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WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHRISS WINSTON
THROUGH: KRISTIN CLARK TAYLOR
FROM: COLLEEN HOEY
SUBJECT: OUTDOOR AMERICA ARTICLE

Outdoor America is the publication of a national conservation organization with 50,000 members. They would like an article on America's environmental ethic. Attached is a draft of this article. This magazine advocates respect for America's air, soil, water and wildlife. (Articles geared toward anglers play a prominent role in this publication.)

I spoke to them yesterday, if we can fax this to them by Friday, November 2, that will be fine.

Chriss -

*This is OK for publication
for Jim with marked changes.*

John H. Gardner

11/2/90

Outdoor America

America is a nation blessed with bountiful natural resources. I know that the people of this country share a deeply rooted love and concern for the environment. Throughout our history we have recognized our responsibility to protect those resources for the generations to come. Even as the pioneers traveled west to civilize a wild and seemingly endless frontier, there were Americans who understood that the Nation's natural resources had to be conserved for the future.

✓ One American, President ^{Meodore}~~Teddy~~ Roosevelt, strongly believed that the natural beauty of America must be protected. He expressed our national environmental ethic most clearly when he said, "I recognize the right and duty of this generation to develop and use the natural resources of our land; but I do not recognize the right to waste them, or to rob, by wasteful use, the generations that come after us." I want to encourage respect for our land -- I want to encourage an environmental ethic. Such an ethic lies first and foremost in our love of this rich and beautiful land we call America.

In order to preserve a green and healthy place for our children and grandchildren, we must ensure the responsible stewardship of our national parks and recreation areas. I've fished and enjoyed the outdoors all my life, and I believe, as you do, in clean air and clean water and the protection of American wildlife. And I believe that it is the responsibility of all recreationists: hunters, fishermen, and all those who enjoy the outdoors to become guardians of nature. We do not have

to accept as inevitable the spoiling of our air, our rivers, our wetlands, and our forests.

With the sensible use of America's natural resources to increase the quality of life, science, and education, we can enjoy its natural splendor without allowing it to be exploited.

A year ago, I challenged the Congress and the American people to work with me, to break the stalemate that has hindered progress on clean air for the past decade. And now we have that Clean Air Bill.

This legislation will remove 10 million tons of the emissions that cause acid rain from the air; it will bring the nation's 100 most smog-laden cities ^{safer, healthier} ~~safe, healthy~~ air; and it encourages the use of alternative fuels ~~X~~ that are safer for our environment, and reduce our dependence on foreign energy. This landmark legislation is going to make every man, woman, and child in America breathe a little easier.

But clean air is only one area where we are taking action. Others include protecting our wetlands, a national initiative to encourage tree planting, and international efforts to make the world's environment cleaner and safer.

Good anglers know that it takes teamwork, patience, and skill to catch a fish. The same attributes are a vital part of our commitment to a national environmental ethic. I am confident that if we work together we can preserve and restore the integrity and richness of this continent's natural splendor.

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