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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

October 1, 1992

NOTE FOR NANCY MAYNARD

FROM: RUTH FISHER

RE: GLOBAL CHANGE STRATEGY TASK FORCE
MEETING

As of c.o.b. today, the following offices have responded affirmatively regarding attendance at the Global Change Strategy Task Force meeting on October 7, 1992, 3:30 p.m., in Room 472:

AGENCY:	Fred Bernthal	NSF
	Buff Bohlen	DOS
	Frank Bracken	DOI
	Christine Dawson	DOS
	Gary Evans	USDA
	Len Fisk	NASA
	Howard Gruenspecht	DOE **
	Vicki O'Meara	DOJ
	Robert Reinstein	DOS
	J. R. Spradley	NOAA**
	Dennis Tirpak	EPA **

EOP:	Richard Barth	NSC
	Mike Deland	CEQ
	Jack Fellows	OMB
	Paul Gilman	OMB
	Jim Fitzhenry	OCA
	Teresa Gorman	OPD
	Boyden Gray	WHO
	Vicki Sutton	OSTP
	Jonathan Wiener	CEA

** Knauss (NOAA), Morgenstein (EPA), and Stuntz (DOE) on travel.

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file 5:25 PM
10/6/52

- NM gave to DAB
for Profing Book
for STF only
- Discussed status of
FCCC, etc

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1. Welcome and thanks for coming today. I called this meeting today because I think that it is important to keep this group updated on the status of activities on climate change, especially, as the treaty is [about to be - or has just been] voted on by the Senate.

[If the Senate gives their consent to ratify the climate change convention, there will be a White House press release announcing the ratification. We are waiting for a final copy of the press release but it is still being written and approved.]

[we will distribute press release if available]

Bob Reinstein has agreed to provide us with a complete status report on the various activities associated with the climate change convention and the upcoming IPCC.

Call on Bob Reinstein to give an update of the status of the convention.

2. US National Plan

As you will recall, when the President went to Rio, he invited colleagues from the industrialized world to join in a prompt start on the implementation of the FCCC.

As part of this, the President committed the US to prepare the US National Plan by January 1993. I understand that a draft outline of that report has been circulated among agencies and a new version may be distributed today - possibly together with writing assignments.

Call on Bob Reinstein to give a status report on the US National Plan

3. Another major commitment made by the President in Rio was to promote developing country efforts to produce national plans through the US-supported "country studies".

I understand that the Country Study Workshop held in September in Berkeley was a very good beginning toward designing a practical process for carrying out country studies in developing countries, and would be very interested to hear the future plans for moving the country study process forward.

a. Call on Bob Reinstein to update on country studies.

(he may pass out a copy of the Country Study Workshop Report)

b. Issue: Regarding Implementation of the Country Studies (As noted in Paul Gilman's memo of 9/28):

. OMB concurred with DOS's recommendation that it should establish a broad interagency committee to provide interagency information and oversight.

. In terms of actual implementation, a small management team representing the AID, DOE and EPA should manage the day-to-day operations.

. However, OMB noted that the management team should consult with the CEES on scientific issues and should work to inform and involve all of the relevant Federal agencies.

I would like to emphasize the importance of the participation of the CEES/Subcommittee on Global Change to help provide input and information exchange on scientific issues. I might suggest that CEES/SGCR be made vice chair of the DOS interagency coordinating committee to insure a close working relationship between the science (CEES) and the policy (DOS) coordinating committees.

Discussion??

4. IPCC Plenary. As you all know, the next IPCC Plenary will take place November 11-13 in Harare, Zimbabwe.

Ask Bob Reinstein to give us most recent information on the meeting and future actions and issues expected of the IPCC.

Issue: Chairmanship and Secretariat of the new Working Group to replace the present WGs 2 and 3. It appears that the US will be able to hold on to that chairmanship and we should certainly position ourselves to make that happen.

However, it has been suggested that the US should also create a real Secretariat to support that function instead of trying to support such a complex activity in an ad hoc fashion in one agency. Because this is clearly an interagency activity, I would like to suggest that the new "Assessments Working Group" of the CEES/SGCR might be the correct group to serve as the Secretariat, as they are just now organizing to carry out many of the same functions for the USGCRP. This group could also help insure close coordination of the scientific assessment activities of the USGCRP with the activities of the PCC on Climate Change.

Bob Watson is here and he is cochair (together with Gary Evans) of that Assessments Working Group of the USGCRP. I would like to ask Bob Watson to describe for us the activities of this Group and if he thinks that his group might be able to provide the appropriate venue for the Secretariat.

Discussion...

5. There are several other agenda items and I would ask Bob Reinstein to give us a report on these.

- . The next Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee - 6th Plenary
December 7-10, 1992
- . The UN General Assembly Climate Change Resolution

6. Other Business?

United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change (INC/FCCC) was established by the UN General Assembly (Resolution 45/212) in December 1990 to develop a global response to climate change, based on commitments by States.

Aim of Convention: to protect the atmosphere from a build-up of anthropogenic gases that trap heat from the sun causing an enhanced "greenhouse effect"

The Framework Convention on Climate Change:

- . 15 months/ 6 negotiating sessions
- . Adopted May 9, 1992 by INC
- . Was open for signature at Rio and will remain open at UN headquarters until 19 June 1993. Signed by President Bush June 12, 1992 in Rio.
- . Will enter into force 90 days after ratification by 50 State parties
- . As of 14 June, 153 States had signed it

Commitments: final document does not provide specific timetables and targets for limiting emissions of greenhouse gases by industrialized countries.

Instead, convention sets out an objective: "the stabilization of greenhouse gas concentrations into the atmosphere at a level that would prevent dangerous interference with the climate system."

"such a level should be reached within a time-frame sufficient to allow ecosystems to adapt naturally to climate change"

First step toward reaching this goal:

Developed parties specified in text recognize the importance of returning to their 1990 levels of greenhouse gas emissions by the year 2000

After year 2000:

- . provides for the establishment of machinery (Conference of the Parties) to take decisions regarding subsequent steps as needed
- . provides for a review of implementation at least twice before the year 2000

Status and Recent Activities in US:

- . Forwarded to Senate by President Bush (September 8, 1992)
- . Hearing by Senate Foreign Relations Committee - September 18
- . Senate Foreign Relations Committee reported out the resolution of ratification unanimously - October 1, 1992
- . Following Hearing, 44 pages of Q's and A's from Senate Foreign Relations Committee were completed and returned (October 1)
- . So far, 2 countries have ratified (Mauritania (?) and Seychelles)
- . Presently waiting for Senate to vote on ratification (October 6)

When the President signed the FCCC:

- a. He invited colleagues from industrialized world to join in a "prompt start" on the implementation of the FCCC
- b. He proposed that these countries meet by January 1, 1993 to lay out national plans for meeting specific commitments in the convention
- c. He committed the US to 6 concrete actions:
 - 1. signing the convention in Rio
 - 2. seeking prompt consent to ratification by the US Senate
 - 3. establishing a CO₂ monitoring program as provided by the Clean Air Act
 - 4. expanding US scientific research on greenhouse gas emissions
 - 5. promoting developing country efforts to produce "national plans" through US-supported country studies
 - 6. preparing the US national plan by January 1993

Institutions Established by the Convention

- . Conference of the Parties = guiding body of the convention
- . Secretariat
- . 2 Subsidiary bodies established to assist in performing substantive functions of convention
 - . Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to provide the
 - . Subsidiary Body for Implementations
- . A financial mechanism to support implementation of Convention by developing countries = Global Environment Facility (GEF) - established by World Bank, UNEP, and UNDP

Requirements of Convention

- . Each party is required to develop, update, and make available detailed information on its sources, sinks and reservoirs of greenhouse gas emissions.
- . developed country Parties are required

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NAME	ORG	PHONE	FAX	TIME 1	TIME 2	TIME 3	FINAL	NOTIFY	CLEAR	DOB	SECRETARY
BERNTHAL, Fred	NSF	357-9427	357-9725		Yes					1/10/43	Ruth -ok
BISSELL, Richard	AID	647-1827	647-3028	No	No					1/25/46	Vickie -ok
BOHLEN, Buff	DOS	647-1554	647-0217		Yes	No				2/29/27	Terry -ok
BRACKEN, Frank	DOI	208-4863	208-7508		Yes					Passholder	Doris -ok
BRADFORD, David	CEA	395-5036	395-6847	No	Yes → Jonathan					Passholder	Francine
DAWSON, Chris	DOS	647-7688 3084	647-0753 1681		Yes					6/28/52	Dorothy - (C. Dawson)
DEAL, Tim Barth, R	NSC	395-3522 3550	456-2461 1590		Yes					Passholder	Patricia (Patty)
DELAND, Mike	CEQ	395-5080	395-7329		Yes					Passholder	Susie
EVANS, Gary	USDSA	(703) 235-9018	(703) 235-9046		Yes					8/2/41	Linda -ok
FINDLAY, Cam	WHO	456-6553 2421	456-1121	Leaving W.H.						Passholder	Susan Sly
FISK, Lennard	NASA	453-1409 358-1409	426-0754 358 3092	Yes						7/7/43	Marion -ok
FITZHENRY, Jim	OCA	456-2800	456-2223		web					Passholder	Lv Message (J.C. b. Chaitour)
GORMAN, Teresa	OPD	456-6554	456-7739		Yes					Passholder	Anna → web
GRADY, Bob	OMB	395-4844 5178	395-2461 7289		Yes					Passholder	Barbara Edith
Gray, C. Boyden	WHO	456-2632	456-6279		Yes					Passholder	Marilyn Sue → ok
HABICHT, Hank	EPA	260-4711	260-4470		DENNIS Tirpak 10/6/41					4/10/53	Linda (Lardie)
O'MEARA, Vicki	DOJ	514-2701	514-0557		Yes					8/31/54	Jane (Sylvia)
KNAUSS, John	NOAA	377-3436 482 3436	377-8203	Julian Roy Spradley 12-7-46						9/1/25	Pat web
STUNTZ, Linda	DOE	586-5500	586-0148	Howard Green Specht 10/21/54						Passholder	Georgia
SUTTON, Vickie	OSTP	395-5101	395-1314		Yes					Passholder	Debbie

DAB
Reinstein prefers Wed. (9-3-40 - Normal)
Rertsnyder, Daniel (4-6-50)

SEP 28 1992

Executive Office of the President
CONFERENCE ROOM RESERVATION REQUEST

NAME OF INDIVIDUAL HOSTING/ATTENDING EVENT: D. Allan Bromley		EXTENSION: X-6202	
OFFICE/AGENCY: Office of Science & Technology Policy		DATE OF MEETING: 10/7/92	
STAFF PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEARANCE: Ruth Fisher		HOURS: From: 3:30p To: 5:00p	
TYPE OF EVENT: ☒ Meeting ☐ Reception Other _____		Official: XXX	Private:
PURPOSE OF MEETING: Global Change Strategy Task Force.			
NUMBER OF ATTENDEES: 30	IN ATTENDANCE: ☐ President ☐ First Lady ☐ Vice President		
ROOM(s) REQUESTED: ☐ 22 OEOB ☐ 274 OEOB ☐ 450 OEOB ☐ 474 OEOB ☐ 476 OEOB ☐ Roosevelt Room West Wing Other _____ Rm. 472			
GSA REQUIREMENTS: ☐ NO ☐ YES (fill out TYPE OF SERVICE below)			
TYPE OF SERVICE: SPECIAL ROOM ARRANGEMENTS (Rooms 22 and 474 OEOB Only) ☐ Elevator Service ☐ #4 ☐ #6 ☐ #7 Time Reserved _____ Floors Reserved _____ ☐ Podium ☐ Coat Rack ☐ Flags ☐ Theatre: Number of Chairs _____ ☐ Reception: Number of Table(s) _____ 6ft _____ 8ft _____ 10ft ☐ Other _____			
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REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENTS

To: Officer-in-charge
Appointments Center
Room 060, OEOB

Please admit the following appointments on October 7 19 92
for D. Allan Bromley of OSTP:
(NAME OF PERSON TO BE VISITED) (AGENCY)

BERNTHAL, Frederick (NSF)	1/10/43
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REINSTEIN, Robert (DOS)	9/3/40
REIFSNYDER, Daniel (DOS)	4/6/50
SPRADLEY, Julian Roy (NOAA)	12/7/46
TIRPAK, Dennis (EPA)	10/6/41

MEETING LOCATION

Building OEOB
Room No. 431
Time of Meeting 3:30p

Requested by Ruth Fisher
Room No. 472 Telephone 6202
Date of request 10/5/92

Additions and/or changes made by telephone should be limited to five (5) names or less.

APPOINTMENTS CENTER: SIG/OEOB - 395-6046 or WHITE HOUSE - 456-6742