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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 22, 1989

Honorable James D. Watkins
The Secretary of Energy
Forrestal Building
1000 Independence Ave. S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Admiral Watkins:

Reference: Letter of September 8, 1989, to Senator Wirth.

I am in full agreement with your September 8 letter to Senator Wirth concerning his global warming bill. As you pointed out, the most important thing we can do at this time is to continue developing our knowledge base on global climate change. I do on the other hand, have a few concerns, on some other points in the letter.

I believe we should emphasize to Congress that energy conservation techniques must be looked at from an economic perspective. Congress typically pushes conservation without regard to cost/benefit considerations or the return to investors. This should be one of the key points in this Administration's positions in energy policy.

Secondly, we need to be cautious in discussing CFC reductions primarily because Congress has been pushing for unilateral action by the U.S. From the Administration's perspective, we must take into account not only the science, but actions taken by the rest of the world, so that we do not find ourselves too far out front on an issue that other countries are less sanguine about.

Finally, I believe that the issue of alternative fuel development is very complex and requires a lot more thought and research. Some of the fuels being discussed today are more destructive to the environment than coal. We really need to obtain far more scientific data and information on environmental and economic impacts before the Administration can come down in favor of any particular, alternative fuel source.

I consider all of these, very important issues and hope that you and I can continue to discuss them as this Administration evolves a long-term energy policy for the Nation.

I would congratulate you on your SSC management plan. You have cut through the confusion in masterful fashion. Now that this is behind us, I hope that you would have no objection to my inviting Bob Hunter and Roy Schwitters to give me a detailed briefing on the technical aspects of the project; I feel the need for a more complete understanding of some of the details than I now have in order to be able to respond appropriately to questions from the Vice President and President particularly in connection in the possible upcoming conversation that they may have with Japanese representatives.

I was delighted by your usage of the term "environmentally benign energy resources"!

I have located the appropriate NCAR personnel to brief you on the global climate issues that we discussed in your office; my people are talking with yours to find a spot in your schedule when the NCAR people could visit you.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely yours,



Dr. D. Allan Bromley
Assistant to the President
for
Science and Technology

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