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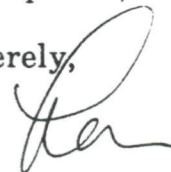
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TO: BROMLEY

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CORRESPONDENCE: 11/13/89

SUBJECT: WRITING CONCERNING THE BUDGET CUTS TO FERMI LAB AND
OTHER FEDERAL LABORTORIES.

ASSIGNED TO: D. Allan Bromley

ACTION REQUIRED: APPROPRIATE RESPONSE

SENDER'S DUE DATE: OSTP DUE DATE: 12/05/89

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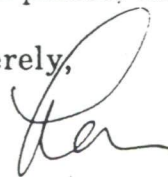
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