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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 11/21/89 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 11/22/89 4:00 PM

BUILDING A BETTER AMERICA: ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE BUSH

SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATION, SUMMARY AND MAIN DOCUMENT

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REMARKS:

Please forward any comments directly to Chriss Winston, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 4:00 PM, Wednesday, November 22, with a copy to my office. Thank you.

Please pay particular attention to the material in brackets.

RESPONSE:

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James W. Cicconi
Assistant to the President
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Ext. 2702

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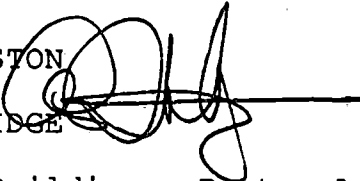
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Return to: Myrna Dugan
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NATIONAL SPACE COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20500

November 22, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: LIZ PRESTRIDGE 

SUBJECT: Draft of "Building a Better America"

I've attached some suggested revisions to pp. 31 and 32. I should point out that the deletion of the word "exploration" at the bottom of page 31 is fairly important -- the driving force behind the Executive Order was the need for better coordination of space policy in general. Space exploration was only a marginal consideration.

system will include advanced weather radar, observation automation, and a new communications system.

- **Ban on African Elephant Ivory:** On June 5, the Administration announced an importation ban of African elephant ivory into the United States, making importation from any country illegal. The ban covers both commercial and non-commercial shipments.
- **Driftnet Fishing Agreements:** The Administration successfully persuaded Japan, Taiwan, and Korea to enter into driftnet fishing agreements to monitor driftnet practices and enforce laws prohibiting the taking of U.S. origin salmon.

EXPLORING SPACE

U.S. LEADERSHIP IN SPACE AND TO

The President has made a commitment to the continued exploration of space, ^{HE} and has proposed the deployment of Space Station Freedom, the establishment of a permanent presence on the Moon, and a manned mission to Mars.

ACTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION:

- On April 20, The President demonstrated the importance he attaches to the development of space ~~exploration~~ by signing

an Executive Order establishing the National Space Council. President Bush named Vice President Quayle Chairman of the Council, which is charged with bringing "coherence and continuity and commitment to our efforts to explore, study and develop space."

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- The President tasked the Council with developing "concrete recommendations to chart a new and continuing course to the Moon and Mars and beyond." Under the leadership of the Vice President, the Council is currently developing an options package for the President.
- The President ensured the adequate funding for space activities and obtained a 14 percent increase for NASA programs. The President also secured a 100 percent increase in the NASA budget for Space Station Freedom.

- INSERT ↓
- The President set forth an aggressive U.S. space policy in the civil, commercial, and national security sectors in National Space Policy Directive #1. This is a new Presidential directive system which gives space a unique policy status in the Bush Administration.

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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MEMORANDUM FOR DAVID Q. BATES

NOV 27 P 6:32 THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Comments on White House Draft: Building a Better
America; Accomplishments of the Bush Administration

The Department of State appreciates the opportunity to review the attached draft document. Generally, we have no problems with it. Following are the few changes we would recommend.

We recommend inserting the following reference to Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation at an appropriate place under "Seizing International Opportunities for Peace."

"Secretary Baker, in a major speech before the Asia Society in June, laid out the Administration's support for establishing a ministerial-level group of Asia-Pacific countries to enhance marginal economic cooperation. The first ministerial of twelve countries, held in November, succeeded in establishing the group, with two future meetings scheduled. At our urging, the twelve issued a Joint Press Statement which, among other things, expressed continued support for concluding the Uruguay Round Trade Negotiations. This new body provides an important venue for building regional support for market-oriented economic policies."

Also at an appropriate place under "Seizing International opportunities for Peace," we recommend adding the following reference to US-Japan relations.

"The US relationship with Japan has grown stronger under the Bush Administration and continues to expand into new areas of cooperation. The President has set forth a framework of global partnership to further our cooperation with Japan on such diverse international issues as humanitarian assistance for Afghan refugees, support for democracy in the Philippines through the Multilateral Assistance Initiative, and the search for responsible fiscal management of the UN. Bilaterally, our security relationship has been enhanced by a balanced agreement mutually to develop and produce the next generation of Japanese fighter aircraft, and the Structural Impediments Initiative that the President launched with the Japanese Prime Minister seeks to identify and remove the rigidities in the Japanese economy that prevent greater Japanese imports of American products."

We also recommend the following changes:

✓ On page 2 of the summary, second tick, line seven:
insert "in principle" after "agreements" and before
"under the Administration's...."

✓ On page 3 of the main text, second tick, line six:
again insert "in principle" after "agreements" and
before "with commercial banks...."

✓ On page 5 of the summary, second tick, line 5: insert
"strong" between "took" and "actions"

✓ Same tick, line six: strike "making" and substitute
"to make" before "clear that we do...." After "even
while" strike "we work" and substitute "it is in the
US interest" before "to preserve the...."

✓ On page 12 of the main text, in the paragraph on
China, line 11: strike "signals" and substitute
"emphasizes"

J. Stapleton Roy
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

Draft document: Building a Better America: Accomplishments
of the Bush Administration

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Since international efforts against drugs have become a priority in this Administration, we also suggest adding the following to the section on "Seizing International Opportunities for Peace:"

U.S. has called for initial discussions concerning a convention on global climate change.

Also, the President proposed a 21% increase in global environmental research for FY 1990. The \$628 million, total budget, the largest amount spent by any nation on global environmental research, will continue the United States' international leadership in this field.

- o **Ozone depletion:** In order to prevent further damage to the earth's protective ozone layer, the President has called for a total worldwide phaseout of CFCs by the year 2000, provided safe substitutes are available.
- o **Wetlands:** The President is committed to "no net loss" of wetlands and is directing his executive branch agencies, through an interagency task force, to make recommendations to achieve that goal. He has also proposed a major increase in funding to expand and improve parks, wildlife refuges, forests, and recreational land.
- o **Space:** ~~The President established the National Space Council under the leadership of Vice President Quayle and announced a three-step commitment to maintain America's preeminence in space -- Space Station Freedom, a permanent presence on the Moon, and a manned mission to Mars.~~

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Substitute for paragraph entitled "Space" on p. 9:

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Space: The President has committed the nation to "a sustained program of manned exploration of the solar system" and "the permanent settlement of space." To this end, he has identified as critical elements of the U.S. space program: the permanently manned Space Station Freedom, manned missions to the Moon and to Mars, and the Mission to Planet Earth aimed at understanding Earth's fragile environment. The President established the National Space Council under the leadership of Vice President Quayle to coordinate U.S. space activities.

*VP
Space
Council*

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BUILDING A BETTER AMERICA - SUMMARY

INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE -- (beginning at page 6 of the Summary)

- Wetlands -- page 9 of the Summary. We would suggest rewriting the last sentence of this bullet to strengthen it. ✓
✓ As a suggestion, "He has proposed a major increase in funding to expand and improve parks, wildlife refuges, forests and recreational lands." ✓

At this point, add new bullets, as follows:

add
North American Waterfowl Management Plan. On June 6, President Bush and Interior Secretary Lujan endorsed the concept of a trust fund to provide a dedicated source of funds with which to buy wetlands essential to an international agreement with Canada, the North American Waterfowl Management Plan. On _____, President Bush signed this legislation into law.

Endangered Species. The Interior Department's Fish & Wildlife Service has undertaken an emergency listing of the desert tortoise as a threatened species in certain areas of California and Nevada. The spotted owl is currently being studied for listing in its northern range.

BUILDING A BETTER AMERICA - MAIN DOCUMENT TEXT

Page 6 of the main document text:

Rewrite the final line to read "allow a sensible mix of energy sources and energy conservation measures to protect America's economic competitiveness."

Page 20 of the main document text:

Add a new bullet to the "Education" section:

add → "Secretaries Lujan and Cavazos have committed to a major initiative to ensure that we place renewed emphasis on ensuring that our Native American students receive a quality education."

Page 25 of the main document text:

Add a sentence to the "Augmenting Enforcement" bullet, as follows:

National Park Police, National Park Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation and Fish and Wildlife Service law enforcement officials, will also plan a major role in fighting growth, manufacture, and use of drugs on the nation's public lands.

Page 26 of the main document text:

Change "national resources" to "natural resources" in the top line.

Page 28 of the main document text:

Add the following sentence to the "Alaskan Oil Spill" bullet:

The Administration has further called for Exxon to pay the full cost of environmental damages resulting from the spill.

Add a new paragraph following the words "accidents such as this."

The Departments of Agriculture, Commerce and Interior and the State of Alaska have proposed a draft Natural Resource Damage Assessment Plan for assessing the economic damages caused by the spill.

Page 30 of the main document text:

Add a new paragraph, immediately following the first paragraph, in the "Wetlands, National Parks, and Reforestation" bullet:

On November _____, the President signed into law S. 804, to provide a source of funding for the North American Waterfowl Management Plan.

Page 31 of the main document text:

Add a new bullet following the first "Ban on African Elephant Ivory" bullet:

"The United States was a leader in convincing the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) to restrict international trade in ivory. The Interior Department is now spearheading an Administration strategic planning process to guide U.S. technical assistance to African nations and assure the proper allocation of grants under the African Elephant Conservation Fund, to emphasize protection of elephant populations, and protection and management of habitat.

Page 31 of the main document text:

Add new "environment" bullets:

Completed purchase of 25,000 acres in south Florida to help protect the critically endangered Florida panther and to provide additional protection for Everglades National Park. In addition, pursued a major further expansion of that Park, to be signed into law by President Bush on November ____ .

Initiated a 10-nation program to develop a Caribbean-wide strategy for the protection of parks and wildlife, with the National Park Service as the lead U.S. agency.

Established the Bureau of Land Management "Back Country Byways" program to complement the National Scenic Byways initiative.

Began implementation of a comprehensive "Recreation 2000" plan to define the Bureau of Land Management's highest recreation priorities and bring about orderly development of recreational resources by the turn of the century.

Completed a Bureau of Land Management assessment of the needs during the next five years in riparian management and improvement.

Initiated a \$6 million, 3-year project in which the Minerals Management Service and the American Petroleum Institute will conduct research and development on oil spill cleanup technology. API will provide half the funding; MMS will provide the other half.

USDA

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
OF AGRICULTURE IN 1989**



ROLE OF AGRICULTURE IN U.S. ECONOMY

There has been a turnaround in U.S. agriculture in recent years. Net cash income was record high in 1987 and 1988 and will remain high in 1989. The recovery in farm income along with a more than 25 percent drop in farm debt since 1983 and greater cash reserves have improved farmers' financial conditions. Land values grew by 3 percent in 1987, 6 percent in 1988, and will rise again in 1989. Farm exports are expected to total \$39 billion in 1989, up \$4 billion from last year, and \$13 billion from 1986. Low inflation, reduced farm expenses, rapid export expansion, and high Federal support levels have combined to return prosperity to agriculture in 1989.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

International Agricultural Trade Reform. To expand U.S. agricultural markets, reduce unfair trading practices, and increase the market orientation of agricultural sectors worldwide, the United States submitted its "Comprehensive Proposal" for agricultural reform to the Agricultural Negotiating Group of the General Agreement of Tariffs and Trade (GATT) on October 25th. This proposal -- hailed by many countries worldwide -- seeks to liberalize agricultural trade and therefore allow U.S. farmers to produce and compete for markets without the massive government interference that characterizes today's global trading environment.

Revised Export Enhancement Program (EEP) Criteria. As part of the Administration's commitment to fight the unfair trade practices of foreign nations, maintain U.S. market share, and press for agricultural trade reform, the criteria for evaluating Export Enhancement Program (EEP) initiatives were revised to give trade policy effects overall importance. Under the EEP, bonuses in the form of generic commodity certificates are issued to exporters of U.S. agricultural commodities to allow U.S. exports to be priced competitively with the subsidized exports of the European Community and other subsidizing nations.

FOOD AID

U.S. Food Assistance to Poland. The United States is providing Poland with \$108.4 million worth of U.S. agricultural commodities in 1989 and 1990. U.S. food aid to Poland will include corn, sorghum, butter, pork, vegetable oil, rice and cotton. Other commodities may be designated at a later date depending on the needs of the Polish government.

The President also has formed a Presidential Economic Delegation -- led by Secretaries Yeutter, Mosbacher, and Dole and CEA Chairman Boskin -- to examine the new government's economic plan and to advise the President on the best ways of assuring the use of U.S. assistance. The Delegation will focus on those economic sectors where U.S. expertise and experience can be of greatest assistance, including agricultural production, marketing, processing and distribution.

DISASTER RELIEF

Disaster Assistance to U.S. Farmers and Ranchers. USDA donated 1.3 million pounds of food and over \$62 million worth of emergency and replacement food stamps for the victims of Hurricane Hugo in South and North Carolina. For Hugo victims in the Caribbean, USDA provided over 4.5 million pounds of food and over \$2.2 million in emergency and replacement food stamps. As of October 31, over \$250,000 in emergency food stamps were issued to the Loma Prieta earthquake victims. USDA continues to provide donated foods to shelters in the earthquake area.

More than \$1 billion in business and agricultural loans has been made available for victims of hurricane Hugo and the California earthquake and other emergencies and natural disasters in 1989. REA assisted the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) by assigning personnel to help assess damage and institute repairs in the aftermath of hurricane Hugo.

In addition, to assist agricultural producers hard-hit by the 1989 drought and other natural disasters, the Administration implemented a host of measures to help alleviate the effects of drought and disaster. To prevent drought-forced liquidation of the nation's cow herds, emergency feed programs were activated in 300 counties in 21 states wherein the Government shared the costs for emergency feed purchases with ranchers, government-owned stocks of grain were made available at 50 percent discount to ranchers in 254 counties in 15 states, and emergency haying and grazing of set-aside acres was authorized in 983 counties in 22 states.

To assist crop producers who lost all or part of their crops due to drought and disaster, the Administration worked with Congress to craft a disaster relief bill which will provide an estimated \$900 million in assistance to farmers.

DOMESTIC AG POLICY

Modified 1990 Wheat Program. To alleviate fears of short supplies of wheat following two consecutive years of drought, the Administration announced changes in the 1990 wheat program which should boost production slightly, allow U.S. producers to take advantage of both domestic and global marketing opportunities and provide greater flexibility to farmers in responding to market signals.

GLOBAL WARMING

Global Climate Change. In cooperation with the Committee on Earth Sciences, the Department has developed a major research and education program to reduce agriculture's contribution to "greenhouse" gases such as methane and nitrous oxides, to develop plants which have genetic resistance to environmental stress, and to facilitate agriculture's and forestry's role to sequester CO₂ and to serve as a source of biomass for alternative fuels.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT

USDA Rural Revitalization Task Force. This USDA-wide task force was established to inventory the Department's rural development programs and initiatives and to make recommendations to the Secretary for improvement. The task force presented a comprehensive report of findings and recommendations to the Secretary in early July 1989.

Rural Development Town Meetings. The Under Secretary for Small Community and Rural Development held town meetings in several states across the country during 1989. The purpose of the town meetings was to obtain information and public comments relative to rural economic development.

Business and Industry Loans. Over 7,700 jobs retained or created through loan guarantees made under this program.

Water and Waste Water Program. Over 1,000 loans and grants were made to provide safe drinking water and sanitary waste disposal systems. \$10 million went toward assisting severely drought impacted areas.

Low Income, Low Interest Housing Loans. Nearly 35,000 families obtained low-interest housing loans from FmHA in 1989. An additional 16,000 family rental units were constructed in 1989.

Rural Development Loan Program. Under this new program REA made 24 loans totaling \$1,870,000 for rural economic development projects to establish new businesses and create jobs. These actions require members of power supply distribution cooperatives to partially guarantee the repayment, to the federal government, the loans made to the generating cooperatives by REA.

NOTE TO DENISE SCHWARTZ
CABINET AFFAIRS

FROM: BILL LUKSIC
EXEC SEC

Subject: Treasury's Comments on Accomplishments of the Bush
Administration

Summary

- o page 3, first paragraph, Budget Policy, needs to be re-written
- o page 6, first full paragraph, seventh line, "missile" is misspelled
- o page 7, Clean Air Act bullet, line 2, insert "what will become" after "Congress"
- o page 9, Space bullet, change to "The President established the National Space Council under the leadership of Vice President Quayle and announced a three-step commitment to establish America's preeminence in space -- Space Station Freedom, a permanent presence on the Moon, and a manned mission to Mars."

Main Document

- o page 1, second bullet, third line, insert "over" before "15"
- o page 2, first bullet, second line, change "19" to "20"
- o page 2, second bullet, line four, change "this fiscal year" to "in FY 1989"
- o page 2, third bullet, line 6, change "4.3" to "4.5" and on line 7, change "2.4" to "2.6"
- o page 2, last paragraph, Implementing fiscal restraint, needs to be re-written
- o page 3, first line, change "hitting" to "meeting"
- o page 5, last line before Steel Imports, has this product liability strategy been formally announced?

- o page 9 and continuing on to page 10, delete the last sentence beginning "It will make recommendations..."
- o page 17, first bullet, line 3, change "and" to "that the"
- o page 29, insert "Strategic Petroleum Reserve: In August 1989, the Department of Energy initiated a study of ways to increase strategic petroleum stocks which would protect the country in the event of an oil disruption."
- o page 34, delete first sentence and change to "He has called for a complete elimination of the capital gains tax on certain investments in enterprise zone businesses."
- o page 35, second tick under the Child care bullet, delete "Child and" (explanation: children are dependents)
- o page 36, first line, change "appropriation" to "appropriations"
- o page 37, first tick under Legislation, delete "from taxable income" (explanation: there is no such thing as a deduction from taxable income; i.e., taxable income is the # you derive from subtracting all deductions)
- o page 43, last paragraph, line 6, change "life" to "lift"
- o page 47, modify first tick concerning pay raise for federal judges

NOTE TO DENISE SCHWARTZ
CABINET AFFAIRS

FROM: BILL LUKSIC
EXEC SEC

Subject: Additional Comments from Treasury on Accomplishments of
the Bush Administration

Summary

- o page 2, before the first sentence of the Savings and Loans paragraph, insert "In the first days of the Administration, the President introduced comprehensive legislation to restructure the thrift industry and assure savers that their accounts were safe."
- o page 9, first paragraph, line 3, "CFC" should be written out

Main Document

- o page 6, at the end of the page, insert "Savings and Investment: To review and create policies which promote savings, investment and capital formation, the Economic Policy Council established a working group on Savings and the Cost of Capital."

AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20523



Chief of Staff

November 27, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR DENISE SCHWARZ
Cabinet Affairs
The White House

FROM: Molly Hageboeck ✓ 1.

SUBJECT: Comments on the Draft of "Building a Better America"

We have reviewed the draft of "Building A Better America" and have the following general and specific, page-by-page, comments:

A. General

The first page doesn't "sing." It really should. You need to capture the reader's attention. The report is factual by nature, but some Peggy Noonan class words at the start would set a more visionary and exciting tone. You have wordsmiths over there who can do this, but something like the following might give them a start:

"For years to come, people will look back in amazement to 1989 -- the first year of George Bush's presidency. Forever in our minds we will hold its picture -- the picture of people -- from both sides of the Iron Curtain -- holding hands and dancing on top of the Berlin Wall -- and then tearing it down."

"One by one the unfree places fall, not to the force of arms but to the force of an idea: freedom works."

"With those few words, George Bush foretold the sweeping changes that 1989 would bring. He came to the Presidency prepared -- for the job, for change and for challenges. His first year in office speaks to the value -- to America -- and to the world -- of his unparalleled preparation."

"As the Bush Administration finishes its first year," etc., as in the current draft.

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M-P 10,13,14,16,40

B. Page-by-Page

1. Summary, Page 2

Re: Third World Debt.

- o How about switching the title to: Developing Country Debt. The term Third World is inherently a "we-they" notion.
- o Modify the final sentence of this paragraph to say "... negotiate commerical debt...".
- o You may then want to add:

"The Administration has also taken steps to help the least developed countries eliminate their official debt. In addition, where appropriate, "debt for nature" swaps are being arranged with Administration support."

2. Main Volume, Page 3

Re: Debt again

- o You may want to add:

"To relieve the debt problems of the least developed countries, the President has implemented a foreign assistance provision which allows the Agency for International Development (A.I.D.) to forgive debt that has been incurred in connection with official development assistance programs. That authority is already being used to assist heavily indebted countries in Africa."

"In addition, the Administration has been a pioneer with respect to "debt for development swaps" through which nature preserves are set aside as part of debt reduction arrangements in which both the Administration and commercial lenders participate. Major "debt for nature swaps" have been arranged for the Philippines and Madagascar."

3. Main Volume, Page 10

As A.I.D. will administer the fund discussed on line 3, it might make sense to say so, particularly as this passage mentions other U.S. agencies and multilateral organizations.

4. The same concern applies to the section on Hungary on this page. A.I.D. will administer the funds discussed on line 1-2 of this section.

5. Main Volume, Page 13

Second to the last sentence of the first paragraph -- we suggest changing note to declare.

6. Main Volume, Page 14

In the Democracy subsection, at line 7, you may want to note that A.I.D. is administering the funds to support a free election. Working through several grantees, A.I.D. will provide technical assistance to those who will manage the election process. Election observers will also be funded under this program.

7. Main Volume, Page 16

- o You may want to acknowledge that there have been other players involved in the development of our Cambodian policy, e.g., Secretary Baker.

8. Main Volume, Page 40

- o You might want to note somewhere in this section that the Administration is also encouraging federal government employees to participate in volunteer programs in their communities.

P. 25

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
722 JACKSON PLACE, NW.
WASHINGTON, DC 20503

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 27, 1989

FROM: David B. Struhs *DBS*
Staff Director
Council on Environmental Quality

TO: James W. Cicconi
Asst. to the President and
Deputy to the Chief of Staff

Chriss Winston, WHO
EOB-122

Re: Building a Better America

Following are CEQ's comments on the draft "Building a Better America: Accomplishments of the Bush Administration." In the interest of time we have limited our review to that section of the document labelled "The Environment."

PAGE 25

✓ Delete "a long-time environmentalist." The phrase begs the question "When wasn't Mr. Bush an environmentalist?" and may be perceived as self-serving. Leaving it out does not make the sentence weaker.

✓ Replace the sentence that begins with "He believes that..." with the sentence: He has given environmental protection, conservation, and wise management of our natural resource a high priority on our national agenda. This changes the tone of the paragraph from abstract principles to concrete action.

PAGE 26

✓ Note that "national resources" in the first line of the page should read "natural resources."

✓ Change "urban ozone" to "urban smog." Ozone, in this context, is a pollution problem that ranges far beyond urban settings. Moreover, it is easily confused with the ozone which we are trying to protect in the upper atmosphere.

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Drop the sentence: "These reductions will also help curb any increase in global warming resulting from fossil fuel combustion." The proposed Clean Air Act Amendments are not designed, nor will they, make any significant contribution to reducing the emission of so-called greenhouse gases. One might identify some secondary benefits which would help control global warming (i.e., tightening up running VOC emissions from mobile sources might result in more energy efficient cars and trucks), but this is not the principal focus of the proposed legislation and if any secondary benefits are realized in this area they would be puny. Moreover, the bill may in some areas actually increase greenhouse gas emissions (i.e., using additional energy to operate SO2 scrubbers).

Replace "ozone precursors" with "the emissions that cause smog."

The point about Natural Gas Decontrol is good, but it does not state why there is an environmental gain in this action. Add the sentences: "Natural gas is one of the cleanest burning fuels available. Increased use of this domestically available energy source will help combat a number of air pollution problems as well as helping to limit emissions which may cause global warming."

PAGE 27

Delete the bracketed point on the Alaskan oil spill. It does not fit into a compilation of the Administrations environmental policy initiatives. Moreover, it highlights an incident for which the public gave the Administration generally low marks.

PAGE 28

Take the last sentence of the above mentioned point on the Alaskan oil spill ("The President also proposed, and the Paris Summit leaders accepted, a call for increased international efforts on oil spill prevention and clean-up.") and move it to the end of the following point on Oil Spill Legislation.

PAGE 29

The first paragraph (bracketed) on this page is "floating" and needs to find an anchor. It makes sense to add it to the end of the following section on Superfund. Also since this is a presidential document, it should read: "Also, the Administration has put forth a plan of action to identify" rather than mention the Secretary of Energy by name.

Following is a re-worked section on Global Climate Issues. CEQ's comments seek to build upon the existing draft:

CEQ

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Global Climate Issues: Through its position as chairman of the Response Strategies Working Group of the United Nation's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the U.S. has called for initial discussions potentially leading toward a convention on global climate change. Also the President proposed an increase for FY 1990 of 43 percent (over \$190 million) for the interagency Committee on Earth Sciences research on global change. Government-wide, nearly half-a-billion dollars are being spent on global research this year with nearly \$1 billion earmarked for FY 1991. [check #'s with OMB] Also, the Administration's current effort to draft a National Energy Policy is focusing on energy conservation as a central component of the government's final report.

The President called for a worldwide phaseout of a class of chemicals known as chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) by the year 2000. CFCs deplete the planet's protective, radiation-shielding ozone layer and also as "greenhouse gases." The President has also proposed an international freeze and phase down of the production of the industrial solvent methyl chloroform, another ozone-destroying chemical which, if left unrestricted, would offset the phaseout of CFCs.

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Move the point on Improved Forecasting to another section of the document. It does not fit well into the environmental section. We suggest that it be replaced with a point about the President's decision to revitalize his Council on Environmental Quality. There is a real political win here with the nation's environmental community that, if it is to be taken advantage of, needs to be recognized as a significant first-year accomplishment for the Administration. Following is some suggested language:

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The point on African Elephant Ivory can be made stronger by adding a phrase to the last sentence of that paragraph. We suggest it read as follows: "The ban covers both commercial and non-commercial shipments and has already had a measurable effect on the international poached ivory trade."

state and local enforcement authorities, will target violent criminals and repeat offenders.

- **Enhancing Prosecution:** The President proposed increased funds for the U.S. Attorneys Offices to support 1,600 new prosecutors and staff, and increased funds for the Justice Department Criminal Division to support 168 new positions, to handle drug cases, weapons offenses, and other priority matters.
- **Expanding Prison Capacity:** The President proposed an additional \$1 billion for Federal prison construction, bringing the total FY 1990 budget to over \$1.5 billion. This will add 24,000 new Federal prison beds to the current 31,000 beds, an increase of nearly 80%.
- **Anti-Drug Treaty:** The Vienna Convention on Illicit Drugs and Psychotropic Substances was strongly endorsed by the President and forwarded to the Congress for ratification. This is the most significant and far-reaching treaty on international cooperation on drug trafficking, chemical precursor control, and money laundering ever to be signed.

THE ENVIRONMENT

President Bush, ~~a long-time environmentalist,~~ has taken strong action to protect the environment. He ^{has given} ~~believes that~~ environmental protection, conservation, and wise management of

our ~~national~~ ^{natural} resources ~~must have~~ a high priority on our national agenda.

ACTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION:

- **Clean Air legislation:** On June 12, the President announced proposals to reduce emissions which cause acid rain, urban ~~ozone~~ ^{smog} and toxic air pollution. The proposals, the first major overhaul of the Clean Air Act to be proposed by an Administration in over a decade, call for a 10 billion ton reduction in SO₂ emissions by the year 2000, a 2 million ton reduction in NO_x, a 40 percent reduction in emission of volatile organic compounds, and a reduction of 75 to 90 percent in air toxic emissions. ~~These reductions will also help curb any increase in global warming resulting from fossil fuel combustion.~~ The proposal also calls for the use of alternative fuels in one million vehicles by 1997. Alternative fuels, while reducing ~~ozone precursors~~ ^{the emissions that cause smog}, will also reduce the toxic aromatics which come from conventional gasoline. The President submitted a comprehensive Clean Air bill to the Congress on July 21 embodying the proposals announced on June 12.
- **Natural Gas Decontrol:** On July 26, the President signed into law the **Wellhead Decontrol Act of 1989**, which ends all remaining price controls on natural gas. *Natural gas is one of the cleanest burning fuels available. Increased use of this domestically available energy source will help control a number of air pollution problems as well as helping to limit emissions which may cause global warming.*

- **Clean Coal Technologies:** The President proposed \$710 million in FY 1990 for the Clean Coal Technology program.
- **Clean water and coastlines:** On March 10, the Department of Justice and the EPA implemented a medical waste tracking program to track medical wastes to ensure proper disposal and prevent ocean pollution -- the first step in a comprehensive program to help keep our beaches clean. The President is committed to end ocean dumping of sewage sludge by 1991.
- **Cleaning up hazardous wastes:** On March 10, The President announced he will be seeking new legislation to amend the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act in order to give the United States Government authority to ban all exports of hazardous waste unless an agreement exists with the receiving country providing for the safe handling and management of those wastes.
- ~~[[**Alaskan oil spill:** A Cabinet-level team was sent to assess the Alaskan oil spill, and a joint federal-state resource recovery team was convened. The National Transportation Safety Board is investigating the accident. Exxon has accepted responsibility for paying for the clean up, and for~~

employing local civilian personnel necessary to control further damage.

The Departments of Transportation and Interior, as well as the EPA, are coordinating the long-range planning to restore the environment of Prince William Sound, and the President has ordered a review of existing contingency plans for accidents such as this.

The President also proposed, and the Paris Summit leaders accepted, a call for increased international efforts on oil spill prevention and clean-up.]]

- o [[Oil Spill Legislation: On May 11, the Administration transmitted to Congress comprehensive oil pollution liability and compensation legislation that broadens and strengthens our existing patchwork of laws. The bill provides swift and assured compensation for clean up costs and damages through a liability system based on strict financial responsibility requirements for shipowners backed up by an oil-industry financed fund.]]

- o Offshore Oil Drilling: The President postponed lease sales and offshore oil and gas development in environmentally sensitive areas off the coasts of California and Florida. The President set up a task force to examine the issues and report back to him in January of 1990.

- *the Administration*
[[Also, ~~Secretary of Energy Watkins~~ has put forth a plan of action to identify and prioritize clean up of defense and civilian radioactive waste; meet the Nation's security needs; and comply with environmental safety and health laws.]]
- **Superfund:** The President's budget proposed \$315 million to pursue an aggressive cleanup schedule of toxic waste sites; the Administration has opposed Congressional efforts to cut the Superfund budget to \$150 million. On June 14, EPA Administrator Reilly, following the President's direction, concluded a Management Review of the Superfund Program. The agency has decided to add five hundred people to the enforcement staff to ensure that sites are cleaned up.
- **Global Climate Issues:** Through its position as chairman of the Response Strategies Working Group of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the U.S. has called for initial discussions potentially leading toward a convention on global climate change. Also, the President proposed an increase in global environmental research for FY 1990 of 43 percent, or over \$190 million. In addition, the Clean Air Act initiatives and Clean Coal Technology Program will play a significant role in controlling greenhouse gas emissions. The President called for a worldwide phaseout of ozone-depleting

*Changes in
attached memo.*

chlorofluorocarbons by the year 2000, if safe substitutes are available.

- o **Wetlands, National Parks, and Reforestation:** The President is also committed to a national goal of "no net loss of wetlands" and an interagency task force has been convened to develop recommendations to achieve that goal.

He has proposed \$206 million in new money to expand and improve America's parks and wildlife refuges, preserving them for generations to come.

Finally, the President supports increased lending by the development banks for reforestation programs and the implementation of the Tropical Forest Action Plan. He also endorsed the call by the Paris Economic Summit for an end to world deforestation. *The Department of Agriculture has initiated a number of reforestation programs both domestically and abroad and the President has personally helped focus the nation's attention on the importance of trees by planting a number of them at various commemorative events around the country.*

- o **Asbestos Ban:** On July 7, EPA announced an almost total phase-out of nearly all uses of asbestos by 1997. The ban will prohibit importation, manufacture, and processing of asbestos, a carcinogen linked to lung cancer and mesothelioma (lung and chest cancer).

move to another section of document.

~~o **Improved Forecasting:** The Commerce Department announced that beginning in Fiscal Year 1990, the National Weather Service will modernize and restructure its operations to provide improved forecasting and weather warning systems. The new~~

Replace w/ language on CEQ. (attached memo.).

system will include advanced weather radar, observation automation, and a new communications system.

- **Ban on African Elephant Ivory:** On June 5, the Administration announced an importation ban of African elephant ivory into the United States, making importation from any country illegal. The ban covers both commercial and non-commercial shipments, *and has already had a measurable effect on the international poached ivory trade.*
- **Driftnet Fishing Agreements:** The Administration successfully persuaded Japan, Taiwan, and Korea to enter into driftnet fishing agreements to monitor driftnet practices and enforce laws prohibiting the taking of U.S. origin salmon.

EXPLORING SPACE

The President has made a commitment to the continued exploration of space, and has proposed the deployment of Space Station Freedom, the establishment of a permanent presence on the Moon, and a manned mission to Mars.

ACTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION:

- On April 20, The President demonstrated the importance he attaches to the development of space exploration by signing

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION

Justice Department Issues List

TOPICS FROM SUMMARY

- o Savings and Loans (Financial Institution Fraud Investigations and Prosecutions)
- o National Drug Control Strategy
- o Combatting Violent Crime
- o Clean Air Act revisions
- o Clean Water and Coastlines (Medical waste tracking program; enforcement)
- o Hazardous Waste (enforcement?)
- o Wetlands (interagency taskforce)
- o Adoption (plans)
- o Civil Rights (Hate Crimes bill; Fair Housing Act enforcement; Voting Rights Act enforcement; etc.)
- o Disabled Americans (ADA and enforcement)
- o Campaign Finance Reform
- o Ethics
- o Whistleblower Protection

TOPICS FROM MAIN DOCUMENT

- o Disaster Assistance (mention St. Croix mobilization?)
- o Savings and Loan Reform (fails to mention Justice enforcement tools and resources, see attached for increased personnel data)
- o Seizing International Opportunities

-- "Beyond Containment""integrating the Soviet Union into the world community" (Attorney General's trip/legal reform)

-- Latin America (Drug related activities in Mexico, Panama, Columbia, etc.)

- o Air Transportation Security (Anti-Terrorism Initiatives/Investigations; Senate-passed Terrorist Death penalty, etc.)
- o Fighting Drug Abuse (Extraditions; prosecutions, increased resources¹ etc.)
- o Combatting Violent Crime (Add reference to Furloughs guidelines initiative; at page 23, correct tense to indicate Attorney General has already issued plea bargaining directive to All U.S. Attorneys; at pages 23-25 also note that section could use revision to improve technical accuracy and better emphasize President's call for overall criminal justice system reform at local, state and federal levels as opposed to only the selected elements highlighted presently included; the issues of habeas corpus and exclusionary rule reform definitely should be mentioned; Report to the Congress on the Identification of Felons Attempting to purchase firearms should be mentioned; note that the "Anti-Drug Treaty" or Vienna convention is not part of the Violent Crime package; specify funding levels appropriated in terms of increased numbers of AUSAs and agents, see attached.)
- o Clean Air Act revisions
- o Clean Water and Coastlines (Medical waste tracking program; enforcement)
- o Superfund/Hazardous Waste (any Justice enforcement activity?)
- o Wetlands, National Parks, and Reforestation (interagency taskforce)
- o Ban on African Elephant Ivory importation (Any indictments or successful prosecutions?)
- o Affordable Housing (mention Fair Housing Act enforcement efforts?)
- o Civil Rights (Hate Crimes bill; Fair Housing Act enforcement; Voting Rights Act enforcement; prosecutions, investigations and CRS activities related to hate crimes and racial violence; etc.)
- o Disabled Americans (ADA and enforcement)

¹I have requested the number of DEA agents from JMD but that figure was not readily available.

- o Child care (at page 35, is Justice working with Labor on determining whether the unavailability of liability insurance is a barrier to employer-provided care?/tort reform link)
- o Adoption (Attorney General memorandum and plans)
- o Campaign Finance Reform
- o Ethics (Justice initiatives?)
- o Whistleblower Protection
- o All Other White Collar Crime (S & L is not only area)
- o Public Corruption (Senate-passed bill and successful prosecutions)

S & L
Attachment

1990 Conference Report
Financial Institutions Fraud Initiative
(Dollars in Thousands)

	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Request</u> <u>\$</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Conf. Rpt.</u> <u>\$</u>	<u>Includes</u>
Tax Div.	10	\$ 678	10	\$ 678	6 atty
Criminal Div.	40	2,600	40	2,600	24 atty
USA	256	21,682	256	20,862	118 AUSAs
FBI	<u>454</u>	<u>25,039</u>	<u>454</u>	<u>25,039</u>	236 agents
Totals	760	\$49,999	760	\$49,179	

Notes

- . Tax and Criminal Divisions were supported for the full amount of the President's request. See highlighted line in Conference Report on General Legal Activities (Tab A).
- . U.S. Attorneys is supported \$820,000 below the President's request. See highlighted lines in Conference Report on U.S. Attorneys (Tab B). House staff indicate that the conferees were providing the \$820,000 to cover mandatory base costs in U.S. Attorneys. The \$820,000 can come out of the funds proposed for Automated Litigation Support; this would not affect staffing levels proposed by the President.
- . Federal Bureau of Investigation is supported for the full amount of the President's request. See highlighted lines in Conference Report on Federal Bureau of Investigation (Tab C).
- . One caution: These Congressional actions to fund the financial institutions fraud initiative could be affected by the sequester (if it remains for the full fiscal year) and the requirement to absorb the 3.6 percent Federal employee pay raise effective in January 1990. Information on these potential effects are being developed.

Violent
Crime
Attachment

President's Initiative to
Combat Violent Crime

	<u>Amount (\$000's)</u>
Executive Office for Immigration Review.....	\$ 1,600
Criminal Division.....	5,400
U.S. Attorneys.....	49,600
U.S. Marshals Service.....	12,000
Support of U.S. Prisoners.....	13,000
Federal Bureau of Investigation.....	19,500
Immigration and Naturalization Service....	5,700*
Prisons Buildings & Facilities.....	<u>1,000,000**</u> 1,106,800

*President requested \$12.5 million -- Conference Report indicates Congress provided \$5.7 million.

**NOTE: Relative to Prison Construction -- the original 1990 Reagan Budget also had \$401,332,000 for Buildings and Facilities which was appropriated for 1990. The Drug Czar's Special Forfeiture Fund has 1990 appropriation language which allows not to exceed \$115 million for prison construction.

THE WHITE HOUSE
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November 28, 1989

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Polly Gault

FROM: Linda G. Stuntz 665

SUBJECT: Accomplishments of the Bush Administration

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Per your request, the following are our comments (please see paperclips) on "Building a Better America; Accomplishments of the Bush Administration."

1. Add to the summary the following item on page 8:
"Environmental Restoration and Waste Management Issues. Secretary of Energy Watkins has put forth the first aggressive five-year plan of action to identify and prioritize clean up of defense nuclear facilities which would meet the Nation's security needs and comply with environmental safety and health laws."
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✓ "National Energy Strategy. The President directed the Secretary of Energy to develop a comprehensive national energy strategy for the nation. Twelve public hearings have been chaired by the Secretary and the Deputy Secretary to get public input into the process. The Strategy will layout short- mid- and long-term options to help the nation meet energy security and
✓ environmental responsibilities and, at the same time, allow a sensible mix of energy sources to protect America's economic competitiveness."

New Bullet

add

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Energy

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On page 29, substitute the following for the section on global climate issues:

The increase in funding for global environmental research proposed by the President in FY 1990 ensures the continued active leadership of the United States in the global climate change arena. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has been working to reach an understanding on the science and impacts of global climate change, and to evaluate potential actions that might be taken globally, and among industrial nations, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. To support this United Nations process, as well as meet our national planning commitments, the United States is expanding its global environmental research for FY 1990 by 43%, or by over \$190 million.

The threat of global climate change is a significant potential problem. There are many uncertainties about its potential rate and the magnitude of its impact. It is hoped that through the IPCC process and current research, discussions can begin in late 1990 which will lead to an international convention for studying and reacting to the potential disruption resulting from global climate change.



November 28, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: DENISE SCHWARZ

SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON BUILDING A BETTER AMERICA

SBA

Under Transportation; you never mention the commercial space industry.

Nothing on small businesses. (Attached is a suggested insert.)

AID

Check source of reference on Competitiveness
Council/International Trade

LABOR

May want to mention Congress accepting training wage.

EDUCATION

✓ Page 6 - Summary -- The President has asked Cavazos to form a Task Force on Hispanic Education. Should this be included.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

11/28/89

CHRIS WINSTON:

A late submission from USIA
on Building a Better America is
attached. Sorry about the lateness.

Denise Schwarz

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**United States
Information
Agency**

Washington, D.C. 20547

Office of the Director



USIA

November 27, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR: Ms. Denise Schwarz
Cabinet Affairs
The White House

FROM: Rick Ruth *[Signature]*
Executive Assistant to the Director

SUBJECT: Building a Better America: Accomplishments
of the Bush Administration, Summary and Main
Document

Attached are USIA's comments on the subject document which you sent to us on November 22.

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USIA Comments

page 10, at end of paragraph on Poland, add:

"The Administration signed a cultural agreement with Poland which will result in the opening of a U.S. cultural center in Warsaw and increased cultural and educational exchanges between the U.S. and Poland."

page 12, after para 1 on arms control, add:

"The President has insisted on the maintenance of a strong NATO, and indicated his willingness to guide NATO, together with our allies, to meet the positive challenges of the changing face of Europe."

page 12, China. add at end of paragraph:

"Of primary concern is the maintenance of people-to-people programs, especially academic exchanges, to underscore our long-term interest in a fruitful relationship with China."

page 16, after paragraph on Asian initiatives, add:

"At the Asian-Pacific Economic Ministers Meeting in Canberra, Australia, the Administration outlined a framework for intensified economic consultation and cooperation between the United States and the nations of the Pacific Basin."

page 16: After "Asian Initiatives add:

Enforcement. During FY 1989, EPA referred 364 civil judicial cases to the Department of Justice for prosecution, just short of the Agency's all time record of 372 cases the previous year. EPA also issued a record number 4,017 administrative orders this past fiscal year and its enforcement efforts during that time resulted in more than \$32 million in civil penalties. (This excludes the Texas Eastern Pipeline consent decree, which featured a cash penalty of \$15 million, the largest settlement ever assessed under an environmental statute.)

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