presidential message to the 1989 recipients of the Kyoto Prize. We have learned that Dr. Bromley's original request and draft message was not forwarded on to you.

We would very much appreciate your assistance and guidance in obtaining a message from the President to be read at the Kyoto Prize award ceremony. Because the ceremony takes place in Kyoto, Japan, in early November, the President's message would need to be provided as soon as possible, preferably by October 15. I am also attaching the incoming request of August 9 from Dr. Bo Denysyk.

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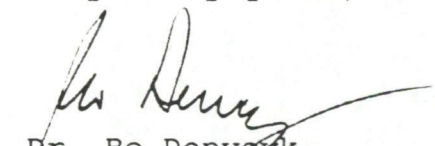
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MEMORANDUM FOR FRANK DONATELLI

FROM:

WILLIAM R. GRAHAM 

SUBJECT:

YOUR REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON A PROPOSED
PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE FOR THE KYOTO PRIZE
RECIPIENTS

Since 1985, the President has sent a congratulatory message to the three yearly recipients of the Kyoto Prize sponsored by the Inamori Foundation of Japan. In each instance, Global USA, Inc., representing their client Mr. Inamori, the President of Kyocera Corporation in Japan, has initiated the request for a Presidential greeting. The Board Members of the Inamori Foundation are Japanese government officials, industrialists, and scholars, and the nominating member's for the Prizes are professors from Japanese universities or industrial facilities.

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The above notwithstanding, I am concerned about institutionalizing a Presidential message for this event, given the tremendous number of similar international awards that we do not single out and favor with such a message, as well as the process for obtaining this message. Neither official nor private Japanese channels have ever requested me, as Science Adviser, or OSTP to obtain a Presidential message for the Kyoto Prizes; nor has our Embassy in Tokyo been so contacted or recommended that we initiate a message. Usually, the Japanese are not shy about making such overtures and requests to our Embassy or directly to the White House. Last year, our embassy in Tokyo expressed surprise that the White House was affording the Kyoto Prize event such visibility, noting that Embassy participation was now warranted because of the President's message.

In short, I have questions about this type of precedent being institutionalized. The Japanese company sponsoring this event, Kyocera Corporation, has hired an American consulting firm, Global USA, to obtain a "Presidential Message" for the Kyoto Prize ceremony as part of the services they provide.

As Science Adviser to the President, I would not initiate this request for a Presidential message on scientific grounds. At the same time, if sending the message achieves other purposes, I would not oppose it. In view of the past history on this issue and its ethical sensitivity, I defer the political wisdom of continuing this practice to your judgment.

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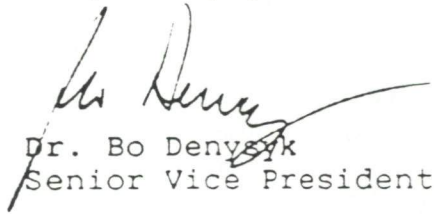
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"DOCUMENT TRACKING"

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TYPE: PRIORITY ACTION DATE OF DOCUMENT: 8/9/89

LOCATION: Kyoto, Japan

FROM: Global USA Inc.
Dr. Bo Denysky, Senior Vice President

TO: Bromley

SUBJECT: Presidential message be forwarded to the Laureates of the Kyoto prize.

ASSIGNED TO: Tom Ratchford for Comments
Sara Bowden for Comments.

ACTION REQUIRED: Comments to DAB

SENDER'S DUE DATE: 10/15/89

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DATE COMPLETED: _____

COPIES TO: Ratchford
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REMARKS:

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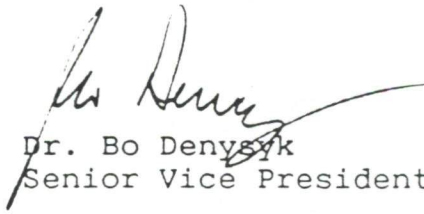
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There has been at least one American (usually more) honored in each of the past four years, and President Reagan has been kind enough to forward a congratulatory message each year (ATTACHMENT A). Jay Keyworth took an interest in this matter when he was at the White House, while Bill Graham, Frank Press, and others have assisted since Jay's departure. With the President's messages and letters from other heads of government, an informal practice has been established whereby the head of government of the country where the Laureate resides renders congratulations to all the recipients of the awards.

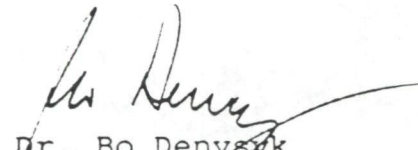
On behalf of Mr. Inamori, I would like to request a similar congratulatory letter signed by the President. If President Bush decides to continue this practice, may I suggest that a letter be forwarded to my office no later than October 15, 1989. It will be sent to Kyoto and read at the ceremony by a U.S. Embassy official. I have taken the liberty of drafting a letter (ATTACHMENT B) for his consideration.

In Attachment C, please find more detailed information regarding this year's recipients (including a photo of each), the Inamori Foundation, and other relevant matters.

Thank you for your kind consideration, and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter personally with you.

With deepest personal regards and best wishes, I remain,

Very truly yours,



Dr. Bo Denysik
Senior Vice President

ATTACHMENTS