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Gary

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might want to see this
in case Dr. Worp asks
you for input.

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June 8, 1992

NOTE TO SALLY KELLEY

FROM: RACHEL E. LEVINSON *RL*
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR LIFE SCIENCES

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING CONVENTION ON
BIODIVERSITY

OSTP has been assigned responsibility to answer two recent pieces of Presidential correspondence (attached) that involve the Administration's position on the biodiversity convention currently under discussion in Rio de Janeiro. Although OSTP has been involved in the development of Administration position papers on this subject, our involvement centers around the scientific aspects of conservation of biological diversity and not the legal and financial issues that are at the heart of the debate. Therefore, we believe that it may be more appropriate for the Vice President's staff to respond to such mail. One of the letters (Forrest Anthony, Document Number 9201915) also addresses the issue of patenting and technology transfer of the results of human genome research. This is an issue that OSTP has been more extensively involved in and, in fact, recently sponsored a public meeting to gain input such as the letter from the Association of Biotechnology Companies. We would be happy to work with the Vice President's office to respond to this letter.

Please let me know how you wish us to proceed. I may be reached at extension 4850. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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May 18, 1992

The Honorable George Bush
President
United States of America
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
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Dear President Bush:

Patents are the foundation of industry. Federal law encourages government agencies to use the patent system to promote the use of inventions arising from federally-supported research.

The Association of Biotechnology Companies, representing more than 280 biotechnology corporations, research centers, and other organizations in 27 nations, strongly encourages the transfer of technology developed under federal sponsorship to commercial interests through appropriate licensing.

The ABC Board of Directors has adopted the attached policies related to (1) the National Institutes of Health patent applications and (2) the proposed treaty relating to the protection of biological diversity. We hope you will be guided by these thoughtful papers.

Specifically, ABC supports the government in its decision to file the Venter patent applications, which protects the public interest in such research. ABC has been working with NIH to develop an appropriate licensing policy and strategy to assure that the people of this nation will experience the benefits of better health care and that the economy will benefit through growth of the biotechnology industry. We urge that you ensure the necessary resources to the NIH Office of Technology Transfer to carry this out.

Regarding the proposed biological diversity treaty, ABC opposes in principle any provision which would eliminate or dilute the protection of intellectual property rights for biotechnology inventions and any provision which would require or permit national legislation compelling the transfer of technology except in the limited circumstances currently sanctioned in the United States law as described in our policy statement. We urge your Administration to stand

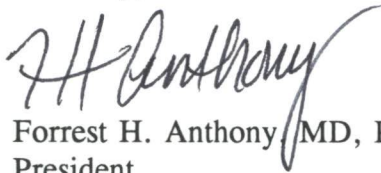
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firm on this position.

Biotechnology, as an industry, is still in its infancy. Despite this fact, biotech sales in 1991 reached \$4 billion. Patent policies must continue to favor investment in research and development of new products for human and animal health, agriculture, consumables, energy, and the environment. ABC pledges to work with this administration and the Congress to continue the growth of this promising industry.

Thank you for your strong leadership in support of this industry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "F. H. Anthony", written in a cursive style.

Forrest H. Anthony MD, PhD
President

Press Release



News of Interest from the Association of Biotechnology Companies

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Contact: Richard Okiuye
202/234-3330

ABC SUPPORTS NIH PATENTS, OPPOSES BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY TREATY

SAN DIEGO, CA (May 17, 1992) -- Patents took center stage at the international biotechnology meeting here today. The Association of Biotechnology Companies (ABC) reported two important position papers and sent a strong letter to President Bush.

The issues facing the fledgling industry center around a federal strategy to patent human genes and an international treaty which might prohibit the patenting of bioengineered plants and animals.

In a letter to President Bush direct from ABC's Sixth International Biotechnology Meeting in San Francisco, ABC President Forrest H. Anthony, MD, PhD, supported the government's right and responsibility to patent results of research supported by the taxpayer.

"ABC supports the government in its decision to file the Venter patent applications, which protects the public interest in such research," Anthony writes. "ABC has been working with the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to develop an appropriate licensing policy and strategy to assure that the people of this nation will experience the benefits of better health care and that the economy will benefit through growth of the biotechnology industry. We urge that you ensure the necessary resources to the NIH Office of Technology Transfer to carry this out."

The United States also is involved in negotiations for the Convention (treaty) on Biological Diversity. ABC sent a clear message to President Bush that the industry opposes "in

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any treaty relating to the protection of biological diversity, any provision which would have as its purpose or effect the elimination or dilution of the protection of intellectual property rights for biotechnology inventions."

ABC also opposes in principle any treaty that would require or permit national legislation compelling compulsory licensing or other compulsory transfer of technology.

The Association of Biotechnology Companies (ABC) is the international biotechnology trade association with more than 280 members in 27 nations. ABC represents corporations, research centers, university and government entities, and other organizations engaged in biotechnology research, development, production, and marketing of products for better human and animal health, agriculture, consumables, energy, and the environment.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: *Copies of the letter to President Bush and the two policy statements are available by calling 202/234-3330.*



Association of Biotechnology Companies

ABC STATEMENT ON NIH PATENT FILING FOR THE HUMAN GENOME PROJECT

The Association of Biotechnology Companies (ABC) is the largest non-profit international trade association, whose members from 27 countries include more than 280 companies, research centers, university and government entities, and other organizations engaged in biotechnology. The ABC welcomes the opportunity to address the important policy issues raised by the NIH's filing of patent applications related to the human genome program.

Federal law encourages federal government agencies to use the patent system to promote utilization of inventions arising from federally supported research or development. 35 USC §200. Under the Technology Transfer Act of 1986, federal agencies are strongly encouraged to transfer technology developed at their laboratories by use of joint research projects with and licensing to industry.

As a federal agency, the NIH has discretion to dispose of technology it develops in order to best serve the interests of public health. Its options range from outright dedication (e.g., by not even filing patent applications) to exclusively licensing

an invention. Failing to file a patent application raises the possibility that an individual government investigator could obtain and control a patent on important technology, and such an individual would, in contrast to the NIH, have no obligation to act in the public's best interests. The ABC believes that outright dedication by the NIH is inappropriate in most instances, and that the NIH should generally file patent applications to ensure that federal technology is handled in a well considered manner.

Further, failure to file for patents prior to public disclosure of an invention results in the forfeiture of any possible rights under the patent law systems of virtually all foreign countries, which do not provide a grace period to inventors.

The ABC fully supports the decision of the NIH to file patent applications directed to the methods and nucleotide sequence tags of Drs. Venter and Adams as essentially the only responsible course under existing federal law, given the realities of foreign filing requirements. This step has ensured a thorough public debate on how this technology should be utilized to benefit the public.

The ABC believes that the interests of public health are best served where the NIH and the biotechnology industry act as true partners in the development of biotechnology discoveries. It would be short-sighted and ultimately counterproductive to deny to the NIH the ability to file for patents on important technology.

This same ability, of course, is a key factor in the development of the biotechnology industry itself.

In fact, where appropriate, exclusive licensing of NIH technology can speed the development of beneficial products, and it is the patent system which allows such exclusivity. The decision whether to license a given technology exclusively or non-exclusively, or whether a subsequent dedication will best serve the public interest, is properly left to agency discretion.

As a matter of overriding policy, the ABC believes that exclusive licensing will be appropriate where the potential commercial application of the technology developed by the NIH is evident. An exclusive license can provide the incentive necessary for a company to expand substantial financial and other resources to bring a product to market. This is particularly true in the area of human therapeutics, where regulatory requirements - and expense - are significant.

Where technology developed by the NIH is more basic, and thus more removed from commercial application, the benefits of exclusivity frequently are lacking. In fact, exclusively licensing very basic technology could even hinder research by limiting the ability or incentive of the biotechnology industry to pursue research in the area. In such cases, non-exclusive licensing, or even dedication, may be indicated.

Although the NIH has included in the specification of the Venter Application general disclosure to support claims to protein expression products corresponding to most of the disclosed

nucleotide sequence tags (NSTs), full length cDNAs or actual proteins have been identified for very few, if any, NSTs. It is likely that much more work will need to be done to develop the basic contributions of Drs. Venter and Adams into products of benefit to the public.

Accordingly, it is the view of the ABC that exclusive licensing of the Venter Application by the NIH would not be appropriate, except with respect to individual situations in which the NIH has disclosed a substantially full length cDNA sequence and identified the corresponding protein and its biological activity. Such situations may be appropriate for exclusive licensing via existing NIH guidelines for publication of notice. Given the particular potential of such discoveries to advance the public health, the NIH may wish to consider requesting public tenders and extending the notice period where exclusive licensing is contemplated.

Where the NIH has disclosed only an NST, but may be in a position to assert that a protein or full length cDNA sequence developed outside the agency would infringe the NIH patent, the ABC believes that non-exclusive licensing is appropriate. Non-exclusive licensing in this situation would allow the NIH to receive some financial return for the public's investment, while avoiding concerns that companies would be blocked from proceeding with existing or future projects. A one-time non-exclusive licensing fee should be considered.

The key to this non-exclusive license program would be awareness on the part of NIH or a company that an arguably infringing commercial product was in a relatively advanced stage of development. As a matter of policy, the ABC believes that the NIH should issue a statement that research uses, whether in academia or industry, will not be subject to prosecution by the NIH under any Venter patents which may issue. Further, NIH licensees, whether exclusive or non-exclusive, should by the terms of their licenses be precluded from interfering with research in academic or commercial laboratories.

Under the proposed non-exclusive licensing program, a given company's ability to obtain any exclusivity will properly derive from its own proprietary position. The Venter disclosure is public, and the industry must simply deal with it. Whether future patent claims are obtainable in view of Venter is not the concern of the NIH, which should not become engaged in schemes designed to ensure future exclusivity, if and where the art precludes such exclusivity.

The ABC supports and encourages the filing by the NIH of additional CIP applications as these NIH researchers continue their work. Such additional disclosure and claims will admit of licensing as appropriate within the policy here proposed.

With respect to the methods disclosed and claimed in the Venter application, the ABC believes that these are of such a basic nature that they properly should be dedicated to the public by the NIH at the appropriate time.

Finally, the ABC strongly believes that it is critical that a single consistent government policy be implemented with respect to this and other federally supported genome projects. The optimal approach, endorsed by the ABC, assigns to a single agency, such as the NIH, responsibility to establish (with appropriate input from the public, industry and other federal agencies) and implement federal policy. To the extent that this is not possible, the ABC vigorously encourages the development of a framework to ensure that all federal agencies adopt and implement consistent filing and licensing policies where gene patents are concerned.

The ABC wishes to express again its appreciation to the NIH for the opportunity to comment on these very important issues. Implementing the licensing policy here proposed will require that the NIH exercise its proper discretionary authority to address and resolve a number of related issues. It is crucial that the NIH maintain a continuing dialogue with industry and the public on such issues. The ABC looks forward to actively participating in this important public debate.

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

- ° The ABC supports, in principle, the filing of patent applications to technology developed in federal government laboratories and, specifically, the filing by the NIH of patent applications related to the human genome project.
- ° Patent filings by the NIH and other agencies must be part of an integrated technology transfer policy designed to ensure that the public health benefits promptly from the fruits of biotechnology, and that further research and development is not impeded.
- ° The ABC believes that a technology transfer program that achieves these objectives will include licensing options ranging from outright dedication to exclusive licenses, depending on whether the nature of the technology is very basic or advanced toward the commercial product stage.
- ° The majority of the subject matter in the Venter applications, the ABC believes, will be appropriate for non-exclusive licensing, allowing the government to realize some return on the public's investment and assuring that further basic research is not hindered.
- ° A single, unified filing and licensing policy must be adopted and implemented by the numerous agencies now involved in genome

projects. A single agency, preferably the NIH, should administer policy, and must be provided with adequate resources to do so.



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May 6, 1992

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Dear Mr. Kushan:

Enclosed is a position paper developed by the Patent Law Working Group of the Association of Biotechnology Companies which reflects our policy on any treaty relating to the protection of biological diversity.

Please inform your colleagues and those of other nations that ABC opposes in principle any provision which would eliminate or dilute the protection of intellectual property rights for biotechnology inventions AND any provision which would require or permit national legislation compelling the transfer of technology except in the limited circumstances currently sanctioned in United States law as described.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

William E. Small
Executive Director



Association of Biotechnology Companies

ABC POSITION ON THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

The Association of Biotechnology Companies (ABC) opposes in principle, in any treaty relating to the protection of biological diversity, any provision which would have as its purpose or effect, the elimination or dilution of the protection of intellectual property rights for biotechnology inventions.

The ABC also opposes in principle, in any treaty relating to the protection of biological diversity, a provision which would require or permit national legislation to compel the transfer of technology, whether through compulsory licenses or any other means, except in the following limited circumstances which are currently sanctioned by United States law: (1) to address, only during its existence, a declared national emergency; (2) to remedy an adjudicated violation of a country's antitrust laws; or (3) to permit the use of technology which is subject to intellectual property protection on a nonexclusive basis by a government and only for governmental purposes.

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Dear Mr Bush

Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro

The United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (also known as UNCED or the Earth Summit) is rapidly approaching. In the time remaining prior to the 3 June opening of the Summit, Greenpeace International respectfully would like to take this opportunity to present some critical issues and recommendations we hope you and your senior advisers will address in finalising your government's positions and instructions.

According to many scientific estimates, the future of the planet and its inhabitants is in danger if our present, largely "business as usual", approach is maintained. Substantial change and reform are required if we are to have any hope of achieving ecologically sound and socially equitable development. Leadership from you and your government, and that of other heads of government, will be crucial in attaining these goals.

Greenpeace's view, shared by many other Southern and Northern Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), is that the official documents from the Preparatory Committee's concluding session (*Agenda 21* and the *Rio de Janeiro Declaration*) are not only unacceptable, but in key instances, regressive responses to the challenges we face. Without major improvements at the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee's final meeting commencing 30 April in New York, this same assessment also would apply to the draft climate convention.

Your advisers who participated in PrepCom 4 may be familiar with the attached "NGO Declaration." It was released at that meeting on 1 April 1992 by Greenpeace, Third World Network, Brazil Forum and Friends of the Earth, together representing many millions of supporters. Dozens of other NGOs endorsed its "Ten Point Plan to Save the Planet", and more are expected to do so prior to UNCED. The Declaration contains strong, critical language. However, the PrepCom results, when contrasted with the hope and promise of UNCED since the adoption of UNGA Resolution 44/228 in March 1990, required honesty and candour at this critical juncture.

With respect to the Declaration's ten point plan, it is our understanding, which your advisers are in a much better position to assess, that the door is basically closed to further opportunities during the Earth Summit to address most (if not all) of those points in either the *Rio de Janeiro Declaration* or *Agenda 21*. Despite such an assessment, it is our fervent desire that you and your government speak forcefully to all of the concerns in the NGO ten-point plan. We hope you seriously will consider stating that those concerns must be addressed as a condition of your government's supporting and signing the Earth Summit official package of documents.

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If you find it impossible to take the above actions in relation to the official package of documents, we would still urge you and your government - acting alone, or as part of regional or other groupings of States - to express those same concerns from your capital prior to UNCED and in follow-up public statements at the Earth Summit. In this regard, it is our hope you will voice a commitment to the ten points addressed in our NGO Declaration, contrasting such views with corresponding inadequacies in the official documents.

As related initiatives, the following are examples of additional measures which you may wish to consider proposing:

- * call for, in the framework of the UN General Assembly, an intergovernmental energy conference in 1993/94, aimed at establishing a new global body or mechanism to promote energy efficiency and clean renewable energy technologies;
- * demand that the World Bank's Global Environment Facility (GEF) not be given added authority or responsibility for managing financial assistance in relation to any new, issue-specific treaty or agreement (whilst not conceding that its existing GEF control is appropriate or responsibly carried out);
- * lead or support a strategy to achieve, as expeditiously as possible, Bamako Convention-type regional agreements that would, collectively, ban hazardous waste traffic into all developing countries;
- * urge the adoption of a global moratorium on nuclear testing pending successful negotiation of a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (following France's recent very positive announcement in this regard, as well as the Russian Federation's testing halt since October 1990);
- * commit to securing effective international measures and mechanisms to monitor, analyse, regulate and control activities of transnational corporations regarding the environment, human health and safety, and social and developmental considerations; and
- * address appropriate follow-on initiatives in relation to the other issues in the NGO Declaration -- consumption patterns, economic reform, forests, nuclear power, biotechnology and trade.

We appreciate very much the opportunity to convey the above concerns and recommendations. We hope you will give them serious consideration as your government concludes preparations for your participation in the Earth Summit.

Yours faithfully,



Stephen G. Sawyer
Executive Director
Greenpeace International

Attachment: NGO Declaration: Ten Point Plan to save the Earth Summit

NGO DECLARATION:

TEN POINT PLAN TO SAVE THE EARTH SUMMIT

To: All Government Delegates Attending UNCED PrepComm 4
Cc: UN Secretary General Boutros-Boutros Ghali,
Cc: UNCED Secretary General Maurice Strong,
Cc: PrepComm 4 Chair, Tommy Koh
Fm: The Undersigned NGOs
Date: April 1992

Re: A TEN POINT PLAN TO SAVE THE EARTH SUMMIT

We, Non-Government Organizations (NGO) gathered from around the world, are increasingly concerned by UNCED's lack of progress and regressive trends since its original mandate. The United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) has not even begun to address the fundamental issues that must be dealt with to alleviate the twin crises of environment and development worldwide. On the contrary, on many issues the Earth Summit is clearly moving backwards.

Fundamentally, UNCED has thus far failed to make a strong commitment to meeting the priority needs of women, indigenous peoples, youth, NGOs and social movements. Special attention must be directed at strengthening democratic rights and gender balance in institutions, policy and decision making process, and programs.

We believe that, for UNCED to become part of the solution rather than the problem, it must address the challenges listed below. Without them the planet's chances of survival will grow even slimmer.

This ten point plan must be built into the Earth Charter and Agenda 21.

1) CLIMATE CHANGE: As part of a Climate Change Convention, UNCED must agree to legally binding targets and timetables for substantial reductions in Greenhouse Gas emissions, in particular CO₂. Industrialized nations must be the first to act on this. The Bush administration's refusal to even consider CO₂ emission cuts is setting the Earth Summit up for failure.

2) CONSUMPTION PATTERNS: UNCED must call for a cut in the North's consumption of resources and an immediate transformation of technology to create ecological sustainability in the North. This is essential if the needs of both present and future generations are to be fulfilled.

3) ECONOMIC REFORM: UNCED should initiate a process of global economic reform that will reverse the South-North outflow of resources, improve the South's terms of trade, and reduce its debt burden. Such reform is essential if the South is to gain the necessary economic space to implement a transition to ecologically sound and socially equitable development.

4) GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY: While UNCED must generate new and additional resources to solve global environmental problems, it must also call for an end to World Bank control of the Global Environment Facility (GEF). The World Bank's disastrous record of promoting environmental destruction, as well as Third World poverty, makes it the least suitable agency to manage funds generated by the Earth Summit.

5) TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS: UNCED must call for strong national and international regulation of transnational corporations rather than the unacceptable self-regulation currently proposed. The Earth Summit should also call for restoration and strengthening of the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations, rather than allowing the Business Council for Sustainable Development to go unopposed in the UNCED process.

6) HAZARDOUS WASTES: UNCED must call for a ban on the export of hazardous wastes and dirty industries worldwide, thus fortifying existing regional waste trade bans. It must also pressure the North to solve its own toxic and nuclear waste problems. Proposals to this effect have either been rejected at UNCED or watered down to insignificance by the OECD countries.

7) FORESTS: UNCED must address the real causes of forest destruction (tropical, temperate, boreal) globally, and promote equitable international principles. In addition, UNCED must recognize and support land and cultural rights of indigenous peoples and traditional forest dwellers. Planting new trees, as UNCED proposes, cannot be a substitute for saving existing natural forests and the cultures that live in them.

8) NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND POWER: UNCED must call for an end to all nuclear weapons testing, and the rapid phase-out of all nuclear power plants. In the midst of nuclear disasters, weapons tests and near-accidents, these issues have been inexplicably excluded from the Earth Summit agenda.

9) BIOTECHNOLOGY: UNCED must take urgent and binding safety measures (including, at the very least, an international code of conduct on safety in biotechnology) to control the health and environmental risks of biotechnology research and application.

10) TRADE: UNCED must not endorse free trade as the key to achieving "sustainable development." It must reconcile trade practices with environmental protection. Social, political and environmental concerns must form the framework within which trade takes place, not vice versa.

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These and other actions are fundamental if we are to address the huge environment and development problems the world faces. Positive change requires a major turn around by the US government, as well as other industrialized nations, and an intensive effort by all parties.

As Non-Governmental Organizations we have been constantly pushing for UNCED to take these issues on; if all government delegates and the Secretariat were to act upon these essential points, our faith in the process would be renewed.

However, it appears that the Earth Summit is failing to meet its challenge and instead moving in the opposite direction from the path it must forge to save the planet from destruction. Moreover, the gravity of the situation deepens as UNCED entrusts care for environment and development with the very institutions that are causing many of the problems in the first place.

Regrettably, barring a dramatic change in course, UNCED is heading toward a failure of historic proportions that the Earth and its people cannot afford.

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With the President's best wishes,

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As a concerned citizen, voter and president of the Take It Back Foundation (a non-profit, environmental foundation) I am compelled to write. I do not agree with your policy regarding the environment. I urge you to place a greater importance on environmental issues.

Your presence at this year's Earth Summit conference in Rio does not supersede the lack of enthusiasm you have demonstrated concerning the event. As the representative of one of the most important countries attending the conference I am disappointed by the lack of commitment and would hope that your participation will bear some significance. The conference may be one of the most important gatherings of people trying to save the planet. It is my hope that our flag will represent progress for people and nature and not be a symbol for the rights of a few to waste and pollute the world's resources.

I am attending the conference and will closely monitor your performance. If I observe a sincere commitment on your behalf perhaps I will reconsider my intentions at the polls in November. For someone who claims to be the "Environmental President" your actions certainly do not reflect your words.

May peace prevail on earth!



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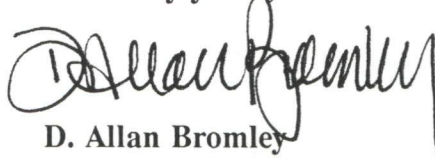
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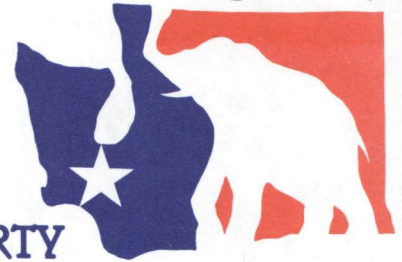
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WASHINGTON STATE REPUBLICAN PARTY



May 19, 1992

Ben Bettridge
Chairman

President George Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As you know, the Pacific Northwest, and Washington State in particular, are highly dependent on our natural resources, and our natural resource based industries.

The Washington State Republican Party would like to applaud your administration's strategy to preserve jobs and relocate the Northern Spotted Owl to existing parks and preserves. We understand the importance of a balance between the preservation of the Northern Spotted Owl species and the preservation of valuable timber jobs here in the Pacific Northwest.

With the same prudence that your Administration used in its recent decision on the Northern Spotted Owl, the Republican State Committee of Washington has unanimously adopted a resolution urging you not to attend the United Nations sponsored Earth Summit in Brazil next month.

We are concerned that this meeting will simply be another attempt by third world countries to have the United States pay for conservation programs that cannot be monitored.

We appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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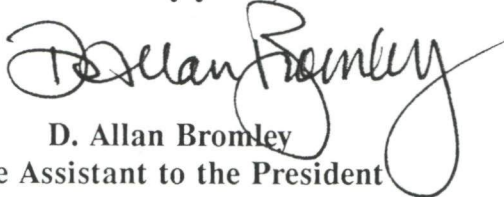
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With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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NOTE TO SALLY KELLEY

FROM: RACHEL E. LEVINSON *RE ✓*
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR LIFE SCIENCES

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING CONVENTION ON
BIODIVERSITY

OSTP has been assigned responsibility to answer two recent pieces of Presidential correspondence (attached) that involve the Administration's position on the biodiversity convention currently under discussion in Rio de Janeiro. Although OSTP has been involved in the development of Administration position papers on this subject, our involvement centers around the scientific aspects of conservation of biological diversity and not the legal and financial issues that are at the heart of the debate. Therefore, we believe that it may be more appropriate for the Vice President's staff to respond to such mail. One of the letters (Forrest Anthony, Document Number 9201915) also addresses the issue of patenting and technology transfer of the results of human genome research. This is an issue that OSTP has been more extensively involved in and, in fact, recently sponsored a public meeting to gain input such as the letter from the Association of Biotechnology Companies. We would be happy to work with the Vice President's office to respond to this letter.

Please let me know how you wish us to proceed. I may be reached at extension 4850. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Hon. George Bush
President
The White House
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John M. Standridge
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Dear Mr. President:

I urge you to support in its present form the treaty on biodiversity that is now being negotiated.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



John M. Standridge

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The Honorable George Bush
President of the United States
The White House
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SUBJECT: Biological Diversity Convention
(Fifth Revised Draft)

Dear Mr. President:

The Industrial Biotechnology Association (IBA) is deeply concerned with the on-going Biological Diversity Convention. We see the Convention, as it is currently written, as a threat to the world leadership of the U.S. biotechnology industry.

IBA is a trade association representing 131 companies engaged in biotechnology research and development. Collectively our members represent more than 80% of all private biotechnology research investment in the United States.

As we write, final negotiations are being held in Nairobi to the revise the draft Convention on Biological Diversity. IBA and its member companies have reviewed the fifth revised draft of the Convention and communicated earlier views to the U.S. State Department; however, upon further review we are compelled to write to you to raise our serious concerns with the Convention. In particular, Articles 3, 7, 16, 17, and 20 contain several highly objectionable provisions.

We believe this unique treatment of biotechnology is designed to hurt an industry that the U.S. dominates so that other countries may impede the U.S. industry's growth while developing their own industries using our technology.

The Biological Diversity Convention is not the place to battle economic policy wars nor should it single out biotechnology or contain provisions which would undermine the patent incentives which serve to encourage the development of technologies that will preserve biodiversity.

The U.S. should insist that the Convention address only conservation of biological diversity issues.

The Honorable George Bush
May 14, 1992
Page 2

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IBA believes that all provisions referring to intellectual property should either be eliminated or substantially modified. The Convention should not contain provisions which would undermine the patent incentives which serve to encourage the development of biotechnology or any technology. Nor should it address the transfer of technologies that are unrelated to the conservation of biological diversity. Instead, the general emphasis of the negotiations should be on conserving biological diversity, including developing suitable measures for promoting the fair and equitable transfer of conservation technology to the owners of the resources to be conserved.

Contrary to U.S. policy, the Biological Diversity Convention singles out biotechnology for unfavorable treatment. U.S. policy states that biotechnology products like all other products must be regulated by product not process. No other industry is singled-out or specifically mentioned in the Convention draft language.

Convention Article 19 calls for the development and implementation of national policies and technical cooperation and Article 20 addresses how to handle biotechnology and distribute its benefits. The establishment of an international regulatory structure would cripple the U.S. biotechnology industry. With these provisions, U.S. leadership in biotechnology could be lost.

Were a Convention to be finalized that contained the articles mentioned above, IBA would find it necessary to strongly recommend against signature and ratification.

Both you and your Administration should be commended for promoting the U.S. biotechnology industry. With your support the U.S. is firmly established as the biotechnology world leader, we write to you because we know you join us in wanting to maintain this lead. Thank you for considering IBA's concerns.

Very truly yours,



RDG/ray

cc: The Honorable James A. Baker III

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 6, 1992

Dear Mr. Godown:

Thank you for your letter to President Bush regarding the Biological Diversity Convention held in Nairobi, and related issues. The President appreciates your support and suggestions, and has requested that I respond on his behalf.

The United States 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. As you pointed out, 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 at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), held in Rio de Janeiro, to accelerate the worldwide collection and classification of data on plants and animals as part of a global effort to preserve biodiversity.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to write and express your support. Enclosed for your information is material that was prepared for UNCED, which outlines actions that the United States has taken to advance environmental protection. It comes to you with the President's best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



D. Allan Bromley

The Assistant to the President
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Dear Mr. Fullarton:

Thank you for your letter to President Bush regarding the United National Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) and for the material on the information industry, particularly the Declaration by the Global Alliance of Information Industry Associations. The President appreciates your suggestions on US policies regarding information and UNCED, and has asked me to reply to your letter on his behalf.

The United States has been, and will continue to be a leader in environmental stewardship and President Bush believes that global stewardship is our shared responsibility and our shared opportunity. There is no question that the information industry, which allows for vital links to be forged between economic growth and the environment, is key to the success of true global stewardship. The President 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. A successful and robust global information industry is essential to this effort.

Once again, thank you for your kind letter of support and for taking the time to express your interest on this issue.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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D. Allan Bromley
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May 14, 1992

The President
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President:

The interaction of our market economy and system of freedom of expression in the United States gave birth to the first information industry in the world. Growth of an information marketplace continues to fuel our market economy and to enhance the responsiveness of public institutions. The information industry can truly be called "the business of democracy."

The growth of a private sector information industry is a key link between the economic growth and environmental issues to be brought before the forthcoming United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) in Brazil. The U.S. delegation has the precedent and unique authority to suggest this point as a much-needed breakthrough for the UNCED meeting.

IIA has been the catalyst for the Global Alliance of Information Industry Associations which has just released a Declaration on "Sustainable Development and the Information Industry." The Declaration suggests that access to information through an effective information infrastructure is critical for business, government and society to solve local manifestations of global problems. Information is essential in maintaining the delicate balance of the environment and economy.

We respectfully propose consideration of this approach in the U.S. Government positions for UNCED. Enclosed is a summary of the Declaration, a related news release and IIA's 1992 Annual Report, "Information Liberates."

IIA welcomes any opportunity you may deem appropriate to meet to discuss this matter.

Sincerely,

David C. Fullarton
President

Enclosures

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 14, 1992

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NEWS RELEASE

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Global Information Industry Essential to Maintain Delicate Balance of Environment and Economy

Washington, DC — May 14, 1992 — What do the information industries of Argentina, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Europe, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Ireland, Jamaica, Japan, Korea, Latin America, Mexico, The Netherlands, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, People's Republic of China, Spain, United Kingdom, and the United States...all agree on? That "delicate balances sustain life" and that information has an essential role to play in the delicate balance of the environment and economy.

Under the auspices of **The Global Alliance of Information Industry Associations**, business representatives of 27 counterpart associations around the world have released a declaration asserting that:

There are no simple solutions for maintaining the balances needed to ensure a liveable planet. The accumulated impact of decisions made by all people in their personal, social, economic and political lives defines these balances and reflects how good we are to ourselves, to each other and to the earth.

Often the ramifications of decisions (that affect the environment and the economy) are not readily apparent. Consequently, timely, reliable and cost-effective access by all people to needed information is a crucial element in sustaining a liveable planet.

What people know and when they know it, determines the options they consider, the choices they make and the combination of resources they use to implement their choices.

Robert A. Vitro, Director, Global Business Development, for the U.S. Information Industry Association (IIA), serves as GAIIA Secretariat. Vitro said, "Access to information through an effective information infrastructure is critical for business, government, and society to solve local manifestations of global problems. All over the world, information companies and their customers are partners in overcoming information scarcity and information overload to learn how to solve problems."

The Declaration is directed to those concerned with the issues to be discussed during the **United Nations Conference on Environment and Development** (to be held in Rio de Janeiro in June). The Declaration asserts that, "Development of the information marketplace in economies around the world is essential to sustainable development."

The **World Council on Environment and Development** defines "sustainable development" as "a continuing process of economic and social development...that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

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GLOBAL ALLIANCE OF INFORMATION INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS (GAIIA)

Commercial Diplomacy Declaration on Sustainable Development and the Information Industry ("Tokyo Declaration")

Preamble

The earth is a living system of which human beings are an integral part. Delicate balances sustain life. Adjustments are constantly required in order to maintain these balances.

There are no simple solutions for maintaining the balances needed to ensure a liveable planet. The accumulated impact of decisions made by all people in their personal, social, economic and political lives defines these balances and reflects how good we are to ourselves, to each other and to the earth. Often, the ramifications of these decisions are not readily apparent. Consequently, timely, reliable and cost-effective access by all people to needed information is a crucial element in sustaining a liveable planet. Therefore, development of the information sector in economies around the world is essential to a democratic process of sustainable development.

Creating the Future Today

When people learn something new, they behave differently. Our species becomes what it beholds. We define ourselves by the way we see ourselves, by the problems we decide to address and by the way we address those problems. Our planet can become whatever we as a species want it to become. Crucial to creating the future today is the recognition that action taken anywhere on the planet can have an impact everywhere.

Human beings create the environments for their development and are products of the environments they create for themselves. People around the world define this interaction, and adjust and create the future through the individual, social, cultural, economic and political decisions they make.

This perspective highlights the role of human beings as the means for achieving sustainable development and the constant improvement of the human condition as an end of that development.

Self-Adjustment Mechanisms

The future is created by the exercise of individual and collective capacity for social, economic and political self-adjustment, not through ideological or technological quick-fixes. This capacity for taking corrective action in a timely manner must be continually cultivated and renewed. Adjusting to change is as important as change itself. Self-adjustment involves who makes a decision, when a decision is made, under what conditions, with what degree of certainty and what resources are available to implement the decision. What people know and when they know it, determines the options they consider, the choices they make and the combination of resources they use to implement their choices.

The profound character of the interrelated local and global changes creates uncertainty as well as a search for deeper insights and new approaches. Reducing this uncertainty results in increases in the demand for precise, timely and accurate information for people to build and apply knowledge. This demand is provoking a worldwide resurgence of the local and global information infrastructure. Satisfying this demand changes the character of economic growth.

The Changing Character of Economic Development

Harmony among humankind depends in large measure on achieving a type of economic growth that enables all people, individually and collectively, to have the hope and the means for continually improving the quality of their lives without jeopardizing the same possibility for others now and in the future. The World Council on Environment and Development defines this type of growth as sustainable development, "a continuing process of economic and social development, in both the developing and industrialized nations, that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

Information marketplace expansion links environment and development by offering the possibility for continued economic growth based on quantitative and qualitative changes in the character of supply and demand.

Each society evolves a set of socio-economic mechanisms – an information infrastructure – for enabling people, individually and collectively, to build and apply knowledge. As people build knowledge through learning,

training and skill development, their capacity to improve the quality of their lives is enhanced and their ability to use other resources in a sustainable manner is improved.

Building and Applying Knowledge

A larger and larger supply of information does not ensure sustainable development. Ensuring that people have the capacity to access more of the information they need, when they need it, in order to build and apply knowledge is an essential component for evolving a process of sustainable development.

Emerging from the convergence of content, communications, hardware and software, information companies are successful to the extent that they facilitate human access to "information solutions" for building and applying knowledge. Information companies and their customers are partners in creating an information marketplace to overcome both information scarcity and overload.

Expansion of this partnership creates conditions for more people to better build and apply knowledge. This expansion is an essential initial step in facilitating individual and collective mobility from information to knowledge and on towards understanding and wisdom. A society that values this mobility is a society that has the hope of becoming sustainable. A species that creates conditions for all its members to become wise, can develop the means to become sustainable.

The Information Industry and the Economy

An information marketplace is a core element in a democratic process of sustainable development. Growth of a fair, open and competitive information marketplace can contribute to economic growth characterized by respect for the environment. Growth of an information marketplace facilitates the operation and strengthens the responsiveness of market mechanisms and public institutions.

Expansion of a fair, open and competitive information marketplace changes the character of economic growth in two ways. First, through the use of information products and services, resource mixes are changed and value can

be added to other resources. Second, the information industry is an economic activity which creates value by organizing data into formats that facilitate timely and cost-effective access to precise, reliable and complete information. The combination of these processes offers the possibility for a type of economic growth that respects the environment.

Values

Quantitative and qualitative economic growth and development are inextricably linked by their relation to information. Qualitative values are becoming increasingly important factors in decisions involving both supply and demand. Further, economic time series are becoming less and less useful to predict change since their use is based on the assumption that all conditions remain the same, which is increasingly untrue. Sustainable development contributes to and results from changing the relative values and mixes among physical and intellectual resources needed to achieve economic growth.

Subtle changes of emphasis between quantitative and qualitative values can have profound implications on the criteria for defining and measuring economic growth. A better understanding of these changes, further refinement of economic models and techniques to reflect them as well as the integration of the information sector and information industry into economic policies and business strategies could significantly contribute to sustainable development.

The economic and social values which are crucial to information industry growth include trust, opportunity, cooperation, learning, integrity, innovation, growth and development are also essential to a democratic process of sustainable development. These values are expressed through the industry's promotion of a fair, open and competitive information marketplace; building public-private information partnerships; balancing the need to reduce barriers to information access while creating incentives to make information available; ensuring a balance between openness and privacy; enhancing the capacity for knowledge building; demonstrating its capacity to create value and raising its own and society's ethical standards toward the creation of a marketplace of ideas.

Quality of life as well as survival depend on promoting these values and creating institutions which reflect and promote these values. An indicator of our species willingness to expand these values is the degree to which the linkage between sustainable development and information industry growth is recognized and reflected in policies and behavior.

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PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH
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RE: RIO DE JANIERO CONFERENCE
SOLAR COOKING AND HEATING

DEAR PRESIDENT BUSH:

SOLAR COOKING AND HEATING ARE SUBJECTS THAT I BELIEVE SHOULD
BE INTRODUCED AND SUPPORTED BY YOU AT THE RIO DE JANIERO
CONFERENCE. ENCLOSED IS THE INFORMATION I HAVE ON THE SUBJECT.

I AM AN ENVIRONMENTALIST AND BELIEVE THERE ARE THINGS WE CAN
DO TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE WITH INFORMATION ABOUT GOOD
SCIENCE, LIKE SOLAR COOKING AND HEATING. HOWEVER, I DO NOT
BELIEVE ATTEMPTING OR ACTUALLY REDUCING THE PRODUCTION OF CARBON
DIOXIDE WILL EVER HAVE A MEASUREABLE EFFECT ON EARTH. IT WOULD
BE EFFORT WASTED.

IN MY OPINION, THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES SHOULD BE
TO DISSEMINATE THE FACTS CONCERNING SOLAR COOKING AND HEATING TO
ALL THE ENTREPRENEURS IN AT LEAST THE TEMPERATE AND TROPICAL
ZONES. MY OBSERVATION IS THAT EVEN HERE IN HOUSTON I COULD COOK
LUNCH AND DINNER IN THE BACK YARD WITH SOLAR HEAT AT LEAST 50% OF
THE TIME AND MANY YEARS I ESTIMATE THAT IT COULD BE OVER 75% OF
THE TIME.

DEDICATED ENVIRONMENTALISTS WOULD BE WELL REWARDED IF THEY
GRASP THIS OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE, SAVE WOOD
USED FOR COOKING AND HEATING, CREATE JOBS, IMPROVE THE HEALTH IN
MANY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND OTHER THINGS, AT ONLY THE COST OF

DISSEMINATING THIS INFORMATION. I MIGHT EVEN CONSTRUCT A SOLAR OVEN MYSELF AND USE IT, AT LEAST, INSTEAD OF MY BARBECUE PIT!

OBVIOUSLY, WATER CAN BE BOILED IN SOLAR DEVICES. IT IS MERELY A MATTER OF EDUCATION FOR PEOPLE IN THE TROPICS TO AVOID THE WATER-BORNE DISEASES TO WHICH THEY ARE SUBJECT BY USING HEAT-STERILIZED WATER FOR DRINKING.

MR. LANGFORD OF THE GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY HAS DEVISED AN EFFECTIVE, MINIMUM COST DEVICE. THIS IS PROBABLY MOST SUITABLE FOR THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, IN THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, MORE ELABORATE STOVES USING ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY SUCH AS FOCUSABLE, PARABOLIC REFLECTORS, ONE-WAY GLASS, CAST ALUMINUM, AND OTHER THINGS, MIGHT PROVE POPULAR. WITH PROPER ADVERTISING, A SOLAR OVEN IN EVERY SUNNY BACKYARD COULD BE AS SOCIALLY REQUIRED AS A BARBECUE PIT.

I AM NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE PRODUCTS OF THE SOLAR BOX COOKERS INTERNATIONAL, 1724 11TH STREET, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 95814. THEY APPARENTLY HAVE SOME STOVES READY TO GO.

I SEEM TO RECALL THAT IN FLORIDA ROOF-TOP SOLAR WATER HEATERS ARE USED.

ALL IN ALL, ENVIRONMENTALISTS HAVE HERE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ACCOMPLISH SOMETHING GENUINELY EFFECTIVE. THE UNITED STATES SHOULD SUPPORT IT. I BELIEVE THAT WITH YOUR SUPPORT THAT THIS CONCEPT WOULD BE ACCEPTED.

SINCERELY,



L. W. MINTURN

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Mr. L. W. Minturn
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Houston, TX 77024

Dear Mr. Minturn:

Thank you for writing to the National Geographic Society.

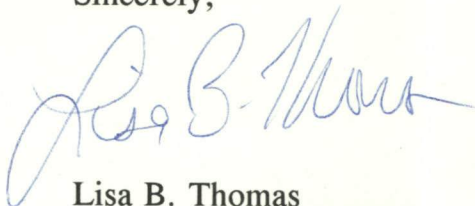
The Society has not published comprehensive information on solar stoves. However, brief information on this subject appeared in the June 1991 Earth Almanac column of the magazine, and I have copied and enclosed this material for you. If you would like to contact Mr. Lankford with your ideas, his address is:

Mr. William Lankford
Department of Physics
George Mason University
Fairfax, VA 22030-4444

You may also wish to write to Solar Box Cookers International, 1724 11th Street, Sacramento, California 95814.

It was a pleasure to hear from you.

Sincerely,



Lisa B. Thomas
Research Correspondence

Earth Almanac

Stranded Whale Warmed by Tailor-made Wet Suit

"Whales and dolphins seem to bring out the best in people," says Laurel Canty of the Dolphin Research Center in the Florida Keys. Such was the case last fall when a pygmy sperm whale became stranded off Lignumvitae Key. Caring for the victim at a holding facility, the center's staff dreamed up a novel survival tool—a whale wet suit.

The whale, a female, was underweight and shivering. "We were anticipating a cold front," Canty adds. A wet suit would add warmth. The whale's measurements were sent to an Orlando wet-suit company, which quickly made a yellow neoprene jacket with holes for the fins.

Snug in her suit, the whale lasted eight weeks before losing her battle for survival. Perhaps in the future other rescued marine mammals will benefit from such innovative and tender loving care.



LAUREL CANTY, DOLPHIN RESEARCH CENTER

make a meal, and half the annual wood harvest goes up in cooking smoke. William F. Lankford, a physicist at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia, thinks he knows the ingredient missing from the original solar recipe—community involvement.

"This is not just an engineering project. It involves the interaction of human beings," says Lankford. Since 1988 he has held oven workshops and demonstrations in five Central American nations, including Costa Rica (left). Participants have built about 250 solar ovens using local materials, and many bake their main meal in the ovens.

Past efforts failed, Lankford believes, because previous ovens were too sophisticated,

donated from afar to poor communities with no local collaboration. "People need to contribute their own time and labor, to make a personal investment," he says.

In basic design a small glass-topped box of wood or cardboard uses a reflective, foil-covered lid to collect more of the sun's rays. Black cooking pots rest on a black metal floor to absorb heat. Temperatures can reach 360°F, but meals may take two to four hours to cook. "People are a lot more patient in Latin America," Lankford adds.



WILLIAM F. LANKFORD

Cooking With the Sun: a New Ray of Hope

Build a simple glass-topped box. Place it in the sun. Bake dinner and serve—sparing the community's wood supply. That environmental recipe has been known since the 1950s, when solar ovens were offered to the world's rural poor in hopes of reducing their dependency on wood for fuel. But the idea never really caught on.

Today two billion people burn the earth's dwindling supply of wood to

Tiny Marine Hijacker Nabs Poisonous Protector

No creature had ever been known to capture another that is armed with chemical defenses and carry it around for protection. Now biologists James B. McClintock and John Janssen have witnessed hundreds of such abductions beneath Antarctica's sea ice.

The bizarre kidnappings involve two invertebrates—a quarter-inch-long amphipod and its smaller quarry, a sea butterfly. The amphipod lacks defenses against hungry fish and captures sea butterflies, which contain chemicals that fish despise. "An amphipod zips up to a sea butterfly like an F-15 and slings it up on



PHIL OSHEL; AMPHIPOD, *HYPERIELLA DILATATA*; SEA BUTTERFLY, *CLIONE LIMACINA*.

its back," says McClintock. Wings retracted, the captive is held for days (above). Some amphipods free hostages and capture new ones.

The amphipods gain safety, but carrying passengers may slow their feeding. Sea butterflies, although prevented from feeding at all, seem none the worse for wear.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 14, 1992

Dear Mr. Minturn:

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 Solar Cooking and Heating 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Allan Bromley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the beginning and a large, stylized "B" for the last name.

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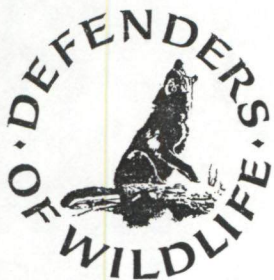
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Rodger Schlickeisen
President

May 12, 1992

The Hon. George Bush
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Dear Mr. President:

We are deeply concerned by the present U.S. posture toward the biological diversity treaty which is to be signed by Contracting Parties at the United Nations Conference on the Environment and Development (UNCED) in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. This treaty is presently being negotiated at the fifth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) in Nairobi, Kenya. By hindering progress toward a strong and effective biodiversity treaty, the U.S. delegation could effectively eliminate the duty of the U.S. government and other Contracting Parties to conserve biodiversity, both in their own territories and abroad. We find these actions unconscionable.

With regard to U.S. obligations to conserve biodiversity at home, we are disturbed by the U.S. delegation's May 10, 1992 proposal to revise Article 7 of the treaty. In place of previous draft language which demands the use of all methods and procedures necessary to maintain viable populations of species and their habitat, the U.S. delegation is proposing measures that would merely "promote the maintenance of ecosystems, natural habitats and viable populations of species in natural surroundings" and "promote the restoration of degraded ecosystems and threatened species ..." Sections 7(b)(4), (5), Proposal of the U.S. Delegation, 10 May 1992 ("Proposal") (emphasis added). It is clear to us that "promoting" biodiversity is considerably weaker than actively "conserving" or "rehabilitating" it.

Furthermore, the May 10 U.S. proposal also dropped the duty of Contracting Parties to conserve ("manage and regulate") biodiversity within their own boundaries. See Section 7(c) of Fifth Revised Draft Convention on Biological Diversity ("Fifth Draft"). It is absolutely crucial that the U.S. not compromise the duties of states in the international community to conserve biological diversity within their own boundaries. In fact, the U.S. should be a leader in promoting such biodiversity conservation.

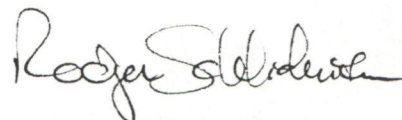
With regard to current U.S. obligations to conserve biodiversity both on the high seas and in other countries, the U.S. delegation intends to limit a Party's responsibility to conserve biodiversity abroad. The delegation is currently rejecting proposals which would have Contracting Parties identify and monitor threats to biodiversity as well as components of biodiversity in areas beyond the jurisdiction of that Party. See Article 6, Proposal.

Finally, we are troubled by the unexplained removal of John Buffington from the U.S. delegation to the fifth INC session in Nairobi and by the apparent recent reversal of several U.S. positions toward the biodiversity treaty. In our opinion, Dr. Buffington was an excellent addition to the U.S. delegation, and either his absence or the delegation's written instructions has diminished the quality of the U.S. representation in Nairobi. We hope that documents such as the one that came out of the Vice-President's office on April 14, 1992 have not unduly influenced the negotiating posture of the delegation in Nairobi.

Mr. President, the conservation of biological diversity should be a clear priority of the United States. The immense variety of life and its biological processes is a resource we cannot afford to squander. Because this planet's very existence is dependent upon biodiversity, we urge you to conserve it with zeal by supporting a strong biological diversity treaty, including those provisions not yet negotiated, at the INC meeting in Nairobi.

Thank you for your attention to these very important matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Rodger Schlickeisen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Rodger" being more prominent and the last name "Schlickeisen" written in a more compact, flowing style.

Rodger Schlickeisen
President

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 28, 1992

Dear Mr. Schlickeisen:

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,



D. Allan Bromley

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Synod of New York

Reformed Church in America

May 12, 1992

President George Bush
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20550

Dear Mr. President:

At our meeting last Saturday, the Synod of New York voted to urge you to attend the Conference on Environment and Development next month in Rio de Janeiro. The commitment of the United States to be the leader of the nations seeking a safer environment is most important to us as citizens of this planet.

On my way home from our gathering in Warwick, New York, I heard on the radio news that you are planning to attend - and so, I simply say, "Thanks!"

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John E. Hiemstra".

John E. Hiemstra

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42 North Broadway
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Executive Secretary — John E. Hiemstra

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 4, 1992

Dear Mr. Hiemstra:

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

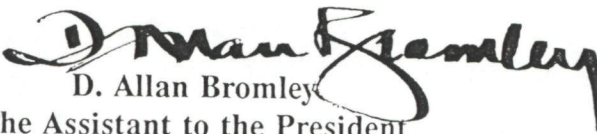
The United States has been, and will continue to be, a leader in environmental stewardship. President Bush believes that global stewardship is our shared responsibility and our shared opportunity. He is committed to working with the international community to produce strategies for managing the Earth's 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.

Once again, thank you for your kind letter of support.

Sincerely yours,


D. Allan Bromley
The Assistant to the President
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Texas Environmental Action Coalition

— P.O. Box E-1, College Station, Texas 77844

May 11, 1992

President Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear President Bush,

On April 22, 1992, the Texas Environmental Action Coalition held an Earth Day - Education Day Fair for the Students, Faculty and Staff of Texas A&M University. Throughout the day, people were offered the opportunity to sign the attached proclamation. The pages of signatures are included for your attention.

President Bush, please add our proclamation and attached signatures to the many voices asking you to go to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro.

The current crises facing our nation and the world will not be solved easily, but people of courage, character and high moral fiber will look past the immediate difficulties and strive to achieve the long-term goals. People without these characteristics will deny the existence of the problems, striving instead to achieve the greatest personal comfort at the least personal cost.

Please President Bush, show your commitment to truly improving the World and the United States' part in it. Go to UNCED, recognize the global crises in Environment and Development, demonstrate your belief that there is hope. Take responsibility for our nation's actions and make a commitment to learn from our mistakes --what a wonderful example to set for the people of our country.

Sincerely,

Lara P. Mears

President

Texas Environmental Action Coalition

EARTH DAY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Public concern about protecting the global environment continues to grow as evidence mounts of the long-term damage being done to the Earth by global climate change, toxic waste, freshwater and ocean pollution and loss of biological diversity; and

WHEREAS: Environmental problems are inextricably linked with economic and trade policies; and

WHEREAS: We all have many critical responsibilities with respect to supporting responsible economic development as well as for environmental protection and natural resource management including land-use planning, transportation, solid and hazardous waste management, and procurement policies; and

WHEREAS: We have all long supported environmental protection programs and responsible economic development and management of natural resources for the benefit of all members of the community as well as for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS: We also support state and national legislation which enables us to develop and implement successful economic development and environmental protection and natural resource management programs; and

WHEREAS: In June of 1992, the world's leaders will gather in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) to consider new and bold steps to achieve solutions to the planet's environmental and economic development problems; and

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE,
THE UNDERSIGNED CITIZENS OF THE EARTH,*

Call upon the President of the United States to join his counterparts from around the world in an Earth summit at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), and to instruct U.S. negotiators to use the UNCED negotiating process as an opportunity to establish the United States' role as a visionary leader in managing the planet's resources for present and future generations.

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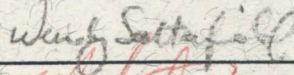
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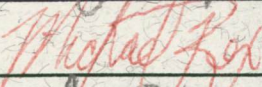
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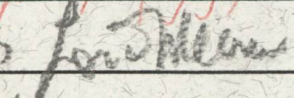
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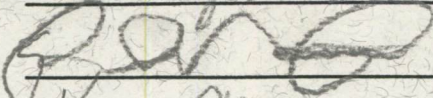
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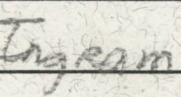
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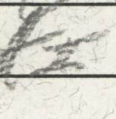
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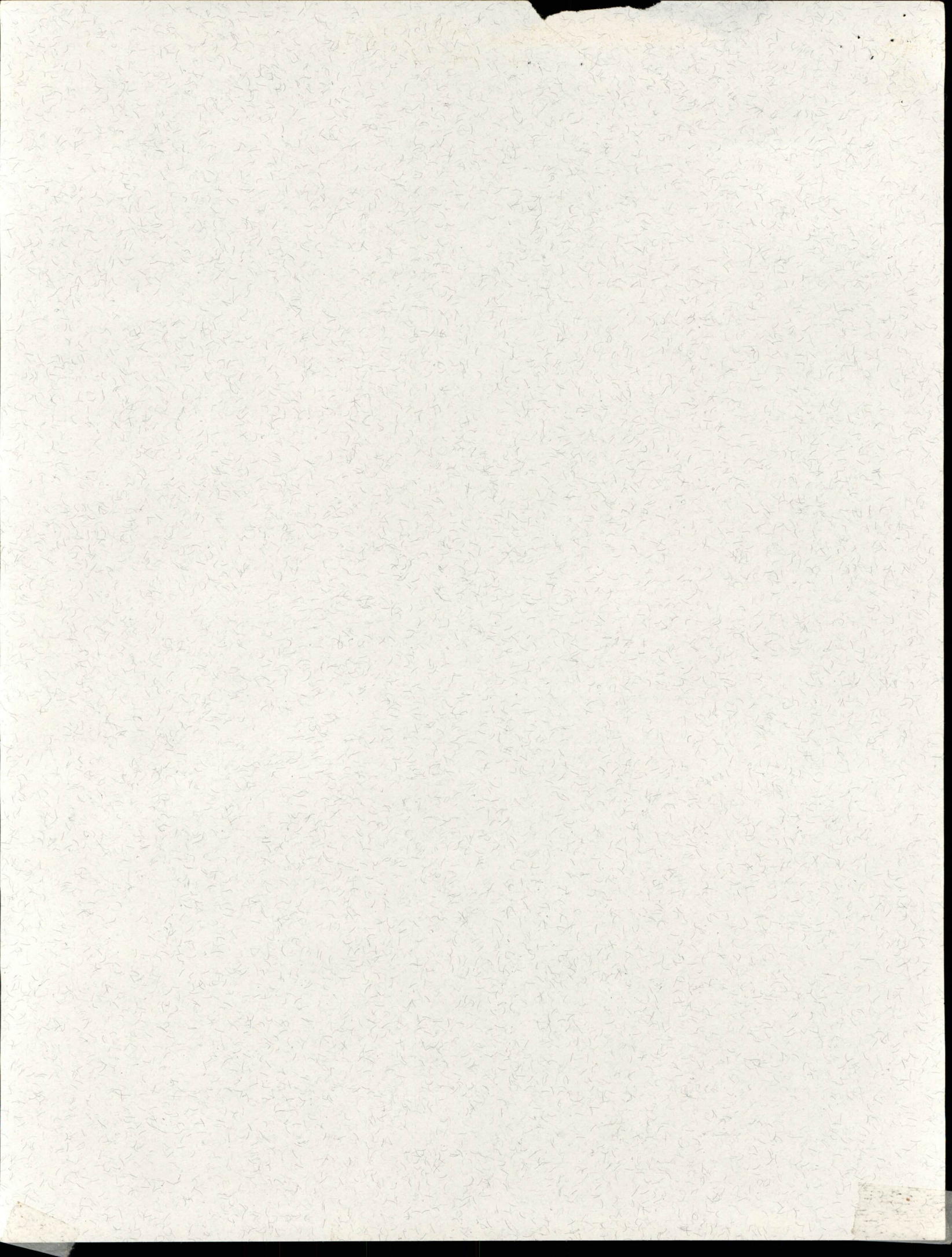
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 14, 1992

Dear Ms. Mears:

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.

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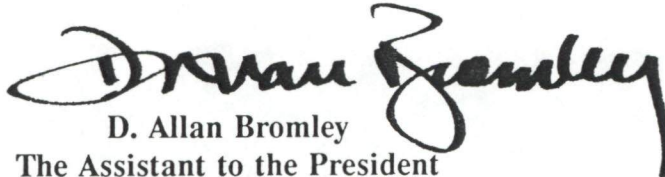
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With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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D. Allan Bromley
The Assistant to the President
for
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Ms. Lara P. Mears
President
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TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL PRIORITY DOCUMENT NUMBER: 9201881
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FROM: BELTZER, John E.: NEBRASKA COALITION FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

DATE OF
CORRESPONDENCE: 05/08/92

SUBJECT: HE URGES THE PRESIDENT TO ATTEND THE UNCED
CONFERENCE.

DIRECTORATE STAFF
ASSIGNED: ENVIRONMENT ASSIGNED:

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
June 4, 1992

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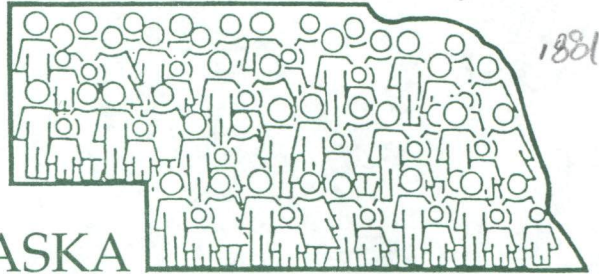
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May 8, 1992

President George Bush
The White House
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Re: The Earth Summit

Dear President Bush:

The issues of climate change and energy policy are absolutely critical to the preservation of our economy and environment.

The United States is isolated in its refusal to adopt policies that would significantly reduce carbon dioxide emissions.

On behalf of the members of our organization, I join the Union of Concerned Scientists in calling upon you to:

- * direct full United States participation in Earth Summit, including your personal attendance;
- * commit the United States to reduce carbon dioxide emissions to 20 percent below those of 1990 by the year 2000;
- * sign the climate change treaty that is to be presented at Earth Summit; and
- * fully implement energy policies in the United States that will meet the commitment agreed to at Earth Summit.

We want you to go to Rio de Janeiro prepared to show the world that the United States will still lead the way when it comes to saving the global environment.

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FROM: Shatek, Leonard

TO: President Bush

DATE OF
CORRESPONDENCE: 05/08/92

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

DIRECTORATE STAFF
ASSIGNED: ASSIGNED: Nancy Maynard

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

As the electricity distribution cooperative for nearly 5,000 rural families in northeast Iowa, the Hawkeye Tri-County Electric Cooperative (Hawkeye) is very interested in the work of the United Nations' Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) on a framework convention on climate change. More than 90% of our power supply is dependent on fossil fuels.

I am taking this opportunity to convey Hawkeye's 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.

Finally, we believe that the United States deserves total international support for the massive global climate change research program now underway to achieve a sound scientific understanding for effective global stewardship policies.

We extend to you and the U.S. delegation every good wish for success in these very important negotiations.

Leonard Shatek
Leonard Shatek,
President

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Global Climate Change Position
of
Hawkeye Tri-County Electric Cooperative
Cresco, Iowa

Considerable concern and controversy have arisen in recent years about the potential impacts certain human activities will have on the Earth's temperature and climate. These concerns and their potential impacts are commonly associated with the terms 'greenhouse effect,' 'global warming' or 'global climate change.'

It is an accepted scientific fact that virtually all present plant and animal life on earth is made possible by 'greenhouse' gases which cause the earth to be some 60°F(33°C) warmer than it would be in their absence. For the past century or more, human activities have caused an increase in the concentration of greenhouse gases which has invited speculation that the earth might further warm and significantly alter the biosphere. The greenhouse gases that have increased in concentration include carbon dioxide (CO₂), chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs), nitrous oxides (N₂O), and methane (CH₄). If increased concentrations of these gases do cause additional warming, then another greenhouse gas, water vapor (H₂O), could increase in the atmosphere by evaporation, which could either moderate or compound the effect.

Currently it is not possible to predict with certainty what effect increased concentrations in the atmosphere will have on global climate. Most predictions to date have been based on computer models (called 'general circulation models,' or 'GCMs'), which are not yet sophisticated enough to take into account the many complex mechanisms in the land-ocean-atmosphere system that may enhance or reduce global warming. Examples of such mechanisms that are not adequately incorporated in present GCMs include the role of clouds, vegetative growth, the release and absorption of CO₂ by the oceans, and volcanic activity.

As the models have been refined, there has been a tendency for the predicted global temperature increase to become small. This trend may or may not continue. It has also been difficult to predict future temperature changes based on the temperature records since the industrial revolution because of poor temperature data and the natural variability of the earth's climate.

Despite the many scientific uncertainties that exist today, the potential seriousness of global climate change warrants careful attention to those human activities which may increase the concentration of greenhouse gases. If remedies are required, they must be international in scope. Consequently, we support national and international actions which:

- * Accelerate research activities to identify the potential impact of greenhouse gases on the Earth's climate including an evaluation of the relative potential impact of each of the primary greenhouse gases;
- * Promote the acceleration of the development and production of non-ozone depleting chemicals as substitutes for

chlorofluorocarbons, hydrochlorofluorocarbons and other ozone-depleting chemicals as agreed to in the Montreal Protocol; or as may be agreed to in any subsequent international agreement or national legislation;

- * Facilitate further development, commercialization and promotion of energy efficiency, including clean coal technology and other energy production, delivery and utilization technologies;
- * Promote and encourage the expanded use of efficient end use consumer products;
- * Provide incentives for electric utility and consumer investments in energy efficiency;
- * Take all reasonable action to prevent worldwide deforestation and to encourage reforestation;
- * Identify the activities in which the substitution of electrical energy could reduce greenhouse emissions; and
- * Foster continuing public education programs that objectively address the issue of global climate change.

Given the scientific uncertainties regarding possible climate change, we believe that these steps represent a prudent approach and that more severe measures which would have serious effect on national and international economies should not be implemented at this time. Examples of actions that we presently consider inadvisable include:

- * Discriminatory taxation leading to an imbalance in the national energy supply;
- * The imposition of any new direct or indirect ceilings or caps on man-made greenhouse gas releases unless clear, scientific evidence shows such ceilings or caps are necessary; and
- * Failure to give full credit for benefits realized under any prior implemented programs. (92-G-2)

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 7, 1992

Dear Mr. Shatek:

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.

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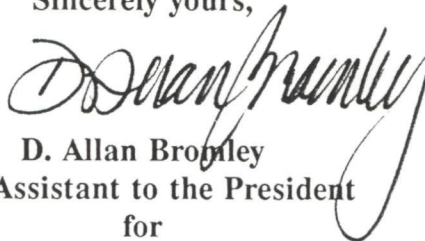
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FROM: FORSMAN, Eric: WORLD ECOLOGICAL SOCIETY

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

DATE OF
CORRESPONDENCE: 05/07/92

SUBJECT: HE IS FORWARDING INFORMATION ON THEIR PROGRAM THAT
MAY BE USEFUL TO PRESIDENT BUSH AT THE RIO
CONFERENCE.

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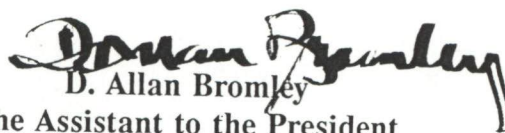
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The Assistant to the President
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Mr. Eric Forsman
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World Ecological Society*Promoting Sustainable Consumption and Intergenerational Equity of the Earth's Natural Resources***FAX MEMO**

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MAIL ROOM**DATE : May 7, 1992****Number of Pages** 1**TO : White House Staff****FROM : Eric Forsman****SUBJECT : Business and the Environment - No Dichotomy Here!****Dear Staff Member;**

In light of the fact that Mr. Bush may attend the Earth Summit, the environmental advisory staff may be interested in a program we are implementing that could serve as an example of the types of environmental programs developed through creative problem solving that go hand in hand with economic development, especially in light of a global economy.

Our program actually **PROMOTES & STIMULATES** business with these and other benefits:

1. Preserves currently remaining tropical forests in Latin America and expands tropical forest area through reforestation.
2. Attacks the underlying socio-economic problems contributing to deforestation by providing poor peasant farmers that otherwise would have cleared the forests through "slash & burn" agriculture. These become families that sustain themselves from the forests rather than by clearing them. One family is accommodated for each 25 acres being preserved or reforested.
3. Prevents the export of thousands of U.S. JOBS to Latin America.
4. Expands and stimulates new international markets for U.S. goods and services.
5. Eliminates the need for foreign aid to participating countries.

This program is currently being implemented and has been well received by both host country and environmental officials.

If someone would like to learn more about the specifics of the program I can be contacted days (8:00 - 3:30 CDT) at (816) 842-4130 or evenings (after 6:00 PM CST) at (816) 453-7413.

Cordially,
Eric Forsman**President**

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FROM: GOLDMAN, Richard: GOLDMAN ENVIRONMENTAL FOUNDATION

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

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SUBJECT: APPRECIATION FOR MEETING WITH THE GOLDMAN
ENVIRONMENTAL PRIZE WINNERS OF 92; AND URGES THE
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FROM: MR. RICHARD GOLDMAN
PRESIDENT
THE GOLDMAN ENVIRONMENTAL
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1160 BATTERY STREET
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SAN FRANCISCO CA 94111

SUBJECT: APPRECIATION FOR MEETING WITH THE GOLDMAN
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THE PRESIDENT TO ATTEND THE ENVIRONMENTAL
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SALLY KELLEY
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May 7, 1992

The Honorable George Bush
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Knowing that you were under pressure relating to the Los Angeles riots, we are most appreciative to you for meeting with the Goldman Environmental Prize Winners of 1992 last Friday.

The winners were touched by your graciousness towards them and enthusiasm for their efforts to protect the earth. They join with me in urging you to attend the environmental summit in Rio.

Sincerely,

Wick Goldman

Duane Silverstein, Executive Director,
Goldman Environmental Foundation

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 29, 1992

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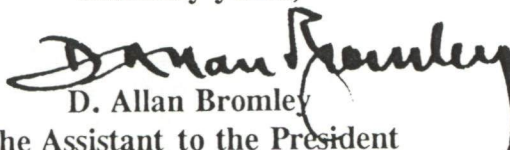
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