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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 20, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN SUNUNU

FROM: D. ALLAN BROMLEY *DBB*
SUBJECT: PCAST

The Executive Order that we found to be essential for the establishment of PCAST has worked its way laboriously through the system. Two weeks ago it finally got to Jim Cicconi's office and he sent it out for final EOP reviews. I hope that it will be available for Presidential signature within a matter of days.

I would like to meet with the President to discuss where we are and a few issues relating to making PCAST finally operational.

I have kept in touch with the members we had previously agreed upon (in June) and all remain willing to serve if, and when, invited to do so.

I sent a list of these names to Jim Cicconi at his request in the prescribed Presidential approval format; a copy is enclosed here so that you do not have to try to find yours.

I consider it very important both for the President and for science and technology that we get PCAST functioning as soon as possible and would much appreciate your help.

Enclosure

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WASHINGTON

August 10, 1989

Dear Dr. Borlaug:

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Allan Bromley".

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