

Originally Processed With FOIA(s):
2005-0332-F; 2005-0336-F

FOIA Number:
2005-0336-F

FOIA MARKER

**This is not a textual record. This is used as an
administrative marker by the George Bush Presidential
Library Staff.**

Record Group/Collection: George H.W. Bush Presidential Records
Collection/Office of Origin: Science and Technology Policy, Office of (OSTP)
Series: Bromley, D. Allan, Files
Subseries: Organization Files - NSF

OA/ID Number: 62075
Folder ID Number: 62075-001

Folder Title:
Title - National Science Foundation Director [1989]

Stack:

Row:

Section:

Shelf:

Position:

0

0

0

0

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 18, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE ERICH BLOCH
Director, National Science Foundation

SUBJECT: Multi-Agency Graduate Student Support
in Science and Engineering

This is a belated reply to your memorandum of November 9. Your point about the multi-agency graduate student support proposal being one that requires higher priority treatment than would be possible in a FCCSET Human Resources Committee is well taken, although I do agree that such a committee could work out the details once the necessary decisions have been made at the higher levels.

As you have already received notification from my office, I am trying to schedule a meeting of the senior personnel in government having to do with science and technology to consider the overall question of revitalizing the FCCSET structure and using it perhaps more effectively. I believe that the meeting would be an appropriate one in which to discuss the general question of multi-agency graduate student support in science and engineering and, indeed, if we were able to reach some kind of agreement at that meeting upon the importance of such a venture, as I believe might be the case, then we could immediately pass on the implementation to the Human Resources Committee.

Obviously, both here and in the BSCC areas I shall very much miss John Moore's leadership, as I know you will at NSF.

I believe we could develop strong support in today's climate for a multi-agency graduate student support mechanism in the Congress, if we approach it in a reasonable fashion, and I am convinced that it is an important action that we can and should take as soon as possible. I very much hope that you will be able to attend the forthcoming senior FCCSET meeting in which we might discuss this question.

Following up on our recent telephone conversation, I finally did reach Secretary Cavazos, of the Department of Education, and because communications are apparently difficult

through his office (I reached him at home!), he has agreed to initiate the arrangement of a meeting among the three of us to discuss the report that is required of OSTP on coordination between your two agencies in the area of mathematics, science and engineering education. You can expect, then, to hear directly from him, and I look forward to our getting together as soon as he can arrange it.

With warmest best wishes,

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

8720359

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20550



OFFICE OF THE
DIRECTOR

November 9, 1989

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable D. Allan Bromley
Assistant to the President for
Science and Technology

FROM: Multi-Agency Graduate Student Support in Science
and Engineering

I appreciate your memorandum of October 26, 1989, in which you suggest that the proposal for a multi-agency science and engineering graduate student support program be addressed by the new FCCSET committee on Education and Human Resources.

Let me say at the outset that I am much in favor of the FCCSET committee. It is badly needed; it can serve as a major information exchange mechanism among the various agencies and departments of the Federal Government, and it can lead to joint programs and joint activities.

However, I think that it is not the right vehicle to deal with the multi-agency graduate student support proposal. To be successful, that proposal depends on priority setting within the various agencies that have and should have an interest in science and engineering education. The program is massive enough that it has to be dealt with in a priority fashion. It seems to me that bringing the major actors together under your guidance and chairmanship for a special discussion on this issue would be more effective and would also yield earlier results.

Let me suggest, therefore, that either separately or in conjunction with the President's Advisory Council on Science and Technology you assemble the principals from those departments and agencies with R&D responsibility to discuss the need for such a program. If agreement could be reached at that level, the FCCSET committee could be used to work out the details.


Erich Bloch
Director

"CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING"

TYPE: Action Item

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 8920359

FROM: ERICH BLOCH
NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

TO: BROMLEY

DATE OF
CORRESPONDENCE: 11/09/89

SUBJECT: WRITING CONCERNING THE MULTI-AGENCY SCIENCE AND
ENGINEERING GRADUATE STUDENT SUPPORT PROGRAM TO BE
ADDRESSED BY THE fccset COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND
HUMAN RESOURCES.

ASSIGNED TO: D. Allan Bromley

ACTION REQUIRED: APPROPRIATE RESPONSE APPROPRIATE RSPONSE

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

DATE COMPLETED:

COPIES TO: JUDY BOSTOCK
DAMAR HAWKINS

REMARKS:

DATE RECEIVED: 11/13/89

FILE: NEOB