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TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

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CORRESPONDENCE: 03/19/92

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO ATTEND THE EARTH SUMMIT IN
RIO DE JANEIRO AND ANNOUNCE A U.S. COMMITMENT TO
REDUCING CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSIONS BY THE YEAR 2000.

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The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
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Dear Mr. President,

Worldwide, countries are moving to develop and adopt policies to reduce carbon dioxide emissions. The United States is conspicuous by its absence. I urge you to address the issues of climate change and energy policy as critical to the health of the world's environment, and its economy.

The Earth Summit scheduled for June in Rio de Janeiro will be an historic event bringing together world leaders in an attempt to address pressing environmental problems. Once again, your absence will be conspicuous and send the wrong message from the United States (the most prosperous nation in the world) to other countries.

What better forum than the Earth Summit to announce the United States' commitment to reduce carbon dioxide emissions to 20% below those of 1990 by the year 2000? Furthermore, I would hope that the United States could present a fully developed and comprehensive energy policy at the summit.

President Bush, the world needs the environmental leadership of the United States, not its absence.

Sincerely,

William C. Baker
President

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 6, 1992

Dear Mr. Baker:

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 March 13, 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

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

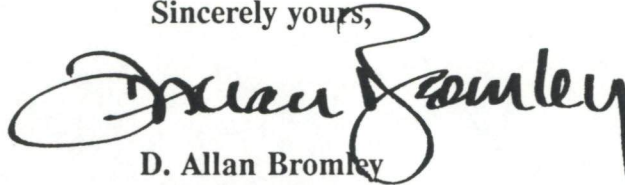
Regarding the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), scheduled this June in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, President Bush is committed to achieving international agreement on a framework convention on climate change. In addition to a global agreement on climate change, the Bush Administration 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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Mr. William C. Baker
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FROM: L.E. (Pete) Davis

TO: President Bush

DATE OF
CORRESPONDENCE: 03/19/92

SUBJECT: He is writing to tell the President that he supports
his "No Regrets Policy" position.

DIRECTORATE STAFF
ASSIGNED: ASSIGNED: Nancy Maynard

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March 19, 1992

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

Dear Mr. President:

Earlier this year, Bob Bergland, Executive Vice President of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, conveyed NRECA's strong support for the United States' "no regrets policy" position and urged that our delegation continue to resist the imposition of a tax on fossil fuel-produced energy and arbitrary CO₂ emission limits.

By copy of the attached resolution adopted by our Board of Trustees, we wish to add our support on behalf of our 5,794 members and consumers.

Sincerely,

L. E. (Pete) Davis
President

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Attachment

OSTP/Nancy Maynard

FARMERS' ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC., OF NEW MEXICO
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I, Michael B. West, do hereby certify that: I am the Secretary of Farmers' Electric Cooperative, Inc., Of New Mexico (FEC); the following is a true and correct copy of excerpts from the minutes of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of FEC held on March 19, 1992, as they appear in the Minute Book of FEC, including the resolution duly adopted thereat; the meeting was duly and regularly held in accordance with the bylaws of FEC; and none of the said resolutions have been rescinded or modified:

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; 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 rural electric cooperatives 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 Trustees of Farmers' Electric Cooperative, Inc., Of New Mexico representing the interests of 5,794 electric consumers served by Farmers' Electric Cooperative, Inc. Of New Mexico:

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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of Farmers' Electric Cooperative, Inc., Of New Mexico this 19th day of March, 1992.


Michael B. West, Secretary

(seal)

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 8, 1992

Dear Mr. Davis:

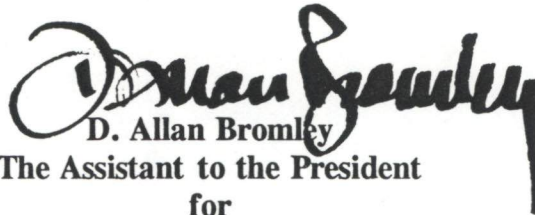
On behalf of President Bush, thank you for your very kind comments on US activities related to the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) on a framework convention on climate change. The President appreciates your support and has asked that I respond to your letter of March 19, 1992 regarding this issue.

The President strongly believes that US policies in this area must be based on the most solid scientific and economic information base available. The US 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. In fact, the Bush Administration has invested \$2.6 billion in global change research to date, with an additional \$1.3 billion proposed for fiscal 1993. Research on the scientific and economic aspects of global climate change will enable policy makers to make better judgements about potential impacts and policy actions.

Thank you for taking the time to express your interest on this issue and we appreciate your support.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. Allan Bromley", is written over the typed name.

D. Allan Bromley
The Assistant to the President
for
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Mr. L.E. Davis
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FROM: GLAESS, MARK: MINNESOTA RURAL ELECTRIC

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

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CORRESPONDENCE: 03/19/92

SUBJECT: ENCLOSURES A COPY OF A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE
ADMINISTRATION'S "NO REGRETS" RESPONSE REGARDING
GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE.

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April 7, 1992

Dear Mr. Glaess:

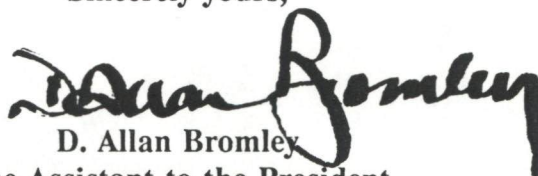
On behalf of President Bush, thank you for your very kind comments on the US position related to the climate change issue. The President appreciates your support and has asked that I respond to your letter of March 10, 1992 regarding this issue.

As you know, the President strongly believes that US policies in this area must be based on the most solid scientific and economic information base available. The US 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. In fact, the Bush Administration has invested \$2.6 billion in global change research to date, with an additional \$1.3 billion proposed for fiscal 1993. Research on the scientific and economic aspects of global climate change will enable policy makers to make better judgements about potential impacts and policy actions.

Thank you for taking the time to express your interest on this issue and we appreciate your support.

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. Mark Glaess
Minnesota Rural Electric Association
11640 - 73rd Avenue North
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MARCH 19, 1992

TO: OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY
ATTN: NANCY MAYNARD

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OSTO
Attn: Nancy
Maynard

March 10, 1992

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

Dear Mr. President:

The Minnesota Rural Electric Association, which represents 47 member-owned electric cooperatives, supports the Administration's "no regrets" response regarding global climate change.

As the association representing 500,000 rural Minnesota electric consumers, we are concerned about proposals to either tax or cap CO₂ emissions. In the absence of conclusive scientific evidence, we oppose political proposals which would dramatically raise rates to our members.

Many consumers in Minnesota are dependent upon coal-fired generation. Generating plants which meet the electric needs of this state are among the cleanest plants in the world. We have taken every step to ensure our generating plants are extremely responsive to environmental concerns.

Evidence from the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration shows no warming trend since 1895. Other studies, conducted by USDA's Dr. Sherwood Idso, demonstrate additional CO₂ provides greater plant growth. In light of conflicting studies, we again back your no regrets policy until conclusive scientific evidence demonstrates the value -- or harm -- of CO₂.

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Enclosed is a resolution adopted by the Minnesota Rural Electric Association expressing support for the Administration's position.

Sincerely,

Mark Glaess

Mark Glaess
Manager

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Enclosure

NO. 33: *GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE*

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."

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 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.

Currently it is not possible to predict with certainty what effect increased concentrations in the atmosphere will have on global climate, and most predictions to date have been based on computer models which are not yet sophisticated enough to take into account the many complex mechanisms in the land-ocean-atmosphere system that may increase or decrease global warming. 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 effective remedies are required, they must be international in scope. Therefore, the membership of Minnesota Rural Electric Association supports 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
- * 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
- * Foster continuing public education programs that objectively address the global change issue from a scientific and economic perspective

In addition, given the scientific uncertainties regarding possible climate change, more severe measures which would have a serious effect on national and international economies should not be implemented at this time, and among the actions we presently consider inadvisable are:

- * Discriminatory taxation leading to an imbalance in the national energy supply
- * The imposition of any new direct or indirect ceilings or caps on manmade greenhouse gas releases unless clear, scientific evidence shows that ceilings or caps are necessary
- * Failure to give full credit for benefits realized under any programs already implemented
- * The imposition of arbitrary costs to dissuade the use of coal

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FROM: HILL, DENNIS: NORTH DAKOTA ASSOCIATION OF RURAL ELECTRICAL
COOPERATIVES

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

DATE OF
CORRESPONDENCE: 03/19/92

SUBJECT: SUPPORTS THE U.S. DELEGATION'S POSITION AT THE U.N.
INTERGOVERNMENTAL NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE CONVENTION
REGARDING THE TAXATION OF ENERGY PRODUCED BY FOSSIL
FUELS.

DIRECTORATE STAFF
ASSIGNED: ENVIRONMENT ASSIGNED: Nancy Maynard

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REQUIRED: FOR DAB'S SIGNATURE ACTION: FOR DAB'S SIGNATURE

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 7, 1992

Dear Mr. Hill:

On behalf of President Bush, thank you for your very kind comments on US activities related to the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) on a framework convention on climate change. The President appreciates your support and has asked that I respond to your letter of March 11, 1992 regarding this issue.

The President strongly believes that US policies in this area must be based on the most solid scientific and economic information base available. As you mentioned, the US 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. In fact, the Bush Administration has invested \$2.6 billion in global change research to date, with an additional \$1.3 billion proposed for fiscal 1993. Research on the scientific and economic aspects of global climate change will enable policy makers to make better judgements about potential impacts and policy actions.

Thank you for taking the time to express your interest on this issue and we appreciate your support.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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

Mr. Dennis Hill
Executive Vice President
P.O. Box 727
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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. DENNIS HILL

SUBJECT: SUPPORTS THE U.S. DELEGATION'S POSITION AT
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March 11, 1992

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

Dear Mr. President:

The North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives (NDAREC) is comprised of 20 electric distribution co-ops and 6 generation and transmission co-ops which provide electricity to over 75,000 North Dakota members. Our association has been closely watching the work of the United Nations' Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) on a framework convention on climate change. Activities which affect our ability to deliver reliable electricity to our members at the lowest possible cost are of concern to us.

We know that during INC deliberations the United States delegation has withstood strong international pressure to change its position and agree to the taxation of energy produced by fossil fuels or to establish various emission limits of carbon dioxide (CO2).

NDAREC would like to express its strong support for the United State's "no regrets policy" position. We urge our delegates to continue to resist the arbitrary imposition of a tax on fossil fuel produced energy and limits placed on CO2 emissions without a scientific basis.

We also support innovative technology transfer programs to help every nation achieve the highest possible efficiency in the use of fossil fuels. As stewards of the environment, we believe that efficient management of our finite resources is essential. We also believe that the United States delegation deserves international support for the global climate change research program now underway to achieve sound scientific understanding before implementing global environmental policies.

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

Sincerely,

Dennis Hill,
Executive vice president
and general manager

cc: U.S. Senator Quentin Burdick
U.S. Senator Kent Conrad
U.S. Representative Byron Dorgan

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FROM: POSTEL, Dorothy A.: MAQUOKETA VALLEY RURAL ELECTRICAL
COOPERATIVE

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

DATE OF
CORRESPONDENCE: 03/19/92

SUBJECT: SHE IS WRITING TO EXPRESS HER ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORT
FOR THE "NO REGRET" POLICY REGARDING GLOBAL WARMING.

DIRECTORATE STAFF
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March 19, 1992

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

Dear Mr. President

Maquoketa Valley Rural Electric Cooperative is taking this opportunity to convey support (see attached resolution) for the U.S. "no regrets" policy position regarding global warming.

We wish you and the U.S. delegation much success in the negotiations at the Earth Summit Conference.

Sincerely

Dorothy A. Postel, General Manager

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CATASTROPHIC GLOBAL WARMING

The General Manager provided information concerning the catastrophic global warming issue recently presented at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Annual Meeting by Bob Bergland, Executive Vice President. After discussion, it was moved by Director Reade, seconded by Director Sheppard, and carried, that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, theories of catastrophic global warming have not been 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 carbon dioxide caps and taxes would substantially increase the cost of electricity distributed by Maquoketa Valley Rural Electric Cooperative and produced by our power supplier, Central Iowa Power Cooperative, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, a generation and transmission 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, 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 carbon dioxide emissions limits;

CATASTROPHIC GLOBAL WARMING

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Maquoketa Valley Rural Electric Cooperative, representing the interests of 11,000 electric consumers served by Maquoketa Valley Rural Electric Cooperative system:

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 carbon dioxide to the "no regrets" policy.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 14, 1992

Dear Ms. Postel:

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.

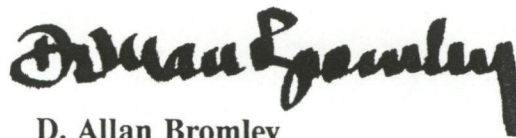
The President strongly believes that policy in this area must be based on the best scientific and economic information. Faced with the great uncertainties surrounding potential climate change, the US has therefore made the world's

Page 2 - Ms. Postel

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 black ink, reading "D. Allan Bromley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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

Ms. Dorothy A. Postel
General Manager
Maquoketa Valley Rural Electrical
Cooperative
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FROM: ALLEN, Steve

TO: SKINNER, Samuel: WHITE HOUSE CHIEF OF STAFF

DATE OF
CORRESPONDENCE: 03/18/92

SUBJECT: HE ADVISES THAT DR. PAUL MACCREADY SHOULD RECEIVE
SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

DIRECTORATE STAFF
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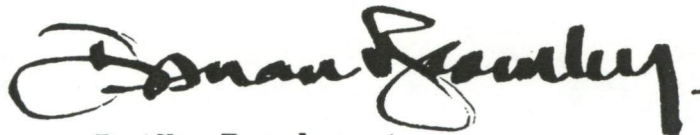
Dear Mr. Allen:

Sam Skinner passed your letter along to me, since I am President Bush's Assistant for Science and Technology. We in this office, and throughout the Administration, have followed Dr. MacCready's accomplishments with interest, admiration, and a certain sense of shared pride. As you note in your letter, his achievements have been remarkable, and I am sure that his prolific energy and inventiveness will lead to many more advances.

President Bush does confer special recognition on this country's scientists and engineers, including the National Medals of Science and Technology, the highest honor that this Nation can pay to its researchers and inventors. If you wish to receive an application that you can use to nominate Dr. MacCready for the National Medal of Technology, you can write to Paul Braden, Manager, National Medal of Technology, Technology Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 4418, Washington, D.C. 20230 or call 202-377-5572.

Thank you for writing to us.

Sincerely yours,

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

Steve Allen
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Mr. Samuel Skinner
Chief Of Staff
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Samuel,

As one who receives a great deal of mail myself I hesitate to add even one more message to the enormous volume that must daily inundate your premises with messages intended for the President.

I am therefore addressing this particular message to you on the assumption that you will be familiar with who it is in the administration that is concerned with the possibility of paying special congratulatory attention to some of our leading scientific figures.

I refer specifically to that remarkable gentleman Dr. Paul MacCready.

It's relevant here to mention that several years ago I was producing a series of TV programs for the PBS network called "Meeting Of Minds." It was just one more television talk show except for the fact that all of the guests were important figures from the past whose work affected the lives of all of us even in the present day.

Among our guests were Galileo, Darwin, Socrates, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Augustine, St. Thomas More, Leonardo Da Vinci, Plato and Aristotle.

I'm quite confident that if there are any Meeting Of Minds programs telecast 500 years into the future there is a very great likelihood that one of the guests will be Dr. MacCready.

Any particular complimentary attention the White House can presently focus on Dr. MacCready can have nothing but beneficial effects.

Mr. Samuel Skinner
March 3, 1992
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Everyone agrees that his achievements are remarkable. The Presidential attention would serve to concentrate greater attention on those accomplishments and lead to the feeling of pride on the part of the rest of us that Dr. MacCready is one of us.

Cordially,

Steve Allen

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FROM: Ronnie M. Kennedy

TO: President Bush

DATE OF
CORRESPONDENCE: 03/16/92

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

DIRECTORATE STAFF
ASSIGNED: ASSIGNED: Nancy Maynard

ACTION STAFF
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March 16, 1992

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

Dear Mr. President,

I am writing today to commend you for your "No Regrets" position on the global climate change issue and to encourage your steadfast support of that position.

I, and the Red Lake Electric Cooperative board of directors, represent 4,000 customers located in rural northwestern Minnesota. Our local economy and the economy of the nation cannot afford any carbon dioxide taxes or caps being talked about in some circles. Such measures are very premature and probably of little consequence to our environment. As you know, the scientific community does not endorse the theory that the earth is warming and carbon dioxide enrichment is the culprit.

We applaud you for taking the position that you have in your "No Regrets" policy. Again, we encourage you to resist any carbon dioxide tax or cap.

The enclosed resolution was adopted by the Cooperative's board of directors and clearly states our position.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Ron Kennedy
Ronnie M. Kennedy
Manager

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Enclosure

CERTIFIED COPY OF A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RED LAKE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

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; 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 Minnkota Power 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 precautionary position and a set of principles that are known as the "no regrets policy;" and

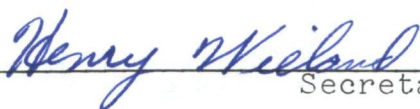
WHEREAS, Bob Bergland, Executive Vice President of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) recently conveyed to President George Bush NRECA's strong support of the "no regrets policy" position and urged continued resistance to the imposition of a tax on fossil-fuel-produced energy,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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Red Lake Electric Cooperative, Inc., representing the interests of 4,700 electric consumers:

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

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

I, Henry Wieland, Secretary of the Red Lake Electric Cooperative, Inc. do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct excerpt of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Red Lake Electric Cooperative, Inc. held on Monday, February 24, 1992, at which meeting a quorum was present.


Secretary

April 7, 1992

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

On behalf of President Bush, thank you for your very kind comments on US activities related to the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) on a framework convention on climate change. The President appreciates your support and has asked that I respond to your letter of March 16, 1992 regarding this issue.

The President strongly believes that US policies in this area must be based on the most solid scientific and economic information base available. As you mentioned, the US 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. In fact, the Bush Administration has invested \$2.6 billion in global change research to date, with an additional \$1.3 billion proposed for fiscal 1993. Research on the scientific and economic aspects of global climate change will enable policy makers to make better judgements about potential impacts and policy actions.

Thank you for taking the time to express your interest on this issue and we appreciate your support.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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

Mr. Ronnie M. Kennedy
Manager, Red Lake Electric Cooperative Inc.
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Red Lake Falls, Minnesota 56750-0430

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FROM: Robert W. Bryant

TO: President Bush

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

DIRECTORATE STAFF
ASSIGNED: ASSIGNED: Nancy Maynard

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March 13, 1992

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

Dear Mr. President:

Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc. is a wholesale electric power supplier to 12 rural distribution cooperatives which furnish retail electric service to more than 90,000 consumers in Texas and Oklahoma. Golden Spread and its member cooperatives are very interested in the work of the United Nations' Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) on a framework convention on climate change.

We are aware that in the deliberations of the INC, now in its second year, the United States has consistently held firm to a precautionary position and a set of principles now known as the "no regrets policy." We convey our strong support for the United States' no regrets policy position and urge that our delegation continue to resist the imposition of a tax on fossil fuel-produced energy and arbitrary CO₂ emission limits.

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

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 United States delegation our good wishes for success in these important negotiations.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Bryant
President

April 7, 1992

Dear Mr. Bryant:

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Thank you for taking the time to express your interest on this issue and we appreciate your support.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

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EARTH SUMMIT (UNCED) IN RIO DE JANEIRO

DIRECTORATE STAFF
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 1, 1992

Dear Mr. Bussy:

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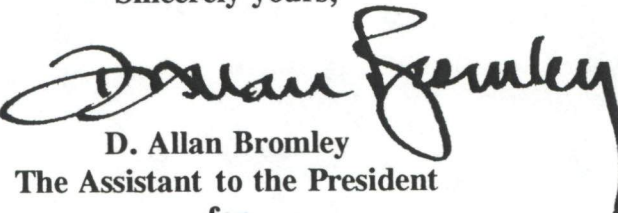
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With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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D. Allan Bromley
The Assistant to the President
for
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Mr. Bill Bussy
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Bayfield, Wisconsin 54814

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Route 1, Box 252-2
Bayfield, WI 54814
February 24, 1991

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

Dear President Bush

I urge you to commit the United States to limiting carbon dioxide emissions to their current levels in the international environmental negotiations sponsored by the United Nations, and to attend the upcoming Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro to provide the leadership needed to address critical global environmental issues. If we wait for conclusive proof of global warming before taking action, it will be too late to stop it.

After four million years or so of evolution and five thousand years or so of civilization, mankind's ultimate fate and that of the rest of the world as well will very likely depend on what sacrifices our generation is willing to make in the next decade. If we think only of ourselves and are unwilling to make substantial sacrifices in our ways of living in order to reduce the threats to our global environment, we will likely be responsible for the ultimate failure of the human race and the demise of the world as we know it.

In the entire course of human history there has never been a time when environmental leadership is more urgently needed. I hope that you will find the strength and courage to truly become the Environmental President.

Sincerely yours,

Bill Bussey
Bill Bussey

cc: Senator Herbert Kohl
Senator Robert Kasten
Congressman David Obey

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FROM: BURKE, Bernard F.: MIT

TO: DR. D.A. BROMLEY

DATE OF
CORRESPONDENCE: 03/11/92

SUBJECT: REPORTS THAT THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
APPROVED TO LAY OUT A PLAN FOR PROVIDING U.S.
SUPPORT TO SCIENTIFIC COLLEAGUES IN THE FORMER
SOVIET UNION.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 6, 1992

Bernie
Dear Dr. ~~Burke~~:

Thank you for your letter of March 11, 1992, advising the President on ways to provide meaningful support to scientists in the republics of the former Soviet Union. He has asked me to respond to the points you raised.

I was, of course, aware that the National Science Board had given approval for NSF to provide such support. As you indicated in your letter, this indeed is a part of the Administration's plans to address the evolving situation in those republics.

Within the Office of Science and Technology Policy, we are examining a number of initiatives. You may be aware of the conference at the National Academy of Sciences on March 3, 1992. That conference included participation from the private sector, academia, and government and examined the needs of the basic sciences in the former Soviet Union. Their report, dated March 13, 1992, proposed a number of excellent initiatives. Some of those are being implemented already as part of the Administration's plans.

As you may have read recently, the Administration has announced a broad plan to offer support to the peoples of the former Soviet Union. I am glad to report that the bipartisan support you identified in your letter has materialized, and hope it will coalesce behind this plan.

Thank you for sharing your perspective with the President, Walter Massey, and me.

Sincerely yours,



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

Dr. Bernard F. Burke
Department of Physics
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TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: THE HONORABLE BERNARD F. BURKE
MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF
TECHNOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

CAMBRIDGE MA 02139

SUBJECT: REPORTS THAT THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
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PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139

March 11, 1992

President George Bush
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush:

I write as one of your appointees to the National Science Board. I participated in the recent National Science Board meeting that gave the National Science Foundation our approval to lay out a plan for providing US support to our scientific colleagues in the former Soviet Union. I look forward to hearing the Foundation's plans at the upcoming Board meeting.

This initiative could well be part of a response to the challenge issued by former President Nixon earlier this week. Support for meaningful help must have a bipartisan basis in the present climate, and I trust that you will be consulting with key members of Congress on ways of implementing a truly significant plan.

Sincerely,



Bernard F. Burke
Member, National Science Board

BFB/wh

cc: Dr. Allan Bromley, OSTP
Dr. Walter Massey, NSF

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FROM: Vernon O. Carlson

TO: President Bush

DATE OF
CORRESPONDENCE: 03/10/92

SUBJECT: He is writing to convey his support for President
Bush and his "No Regrets Policy"

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March 10, 1992

The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Cooperative Power Association, I am writing to commend you for your adherence to the "no regrets" policy with regard to the global climate change issue.

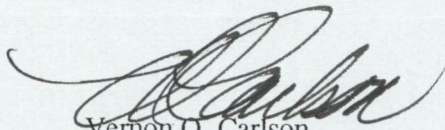
As we move toward the June meeting of the United Nations Council for Environment and Development, Cooperative Power urges you to continue to resist the pressure to impose a tax on energy produced from fossil fuels and arbitrary limits on CO2 emissions.

Mr. President, I have enclosed a copy of a resolution entitled "Global Climate Change: Commendation of President Bush," which was passed by our Board of Directors on March 4, 1992. This resolution sets out in greater detail our reasons for taking this position.

We thank you in advance for your continued support of our concerns.

Sincerely,

COOPERATIVE POWER


Vernon O. Carlson
Acting General Manager

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Enclosure

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I, Glenn Risbrudt, do hereby certify that: I am Secretary of Cooperative Power Association (hereinafter called the "Cooperative"); the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Cooperative at the regular meeting held 3-4-92, and entered in the minute book of the Cooperative; the meeting was duly and regularly held in accordance with the Bylaws of the Cooperative and the resolution has not been rescinded or modified.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this corporation this 4th day of March, 1992.

Glenn Risbrudt
Glenn Risbrudt, Secretary
COOPERATIVE POWER ASSOCIATION

RESOLUTION NO. R92-3-10

GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE: COMMENDATION OF PRESIDENT BUSH

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, 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, and

WHEREAS, currently it is not possible to predict with certainty what effect increased concentrations of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere will have on global climate, and most predictions to date have been based on computer models which are not yet sophisticated enough to take into account the many complex mechanisms in the land-ocean-atmosphere system that may increase or decrease global warming; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, if effective remedies are required, they must be international in scope; 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 Cooperative Power 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 of 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, the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, recently conveyed to President Bush its strong support of the "no regrets" policy position and urged continued resistance to the imposition of a tax on energy produced from fossil fuels and arbitrary CO2 emissions limits;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Cooperative Power Association strongly commends President Bush for adhering to the "no regrets" policy as the most sensible approach to global climate issues when the science remains uncertain and urges the President to resist the imposition of a tax on energy produced from fossil fuels and arbitrary limits on CO2 emissions.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 13, 1992

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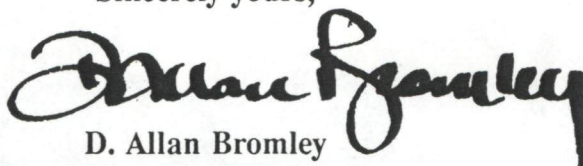
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TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

DATE OF
CORRESPONDENCE: 03/10/92

SUBJECT: SHE IS WRITING TO URGE THE PRESIDENT TO ATTEND THE
EARTH SUMMIT IN BRAZIL.

DIRECTORATE STAFF
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 31, 1992

Dear Ms. Eidman:

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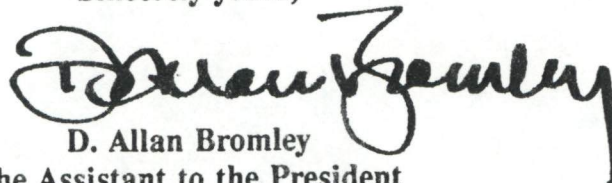
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With the President's best wishes,

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D. Allan Bromley
The Assistant to the President
for
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ORIGINATOR: Nancy Maynard & Matt Stader

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March 10, 1992

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

Dear President Bush:

The League of Women Voters of the United States was a Principal Co-sponsor of the Second Global Structures Convocation in support of the United Nations conference on Environment and Development (UNCED). UNCED's mission this June in Brazil is to agree on strategies to halt and reverse the effects of environmental degradation by promoting sustainable, environmentally sound development throughout the world. It will be the largest assembly of policy makers in history, expected to include 100 or more heads of state. It is aptly called the "Earth Summit."

The League of Women Voters of Baltimore County believes you should show the world that you recognize the importance of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for environmental leadership by announcing now that you will personally attend the Earth Summit.

The United States should be a leader in the efforts to reach agreements necessary to move humanity toward a future in which all nations use the environment to meet current needs without compromising the needs of future generations.

Regarding global warming, the National Academy of Sciences cautions that the potential of grave damage to ecosystems is sufficient "to warrant prompt responses." Last December the Ministers on Environment and Development of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development made a commitment to freezing carbon dioxide emissions at 1990 levels by the year 2000. The U.S., the world's largest single carbon-dioxide producer, is almost alone in its stance of refusing to set specific limits on our emissions of greenhouse gases. Our refusal has stymied the efforts of negotiators from 148 nations to draft a treaty on global warming.

How can we expect the poorest nations of the world to change their ways by controlling deforestation, for example, if we cannot do our part by curbing our wasteful ways?

The U.S. must join the nations of the world in putting the world's future above the short-sighted convenience of business as usual.

Yours truly,

Alberta R. Eidman

Alberta R. Eidman
President

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FROM: James J. Jura

TO: President Bush

DATE OF
CORRESPONDENCE: 03/09/92

SUBJECT: He is writing to tell the President that he supports
his "No Regret's Policy" position.

DIRECTORATE STAFF
ASSIGNED: ASSIGNED: Nancy Maynard

ACTION STAFF
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associated electric cooperative, inc.

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March 9, 1992

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As the wholesale power supplier to 480,000 households and businesses in rural Missouri and southeastern Iowa, Associated Electric Cooperative commends your "no regrets policy" concerning global climate change.

Associated's Board of Directors passed a resolution February 26 supporting the underlying principles of your position. As evident from the enclosed resolution, Associated is committed to being a responsible steward of the communities. As we are reliant on coal-fired generation, we urge you to resist the imposition of a tax on fossil-fuel produced energy and arbitrary CO₂ emission limits.

These restrictive measures are far less attractive than the development of innovative technology to provide the highest possible efficiency in the use of fossil fuels.

Our rural communities are struggling with economic and social issues that would be greatly exacerbated by higher energy costs resulting from carbon dioxide emissions limitations. We feel the continuing pursuit of technological solutions is an acceptable alternative to the economic disruption that could be created by fossil fuel limitations.

Another component vital to the solution is comprehensive international research to determine the degree and extent of carbon dioxide impacts on global environment. We feel that should policy decisions are based on good science.

The continuing pursuit of technological solutions combined with comprehensive global climate change research will provide the economic and scientific foundation for prudent policy development. Be assured that you have our support in promoting the technological and research components of this issue on a national and international scale. Moreover, we are encouraging our six regional generation and transmission cooperatives, forty Missouri electric cooperatives and three Iowa cooperatives to support your "no regrets policy."

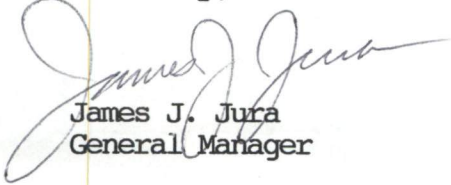
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The President
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March 9, 1992

If we can be of assistance in furthering your global climate change position, please contact me.

Sincerely,



James J. Jura
General Manager

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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; 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 Associated 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 on fossil-fuel-produced energy, and arbitrary CO₂ emissions limits;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc. representing the 480,000 electric consumers served by the Associated system:

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.

April 8, 1992

Dear Mr. Jura:

On behalf of President Bush, thank you for your very kind comments on US activities related to the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) on a framework convention on climate change. The President appreciates your support and has asked that I respond to your letter of March 9, 1992 regarding this issue.

The President strongly believes that US policies in this area must be based on the most solid scientific and economic information base available. As you mentioned, the US 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. In fact, the Bush Administration has invested \$2.6 billion in global change research to date, with an additional \$1.3 billion proposed for fiscal 1993. Research on the scientific and economic aspects of global climate change will enable policy makers to make better judgements about potential impacts and policy actions.

Thank you for taking the time to express your interest on this issue and we appreciate your support.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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

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FROM: Lynne Twist

TO: President Bush

DATE OF
CORRESPONDENCE: 03/06/92

SUBJECT: She is writing to urge the President to attend the
Earth Summit (UNCED) in Rio de Janeiro

DIRECTORATE STAFF
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PMS PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH

WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

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PLEASE ATTEND THE EARTH SUMMIT AND COMMIT OUR COUNTRY TO SUPPORT THE
FARREACHING ACTIONS THAT THIS MOST IMPORTANT SUMMIT MEETING WILL
INITIATE.

AMERICA USES WAY MORE OF THE EARTH'S RESOURCES THAN ANY COUNTRY ON
EARTH. YOU MUST BE THERE.

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FROM: MARTIN, Robert F.: RUSHMORE ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE, INC.

TO: DR. D.A. BROMLEY

DATE OF
CORRESPONDENCE: 03/05/92

SUBJECT: HE IS WRITING TO PRESIDENT BUSH REGARDING THE "NO
REGRETS" POLICY.

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March 5, 1992

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President George Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President;

Rushmore Electric Power Cooperative has the wholesale power supply responsibility for eight distribution electric cooperatives in western South Dakota. These systems ultimately serve about 35,000 consumers.

Our interest in writing is that we support the positions of both Bob Bergland of our National Rural Electric Association, Washington, DC (letter dated January 23, 1992) and Robert McPhail, manager of our power generation cooperative, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Bismarck, North Dakota (letter dated February 21, 1992) in their support and commendation of your "no regrets" policy concerning the global climate change issue.

We also urge you to continue to promote this policy and resist the imposition of a tax on fossil fuel produced energy and arbitrary CO₂ emission limits.

We believe a global climate change research program should be implemented which would provide a sound scientific basis for equitable and efficient global climate change policies.

In the mean time, Mr. President, we support the continuation of tree planting, conservation and energy efficiency, as well as other prudent efforts, while objective research continues.

We extend our best wishes to you and the U.S. delegation for success in these determinations.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Martin, General Manager

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 14, 1992

Dear Mr. Martin:

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. Martin

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, appearing to read "D. Allan Bromley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "D. Allan" and last name "Bromley" clearly distinguishable.

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

Mr. Robert F. Martin
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Rapid City, South Dakota 57709-2414

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FROM: Frank R. Knutson

TO: President Bush

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his "No Regrets Policy" position.

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TRI-STATE GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION ASSOCIATION, INC.

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March 5, 1992

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

Dear Mr. President:

As a major power supplier to 24 rural electric utilities serving more than 400,000 consumers in the West, Tri-State is closely following the work of the United Nations' Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) on a framework convention on climate change. More than half of Tri-State's power resources are derived from the burning of fossil fuels.

We are aware that in the deliberations of the INC, the United States has consistently held firm to a precautionary position and a set of principles that have come to be known as the "no regrets policy." Under this policy the U.S. delegation has resisted proposals that call for taxing energy produced by fossil fuels.

Tri-State strongly supports the "no regrets" position and the work of the delegation. The imposition of arbitrary tax on fossil fuel-produced energy would have a far reaching impact on the consumers of Tri-State and the more than 25 million rural electric consumers in our nation. Such an onerous tax would have to be passed on to the end user in the form of higher rates, pushing basic electric service beyond the reach of many rural residents.

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

Sincerely,


Frank R. Knutson
General Manager

FRK/JD/dvs

April 8, 1992

Dear Mr. Knutson:

On behalf of President Bush, thank you for your very kind comments on US activities related to the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) on a framework convention on climate change. The President appreciates your support and has asked that I respond to your letter of March 5, 1992 regarding this issue.

The President strongly believes that US policies in this area must be based on the most solid scientific and economic information base available. As you mentioned, the US 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. In fact, the Bush Administration has invested \$2.6 billion in global change research to date, with an additional \$1.3 billion proposed for fiscal 1993. Research on the scientific and economic aspects of global climate change will enable policy makers to make better judgements about potential impacts and policy actions.

Thank you for taking the time to express your interest on this issue and we appreciate your support.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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

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FROM: Jeffrey L. Nelson

TO: President Bush

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CORRESPONDENCE: 03/05/92

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

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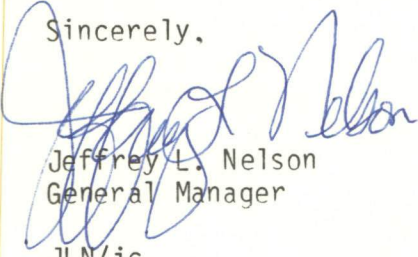
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Maynard
March 5, 1992

President George Bush
White House
16th & Independence Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20250

Dear President Bush:

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On behalf of the Board of Directors of East River Electric Power Cooperative, I am forwarding the enclosed resolution expressing our support for your Administration's position concerning global climate change. We strongly concur with the 'no regrets' policy to which the United States continues to adhere in the international deliberations on this issue and urge you to continue to pursue that position. The economic well-being of the approximately 250,000 rural consumers which rely on power supply from East River would suffer significant economic consequences if the cost of electricity in this region was substantially increased as a result of limiting CO2 emissions or imposing new energy taxes on coal resources.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey L. Nelson
General Manager

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cc: Senator Larry Pressler
Senator Tom Daschle
Congressman Tim Johnson

Excerpt from Minutes of
East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting of
March 5, 1992

It was moved by Fodness, seconded by B. Peterson, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 392-2

SUBJECT: 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, East River Electric Power 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 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), 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;

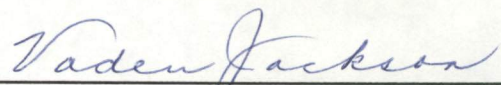
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. representing the interests of 250,000 electric consumers served by the East River-associated systems:

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.

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I, Vaden Jackson, Secretary of East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., do hereby certify that the above resolution is a correct copy of the resolution as it appears in the minutes and records of this Cooperative and which resolution was adopted at the meeting of the Board of Directors held on March 5, 1992; at the meeting a quorum of the directors was present and acted throughout; and none of the resolutions contained in the minutes has been rescinded or modified.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Cooperative, this 5th day of March, 1992.


Secretary

April 7, 1992

Dear Mr. Nelson:

On behalf of President Bush, thank you for your very kind comments on US activities related to the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) on a framework convention on climate change. The President appreciates your support and has asked that I respond to your letter of March 5, 1992 regarding this issue.

The President strongly believes that US policies in this area must be based on the most solid scientific and economic information base available. As you mentioned, the US 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. In fact, the Bush Administration has invested \$2.6 billion in global change research to date, with an additional \$1.3 billion proposed for fiscal 1993. Research on the scientific and economic aspects of global climate change will enable policy makers to make better judgements about potential impacts and policy actions.

Thank you for taking the time to express your interest on this issue and we appreciate your support.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

D. Allan Bromley
The Assistant to the President
for
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