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FROM: Peter J. Reynolds

TO: President Bush

DATE OF
CORRESPONDENCE: 03/05/92

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

DIRECTORATE STAFF
ASSIGNED: ASSIGNED: Nancy Maynard

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

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Peter J. Reynolds
3008 Cedarwood Lane
Falls Church, VA 22042

March 5, 1992

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

Dear President Bush:

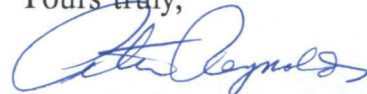
The long term preservation of the status and well-being of this nation, and its economic health, are tightly coupled to issues of energy policy and the environment. As much as we may not wish to believe it, global climate change is one of these issues.

At the moment the United States is alone in its refusal to believe that global climate change is real and will have significant effect on our well-being, economic and otherwise. This is evidenced in the U.S. refusal to adopt policies that would significantly reduce carbon dioxide emissions. I believe this position is both unfounded and dangerous. The U.S. should be a world leader, and take actions that others might follow, not hinder actions that are clearly in our benefit, as well as in the benefit of all nations.

Specifically, I ask you to take part fully in the upcoming Earth Summit, sign the climate change treaty to be presented there, and minimally, implement energy policy that will meet those goals. I believe the U.S. can do more. Recent studies have shown that many of the proposed energy strategies that allow for reduced carbon dioxide emission also reduce our energy costs. It is good short-term economics as well as long range health of our system.

I urge you to act dynamically. Go to Rio and show the world that the U.S. is still a leader!

Yours truly,



Peter J. Reynolds

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FROM: Florence L. Rieber

TO: President Bush

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March 5, 1992

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

Dear Mr. Bush:

I voted for you in the Maryland Primary and will vote for you in November. I disagree with Pat Buchanan...you are not a Jimmy Carter.

I do appeal to you, Sir, to make a firm commitment to a global warming treaty that requires a 20 percent cut in green-house emissions by the year 2000.

I recommend you participate in negotiation in time for the UN sponsored "Earth Summit" in Rio de Janeiro this June.

It is my understanding Pat Bauchanan does not see the environment as an important issue. Your participation in the Summit would afford you a wonderful opportunity to gain votes to assure your re-election in November.

Very truly yours,

Florence L. Rieber
Florence L. Rieber
8704 Sleepy Hollow Lane
Potomac, MD 20854

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TYPE: Presidential Priority DOCUMENT NUMBER: 9201284
ORIGINATOR: 05 STATUS DIRECTORATE STATUS C

FROM: Jacqueline S. Weed

TO: President Bush

DATE OF
CORRESPONDENCE: 03/05/92

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part 1
Jacqueline S. Weed
13100 Valley Drive
Rockville, MD 20850

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

Dear President Bush:

I am writing to you in regard to the upcoming United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, otherwise known as the Earth Summit. I was extremely disturbed to learn that the United States, as the world's sole superpower, is doing so little to support the crucial efforts of the conference. I realize that the U.S. is supporting public participation the negotiations, but to gain significant strides in saving our planet, we desperately need the support of our government officials who have the power to put strong environmental legislation into action.

The most critical issue to be discussed at the conference is global warming. While other nations involved in the negotiations are willing to explore ways of reducing carbon dioxide emissions, the U.S. has steadfastly refused to examine such topics. I find it appalling that the United States has also blocked progress in treaties regarding deforestation, toxic waste and endangered species protection.

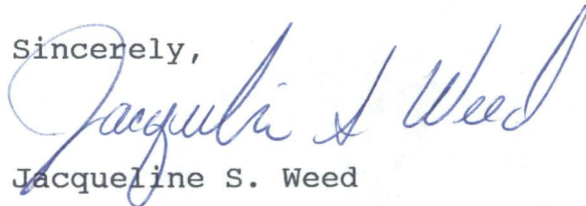
I realize that our country is currently experiencing severe economic problems. However, I feel that we owe it to our great nation to explore the idea of creating jobs involved in saving our environment. Think, for a moment, about the vast number of scientists, researchers and concerned citizens that could be employed to find solutions to the deadly environmental problems we are facing. I believe we have the technology and manpower to surmount these problems, but we must act NOW, before it is too late.

As I recall, Mr. President, one of the campaign platforms you employed in the last election stated: "I am an environmentalist." Unfortunately, to this point, you have proved that statement to be grossly inaccurate. During your administration, so much decimation has been wrought on our old growth forests, endangered species and ozone levels, that they may never recover. You and your administration had the power to stop the destruction, but you chose instead to ignore it. Frankly, I am weary of big business interests winning legislative battles at the high cost of sacrificing our environment. Simply because average citizens can't compete financially with industry, don't be mistaken; the people of this country want action taken NOW to save our precious environment

from this unchecked destruction.

I urge you, Mr. President, to stand up to the promise you made four years ago. Lead the U.S. in taking the strong role in the Earth Summit as befits our magnificent nation. Our future on this earth depends on it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Jacqueline S. Weed". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Jacqueline S. Weed

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FROM: William A. Edgerton

TO: President Bush

DATE OF
CORRESPONDENCE: 03/04/92

SUBJECT: He is writing the president to urge him to attend
the earth Summit (UNCED) in Rio de Janeiro

DIRECTORATE STAFF
ASSIGNED: ASSIGNED: Nancy Maynard

ACTION STAFF
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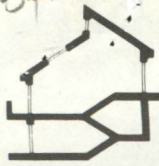
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March 4, 1992

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

Dear President Bush:

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

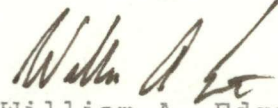
The United States is isolated in its refusal to adopt policies that would significantly reduce carbon dioxide emissions.

I join the Union of Concerned Scientists in calling upon you to:

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

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

Sincerely,


William A. Edgerton. AIA

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cc: Union Of Concerned Scientists

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FROM: Frances B. Hess

TO: President Bush

DATE OF
CORRESPONDENCE: 03/04/92

SUBJECT: She is writing President Bush urging him to attend
the earth Summit (UNCED) in Rio de Janeiro

DIRECTORATE STAFF
ASSIGNED: ASSIGNED: Nancy Maynard

ACTION STAFF
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134 Conduit St.
Annapolis, MD 21401
Mar. 4, 1992

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

Dear President Bush;

I support the Fawcett-Torricelli-Yatron
House Resolution on the UNCED, and the
Kerry Senate Resolution on the CED,
(S. Con. Res. 89).

It is vitally important for you to
attend the United Nations Conference on
Environment and Development (UNCED) at
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 1-12, 1992.

If you attended even for one day, it
would show that you are the
Environmental President.

Sincerely,
Frances B. Hess

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ORIGINATOR: 02 STATUS I DIRECTORATE STATUS C

FROM: HENLEY, Don

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

DATE OF
CORRESPONDENCE: 03/03/92

SUBJECT: HE IS WRITING TO URGE THE PRESIDENT TO ATTEND THE
EARTH SUMMIT IN RIO DE JANEIRO.

DIRECTORATE STAFF
ASSIGNED: ENVIRONMENT ASSIGNED: Nancy Maynard

ACTION STAFF
REQUIRED: DIRECT REPLY ACTION: Draft for DAB signature

SENDER'S DUE DATE:
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COPIES TO: D. Allan Bromley
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 6, 1992

Dear Mr. Henley:

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 3, 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.

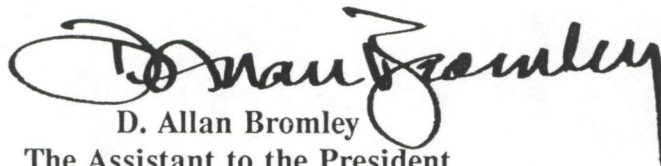
Regarding the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), scheduled this June in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, President Bush is committed to achieving international agreement on a framework convention on climate change. In addition to a global agreement on climate change, the Bush Administration 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Allan Bromley", written over a horizontal line.

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

Mr. Don Henley
14100 Mulholland Drive
Beverly Hills, California 90210

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ATTN: NANCY MAYNARD

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED MARCH 3, 1992

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: MR. DON HENLEY
14100 MULHOLLAND DRIVE
BEVERLY HILLS CA 90210

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO ATTEND THE EARTH
SUMMIT IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL, JUN 92

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SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MARCH 10, 1992

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. DON HENLEY

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO ATTEND THE EARTH
SUMMIT IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL, JUN 92

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DON HENLEY
14100 MULHOLLAND DRIVE
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March 3, 1992

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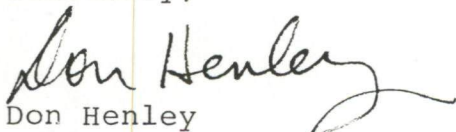
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Please go to Rio de Janeiro prepared to show the world that the United States will still lead the way when it comes to saving the global environment.

Sincerely,


Don Henley

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OSTP STAFFING SHEET

SUBJECT: UNCED and the President

ORIGINATOR: Nancy Maynard and Matt Stader

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DATE ORIGINATED: 4/6/92

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Damar: Please have Dr. Bromley sign this three page letter and return the signed letter to Kara for processing.

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FROM: Victor Parsonnet, M.D.

TO: President Bush

DATE OF
CORRESPONDENCE: 03/03/92

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

DIRECTORATE STAFF
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March 3, 1992

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

Dear President Bush:

We are now experiencing one of the warmest winters on record in the New York area, and 9 of the hottest years on record have occurred in the last 10 years. I, for one, am fully convinced that the rise in atmospheric carbon dioxide levels is having a significant impact on the warming of the earth, and if this change is not slowed as quickly as possible, the damage we do to future generations may be irreparable.

I join with the Union of Concerned Scientists in calling upon you to participate fully in the Earth Summit in Brazil, to commit the United States to major reduction in carbon dioxide emissions, to sign the Climate Treaty that is to be presented at the Summit, and to undertake all those policies in the United States which will meet these commitments.

Sincerely yours,

Victor Parsonnet, M.D.
Director of Surgery

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TYPE: Presidential Priority DOCUMENT NUMBER: 9201276
ORIGINATOR: 05 STATUS DIRECTORATE STATUS C

FROM: Jane H. Sedlmayr

TO: President Bush

DATE OF
CORRESPONDENCE: 03/03/92

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the Earth Summit (UNCED) in Rio de Janeiro

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201276 Mrs. Floyd Sedlmayr
3871 Sumo Noveno
Tucson, Arizona 85718

March 3, 1992

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

Dear Mr. President:

I write you out of concern for the success of
UNCED, Rio de Janeiro, June 1-12, 1992.

Last month more than 400 people representing
diverse interests attended the Sonoran Peoples
Summit here in Tucson. Concerns shared included
health, social justice and equality issues.

If the plans and policies proposed at the con-
ference in Rio are to be taken seriously, it
is imperative that the head of state of the
most influential nation attend in person. De-
cisions made will be critical for the future
state of the globe.

I urge you to commit to uphold your environ-
mental pledge and attend UNCED.

Very sincerely,

Jane H Sedlmayr
Jane H. Sed.



10:10 WASHINGTON DC 200 # B2 03/05/92

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



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TYPE: Presidential Priority DOCUMENT NUMBER: 9201271
ORIGINATOR: 05 STATUS DIRECTORATE STATUS C

FROM: Edward A. Shropshire

TO: President Bush

DATE OF
CORRESPONDENCE: 03/02/92

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

DIRECTORATE STAFF
ASSIGNED: ASSIGNED: Nancy Maynard

ACTION STAFF
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Edward A Shropshire
12904 Ardennes Ave
Rockville, MD 20851

Dear President Bush;

I voted for you in 88 and I planned to vote for you again, however there is something that concerns me very much, the environment. I truly appreciate the leadership and strength shown by both yourself and president Reagan which has resulted in the end of the cold war. You said in one of your speeches that our children and grandchildren would not have to huddle under school desks and fear nuclear war. But, what fears have we replaced those bombs with?

Our children have some very real fears like global warming, acid rain, over population, and holes in the ozone. These problems cause a great deal of anxiety in our children and there is no quick solution. We can not rest on our laurels after our victory. There is much work to be done and the environment simply won't wait.

We all understand that cleaning up our environment has economic costs. We are willing to pay whatever it costs. after all waiting will only cost us more.

I expect nothing less than leadership from the most powerful nation on earth. I don't want the world to see us as just a greedy bully. Please make us proud to be Americans and give your full support to the U.N. sponsored EARTH SUMMIT to be held in Rio de Janeiro in June. I will be paying close attention to your actions on the environment and I will not be fooled by just talk.

I would like to vote for you but for myself and many others the environment is the most important issue and if you don't act now we will be forced to vote for someone who will.

Sincerely

Edward A Shropshire
Edward A Shropshire

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FROM: WINCHELL, JANE

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

DATE OF
CORRESPONDENCE: 03/02/92

SUBJECT: SHE IS WRITING TO URGE THE PRESIDENT TO ATTEND THE
EARTH SUMMIT (UNCED) IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL

DIRECTORATE STAFF
ASSIGNED: ASSIGNED: Nancy Maynard

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 2, 1992

Dear Ms. Winchell:

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 2, 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.

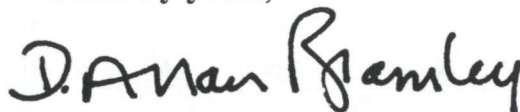
Regarding the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), scheduled this June in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, President Bush is committed to achieving international agreement on a framework convention on climate change. In addition to a global agreement on climate change, the Bush Administration 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "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. Jane Winchell
3212 Rowena Avenue
Los Angeles, California 90027

Mr. George Bush	From Jane Winchell
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Los Angeles, CA 90027

March 2, 1992

VIA TELECOPY 202-456-2461

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

Dear President Bush:

I am writing to you because I am concerned about the government's lack of commitment toward supporting environmentally sustainable policies in the negotiations for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) or "Earth Summit" which will take place in Rio, Brazil, June 1-12, 1992.

The United Nations has invited heads of state from every country to attend for the purpose of creating treaties and agreements to protect the world's environment. So far, you have not agreed to attend the conference.

Up to now the United States government has not given clear leadership on many issues including global warming, energy use, toxic wastes, forests, technology transfer, and the creation of a United Nations environmental agency.

Please demonstrate that you are the Environmental President that you claimed you were in 1988 by supporting meaningful environmental agreement, and by attending the Rio conference and personally signing these treaties critical to the preservation of our mutual planetary home.

Thank you for taking leadership to change the direction of our environmental policies where there is still time.

Sincerely,



Jane Winchell

VIA FAX # (202) 456-2461

March 2, 1992

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

Dear President Bush:

I am writing to you because I am very concerned about the lack of commitment of our government in supporting environmentally sustainable policies in the negotiations for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), or "Earth Summit" which will take place in Brazil in June.

We need an international treaty to protect our atmosphere from global warming; to this end, we should agree to cut carbon dioxide emissions 20% from 1988 levels by the year 2000, and set specific targets and timetables for reduction as the other industrialized countries are prepared to do. We need to preserve our old growth forests in this country and therefore be in a position to ask other countries to protect their forests.

We need a strong treaty to protect biodiversity and habitat, with provisions for compensation to the country of origin of genetic materials, and international funding. I want the Endangered Species Act reintroduced and strengthened.

We need to change our industrial practices to minimize waste and toxins that pollute our oceans and fresh water; we also need to sign the Law of the Sea Convention.

We need to stabilize exponential population growth, a major factor causing environmental degradation, by funding international organizations which provide family planning services and education.

We need to empower a United Nations environmental agency to set international environmental standards and monitor and assist nations' compliance. We need to making funding mechanisms available in developing countries which they have a say in, so they can integrate environmental considerations in development policies and practices.

Please demonstrate that you are truly the Environmental President you claimed you were in 1988 by supporting meaningful environmental agreements, and by attending the Rio conference and personally signing these treaties critical to the preservation of our mutual planetary home. **No other issue will matter if our Earth can no longer sustain life.**

Thank you for taking leadership to change our direction while there is still time to do so. Our children's future depends on it.

Sincerely,



Mary Lynne Tamburro
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West Hollywood, CA 90048

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FROM: Carmer Hadley, M.D.

TO: President Bush

DATE OF
CORRESPONDENCE: 03/01/92

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

DIRECTORATE STAFF
ASSIGNED: ASSIGNED: Nancy Maynard

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Pasadena, California 91107
1 March 1992

President George Bush
The White House
Washington, D C

My dear Mr President:

May I strongly encourage you to plan, and to announce soon that you do so plan, to go personally to the Rio Conference on the Environment this summer, and that you plan personally to lead the effort to start immediately to bring about whatever changes in pollution and its control may be necessary in order to make the environment a safer place for us all to live, and more sustainably so.

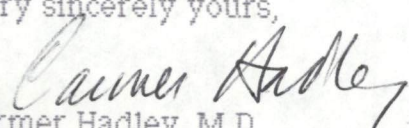
Such a position would obviously involve both controlling pollutants leading to the much studied and much recognized "greenhouse effect" and also the dangers implicit in there not yet being any safe way of disposing of nuclear waste.

I realize that this stance would be very difficult for a business-oriented President in an election year, what with the fact that some eighty percent of our United States electricity is produced by burning coal, and a sizable percentage of the remainder is produced by nuclear energy, and that we are also the most productive of pollutants from the burning of oil and gas, but I believe it might be possible for a truly courageous leader who truly cared about the environment and the living occupants of the world.

Noone in his right mind would expect that you would, within the remainder of your first term, prohibit or consider prohibiting the use of oil, gas, coal, nuclear energy -- but it might be that if you could put together a coalition to contain the rapaciousness and dangerousness of the beneficiaries of your aid to Panama and to Iraq when they were getting out of hand, you just might be able to pull off this one, too!

May I hope that you can bring yourself to be such a leader?

Very sincerely yours,


Carmer Hadley, M D

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FROM: Laurence M. Lombard

TO: President Bush

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CORRESPONDENCE: 03/01/92

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

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March 12 '92

Mrs. Laurence M. Lombard
185 Westfield Street
Needham, Massachusetts 02192

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

Dear President Bush,

As a contributing member of
The Union of Concerned Scientists, may
I urgently request that you will
attend the Earth Summit Conference
in Rio de Janeiro, with many other
appropriate delegates from the United
States; that you will commit the
United States to effective reduction of
Carbon Dioxide ~~reduction~~ by its industries
by no later than the year 2000; and
that you will sign the Climate Change
Treaty that is to be presented at the

Conference.

If, as President of the United States, you become a leader in saving the global environment, you will win the gratitude of all the inhabitants of this our world, now, and for years to come.

Americans will be proud of you and of ourselves. We will always be grateful for your actions on this issue.

Bon Voyage!

Cornelia Lombard

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ORIGINATOR: 05 STATUS DIRECTORATE STATUS C

FROM: Judy L. Medina

TO: President Bush

DATE OF
CORRESPONDENCE: 03/01/92

SUBJECT: See response on document # 92001148

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ASSIGNED: ASSIGNED: Nancy Maynard

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5054 Blue Ridge Avenue
Annandale, VA 22003
March 1, 1992

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

Dear President Bush:

As a member of the National Wildlife Federation and a concerned citizen, I am writing to urge you to support the Earth Charter.

I understand that the United States has steadfastly opposed an international global warming treaty, and is blocking efforts to draft an "Earth Charter," a document that would set the moral tone for the UN sponsored Earth Summit to be held in June.

The Earth Charter would represent a commitment by the nations of the world to protect the planet's limited resources and be an inestimable educational tool. As a superpower, it is the responsibility of the United States to lead the way in efforts to save the Earth from certain destruction by mankind.

Support of the Earth Charter would be a positive message to those voters who feel that environmental issues should be a top priority for political candidates.

Sincerely,



Judy L. Medina

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FROM: M. David Wolf

TO: President Bush

DATE OF
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Earth Summit (UNCED) in Rio de Janeiro

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March 1, 1992
19 High School Ct
Los Gatos, CA 95032

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

Sir:

I was saddened to hear Robert Reinstein, the head of our delegation to the Earth Conference in Rio, take a position of uncompromising obstructionism regarding putting a ceiling on gases which contribute to the earth's warming.

We produce at least 25% of these gases, and stand basically alone against the community of nations which is calling for urgently important restraint in their use.

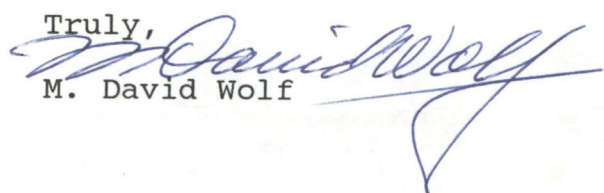
You have finally agreed to halting CFC production now that the ozone hole is over New England. Will the ocean have to submerge the Hawaiian Islands and the eastern seaboard before you join the rest of the world in counteracting what could be the last great crime against the globe?

Your "wait and see" philosophy is to play Russian roulette with the future.

Let's be part of the answer at Rio, and not a continuing source of the problem.

Truly,

M. David Wolf



cc: William Riley
John Seymour
Alan Cranston
Albert Gore
Tom Campbell
Enviromental Task Force,
Los Gatos UMC

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FROM: T. Stephen Jones M.D.

TO: President Bush

DATE OF
CORRESPONDENCE: 02/29/92

SUBJECT: He is writing to urge the president to attend the
Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro

DIRECTORATE STAFF
ASSIGNED: ASSIGNED: Nancy Maynard

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T. Stephen Jones, M.D.

1336 PASADENA AVENUE • ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30306

2/29/92

Dear President Bush.

I am writing you to ask you
to attend the UN on Environment
and Development to be held in
Rio de Janeiro in June 1992.

I ask you to personally
attend the conference and
show leadership in the fight
to save this planet.

Thank you

T. Stephen Jones

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ORIGINATOR: 05 STATUS DIRECTORATE STATUS C

FROM: Blucher Allen Jr.

TO: President Bush

DATE OF
CORRESPONDENCE: 02/28/92

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

DIRECTORATE STAFF
ASSIGNED: ASSIGNED: Nancy Maynard

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2352 Indian Mound
Cincinnati, Ohio 45212
February 28, 1992

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

Dear President Bush:

Now that the United States is the sole superpower of the world, we must live up to the tremendous responsibility of this role.

Countries that look to the United States for leadership to defend democracy also look for leadership in defending the earth's ecology. We have this opportunity in preparation for the United Nations Earth Summit.

While the United States gives high priority to anti-missile defenses against uncertain threats, we refuse to take action against the risk of unprecedented climate change.

Every other nation in the treaty negotiations is willing to at least stabilize carbon dioxide emissions, but, we, as the largest of polluters offer a weak counter-proposal based on economic self-interest.

The United States must also support progress on treaties addressing toxic wastes, deforestation, plant and animal protection.

I ask for your support on the creation of the Earth Charter --- the guiding principles to protect the earth's environment.

Very truly yours,

Blucher Allen, Jr.

Blucher Allen, Jr.

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TYPE: Presidential Priority DOCUMENT NUMBER: 9201308
ORIGINATOR: 05 STATUS DIRECTORATE STATUS C

FROM: Ray Arnesen

TO: President Bush

DATE OF
CORRESPONDENCE: 02/28/92

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

DIRECTORATE STAFF
ASSIGNED: ASSIGNED: Nancy Maynard

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February 28. 1992

All that is necessary
for the triumph of evil
is for good men to do
nothing.....Burke

Those who refuse to
profit from the lessons
of history will be forced to
relive them.....Santayana

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

Dear Mr. President:

It has been announced that the U. S. Would reduce it's carbon dioxide ~~m~~issions and donate \$75 million dollars to help other nations to do the same, to slow global warming.

Recent NASA studies of a ten year long satellite observation shows there is no evidence of global warming and this is verified by National Weather Service data going back to the 1870s. Aside from the fact that we are bankrupt, why are we attempting to throw money at a problem that does not exise.

Documentation from Dr. Dixie Lee Ray - former chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission and governor of Washington, as well as that of the late Dr. Iben Browning, prove conclusively that global warming is not a danger and that man is a miniscule cause of jglobal pollution compared to mother nature.

Yours truly,

Ray Arnesen
Ray ARnesen

April 7, 1992

Dear Mr. Arnesen:

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 February 28, 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: Lucy Schultz

TO: President Bush

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CORRESPONDENCE: 02/28/92

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Earth Summit (UNCED) in Rio de Janeiro

DIRECTORATE STAFF
ASSIGNED: ASSIGNED: Nancy Maynard

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LUCY S. SCHULTZ
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FLINT, MI 48503

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Feb 28, 92

Pres. George Bush
Washington DC 20500

Dear President Bush

The campaign for the presidency seems lopsided - nothing about the environment and USA's hoped for leadership in the health of our planet. We block treaties on toxic waste, deforestation, plant and animal species protection.

We don't help the third world countries with their family planning, knowing full well of their extreme suffering and that the planet's ills are caused by too many of us humans and our consuming ways.

We need to help with the creation of an Earth Charter. The US alone opposes it.

Thank You

Sincerely

Lucy Schultz

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FROM: Donna Williams-Smith

TO: President Bush

DATE OF
CORRESPONDENCE: 02/28/92

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DONNA WILLIAMS SMITH
580 MOUNTAIN VIEW RD.
SANTA CRUZ, CA. 95065

February 28, 1992

Mr. George Bush
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Sir:

In order to ensure an environmentally and economically healthy future, I urge you to accept all standards set at the Earth Summit.

I am concerned that in opposing many agreements, the U.S. has become the sole obstacle to consensus.

I am especially concerned regarding the Peoples Republic of China's proposal to buy the world's toxic waste and transport it to Tibet, against the wishes of the indigenous people of that country. This is an OUTRAGE! Why is the U.S. the only nation in the world to oppose such a ban? This certainly doesn't reflect my wishes.

If we as a country do not address all environmental issues in a responsible and constructive way, the world will no longer consider us trustworthy. The U.S. must join the nations of the world in putting the needs of humanity and the earth above the needs of business as usual.

Sincerely,

Donna Williams-Smith

CC: Ambassador Robert Ryan
US House of Representatives
US Senate

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FROM: WEINZIERL, Hubert: GERMAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROTECTION OF
NATURE

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

DATE OF
CORRESPONDENCE: 02/27/92

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE U.S.
ROLE IN ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP AND ATTEND THE
UNCED "EARTH SUMMIT" IN BRAZIL.

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Bonn, den Feb. 27, 1992

Dear Mr. President,

with this letter we are following up our courier of February 10, 1992. Regrettably, we have not yet received any reply.

Your recent statements about "a very important domestic operation" hint that local and national problems may keep you from attending the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) in June this year in Rio de Janeiro.

Despite domestic issues, we - the undersigned organizations, representing 99 member organizations with 2.6 million individual members - think the United States should help in the present international developments where the future of the planet and of mankind is at stake! Up to now in the preparatory negotiations on UNCED, the United States has failed to exercise its often declared general leadership.

Although the U.S. has held several positive positions during the PrepCom process, its position overall has been to avoid commitment to policies that will advance the goals of the Earth Summit and to avoid leadership on critical environmental issues according to the Consortium for Action to Protect the Earth (CAPE '92).

"The book has not yet been closed on preparations for Rio - the centerpiece of the Earth Summit, an effective climate treaty,

remains to be negotiated. Come May, the United States will have to provide legally binding commitments to limit carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases if Rio is to produce any meaningful results."

During the preparatory process towards UNCED, the United States delegation has rather limited progress on the following policies:

- it has sought to remove the entire chapter addressing the impact of consumption on the environment and to delete or weaken references to consumption throughout the negotiations;
- it has assisted in substantially weakening recommendations on promoting greater energy efficiency and renewables as well as on incorporating full cost pricing on energy use - despite the fact that at the London G-7 Summit, the United States agreed to seek to 'price energy from all sources so as to reflect costs fully, including environmental costs'. The U.S. also strongly opposed environmental impact assessments of policy measures relating to energy despite the fact that it was supporting such assessments in other parts of Agenda 21, for UN institutions, and in the proposed Earth Charter.
- it has weakened language to remove price distortions and to develop full cost environmental accounting and global corporate environmental management;
- it has opposed proposals by other nations to adopt a ban on the transboundary traffic of hazardous and radioactive wastes. Such ban has been adopted between European and developing nations.

In addition to your consideration not to attend the Rio Conference, all these points will contribute to a shrinking respect of the United States abroad - and will bring your country to isolation from the international community which is getting ready to undergo the necessary changes to care for the Earth.

Preparations for the Earth Summit are nearing an end. The planning process for a climate change treaty and other critical issues of the Earth Summit will continue at the next and final round of negotiations for the first (mentioned) in New York from April 30 to May 8.

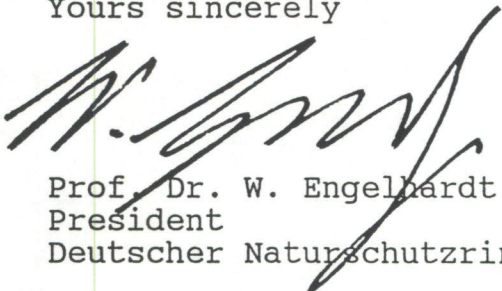
Dear Mr. President, now is one of the last opportunities to reconsider your position on the United Nations Conference.

We encourage you to be consistent to the United States' role in environmental leadership, a role you have claimed so many times. Strong commitments are needed for our common future ; the world is watching the United States and its President - in particular for this biggest and most important conference of the UN.

Therefore, we urgently ask you not to disappoint these expectations which in many countries of the world, but certainly in your own as well are linked especially to your person.

Looking forward to a more positive echo
we remain

Yours sincerely



Prof. Dr. W. Engelhardt
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Hubert Weinzierl
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 28, 1992

Dear Mr. Weinzierl and Professor Engelbart:

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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The President
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Dear President,

My name is Brenda Bangert I'm writing in regards to our environmental problems. Our environment is very messed up at the moment there is litter from one end of my town to the other. I don't understand why they still allow people to sell those aerosol things that ruin our o-zone. I was writing to ask what steps you plan on taking for our environment and the people in it. I would appreciate your input on what should be done or what is being done. I thank you kindly and am expecting a response.

sincerely,

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President Bush

I support the first Earth Summit to be held on June 1st. We must of course make all necessary steps toward an environmentally and economically healthy future. Sustainable natural and international economic development must include sound environmental policies. The U.S.A. must join the other committed nations of the world in putting the needs of humanity and the Earth and try to negotiate any appropriate policies at this summit.

Yours, President Bush, can be our Leader in this important political issue.

Sincerely,

La-Vera Garcia
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Health

Disease and Death from Malnutrition or Overconsumption

While millions of human beings go hungry, millions more in the industrialized countries suffer and die from diseases caused by consuming an excess of animal foods which have a high content of protein, fat and cholesterol and absence of fiber.

Despite tremendous advances in medicine and hygiene, Western nations, which consume most of the world's livestock and dairy products, have ever-increasing medical costs and much higher incidences of the following diseases than predominantly vegetarian nations:¹⁷

Arthritis	Obesity
Asthma	Osteoporosis
Breast Cancer	Peptic Ulcers
Colon Cancer	Promote Cancer
Constipation	Skin Diseases
Diabetes	Stroke
Diverticulosis	Trichinosis
	Urinary Disease

Our present belief of acceptance of *atherosclerosis and other chronic diseases as inevitable is no longer tenable in light of current knowledge, which can prevent this, and many other diseases of affluence. The present bandaged approach of no red meat and taking the skin off chicken, is a meaningless insult to scholars of nutritive science.*¹⁸

Protein Requirements

Our need for protein is greatest during infancy when our body weight doubles in 8 months. Nature's optimum food for infants is mother's breast milk which contains 5% of its calories as protein. Adults, who are no longer increasing their body mass like an infant, need less than 5% of their calories as protein.¹⁹

No adult mammal in the wild eats food that contains more protein than its mother's milk. The average Westerner who consumes meat, fish and dairy products gets 3 to 5 times the amount of protein that adult humans need. The human body compensates for this excess, causing physical imbalances

* The average American consumes the meat of seven 1100 pound steers in his or her life.

Topsoil Loss

85% of US topsoil lost from cropland, pasture, rangeland and forest land is directly associated with raising livestock.²⁷

Each pound of feedlot steak costs about 35 pounds of eroded topsoil.²⁸

An inch of topsoil takes between 200 and 1,000 years to form under natural conditions.²⁹

The direct and indirect costs of soil erosion and runoff in the US exceeds \$44 billion a year.³⁰

*Topsoil depletion has been the cause for the demise of many great civilizations.*³¹

Desertification

The United Nations Environmental Program defines "desertification as" impoverishment of arid, semiarid and subarid ecosystems by the impact of man's activities. This process leads to reduced productivity of desirable plants, alterations in the biomass and in the diversity of life forms, accelerated soil degradation, and increased hazards for human occupancy.³²

Cattle production is the primary factor in all five causes of desertification: overgrazing of livestock; overcultivation of the land; improper irrigation techniques; deforestation; and prevention of reforestation.³³

Each year nearly 1.5 million acres of land around the world are virtually lost to desertification. 52 million more acres become so eroded that they can no longer be grazed or cultivated.³⁴

Desertification of the world's rangeland, forests, and fields has spawned the greatest mass migration in world history. By the turn of the century, over half of humanity will live in urban areas.

Dwindling Fresh-water Supplies

50% of all the water consumed in the US is used to grow feed and provide

drinking water for cattle and other livestock.³⁵

Producing a pound of beef protein often requires up to 15 times more water than producing an equivalent amount of plant protein.³⁶

Water tables in the Midwest and Great Plains states are fast being depleted, and shortages are requiring industrial, commercial and residential sectors to fundamentally alter water-use patterns.³⁷

*Reports by the General Accounting Office, the Rand Corporation, and the Water Resources Council have made it clear that current water use practices threaten to undermine the economies of 17 Western states. These states receive limited precipitation, yet their water supplies could support an economy and population twice their current size. But most of the water goes directly or indirectly to produce livestock.*³⁸

Pollution

Cattle and other livestock account for twice the amount of pollutants as come from all US industrial sources.³⁹

The organic waste generated by a typical 10,000-head feedlot is equivalent to the human waste generated in a city of 110,000 people.⁴⁰

The nitrogen from cattle wastes is converted into ammonia and nitrates and leaches into ground and surface water, where it pollutes wells, rivers, and streams, contaminating drinking water and killing aquatic life. Nitrates can cause irreversible nervous system impairments, cancer, and "blue baby" syndrome.⁴¹

Manure nitrogen also escapes into the air as gaseous ammonia, a pollutant that causes acid rain and other forms of acid deposition. The ammonia that the livestock industry discharges into the air is the single largest source of acid deposited on Dutch soils—doing more damage than the country's cars or factories.⁴²

Energy

Oil is used in the livestock industries for fuel for transport and tractors, chemical

Pesticides

The proportion of crops lost to pests has increased nearly 20% since chemical pesticides came on the scene after World War II.⁴³

To produce a pound of grain-fed beef in the US takes the equivalent of one gallon of gasoline.⁴⁴

To produce one calorie of protein from beef takes 78 calories of fossil fuel.

To produce one calorie of protein from soybeans takes two calories of fossil fuel.⁴⁵

Meat is the major source of pesticide residues in the Western diet.⁴⁶ Of the 10 foods most likely to cause cancer from herbicide residues, beef is number one.⁴⁶

The direct and indirect cost of pesticide use is from \$2 to \$4 billion per year.⁴⁷

Government Subsidies of Livestock

Subsidies and special arrangements for livestock production prevail in many countries, often expanding the efforts to increase profits and consequently worsening the inevitable environmental impact. Subsidies take the form of guaranteed minimum prices, government storage of surpluses, feed and irrigation subsidies, import levies, and product insurance.⁴⁸

In 1990 government programs in the European nations of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development provided subsidies to animal farmers and feed growers worth \$120 billion.⁴⁹

The World Bank lends livestock projects \$100 million annually.⁵⁰

The US government subsidizes irrigation water to animal feed growers for \$500 million to \$1 billion annually. Often the market value of the feed is less than the cost incurred by federal government in providing the water to grow it.⁵¹

Agriculture programs in Western nations tend to support animal and vegetable farmers—despite the health guidelines of Western governments advising citizens to eat fewer animal products and more fruits and vegetables.⁵²

Global Warming

The grain-fed cattle complex is now a significant factor in the emission of three of the four global warming gases—carbon dioxide, nitrous oxides and methane.

Carbon Dioxide: Much of the biomass burned in the world today is to support the worldwide cattle-ranching industry. Millions of acres of tropical forests are burned each year, releasing millions of tons of carbon into the atmosphere. Every fast food hamburger made of rainforest beef adds 500 pounds of carbon dioxide to the atmosphere from the burning of forests.⁴⁶

The yearly beef requirements of an average family of four meat-eaters requires the expenditure of more than 260 gallons of fossil fuel. When that fuel is burned it releases more than 2.5 tons of additional carbon dioxide into the atmosphere—as much CO₂ as the average car emits in 6 months.⁴⁷

Nitrous Oxides: In the past 40 years, the use of chemical fertilizers has increased dramatically: 14 million tons in 1950; 143 million tons in 1989.⁴⁸

Nitrous oxide released from fertilizer and other sources now accounts for 6% of the global warming effect.⁴⁹

US corn fields—80% producing livestock feed—consume about 40% of the country's nitrogen fertilizer.⁵⁰

Methane: The world's 1.28 billion cattle emit approximately 100 million tons, or 20% of all the methane released into the atmosphere⁵¹—about 3% of global warming from all gases.⁵²

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 2, 1992

Dear Mr. Sherman:

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 February 27, 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.

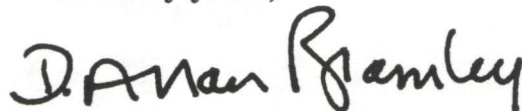
Regarding the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), scheduled this June in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, President Bush is committed to achieving international agreement on a framework convention on climate change. In addition to a global agreement on climate change, the Bush Administration 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,

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

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President George Bush
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February 27, 1992

Dear President Bush:

I urge you to personally attend the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro together with more that 170 other heads of state already committed.

Sustainable national and international economic development must include sound environmental policies. I expect you to be a leader in this area.

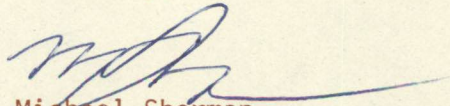
I would like you to reconsider joining the rest of the world in banning the international traffic in toxic waste. I would like to know why the U.S. is the only nation opposed to such a ban.

The proportion of crops lost to pests has increased nearly 20% since chemical pesticides started being used in 1945. Sustainable organic agriculture has proven to be an effective way of farming around the world. Please consider a reduction in pesticide use by the year 2000. Review some of the policies adopted in the Scandinavian countries.

We are drawing down resources, our environmental capital, at a rate that will bankrupt us all. Our current system is not working - it is time for a change. Your presence and strong participation at the Summit will send a message to the world that the U.S. does not only take from this planet.

Please respond.

Cordially,


Michael Sherman

cc: Senator D'Amato
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