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FROM: DAVIS, William B.: UNITED STATES ASSOCIATION FOR THE CLUB OF
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TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

DATE OF
CORRESPONDENCE: 05/26/92

SUBJECT: HOPES TO MEET WITH U.S OFFICIALS DURING THE UNCED
"EARTH SUMMIT".

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ID: 330347

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED MAY 26, 1992

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: MR. WILLIAM B. DAVIS
PRESIDENT
UNITED STATES ASSOCIATION FOR
THE CLUB OF ROME (USA/COR)
11800 AMBLESIDE DRIVE
POTOMAC MD 20854

SUBJECT: HOPES TO MEET WITH U.S. OFFICIALS DURING
THE UNCED "EARTH SUMMIT" IN BRAZIL, JUN 92

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DATE RECEIVED: MAY 28, 1992

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UNITED STATES ASSOCIATION FOR THE CLUB OF ROME

William B. Davis
11800 Ambleside Drive
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May 26, 1992

OSTP
The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

My dear Mr. President:

The members of the Governing Board of the United States Association for the Club of Rome (USACOR) welcome and applaud your decision to attend the United Nations Conference on the Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro in June 1992. The conference will provide you with an excellent opportunity to clearly indicate that our government cares about this globe and wants to ensure a sustainable future for the people on it. We believe you can state this effectively without the expectation of making any unreasonable economic commitments.

As President of USACOR, I will head a delegation of five members to the conference in Rio. Although USACOR is a non-governmental organization, I would be pleased to meet with any of our United States Government officials attending the conference. I shall be at the Hotel Othon Aeroporto, Avenida Beira Mar 280, in Rio. The telephone number there is 210-3253 (arriving June 1 and departing June 13).

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "William B. Davis", is written over a circular embossed seal. The seal is partially visible and contains some text that is difficult to read.

William B. Davis
President

Enclosure: USACOR brochure and card

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We believe in the power of ideas and information to shape our common future in a free and representative political system;

We believe that improving the process of dialogue on critical issues is a necessary first step toward effective political and social decisions;

We believe that an accurate understanding of current realities and trends is an essential foundation for policy choices that are future-responsive;

We believe that major global problems and opportunities are closely interlinked and interact over time in complex and often unforeseen ways;

We believe that human values, perceptions and motivations are as important in understanding global problems as are scientific and technical data;

We believe humanity can change its patterns of growth and consumption in ways that are compatible with the integrity and sustainability of natural and social systems;

We believe that the well-being of present and future generations depends as never before on the adaptability, creativity and vision of concerned citizens and leaders in every nation;

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We are a diverse and decentralized national network of colleagues who share a common concern for a humane and sustainable future; and we work, together and separately, on behalf of that concern.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 6, 1992

Dear Mr. Davis:

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The environment and development -- the two subjects of UNCED -- are, in the President's view, compatible. President Bush made it clear that he is fully determined to address concerns involving both issues; he also made it clear that he would not jeopardize American jobs or further burden American taxpayers by making unbalanced agreements that would hinder our economic growth.

Working with representatives from 170 countries at UNCED, the United States advanced the environmental cause by negotiating new commitments on oceans, population, public participation, and pollution control. The President also proposed to double worldwide funding for forests and, as a down payment, announced that the United States will provide \$150 million in new assistance for bilateral forest conservation.

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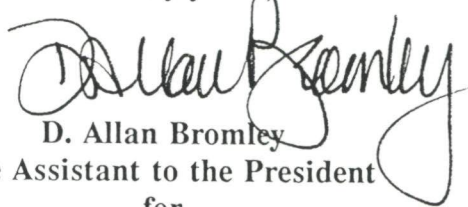
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With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely yours,



D. Allan Bromley
The Assistant to the President
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Mr. William B. Davis
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FROM: BOROSSA, Charles: FOUNDATION TO PROTECT THE HUNGARIAN
ENVIRONMENT

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

DATE OF
CORRESPONDENCE: 05/25/92

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES SUPPORT FOR THE "DEBT FOR NATURE SWAP"
METHOD OF FINANCING ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS AT THE
EARTH SUMMIT IN BRAZIL.

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TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: DR. CHARLES BOROSSA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FOUNDATION TO PROTECT THE HUNGARIAN
ENVIRONMENT
4799 VICTORIA AVENUE
MONTREAL, QUEBEC HE2 2M9 CANADA

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES SUPPORT FOR THE "DEBT FOR NATURE
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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: DR. CHARLES BOROSSA

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES SUPPORT FOR THE "DEBT FOR NATURE
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May 25, 1992

President George Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.
U.S.A.

Dear President Bush,

We would like to congratulate you on your foresight and leadership in endorsing the "debt for nature swap" method of financing environmental projects in the less developed world. We would also like to thank the American people for so generously supporting such debt write-offs. We understand that these nations which failed to meet their debt obligations have done so because they had no other choice and we agree that they deserve your help.

Mr. President, the purpose of this letter is to inform you that those nations which are making extreme, almost superhuman efforts to meet their debt obligations presently do not qualify for debt for nature swap (DFNS) assistance. Thereby the most responsible governments are being discriminated against. We urge you, Mr. President, to help to correct this injustice by bringing attention to it at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro and elsewhere.

Such a modified form of DFNS would not only protect the environment of this planet, but would also contribute to regional stability and to reconciliation between nations. If, for example, DFNS were available to finance the restoration of the environmental holocaust on the Danube, the benefits would not be limited to the establishment of a trilateral nature park and to better shipping. The most valuable benefits would be the improved cooperation among the Visegrád Three, which entity eventually might lead to the formation of the Danubian Confederation or to the United States of Central Europe.

Mr. President, we urge you to take this bold step for the protection of the environment of the planet. Not only the 1.5 million American citizens of Hungarian descent, but all mankind will be grateful if you do so.

Respectfully yours,



Dr. Charles Borossa
4799 Victoria Avenue
Montreal, Quebec
H3W 2M9, Canada

cc: The Presidents of the United Nations, World Bank, IMF, EBRD, EEC

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 6, 1992

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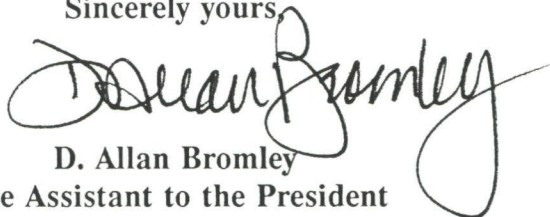
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With the President's best wishes,

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D. Allan Bromley
The Assistant to the President
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FROM: CASSESE, Vita

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

DATE OF
CORRESPONDENCE: 05/22/92

SUBJECT: A LETTER REGARDING FUNDING FOR SEMATECH.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 25, 1992

Dear Mr. Cassese:

I am responding to your letter of May 22, 1992, to President Bush concerning Sematech.

Sematech was formed as an effort to mitigate a persistent underinvestment in manufacturing technology in the semiconductor industry. The federal contribution to the consortium is motivated by the defense need to ensure a healthy U.S. manufacturing equipment base in semiconductors, and the funding has come entirely from defense appropriations.

I appreciate your interest in this matter.

Sincerely yours,



D. Allan Bromley
The Assistant to the President
for Science and Technology
and Director,
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THE HONORABLE GEORGE BUSH
THE WHITE HOUSE
1600 PENNSYLVANIA AVE. NW
WASHINGTON DC 20501

Re: Sematech

Dear President George Bush:

With the deficit we are facing, the notion of the federal government providing 100 million dollars to Sematech, the consortium of organizations formed to ensure competitiveness in the semiconductor industry is ludicrous. The consortium consist of some of the largest and most profitable of American companies including AT&T, IBM, Intel and Motorola. Why should this industry be subsidized? Certainly if American competitiveness in this arena is important to these companies, they can certainly afford to finance the efforts of Sematech.

Sincerely,

Vita Cassese
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New York, NY 11375
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TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

DATE OF
CORRESPONDENCE: 05/22/92

SUBJECT: HE IS WRITING REGARDING THE RIO CONFERENCE TOPIC OF
HALTING THE PRODUCTION OF METHYL BROMIDE.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 7, 1992

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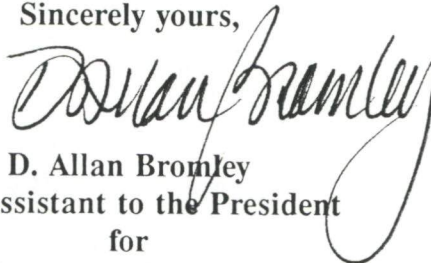
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With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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May 22, 1992

President George Bush
White House
Washington, DC 20007

Dear President Bush:

It is my understanding that one of the topics to be discussed at the Rio Conference is the halting of Methyl Bromide production. This is the only effective chemical I know of for commodities, and its loss would be devastating. Considering that the oceans put 200,000 metric tons per day into the atmosphere naturally, it seems very strange that we should eliminate the manufacture of only 16,000 metric tons per year.

Your consideration will be appreciated,

Robert E. Couhig

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FROM: CooperJr., Allan B.

TO: President Bush

DATE OF
CORRESPONDENCE: 05/22/92

SUBJECT: He is writing to convey his support for the
President's "No Regret's Policy"

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May 29, 1992

The Honorable George Bush
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

InterBel Telephone Cooperative, Inc. is taking this opportunity to convey its' strong support for the United States' "no regrets policy" position and to urge that our delegation continue to resist the imposition of a tax on fossil fuel-produced energy and arbitrary CO₂ emission limits.

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Enclosed is a copy of the Board resolution adopted by InterBel Telephone Cooperative, Inc. supporting the "no regrets policy."

Sincerely,

Allan B. Cooper, Jr.
General Manager

Enclosure: Board resolution

CERTIFICATE AS TO RESOLUTION

STATE OF MONTANA)

: ss

County of Lincoln)

I Beverley Osler, Secretary of InterBel Telephone Cooperative, Inc., do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of InterBel Telephone Cooperative, Inc., held at the office of the Cooperative, in Eureka, Montana, on Tuesday, May 19, 1992.

WHEREAS, theories of catastrophic global warming are not substantiated by scientific evidence and there is considerable scientific debate as to whether or not any global warming is occurring; and

WHEREAS, there is considerable political pressure for the United States to sign a world treaty at the United Nations Council for Environment and Development meeting in June which would limit carbon dioxide production through emissions as a means of limiting such emissions; and

WHEREAS, Such CO₂ caps and taxes would substantially increase the cost of electricity for our Cooperative, and other utilities relying on fossil fuels for their power supply, resulting in severe cost impacts and ultimately damaging the economy of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the use of domestic coal for the production of electricity is a benefit to the economic security of the nation in that it replaces the use of imported oil in meeting the nation's energy needs; and

WHEREAS, President Bush, in the face of mounting unjustified pressure, has consistently held firm to a position that is known as the "no regrets" policy; and

WHEREAS, Bob Bergland, Executive Vice President of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), recently conveyed to President George Bush NRECA's strong support of the "no regrets" policy position and urged continued resistance to the imposition of a tax fossil-fuel-produced energy, and arbitrary CO₂ emissions limits;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of InterBel Telephone Cooperative, Inc. representing the interests of 1,000 telephone consumers served by InterBel Telephone Cooperative, Inc.:

1. Strongly commends President Bush for adhering to the "no regrets" policy position as the most sensible approach to global climate issues when the science is yet uncertain, and
2. Urges the formal addition of a "no-tax, no-cap" position on CO₂ to the "no regrets policy."

Such resolution has not been rescinded, modified or amended and is now in full force and effect.

Dated this 19th day of May, 1992.

(CORPORATE SEAL)


Beverley Osler, Secretary-Treasurer
InterBel Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 6, 1992

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TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

DATE OF
CORRESPONDENCE: 05/21/92

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES CONCERN THAT THE U.S. CITIZENS NETWORK ON
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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MS. CATHERINE PORTER

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BY FAX 202-456-2883

Thursday, May 21, 1991

President George Bush
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

The Earth Summit is less than two weeks away -- less than five working days remain before June 1, when most of our members leave for Brazil. The U.S. Citizens Network on UNCED has not heard who has been selected to serve as NGO observers on the U.S. delegation.

To do their job well, these U.S. citizens on the delegation need time to talk and meet with the various citizens' constituencies they represent. This is representative democracy at its best. They also need time to read and prepare notes on the documents and position papers of the U.S. government if they are to fulfill their responsibilities on the delegation.

Our task over the last year and a half has been to prepare citizens on the issues and process of the Earth Summit, and to create an effective interface between government and citizen actions at UNCED. The U.S. has given emphasis to citizen participation in the process and has supported that with language in official UNCED documents. At this juncture, to neglect prepared and appropriate citizen participation will negate all of the delegation's earlier work and is, in fact, an example of representative democracy at its worst.

The Network nominated well-qualified Board members and CEOs of citizen organizations, (as requested by US/UNCED) on April 29th. All have been tracking the Earth Summit process for months, if not years.

As you prepare, at this late date, to attend the Summit, I ask that you honor the commitment to viable participation by citizens who have prepared diligently to express their commitment to sustainable development.

Sincerely,

Catherine Porter
Executive Director

300 Broadway
San Francisco, CA 94133

OSTP
To: President George Bush
The White House
FAX 202-456-2883

Ambassador E.U. Curtis Bohlen
Department of State
FAX 202-647-1554

Dear President Bush and Ambassador Bohlen:

I have devoted this last year to being the (unpaid) Pacific Northwest Coordinator for the US Citizens Network for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED).

While often criticizing the US actions/inactions on most UNCED issues, I have always pointed out, very positively, that the US (and especially Bob Ryan) has been setting international precedent in substantively involving citizen NGOs in the process.

I am disheartened to disgusted to learn that MAYBE ONE Citizen Network nominee will get to be a part of the actual Earth Summit. The US delegation is well aware of the quality and the depth of the effort put in by member organizations of the Citizens Network for almost two years now.

I would appreciate hearing what criteria were used for selection of the NGO observers. You can reach me at the address/phone/FAX below.

Don't let the U.S. blow this one too.

See you both in Rio.

Sincerely,

Sheila Kelly

Sheila Kelly
1444 NW Woodbine Way
Seattle, WA 98177
206-365-7892
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 6, 1992

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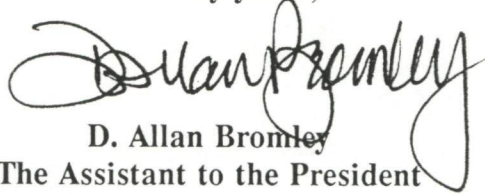
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With the President's best wishes,

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TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

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SUBJECT: ASKS THE PRESIDENT TO ANNOUNCE HIS ACCEPTANCE OF
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MEDIA: FAX DATED MAY 21, 1992

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FROM: MR. MENCER D. EDWARDS
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THE
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May 21, 1992

George H. Bush
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

I have spent the past 24 months insuring effective and diverse U.S. citizen participation in the processes leading up to UNCED. I am therefore dismayed that the Administration's commitment to official NGO representation on the U.S. delegation appears weak.

The U.S. Citizens Network, of which I am an executive committee member and a nominee for non-governmental observer status on the U.S. delegation, took seriously the government's emphasis on citizen participation in the national UNCED process. Yet, in the face of the your late decision to attend the Summit, the Administration appears reluctant to honor the principle of representative democracy by not selecting the well-qualified Network members and other CEOs of citizen organization nominated by the Network.

In my opinion, to neglect prepared and appropriate citizen participation negate's all of the delegation's earlier work, and comprises an example of representative democracy at its worst. I therefore urge you to assure that the U.S. will be well represented by immediately announcing your acceptance of the individuals nominated to be official NGO observers on the U.S. Delegation by the U.S. Citizens Network.

Sincerely,

Mencer Donahue Edwards
Executive Director



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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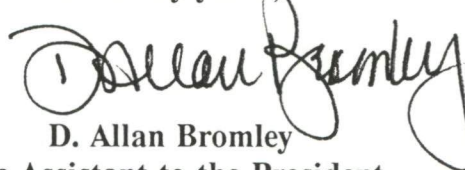
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TO: SAMUEL SKINNER

DATE OF
CORRESPONDENCE: 05/21/92

SUBJECT: URGES ACCEPTANCE OF THE INDIVIDUALS NOMINATED TO BE
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May 21, 1992

Hon. Samuel Skinner
Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Skinner,

On April 1, I expressed to you my concerns about positions being taken by the Administration during the 4th Preparatory Committee Meeting of UNCED. I want to thank you for your response to my concerns.

Your letter went on to state that "If the President cannot attend the conference, let me assure you that the U.S. will be well represented." Mr. Skinner, it is time for you to act upon your assurance.

I have spent the past 24 months insuring effective and diverse U.S. citizen participation in the processes leading up to UNCED. I am therefore dismayed that the Administration's commitment to NGO representation on the U.S. delegation appears weak.

The U.S. Citizens Network, of which I am an executive committee member and a nominee for non-governmental observer status on the U.S. delegation, took seriously the government's emphasis on citizen participation in the national UNCED process. Yet, in the face of the President's last minute decision to attend the Summit, the Administration appears reluctant to honor the principle of representative democracy by not selecting the well-qualified Network members and other CEOs of citizen organization nominated by the Network.

In my opinion, to neglect prepared and appropriate citizen participation negates all of the delegation's earlier work, and comprises an example of representative democracy at its worst. I therefore urge you to honor your assurance that the U.S. will be well represented by immediately accepting the individuals nominated to be official NGO observers on the U.S. Delegation by the U.S. Citizens Network.

Sincerely,

Don Edwards
Mencer Donahue Edwards
Executive Director



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FROM: HARPER, Ronald R.: TRI-COUNTY ELECTRICAL ASSOCIATION

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

DATE OF
CORRESPONDENCE: 05/20/92

SUBJECT: HE IS WRITING TO SUPPORT THE ADMINISTRATION'S "NO
REGRETS" POLICY.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 6, 1992

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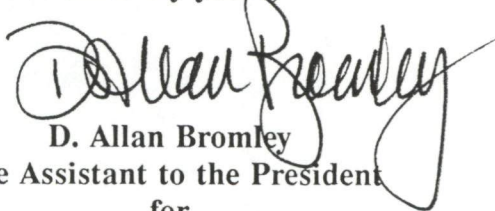
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May 20, 1992

The Honorable George Bush
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Tri-County Electric Association, Inc. (TCEA) is a Rural Electric Cooperative (REC) headquartered in Sundance, Wyoming. TCEA serves over 17,000 meters spread over a large three-county area of northeastern Wyoming. On behalf of the board of directors, management and consumers of TCEA, I strongly commend you for adhering to the "no regrets" policy position as the most sensible approach to global climate issues. I encourage you to also adopt a "no tax, no cap" position on CO₂ as an addition to the "no regrets" policy.

As a REC who serves thousands of people dependent on coal-fired electric power as well as direct and indirect employment in coal-mining activities here in Wyoming, TCEA's concern is that the imposition of CO₂ caps and taxes would have the following negative impacts: 1) Substantial increases in the cost of power produced by electric utilities relying on fossil fuels for their power supply would result in severe cost impacts on electricity ultimately damaging the economy of the United States; and 2) a reduction of the use of domestic coal for the production of electricity would harm the economic security of the nation because of the increased need for imported oil to meet the nation's energy needs.

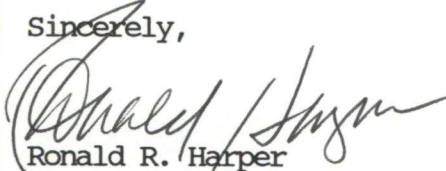
TCEA is concerned about the quality of the environment. The latest in technology has been applied to cleaning up emissions from Basin Electric Power Cooperative's coal-fired generating plants where we purchase our wholesale power. We also support energy conservation, improved efficiency of electrical appliances and equipment, continuation of tree planting, as well as other prudent efforts, while objective research continues on the global climate change issue.

In the meantime, Mr. President, I extend my best wishes to you and the U.S. delegation for success in your negotiations at the United

The Honorable George Bush
March 20, 1992
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Nations Conference on the Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro in June. If there is more TCEA can do to demonstrate our support for your position on climate change, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Ronald R. Harper
General Manager

cc: Wyoming Congressional delegation
TCEA Board of Directors
Bob Bergland, NRECA
Robert L. McPhail, Basin Electric

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FROM: CORRY, Stephen: SURVIVAL INTERNATIONAL

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

DATE OF
CORRESPONDENCE: 05/20/92

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO INCLUDE TRIBAL PEOPLE'S
OWNERSHIP RIGHTS IN THE AGENDA AT THE UNCED "EARTH
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TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: MR. STEPHEN CORRY
DIRECTOR GENERAL
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310 EDGWARE ROAD
LONDON W2 1DY ENGLAND

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO INCLUDE TRIBAL
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Survival International is a worldwide movement to support tribal peoples. It stands for their right to decide their own future and helps them protect their lands, environment and way of life.

OSTP
Mr George Bush
President
The White House
Washington DC 20500
USA

May 20, 1992

Dear Mr President,

The United Nations Conference on the Environment and Development (UNCED) is being hailed as a great opportunity for nations to discuss issues of global importance.

Whilst mention is briefly made of indigenous peoples and their guardianship of the forests and unique contribution to biodiversity there is no mention of their rights to land and self determination.

Survival International's policy and work is founded on the conviction that the key problem faced by most of the world's tribal peoples is that their land rights are regularly and systematically violated by governments and others.

As a general principle, tribal peoples should have full, inalienable ownership - held comunally - over the lands they use and occupy. This is what most are asking for. This right is enshrined in the ILO Convention 107 and its update, Convention 169. It is also encompassed in one form or another in the national laws of many countries concerned.

Any debate on the Declaration on Forests and the Convention on Biodiversity, which will directly affect indigenous peoples, must focus on and recognise indigenous peoples' land and ownership rights as the first and most vital step towards sustaining their livelihoods and environment.

We are very disappointed to see that tribal peoples' ownership rights hardly figure in the agendas so far proposed for discussion at the UNCED. We urge your government to address this fundamental issue whilst attending the conference.

Yours sincerely

PP Stephen Corry
Director General

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 7, 1992

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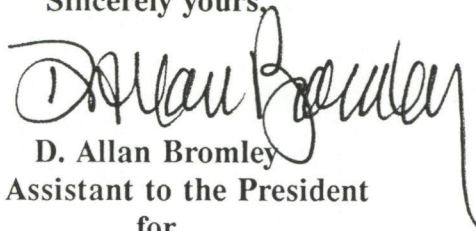
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FROM: Parsons, Louis H.: Chairman

TO: President Bush

DATE OF
CORRESPONDENCE: 5/18/92

SUBJECT: Urges the President to support the UNCED conference

DIRECTORATE STAFF
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FROM: MR. LOUIS H. PARSONS
CHAIRMAN
AMERICAN PUBLIC TRANSIT ASSOCIATION
1201 NEW YORK AVENUE, NW.
WASHINGTON DC 20005

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO SUPPORT THE UNITED
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May 18, 1992

The President
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Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the American Public Transit Association (APTA), the national representative of the transit industry of the United States, and in cooperation with the Canadian transit industry, we are writing to urge support of United Nations "Agenda 21." Agenda 21 will be discussed at the UN Conference on Environment and Development to be held in Rio de Janeiro in June of this year.

The three sections of Agenda 21 of most significance to transit interests and supporters are listed under the section entitled, "Protection of the Atmosphere" (Section II, Chapter 1). The U.S. transit industry strongly supports the substantive provisions of Agenda 21 and encourages United States representatives to take an active, affirmative position at the UN Conference. The three programs areas of specific relevance to enhancing transit services in the communities we serve are "Promoting Transportation Systems Which are Specifically Safe and Environmentally Sound (B)," "Promoting Sustainable Resource Development and Land Use (D)," and "Promoting Sustainable Energy Consumption Patterns and Life Styles (E)."

Agenda 21 cites a number of additional general provisions which we also endorse, including full costing of environmental effects and energy consumption, as well as strengthening the role and capabilities of regional bodies in these decisions.

Under Section B, Transport Systems, a number of specific provisions deserve support by U.S. representatives in Rio, since they echo new policies enacted in the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) and the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. Among these are provisions which propose:

- Reorientation in the management of traffic and transport systems and infrastructure, including land use and urban planning, with special attention to public transit;
- Special attention to urban and metropolitan areas where transport produces the majority of atmospheric emissions;
- Conduct of a conference on transport and the environment;
- Promotion of mass transit by a review and, where financially feasible, preparation of appropriate plans to implement more efficient and less polluting mass transit, including through the removal of existing policy distortions; and,
- Initial capital investments in mass transit over and above existing plans, even though national costs of promoting mass transit, as well as fuel efficiency and vehicle standards are likely to be negative over time.

We believe the transportation objectives of Agenda 21 are fully consistent with both the philosophy and provisions of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) and the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

Transit industry professionals, policy-makers, users and supporters are united, world-wide, in the effort to formulate and pursue transportation plans and policies that promote both the environmental and economic goals of our respective countries. The potential for public transportation to do so, particularly in the United States, has not yet been fully realized, however. Recent enactment of ISTEA and CAA amendments has begun to move us in the right direction. It is in this spirit that we respectfully request your resolute support for the provisions of Agenda 21 highlighted above.

The President
May 18, 1992
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The American Public Transit Association and its more than 1,000 members stand ready to assist in any way as you direct the U.S. delegation for participation in this important conference, and in the follow-up activities that will no doubt result.

Cordially,

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 4, 1992

Dear Mr. Parsons:

Thank you for your letter to President Bush about global environmental issues, particularly regarding the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED). The President appreciates your comments and suggestions.

The United States has been, and will continue to be, a leader in environmental stewardship. President Bush believes that global stewardship is our shared responsibility and our shared opportunity. He is committed to working with the international community to produce strategies for managing the Earth's natural resources in ways that assure the sustainability of humanity on this planet and in ways that maximize our potential for growth and opportunity for all. It is the President's conviction that environmental protection and economic growth, well managed, complement one another.

Global stewardship is a continuing process of political, economic, and social decision-making that meets the needs of the present generation, while expanding the opportunities of future generations. UNCED provides an unprecedented opportunity for addressing a broad range of such concerns that are of vital interest to developed nations and the developing nations alike. In keeping with his commitment to fostering greater cooperation in approaching the environmental problems, the President has announced that he will attend the Rio Conference.

President Bush recognizes the widespread interest in addressing the issue of global climate change. In that regard, the President is pleased with the successful negotiation of a framework convention on climate change. Enclosed is a statement about the role that the United States has played in safeguarding our environment and about issues relating to UNCED.

I hope that this information is helpful to you. It comes to you with the President's best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



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President George Bush
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Dear President Bush:

Enclosed please find a resolution in favor of the "no regrets" policy concerning Global Warming approved by the Lamar Electric Membership Board of Directors at the April 15, 1992 board meeting. We think this resolution speaks for itself.

We in Rural America appreciate the strong stand you have taken on this issue. We realize that by the time you receive this most of the negotiations will be over, however, we want you to know you have our continued support on this issue.

Yours truly,

Raleigh Henry
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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, theories of catastrophic global warming are not substantiated by scientific evidence and there is considerable scientific debate as to whether or not any global warming is occurring; and

WHEREAS, there is considerable political pressure for the United States to sign a world treaty as the United Nations Council for Environment and Development meeting in June which would limit carbon dioxide production through emission caps, and

WHEREAS, several proposals have been made in Congress to impose taxes on carbon dioxide emissions as a means of limiting such emissions; and

WHEREAS, such CO2 caps and taxes would substantially increase the cost of electricity produced by Oglethorpe Power Corporation and other electric utilities relying on fossil fuels for their power supply, resulting in severe cost impacts on electric consumers and ultimately damaging the economy of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the use of domestic coal for the production of electricity is a benefit to the economic security of the nation in that it replaces the use of imported oil in meeting the nation's energy needs; and

WHEREAS, President Bush, in the face of mounting unjustified pressure, has consistently held firm to a position that is known as the "no regrets" policy; and

WHEREAS, Bob Bergland, Executive Vice President of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), recently conveyed to President George Bush NRECA's strong support of the "no regrets" policy position and urged continued resistance to the impositions of a tax on fossil-fuel-produced energy, and arbitrary CO2 emissions limits;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Lamar Electric Membership Corporation, a member system of Oglethorpe Power Corporation, representing the interest of 12,000 electric consumers in the central Georgia area:



1. Strongly commends President Bush for adhering to the "no regrets" policy position as the most sensible approach to global climate issues when the science is yet uncertain, and
2. Urges the formal addition of a "no-tax, no-cap" position on CO2 to the "no regrets" policy.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 7, 1992

Dear Mr. Henry:

Thank you for your letter to President Bush regarding the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), recently held in Rio de Janeiro, and related issues. The President appreciates your comments and suggestions.

As the President stated in Rio, the United States has a good, strong environmental record, one that clearly reflects our Nation's commitment to wise stewardship of our planet's natural resources. America has spent \$800 billion in the past ten years to clean up the environment, and no other nation has done more to protect its air, land, and water through the development of advanced technologies that promise cleaner production and growth.

The environment and development -- the two subjects of UNCED -- are, in the President's view, compatible. President Bush made it clear that he is fully determined to address concerns involving both issues; he also made it clear that he would not jeopardize American jobs or further burden American taxpayers by making unbalanced agreements that would hinder our economic growth.

Working with representatives from 170 countries at UNCED, the United States advanced the environmental cause by negotiating new commitments on oceans, population, public participation, and pollution control. The President also proposed to double worldwide funding for forests and, as a down payment, announced that the United States will provide \$150 million in new assistance for bilateral forest conservation.

The Administration also forged and won approval of a responsible Convention on Climate Change. This landmark agreement is a major step forward by the international community to address global climate change. It requires countries to formulate, implement, and publish national action plans for mitigating climate change by limiting net emissions of greenhouse gases.

President Bush also encouraged other industrialized nations to join the United States in a "prompt start" on implementing the Climate Change Convention. He proposed that signatory countries meet by January 1 to present their action plans.

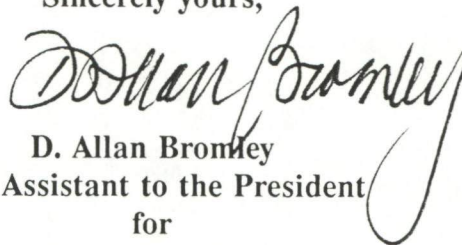
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The United States also has an impressive record of protecting various species of plants and animals -- a record ignored by those who criticized the Administration's stand against the Biodiversity Convention. Despite its noble intent, that accord contained serious flaws that rendered it unacceptable to the Administration. For example, some provisions of the Convention would not only have put American patent and other intellectual property rights at risk but also threatened our exports of biotechnology products. By treating technological innovations as "common property," even though they are developed at great cost by private American companies and workers, the agreement would have reduced the incentives for such firms to engage in research and development activities, thereby resulting in fewer technological advances to protect our planet.

The Convention also has a financing mechanism in which developed nations such as the United States provide the resources while developing nations control how those resources will be spent. While the United States did not sign the Convention on Biodiversity, the United States issued a draft discussion paper in Rio to accelerate the worldwide collection and classification of data on plants and animals as part of a global effort to preserve biodiversity.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely yours,



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