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TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

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CORRESPONDENCE: 04/27/92

SUBJECT: HE IS WRITING REGARDING THEIR SUPPORT OF THE U.S.
POSITION OF NO REGRETS.

DIRECTORATE STAFF
ASSIGNED: ENVIRONMENT ASSIGNED: Nancy Maynard

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April 27, 1992

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0570/Mr. Maynard
The Honorable George Bush
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing on behalf of the board of directors of Hoosier Energy Rural Electric Cooperative, the bulk power supplier owned and governed by 19 electric distribution cooperatives serving more than half a million residents, businesses, industries and farms in central and southern Indiana.

As the enclosed resolution details, we are supportive of the United States holding firm to a precautionary position and "no regrets" policy in regard to the deliberations of the United Nations' Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on a framework convention on climate change. You personally are to be commended for adhering to the "no regrets" policy position as the most sensible approach to global climate issues in face of scientific uncertainty. We strongly urge the formal addition of a "no tax, no cap" position on carbon dioxide emissions to the "no regrets" policy.

We also support the transfer of innovative technology to all nations to improve the utilization of fossil fuels in conjunction with the development of even higher efficiency production processes and consumer end-use products.

Finally, we support the comprehensive global climate change research program now underway to achieve a sound scientific understanding for effective global stewardship policies, and believe the United States deserves total international support for its leadership in this vital research.

We join the other electric cooperatives throughout the nation in extending to you and the U.S. delegation every good wish for success in these most important negotiations.

Sincerely,

Virgil E. Peterson
President and
Chief Executive Officer

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Enclosure

RESOLUTION 10-1992

WHEREAS, there is widespread scientific disagreement as to whether or not any global warming is occurring, let alone climate change of a catastrophic nature; and

WHEREAS, there is considerable political pressure on the United States to sign a world treaty at the United Nations Council for Environment and Development meeting in June 1992 which would limit carbon dioxide production though emission caps; and

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

WHEREAS, such caps and taxes would substantially increase the cost of electricity produced by Hoosier Energy and other electric utilities relying on fossil fuels for their power production, resulting in severe cost impacts on electricity consumers, as well as ultimately damaging the U.S. economy; and

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

WHEREAS, President George Bush has consistently held firm to a reasonable position known as the "no regrets" policy; and

WHEREAS, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Executive Vice President Bob Bergland has conveyed to President Bush NRECA's strong support of the "no regrets" policy position and urged continued resistance to the imposition of a tax on fossil-fueled-produced energy, and arbitrary carbon dioxide emission limits;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Hoosier Energy Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. representing the interests of more than half-a-million residents, businesses and industries served by the power supply cooperative and its 19 member distribution systems:

1. Strongly commends President Bush for adhering to the "no regrets" policy position as the most sensible approach to global climate issues in the face of scientific uncertainty.
2. Urges the formal addition of a "no tax, no cap" position on carbon dioxide emissions to the "no regrets" policy.
3. Supports the transfer of innovative technology to all nations to improve the utilization of fossil fuels in conjunction with the development of even higher efficiency production processes and consumer end-use products.
4. Supports the comprehensive global climate change research program now underway to achieve a sound scientific understanding for effective global stewardship policies.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 14, 1992

Dear Mr. Peterson:

On behalf of President Bush, thank you for your very kind comments on US policy regarding potential global climate change. The President appreciates your support of the US policy position on this issue and has asked me to reply to your letter.

The President has been firm in his commitment to an intelligent policy on potential climate change. The US has insisted that policy address the full set of "greenhouse gases" rather than focusing narrowly on carbon dioxide alone, because a narrow CO₂-only policy would raise costs and omit significant environmental factors. Moreover, in light of the high economic costs and uncertain benefits, the US has resisted calls for rigid "targets and timetables," "caps" or taxes to cut carbon dioxide emissions.

Instead, the US has urged that countries adopt national action strategies comprised of concrete measures warranted on a variety of grounds which will also help reduce net greenhouse gas emissions. This policy is sometimes referred to as "no regrets." The US has already issued two reports of its national strategy, the February 1991 "Action Agenda" and the April 1992 "US Views" document. These reports catalogue a series of concrete, effective measures that will limit net greenhouse gas emissions without costly caps or taxes. Instead of costly targets, we have assembled a strategy that is more concrete and farther along in implementation than the actions of virtually any other country.

Our firm advocacy of this reasonable policy has paid off. Just last week, the nations of the world agreed to a Framework Convention on Climate Change that embodies the US approach. It calls for national action strategies to address net greenhouse gas emissions; it does not require binding targets and timetables for carbon dioxide emissions. It encourages technology cooperation between industrialized and developing countries. The Convention validates the US view that real actions and technological innovation, not costly targets, are the best ways to address potential climate change.

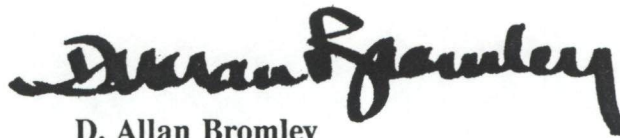
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Thank you for your support of our policy position on climate change, and for taking the time to express your interest in this subject.

With the President's best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "D. Allan Bromley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "D." and last name "Bromley" clearly legible.

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

Mr. Virgil E. Peterson
President and Chief Executive Officer
Hoosier Energy Rural and Electric
Cooperative, Inc.
P.O. Box 908
Bloomington, Indiana 47402-0908

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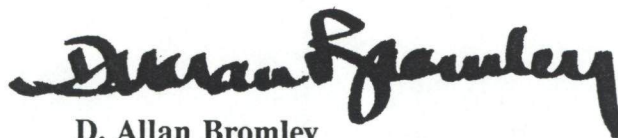
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With the President's best wishes,

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D. Allan Bromley
The Assistant to the President
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FROM: Rieber, Ryan J.: Panhandle Electric Membership Association

TO: President Bush

DATE OF
CORRESPONDENCE: 04/27/92

SUBJECT: Writing in Support of President Bush's "No Regrets
Policy"

DIRECTORATE STAFF
ASSIGNED: ASSIGNED: Nancy Maynard

ACTION STAFF
REQUIRED: ACTION: Draft for DAB's Signature

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 14, 1992

Dear Mr. Reiber:

On behalf of President Bush, thank you for your very kind comments on US policy regarding potential global climate change. The President appreciates your support of the US policy position on this issue and has asked me to reply to your letter.

The President has been firm in his commitment to an intelligent policy on potential climate change. The US has insisted that policy address the full set of "greenhouse gases" rather than focusing narrowly on carbon dioxide alone, because a narrow CO₂-only policy would raise costs and omit significant environmental factors. Moreover, in light of the high economic costs and uncertain benefits, the US has resisted calls for rigid "targets and timetables," "caps" or taxes to cut carbon dioxide emissions.

Instead, the US has urged that countries adopt national action strategies comprised of concrete measures warranted on a variety of grounds which will also help reduce net greenhouse gas emissions. This policy is sometimes referred to as "no regrets." The US has already issued two reports of its national strategy, the February 1991 "Action Agenda" and the April 1992 "US Views" document. These reports catalogue a series of concrete, effective measures that will limit net greenhouse gas emissions without costly caps or taxes. Instead of costly targets, we have assembled a strategy that is more concrete and farther along in implementation than the actions of virtually any other country.

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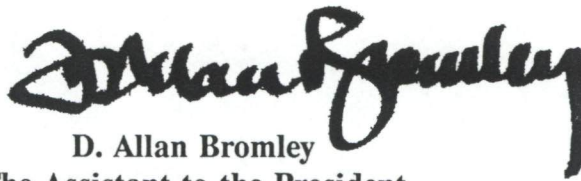
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Thank you for your support of our policy position on climate change, and for taking the time to express your interest in this subject.

With the President's best wishes,

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

Mr. Ryan J. Reiber
Manager
Panhandle Rural Electric Membership
Association
319 Black Hills
P.O. Box 677
Alliance, Nebraska 69301

Here Comes



PANHANDLE RURAL ELECTRIC
MEMBERSHIP
ASSOCIATION

Headquarters:
319 Black Hills - P. O. Box 677
ALLIANCE, NEBRASKA 69301

Dial 308-762-1311

April 27, 1992

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

Dear Mr. President:

Enclosed please find a resolution which our Board of Directors has adopted supporting your "no regrets" policy.

We also wish to show our support of the "no-tax, no-cap" position.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ryan J. Reiber".

Ryan J. Reiber,
Manager

RJR/sd
Enclosure

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RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Panhandle Rural Electric Membership Association, representing the interests of 1,502 electric consumers served by the PREMA-associated systems:

1. Strongly commends President Bush for adhering to the "no regrets" policy position as the most sensible approach to global climate issues when the science is yet uncertain, and

2. Urges the formal addition of a "no-tax, no-cap" position on CO₂ to the "no regrets" policy.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Directors of Panhandle Rural Electric Membership Association, do hereby support this resolution.

2/24/92

Dated


PREMA President

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FROM: Wick, Kent: Central Montana Electric Power Cooperative, Inc.

TO: President Bush

DATE OF
CORRESPONDENCE: 04/27/92

SUBJECT: He is writing to express his organizations support
for the "no Regret" policy regarding global warming

DIRECTORATE STAFF
ASSIGNED: ASSIGNED: Nancy Maynard

ACTION STAFF
REQUIRED: ACTION: Draft for DAB's Signature

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 14, 1992

Dear Mr. Wick:

On behalf of President Bush, thank you for your very kind comments on US policy regarding potential global climate change. The President appreciates your support of the US policy position on this issue and has asked me to reply to your letter.

The President has been firm in his commitment to an intelligent policy on potential climate change. The US has insisted that policy address the full set of "greenhouse gases" rather than focusing narrowly on carbon dioxide alone, because a narrow CO₂-only policy would raise costs and omit significant environmental factors. Moreover, in light of the high economic costs and uncertain benefits, the US has resisted calls for rigid "targets and timetables," "caps" or taxes to cut carbon dioxide emissions.

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With the President's best wishes,

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

Mr. Kent Wick
Manager
Central Montana Electric Power
Cooperative, Inc.
P.O. Box 50085
Billings, Montana 59105

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OSTP/Nancy Maynard
April 27, 1992

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

Dear Mr. President:

The duly elected Board of Trustees and Management of Central Montana Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., wishes to commend and support your "No Regrets" policy concerning the global climate change issues. Central Montana provides wholesale power to fourteen Montana rural electric cooperatives who, in turn, provide electric service to nearly 70,000 people.

We have closely followed the work of the United Nations Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC). We are aware that in the deliberations of the INC, the United States has consistently held firm to the sensible position and set of principles that have come to be known as the "no regrets" policy.

Central Montana Electric Power Cooperative receives approximately one-half of its power for its members from coal-fired plants. We are very concerned with the action of the INC. Our membership supports strong but reasonable environmental laws that protect our environment while realizing that mankind is a part of that environment.

If there is more we can do to demonstrate our support for your position on climate change, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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Kent Wick
Manager

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FROM: STYLER, Trudie: THE RAINFOREST FOUNDATION INC.

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

DATE OF
CORRESPONDENCE: 04/25/92

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF
AGENDA 21, A CLIMATE CHANGE AGREEMENT WITH TARGET
AND ENFORCEMENT MECHANISMS, AT THE UNCED "EARTH
SUMMIT".

DIRECTORATE STAFF
ASSIGNED: ENVIRONMENT ASSIGNED:

ACTION STAFF
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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED APRIL 25, 1992

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: MS. TRUDIE STYLER
PRESIDENT
THE RAINFOREST FOUNDATION, INC.
SUITE 1205
270 LAFAYETTE STREET
NEW YORK NY 10012

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION
OF AGENDA 21, A CLIMATE CHANGE AGREEMENT WITH
TARGET AND ENFORCEMENT MECHANISMS, AT THE
UNCED "EARTH SUMMIT"

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE, WORKSHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE
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AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE, 20500

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

THE WHITE HOUSE
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DATE RECEIVED: MAY 05, 1992

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MS. TRUDIE STYLER

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION
OF AGENDA 21, A CLIMATE CHANGE AGREEMENT WITH
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THE RAINFOREST FOUNDATION
Rainforest Foundation Inc.

April 25, 1992

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

Dear President Bush,

As members of the United States board of the Rainforest Foundation, an international organization working for the preservation of rainforests and the protection of the rights of the indigenous peoples who live there, we are concerned by the negative role which the United States is playing in the UN Conference on Environment and Development.

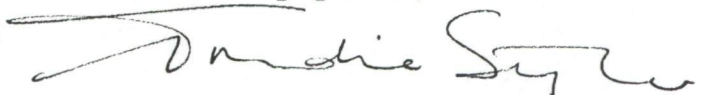
We share with individuals and organizations around the United States the belief that the Earth Summit offers a unique opportunity for government to join together to take meaningful action to protect the global environment and promote sustainable development. We are therefore greatly disturbed by reports that the US delegation at the recent Preparatory Committee obstructed or diluted efforts to resolve problems of the environment and development for which our country shares responsibility and which represent a serious threat to us all as well as to future generations.

We urge you to heed the calls of US citizens who support implementation of Agenda 21, a climate change agreement with target and enforcement mechanisms, and other constructive measures under consideration at UNCED, particularly those aimed at the protection of indigenous peoples and the tropical forests in which many of these peoples live.

We believe these measures are both in the long term interests of our planet and in the immediate interest of the United States, that investing in sustainable development here and abroad, encouraging energy efficiency and reducing waste can create new jobs, will result in a healthier economy and will improve our lives and the lives of our children.

Thank you for giving this your attention. We will be following the Administration's action on the environment with great interest in the hopes that our concerns will be met.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Trudie Styler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the beginning.

Trudie Styler
President
The Rainforest Foundation US Board

For The Rainforest Foundation US Board:

Miles Copeland
Susie Field
Jeffrey Hollender
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Louis McCagg
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Jonathan Rose
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Rose Styron
Stephen Viederman

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 29, 1992

Dear Ms. Styler:

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

The Assistant to the President
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Mr. Trudie Styler
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FROM: GLASS, James H.: THE WILDLIFE LEGISLATIVE FUND OF AMERICA

TO: DR. D.A. BROMLEY

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PRESIDENT
THE WILDLIFE LEGISLATIVE FUND OF
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COLUMBUS OH 43229

SUBJECT: URGES THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVES AT THE UNCED
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THE WILDLIFE LEGISLATIVE FUND OF AMERICA

To protect the Heritage of the American Sportsman to hunt, to fish and to trap.

April 17, 1992

The Honorable George Bush
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I would like to comment on the upcoming UNCED meeting to be held June 1-12, 1992, in Rio de Janeiro. The Wildlife Legislative Fund of America and its constituents are deeply concerned with recent requests that President Bush and the administration participate in the adoption of international, regional and national strategies that address the conservation of biological diversity, or biodiversity.

The Wildlife Legislative Fund of America (WLFA) is an association of sportsmen's conservation organizations established to protect the heritage of the American sportsman to hunt, fish and trap. It provides legislative lobbying, legal defense and education services. Through its associated organizations, the WLFA represents an aggregate membership of more than 1.5 million sportsmen-conservationists.

Although the concept of conserving and managing for a maximum level of biodiversity is appealing, the term 'biodiversity' has yet to be defined, or at best, is loosely defined. The WLFA is very concerned that adoption of a binding agreement which establishes biodiversity as an international goal will adversely affect existing wildlife management programs here in the United States.

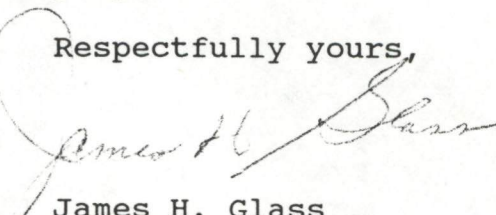
To elaborate, many management programs are designed to benefit particular species (e.g., black ducks, Florida panthers) or classes of species (e.g., those dependent on successional growth such as deer, ruffed grouse, quail or rabbits). By enhancing habitats and related species the otherwise natural order is altered. For example, many managed areas are operated to optimize productive waterfowl habitat. Optimization of waterfowl habitat could be construed as being inconsistent with natural biological diversity. We are persuaded that anti-hunting and anti-management interests are likely to use this goal to cripple traditional management programs.

It is, therefore, our request that any commitment by the United States to a far reaching agreement concerning biodiversity

must ensure that fish and wildlife professionals are free to continue to engage in management programs designed to benefit single species or classes of species. We are concerned that without such a provision, an international biodiversity goal could be used to thwart or restrict traditional management practices, including authorized and regulated fishing, hunting and trapping.

We strongly urge the United States representatives to the UNCED meeting in Rio de Janeiro to be especially cognizant of the damaging effects that an internationally binding biodiversity agreement could have here at home. The WLFA and its constituents support the continued emphasis on fish and wildlife restoration, enhancement and management and opposes potential measures which could detract from these goals and purposes.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James H. Glass", is written over a large, light-colored circular mark.

James H. Glass
President

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 8, 1992

Dear Mr. Glass:

On behalf of President Bush, thank you for your comments and suggestions about environmental issues and the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) and, especially, biodiversity. The President appreciates your concerns and has asked that I respond to your letter of April 17, 1992 regarding these issues.

As you know, at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), scheduled this June in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, President Bush is committed to achieving international agreement on a framework convention on climate change. The Bush Administration also hopes UNCED will produce strategies and specific initiatives to improve conservation of forests, oceans, and biological diversity, and to increase technology cooperation with developing countries. Your comments on biodiversity are a helpful addition to our discussions on the issue.

Thank you for taking the time to express your interest on biodiversity to President Bush.

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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Mr. James H. Glass
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TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

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PROGRAM ON THE GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE HYPOTHESIS AND,
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April 24, 1992

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The President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

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Cheyenne, Wyoming
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Mr. President:

The United Nation's Conference on the Environment and Development scheduled for June, 1992, in Rio de Janeiro should not proceed to sign protocols which call for stabilizing carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions at 1990 levels by the year 2000. The scientific basis for a need to do this is flawed and the consequences on the U.S. economy could be disastrous.

The Wyoming Mining Association supports public policy that balances environmental and economic considerations. Policy making in advance of scientific validation should only occur when such action benefits both the environment and the economy.

A comprehensive understanding of the global reaction to increased emissions of greenhouse gases is needed to determine if international accords are appropriate. Therefore, the Wyoming Mining Association supports the continued funding of a defined research program on the global climate change hypothesis.

Mr. President, the Wyoming Mining Association supports your position of "No Regrets", and that "No Targets or Time Tables" for carbon dioxide stabilization are justified. A change from this position would:

1. result in significant economic hardship on the U.S. economy;
2. disadvantage American industry in the world market;
3. enhance foreign economies at the expense of the U.S.; and
4. have almost no measurable impact on global carbon dioxide levels.

Thank you for the opportunity to address this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Marion Loomis'.

Marion Loomis
Executive Director

MEL/prm

cc: Congressional Delegation
The Governor of Wyoming

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 14, 1992

Dear Mr. Loomis:

On behalf of President Bush, thank you for your very kind comments on US policy regarding potential global climate change. The President appreciates your support of the US policy position on this issue and has asked me to reply to your letter.

The President has been firm in his commitment to an intelligent policy on potential climate change. The US has insisted that policy address the full set of "greenhouse gases" rather than focusing narrowly on carbon dioxide alone, because a narrow CO₂-only policy would raise costs and omit significant environmental factors. Moreover, in light of the high economic costs and uncertain benefits, the US has resisted calls for rigid "targets and timetables," "caps" or taxes to cut carbon dioxide emissions.

Instead, the US has urged that countries adopt national action strategies comprised of concrete measures warranted on a variety of grounds which will also help reduce net greenhouse gas emissions. This policy is sometimes referred to as "no regrets." The US has already issued two reports of its national strategy, the February 1991 "Action Agenda" and the April 1992 "US Views" document. These reports catalogue a series of concrete, effective measures that will limit net greenhouse gas emissions without costly caps or taxes. Instead of costly targets, we have assembled a strategy that is more concrete and farther along in implementation than the actions of virtually any other country.

Our firm advocacy of this reasonable policy has paid off. Just last week, the nations of the world agreed to a Framework Convention on Climate Change that embodies the US approach. It calls for national action strategies to address net greenhouse gas emissions; it does not require binding targets and timetables for carbon dioxide emissions. It encourages technology cooperation between industrialized and developing countries. The Convention validates the US view that real actions and technological innovation, not costly targets, are the best ways to address potential climate change.

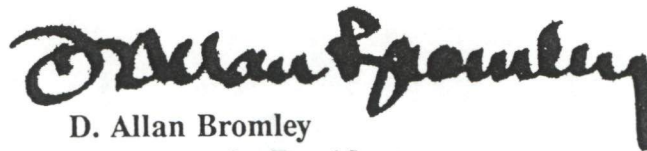
The President strongly believes that policy in this area must be based on the best scientific and economic information. Faced with the great uncertainties surrounding potential climate change, the US has therefore made the world's

Page 2 - Mr. Loomis

largest investment in global change research -- as large as that of all other countries combined. The Bush Administration has invested \$2.6 billion to date in global change research, with an additional \$1.3 billion requested for fiscal year 1993.

Thank you for your support of our policy position on climate change, and for taking the time to express your interest in this subject.

With the President's best wishes,

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

Mr. Marion Loomis
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GLOBAL CLIMATE COALITION

April 24, 1992

OSTP
The Honorable George Bush
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The Global Climate Coalition, a broad-based organization of companies and business trade associations, supports your effort to conclude a comprehensive framework convention on climate change that incorporates policies for long-term economic growth and appropriate protection of the environment.

We believe that any international agreement should establish programs that continue the necessary scientific research to determine the potential for climate change, and should address all types of greenhouse gases. Such a convention should also establish mechanisms to determine, globally and nationally, the economic effects of potential climate change. Furthermore, the convention should establish a positive working relationship between the developed world and less-developed countries. Finally, any agreement should be flexible so that countries may respond economically and efficiently to meet requirements of their unique circumstances. A convention should encourage, not constrain, the economic potential of all nations.

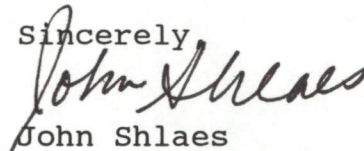
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Your rejection of firm commitments to stabilize carbon dioxide emissions by 2000 will save our economy \$92 billion per year and almost 600,000 jobs. We support your "no regrets" measure, rather than rigid targets and timetables.

Letter to President Bush
April 24, 1992
Page 2

The Global Climate Coalition believes this policy represents the most sensible and economically responsible course of action for our nation.

Sincerely,



John Shlaes
Executive Director
Global Climate Coalition

ON BEHALF OF:

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FAX

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH
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Thank you.

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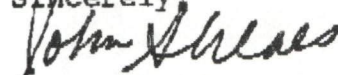
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Your rejection of firm commitments to stabilize carbon dioxide emissions by 2000 will save our economy \$92 billion per year and almost 600,000 jobs. We support your "no regrets" measure, rather than rigid targets and timetables.

Letter to President Bush
April 24, 1992
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The Global Climate Coalition believes this policy represents the most sensible and economically responsible course of action for our nation.

Sincerely,



John Shlaes
Executive Director
Global Climate Coalition

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 14, 1992

Dear Mr. Shlaes:

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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With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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D. Allan Bromley
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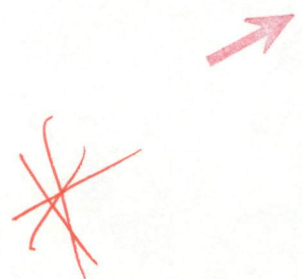
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 14, 1992

Dear Mr. Cooper:

On behalf of President Bush, thank you for your very kind comments on US policy regarding potential global climate change. The President appreciates your support of the US policy position on this issue and has asked me to reply to your letter.

The President has been firm in his commitment to an intelligent policy on potential climate change. The US has insisted that policy address the full set of "greenhouse gases" rather than focusing narrowly on carbon dioxide alone, because a narrow CO₂-only policy would raise costs and omit significant environmental factors. Moreover, in light of the high economic costs and uncertain benefits, the US has resisted calls for rigid "targets and timetables," "caps" or taxes to cut carbon dioxide emissions.

Instead, the US has urged that countries adopt national action strategies comprised of concrete measures warranted on a variety of grounds which will also help reduce net greenhouse gas emissions. This policy is sometimes referred to as "no regrets." The US has already issued two reports of its national strategy, the February 1991 "Action Agenda" and the April 1992 "US Views" document. These reports catalogue a series of concrete, effective measures that will limit net greenhouse gas emissions without costly caps or taxes. Instead of costly targets, we have assembled a strategy that is more concrete and farther along in implementation than the actions of virtually any other country.

Our firm advocacy of this reasonable policy has paid off. Just last week, the nations of the world agreed to a Framework Convention on Climate Change that embodies the US approach. It calls for national action strategies to address net greenhouse gas emissions; it does not require binding targets and timetables for carbon dioxide emissions. It encourages technology cooperation between industrialized and developing countries. The Convention validates the US view that real actions and technological innovation, not costly targets, are the best ways to address potential climate change.

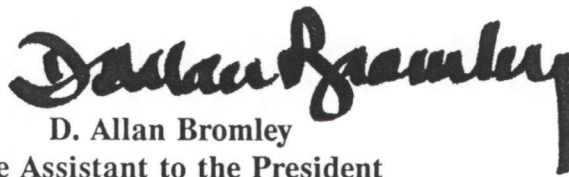
The President strongly believes that policy in this area must be based on the best scientific and economic information. Faced with the great uncertainties surrounding potential climate change, the US has therefore made the world's

Page 2 - Mr. Cooper

largest investment in global change research -- as large as that of all other countries combined. The Bush Administration has invested \$2.6 billion to date in global change research, with an additional \$1.3 billion requested for fiscal year 1993.

Thank you for your support of our policy position on climate change, and for taking the time to express your interest in this subject.

With the President's best wishes,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "D. Allan Bromley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a prominent initial "D".

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

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April 24, 1992

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

Dear Mr. President:

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

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

Sincerely,

Allan B. Cooper, Jr.

Allan B. Cooper, Jr.
General Manager

Enclosure: resolution

CERTIFICATE AS TO RESOLUTION

STATE OF MONTANA)

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County of Lincoln)

I Marianne Roose, Secretary of Lincoln Electric Cooperative, Inc., do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Lincoln Electric Cooperative, Inc., held at the office of the Cooperative, in Eureka, Montana, on Monday, April 20, 1992.

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

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

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

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

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

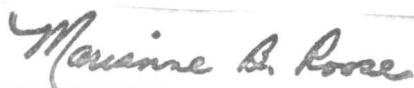
WHEREAS, Bob Bergland, Executive Vice President of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), recently conveyed to President George Bush NRECA's strong support of the "no regrets" policy position and urged continued resistance to the imposition of a tax fossil-fuel-produced energy,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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Lincoln Electric Cooperative, Inc. representing the interests of 3,200 electric consumers served by Lincoln Electric Cooperative, Inc.;

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

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

Dated this 20th day of April, 1992.



(CORPORATE SEAL)

Marianne Roose, Secretary-Treasurer
Lincoln Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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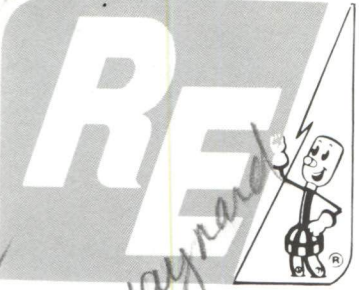
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The Honorable George Bush
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative is one of 1000 rural electric cooperatives in the US located in central Minnesota. Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative is also a member of National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), our national organization. Our nine member Board of Directors passed a resolution at their February 21, 1992 board meeting, which is enclosed and attached to this letter.

On behalf of our Board of Directors and member/consumers, I ask that you continue the logical approach in your "no regrets policy."

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Dale Hendrickson
General Manager

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Encl.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, as President of the United States, you are working with the United Nations' intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) on a framework convention on climate change in Rio de Janeiro,

WHEREAS, there are pressures to tax energy produced by fossil fuels to reduce carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions and set limits,

WHEREAS, Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative supports the innovative technology transfer programs in the use of fossil fuels,

WHEREAS, 80 percent of Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative's wholesale power supply is dependent on fossil fuel from North Dakota,

THEREFORE, The Board of Directors of Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative, representing 6500 member/consumers, supports your "no regrets policy" position because of the uncertain scientific data and the financial burden that would fall on Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative.

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I, Lester Erickson, Secretary of Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original resolution adopted by the Board of Directors at their February 21, 1992 meeting, at which meeting a quorum was present.

Lester Erickson
Lester Erickson, Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 7, 1992

Dear Mr. Hendrickson:

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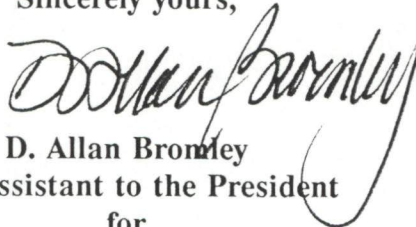
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With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely yours,



D. Allan Bromley
The Assistant to the President
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24th April 1992

The President of the United States
White House
Washington DC
USA

Dear Mr. President

As the Leader of one of the most prosperous and potentially important countries in the world, it is most disturbing that you should even be considering not attending the Earth Summit.

The United States, because of its industrial activity and life style, must be one of the most important partners in any effort to retain our world as a living one. You, sir, like every leader, have to face pressures from big businesses, but this is an issue of balance and ultimately life of our planet. You have a moral responsibility to God and the people of this world - I would hate it to be seen that the United States failed to recognise its role and selfishly turned its back. When world history comes to be written - I trust you will be seen as a great leader at a time when a world leader is very much needed if we are to stem the rise in environmental pollution.

Please think seriously of the role you as an individual and as the President of the United States intend to play in the Earth Summit in June.

Yours sincerely

BRIAN REID.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 11, 1992

Dear Mr. Reid:

On behalf of President Bush, thank you for your comments and suggestions about global environmental issues and the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED). The President appreciates your concerns and has asked that I respond to your letter of April 24, 1992 regarding these issues.

The United States, under President Bush's leadership, is aggressively pursuing international efforts to address problems related to climate change, ozone depletion, forests, oceans, biological diversity, and technology cooperation with developing countries. The Administration has put forward specific proposals in various international fora to address each of these questions. More important, the United States is already taking specific steps here at home, through both legislation and administrative action, to begin tackling these problems.

Specifically regarding climate change, you may be pleased to know that the United States has already begun taking actions that will have the effect of reducing net emissions of greenhouse gases. These include:

- * President Bush proposed and signed into law the 1990 Clean Air Act, which will reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the utility sector through restrictions on utility air pollutants;
- * The Bush Administration has proposed, both through the National Energy Strategy and through various regulatory measures, to improve energy efficiency in power generation and transmission, buildings, appliances, lighting, and transportation, which will restrain related carbon dioxide emissions;
- * The President has proposed, through his tree planting initiatives, to increase the acreage and to improve the management of forests, which act as greenhouse gas "sinks";
- * The President has proposed to expand the use of renewable and low-emission fuel sources;

- * Since President Bush took office, he has doubled funding for conservation research and development (R&D) and increased funding for renewable R&D by 69 percent; and
- * The Administration has not only proposed, but the President has signed into law, the phaseout of ozone-depleting compounds that are also greenhouse gases.

Additionally, in February 1992, in response to new scientific evidence, President Bush was the first head of state to commit his country unilaterally to accelerating the date for the complete phaseout of the production of chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs). The President's action moves up the phaseout date of CFCs, which deplete the Earth's ozone layer, to December 31, 1995. Due to a number of previous Administration actions, U.S. production of ozone-depleting substances is already more than 40 percent below levels allowed by the internationally agreed Montreal Protocol. Under the new schedule, the U.S. will eliminate production four years ahead of the current international deadline, thus continuing the record of U.S. leadership in this area extending back to the mid-1970s.

The United States supports a comprehensive approach, addressing all greenhouse gases, not just carbon dioxide, and "sinks," such as forests. Focusing exclusively on carbon dioxide emissions, as some have proposed, is an inadequate response.

The United States has committed \$25 million to assist developing countries in planning to mitigate and/or adapt to climate change. The U.S. has stepped up its own climate action plan, first outlined in February 1991, including actions in such areas as energy efficiency, transportation, reduced emission supply technologies, agriculture, natural resources, and technology R&D. The United States has also committed \$50 million to the core fund of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and \$150 million in parallel financing through the U.S. Agency for International Development. In addition to addressing global climate change, the GEF also funds projects concerning biodiversity, international waters, and ozone.

The U.S. Global Change Research Program is the world's largest such program and thus provides much of the scientific foundation for international agreements on climate change and ozone depletion. The Bush Administration has invested \$2.6 billion in global change research, far more than any other country, with an additional \$1.3 billion proposed for year 1993 -- over six times the fiscal 1989 level. Research on the scientific and economic aspects

Page 3 - Mr. Reid

of global climate change will enable policy makers to make better judgments about potential impacts and policy actions.

Regarding the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), scheduled this June in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, President Bush is committed to achieving international agreement on a framework convention on climate change. In addition to a global agreement on climate change, the Bush Administration also hopes UNCED will produce strategies and specific initiatives to improve conservation of forests, oceans, and biological diversity, and to increase technology cooperation with developing countries. You can be sure that the United States will be well represented at the conference.

As we move forward into the 1990s, the United States will continue to address global environmental challenges within a context of expanding economic opportunities for all the world's people. The United States wants concrete, practical results from UNCED -- results that will guide future action on the full range of environmental and developmental issues.

Thank you for taking the time to express your interest on these environmental issues with President Bush. You can be sure that the President will continue working with other nations to obtain global solutions to these challenging issues.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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D. Allan Bromley
The Assistant to the President
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April 22, 1992

President George Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
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Dear Mr. President:

The morning news tells me that you are still undecided about going to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development. I am dismayed by your hesitation in this regard. It is difficult not to think that it represents a lack of appreciation for the critical importance of the UNCED issues, including failure to make the necessary connections between protecting the environment and ensuring long-term development. Given the concern of the American public about the issues of a healthy environment, I find it particularly hard to understand your lack of leadership in an election year.

ECO-JUSTICE BINGHAMTON

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I am deeply puzzled, also, by your position on the climate change convention. The scientific consensus on the need for strong action to curb the greenhouse effect is very strong and includes the explicit warning that the uncertainties about the modeling of climatologists should be no excuse for taking only minimal measures.

ECO-JUSTICE ITHACA

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Unless the U.S. agrees to some specific commitments in the climate convention, other nations will not do what they need to do. There will not be a strong treaty, and a unique opportunity will have been missed. The target to keep CO2 emissions at 1990 levels by the end of the decade is very modest. The argument that it might be too expensive is unconvincing. Energy efficiency will save money and make the U.S. economy more competitive.

ECO-JUSTICE ROCHESTER

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I urge you, therefore, to go to Rio and to agree to a strong climate convention.

Respectfully yours,

ECO-JUSTICE SYRACUSE

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 11, 1992

Dear Mr. Gibson:

On behalf of President Bush, thank you for your comments and suggestions about global environmental issues and the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED). The President appreciates your concerns and has asked that I respond to your letter of April 22, 1992 regarding these issues.

The United States, under President Bush's leadership, is aggressively pursuing international efforts to address problems related to climate change, ozone depletion, forests, oceans, biological diversity, and technology cooperation with developing countries. The Administration has put forward specific proposals in various international fora to address each of these questions. More important, the United States is already taking specific steps here at home, through both legislation and administrative action, to begin tackling these problems.

Specifically regarding climate change, you may be pleased to know that the United States has already begun taking actions that will have the effect of reducing net emissions of greenhouse gases. These include:

- * President Bush proposed and signed into law the 1990 Clean Air Act, which will reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the utility sector through restrictions on utility air pollutants;
- * The Bush Administration has proposed, both through the National Energy Strategy and through various regulatory measures, to improve energy efficiency in power generation and transmission, buildings, appliances, lighting, and transportation, which will restrain related carbon dioxide emissions;
- * The President has proposed, through his tree planting initiatives, to increase the acreage and to improve the management of forests, which act as greenhouse gas "sinks";
- * The President has proposed to expand the use of renewable and low-emission fuel sources;

- * Since President Bush took office, he has doubled funding for conservation research and development (R&D) and increased funding for renewable R&D by 69 percent; and
- * The Administration has not only proposed, but the President has signed into law, the phaseout of ozone-depleting compounds that are also greenhouse gases.

Additionally, in February 1992, in response to new scientific evidence, President Bush was the first head of state to commit his country unilaterally to accelerating the date for the complete phaseout of the production of chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs). The President's action moves up the phaseout date of CFCs, which deplete the Earth's ozone layer, to December 31, 1995. Due to a number of previous Administration actions, U.S. production of ozone-depleting substances is already more than 40 percent below levels allowed by the internationally agreed Montreal Protocol. Under the new schedule, the U.S. will eliminate production four years ahead of the current international deadline, thus continuing the record of U.S. leadership in this area extending back to the mid-1970s.

The United States supports a comprehensive approach, addressing all greenhouse gases, not just carbon dioxide, and "sinks," such as forests. Focusing exclusively on carbon dioxide emissions, as some have proposed, is an inadequate response.

The United States has committed \$25 million to assist developing countries in planning to mitigate and/or adapt to climate change. The U.S. has stepped up its own climate action plan, first outlined in February 1991, including actions in such areas as energy efficiency, transportation, reduced emission supply technologies, agriculture, natural resources, and technology R&D. The United States has also committed \$50 million to the core fund of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and \$150 million in parallel financing through the U.S. Agency for International Development. In addition to addressing global climate change, the GEF also funds projects concerning biodiversity, international waters, and ozone.

The U.S. Global Change Research Program is the world's largest such program and thus provides much of the scientific foundation for international agreements on climate change and ozone depletion. The Bush Administration has invested \$2.6 billion in global change research, far more than any other country, with an additional \$1.3 billion proposed for year 1993 -- over six times the fiscal 1989 level. Research on the scientific and economic aspects

of global climate change will enable policy makers to make better judgments about potential impacts and policy actions.

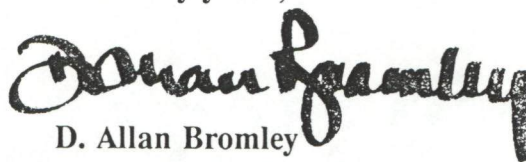
Regarding the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), scheduled this June in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, President Bush is committed to achieving international agreement on a framework convention on climate change. In addition to a global agreement on climate change, the Bush Administration also hopes UNCED will produce strategies and specific initiatives to improve conservation of forests, oceans, and biological diversity, and to increase technology cooperation with developing countries. You can be sure that the United States will be well represented at the conference.

As we move forward into the 1990s, the United States will continue to address global environmental challenges within a context of expanding economic opportunities for all the world's people. The United States wants concrete, practical results from UNCED -- results that will guide future action on the full range of environmental and developmental issues.

Thank you for taking the time to express your interest on these environmental issues with President Bush. You can be sure that the President will continue working with other nations to obtain global solutions to these challenging issues.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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TO: President Bush

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SUBJECT: He Writing to Express his organizations support for
the "No Regrets" Policy Regarding Global Warming

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 14, 1992

Dear Mr. Koupal:

On behalf of President Bush, thank you for your very kind comments on US policy regarding potential global climate change. The President appreciates your support of the US policy position on this issue and has asked me to reply to your letter.

The President has been firm in his commitment to an intelligent policy on potential climate change. The US has insisted that policy address the full set of "greenhouse gases" rather than focusing narrowly on carbon dioxide alone, because a narrow CO₂-only policy would raise costs and omit significant environmental factors. Moreover, in light of the high economic costs and uncertain benefits, the US has resisted calls for rigid "targets and timetables," "caps" or taxes to cut carbon dioxide emissions.

Instead, the US has urged that countries adopt national action strategies comprised of concrete measures warranted on a variety of grounds which will also help reduce net greenhouse gas emissions. This policy is sometimes referred to as "no regrets." The US has already issued two reports of its national strategy, the February 1991 "Action Agenda" and the April 1992 "US Views" document. These reports catalogue a series of concrete, effective measures that will limit net greenhouse gas emissions without costly caps or taxes. Instead of costly targets, we have assembled a strategy that is more concrete and farther along in implementation than the actions of virtually any other country.

Our firm advocacy of this reasonable policy has paid off. Just last week, the nations of the world agreed to a Framework Convention on Climate Change that embodies the US approach. It calls for national action strategies to address net greenhouse gas emissions; it does not require binding targets and timetables for carbon dioxide emissions. It encourages technology cooperation between industrialized and developing countries. The Convention validates the US view that real actions and technological innovation, not costly targets, are the best ways to address potential climate change.

The President strongly believes that policy in this area must be based on the best scientific and economic information. Faced with the great uncertainties surrounding potential climate change, the US has therefore made the world's

Page 2 - Mr. Koupal

largest investment in global change research -- as large as that of all other countries combined. The Bush Administration has invested \$2.6 billion to date in global change research, with an additional \$1.3 billion requested for fiscal year 1993.

Thank you for your support of our policy position on climate change, and for taking the time to express your interest in this subject.

With the President's best wishes,

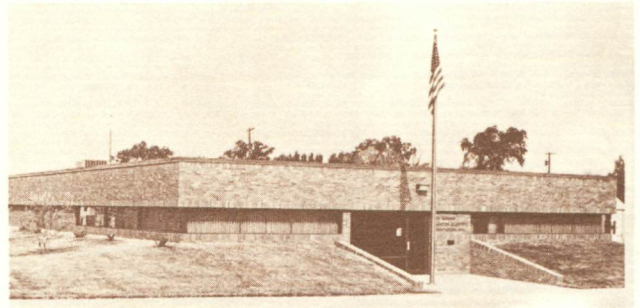
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The Assistant to the President
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OSTP/ Nancy Maynard
April 22, 1992

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

Dear Mr. President:

Enclosed herewith is a resolution adopted by our Board of Directors in support of your position on the global warming issue.

We are very appreciative of the United States common sense approach in its "no regrets" policy. We also recognize that you and our nation's delegation have had to resist strong pressure to change position and support other proposals that call for taxing fossil fired electric generation. We strongly believe that technology is the solution to environmental concerns and not energy market altering taxation that ultimately contributes nothing to any nations energy supply or economic development.

Thank you and good luck in future negotiations on this issue.

Sincerely,

BON HOMME YANKTON ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

Ronald E. Koupal

Ronald E. Koupal, General Manager

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Enclosure

GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE

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

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

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

WHEREAS, such CO2 caps and taxes would substantially increase the cost of electricity produced by Basin Electric Power Cooperative, representing 50 to 60% of our wholesale power supply and other electric utilities relying on fossil fuels for their power supply, resulting in severe cost impacts on electric consumers and ultimately damaging the economy of the United States; and

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

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

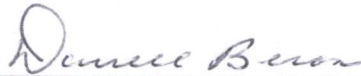
WHEREAS, Bob Bergland, Executive Vice President of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), of which we are a member, recently conveyed to President Bush NRECA's strong support of the "no regrets" policy position and urged continued resistance to the imposition of a tax on fossil-fuel-produced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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Bon Homme-Yankton Electric Association, Inc. representing the interest of 2300 electric consumers in Southeastern South Dakota hereby;

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

C E R T I F I C A T E O F S E C R E T A R Y

I, Darrell Beran, Secretary of Bon Homme-Yankton Electric Association, Incorporated, do hereby certify that the enclosed is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of said Association on April 22, 1992, and that said minutes now appear in the records of our Minutes Book without changes or alterations.

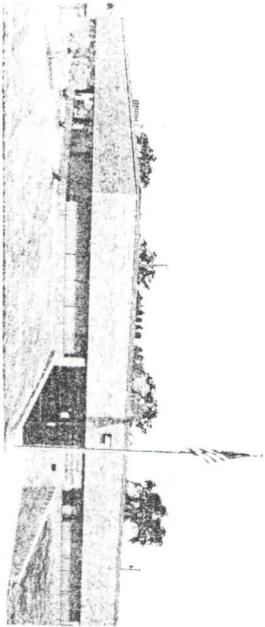


Darrell Beran

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The Honorable George Bush
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President George Bush
The White House
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Dear Mr. President:

As an environmental advisor to you since your 1979 presidential campaign, I respectfully proffer to you my advice on whether you should attend the international environmental conference in Brazil in June:

Under other circumstances, your attendance might be a wonderful idea. Now, however, at best you will break even and that only by making commitments that you might otherwise prefer not to make; any accomplishments will be transitory. The greater likelihood is that you and the United States risk becoming the convenient whipping boys for global environmental frustrations that no one can satisfy. For your sake, please do not go.

Respectfully yours,


Marshall Lee Miller

cc: Mr. Clayton Yeutter

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 8, 1992

Dear Mr. Miller:

On behalf of President Bush, thank you for your suggestion regarding his attendance at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) in Rio de Janeiro. The President appreciates your interest and has asked that I respond to your letter of April 12, 1992 regarding this issue.

We appreciate your taking the time to write and for expressing your candid views on this matter. Letters such as yours are ~~very~~ **helpful in our ongoing** discussions of the nation's environmental agenda. Again, thank you for your comments on and interest in this important matter.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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April 22, 1992

President George Bush
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President;

This world has undergone a geopolitical upheaval in the past few years that has ended the long East-West conflict and hopefully ushered in a new era. You played a major role in the strategy that ensured America's success and well understand that leadership requires commitment, understanding and action. Perhaps more importantly, you realized that if we did not lead, others would do so in our place.

Now the United States and the world at large face environmental challenges that threaten the health and prosperity of people and nations. The state of the Earth is reaching the top of the political agenda. The nations of the world are poised to meet in Brazil in June at the U.N. Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED). The conference will largely determine the form and the beginning of the substance under which the world will confront its environmental destiny.

If the efforts of UNCED are to be successful and if the U.S. intends to play a leadership role, we believe it is critical for the President of the United States to attend the conference and make a positive contribution. This does not mean that the U.S. need agree to every proposal made at the conference, but rather that we make sure our legitimate interests are addressed and that the initiatives ultimately agreed to have a real chance to be implemented. We have only three options, as Lee Iacocca would say: to lead, to follow or to get out of the way. There is only one conclusion Americans can reach. Your attendance and constructive action would demonstrate what being the Environmental President is all about.

The potential benefits of international cooperation on the environment are at least as great as they were with Operation Desert Storm and just as necessary. The common threat to our real long-term security from insidious long term environmental threats might in fact be far more fundamental and pervasive. We believe attendance at UNCED is an effort well worthy of your time and commitment.

We would welcome the opportunity to brief you further in any manner most helpful to you.

With our best regards and best wishes for success in meeting the daunting challenges you face.

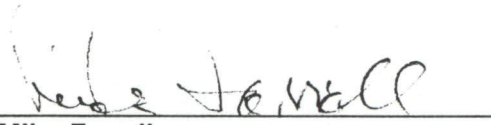
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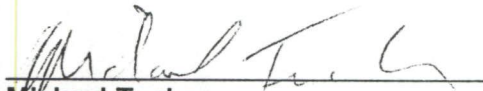
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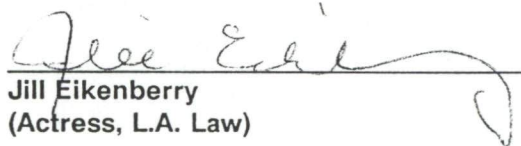
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 4, 1992

Dear Mr. Hellman:

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

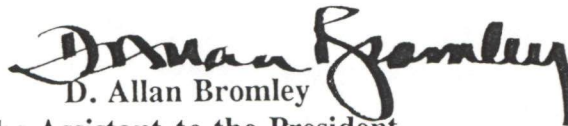
The United States has been, and will continue to be, a leader in environmental stewardship. President Bush believes that global stewardship is our shared responsibility and our shared opportunity. He is committed to working with the international community to produce strategies for managing the Earth's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

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

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

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

Sincerely yours,



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