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March 11, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *cw*
FROM: DAN MCGROARTY *DMG*
SUBJECT: AIR QUALITY AGREEMENT SIGNING
 OTTAWA, CANADA

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March 11, 1991
5:30 pm
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: AIR QUALITY AGREEMENT SIGNING CEREMONY
OTTAWA, CANADA
MARCH 13, 1991
3:45 PM

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RESPONSE: *See comments*

PHILLIP D. BRADY
Assistant to the President
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Ext. 2702

McGroarty/Blymire
March 8, 1991
11:20 am
[RAIN]

91 MAR -8 AM 11:38

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REMARKS:

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4/8/94

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NSC concurs on draft with changes as noted.


 William F. Sittmann
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HMB. Burevey to Gen. Scowcroft

3/11/91

ACID RAIN

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As Vice President I observed the vigorous campaign waged by the Prime Minister with our Administration and with the Congress for action on Acid Rain. In January 1987 I came to Ottawa and got "an earful" from the Prime Minister on acid rain.

On April 27, 1988, when addressing our Congress, Prime Minister Mulroney said "we invite the Administration, and the Leadership of Congress, to conclude an accord whereby we agree on a schedule and targets for reducing acid rain that crosses our border. The cost of reducing acid rain is substantial, but the cost of inaction is greater still".

Your Prime Minister's call for action was very much in my mind as we prepared our own Clean Air amendments last year.

The Congress responded and adopted these amendments and today we anchor our joint commitment to cleaner air with this Air Quality Accord.

Prime Minister your persistence paid a dividend for all North Americans.

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MEMORANDUM TO CHRISS WINSTON, DAN MCGROARTY

FROM: DALE CURTIS *Dale*

RE: AIR QUALITY ACCORD REMARKS

Here are some suggestions in response to Dan's excellent first draft. I think the Canadians and the media will respond particularly to three passages, which could be strengthened:

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I hope these comments are helpful. The President's remarks should be of great value to the bilateral relationship and to P.M. Mulroney in particular.

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But behind the science and all the technical details, let me focus for a moment on what this agreement means for our lakes and streams and forests. Whether it's the red spruce of White Face Mountain on our side of the border -- or the pristine vistas of the Madawaska Highlands on yours -- the commitment we make here today will help preserve this precious inheritance of nature, for our children and for all who come after. //

Once again, thank you all for this warm welcome -- and may God bless the people of our two nations.

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 3/8/91 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 3/11/91 NOON

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: SIGNING OF AIR QUALITY ACCORD, OTTAWA

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REMARKS:

Please forward any comments directly to Chriss Winston, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than NOON, Monday, March 11, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:



PHILLIP D. BRADY
Assistant to the President
and Staff Secretary
Ext. 2702

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McGroarty/Blymire
March 8, 1991
11:20 am
[RAIN]

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: AIR QUALITY ACCORD SIGNING CEREMONY
OTTAWA, CANADA
MARCH 14, 1991
X:00 pm??

Mr. Prime Minister. Members of the Parliament.

[Introductory acknowledgements.] It's a great pleasure to be here today, to add my name -- and with it, my country's commitment -- to an agreement of great environmental importance.

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But before I speak about this accord, let me make just a brief comment -- to underscore my appreciation for the key contribution made by Canada to the coalition's recent victory in the Gulf War. Mr. Prime Minister, I thank you -- and I thank the Canadian people -- for standing in partnership for the principles that give justice real meaning in the world. //

The accord we sign today is added proof that the challenges we face require a new partnership among nations. Last year, at the Houston Economic Summit, we agreed to give this effort priority. Our negotiations gained momentum with the passage in the U.S. of the landmark Clean Air Act of 1990. Credit belongs to the EPA, and its able Administrator, Bill Reilly. And of course, credit goes to the negotiators on both sides for the spirit in which they completed this task. Let me thank Dick

Smith and his colleagues -- and his counterparts across the table on the Canadian side -- for a job well done. //

Mr. Prime Minister, I recall our own discussions on environmental issues -- and especially our meeting back in January of 1987. I made a comment then that made its way into more than a few Canadian news reports, that I'd gotten "an earful" from you on acid rain. // So now you see, I was listening. // The treaty we sign today is testimony to the seriousness with which both our countries regard this critical environmental issue. //

This agreement is a significant step forward for air quality on both sides of the border. I want to mention just a few of the key provisions in this accord:

- o This accord commits both our nations to deep reductions in the principal pollutants that cause acid rain. By the year 2000, we will cut output of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides by a full 50 percent. //

Meeting these goals is no mere promise. The levels set in this accord parallel the ones set in the Clean Air Act of 1990. That means that for the United States, the reductions agreed on here have the force of law. //

- o This accord provides the means to measure our progress -- by requiring continuous and accurate monitoring of the pollutants that contribute to acid rain.

o Finally, this accord looks beyond the acid rain problem: It establishes a formal framework for dealing with future environmental concerns and cross-border pollutants of all types. //

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 11, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *cw*
FROM: DAN MCGROARTY *DMG*
SUBJECT: AIR QUALITY AGREEMENT SIGNING
 OTTAWA, CANADA

On Wednesday, March 13, at 3:45 p.m., you will give remarks in the Parliament Reading Room on Parliament Hill. The speech, preceding the signing of the Air Quality Agreement, focuses on the joint effort to reduce the pollutants primarily responsible for acid rain. Your remarks, approximately 5-7 minutes in length, will be on cards.

McGroarty/Blymire
March 11, 1991
5:30 pm
[RAIN]

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: AIR QUALITY AGREEMENT SIGNING CEREMONY
OTTAWA, CANADA
MARCH 13, 1991
3:45 PM

Mr. Prime Minister. Members of the Parliament.

[Introductory acknowledgements.] It's a great pleasure to be here today, to add my name -- and with it, my country's commitment -- to an agreement of great environmental importance.

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But before I speak about this agreement, let me make just a brief comment -- to underscore my appreciation for the key contribution made by Canada to the coalition's recent victory in the war to liberate Kuwait. Mr. Prime Minister, I thank you -- and I thank the Canadian people -- for standing in partnership for the principles that give justice real meaning in the world.

// This victory has demonstrated the will and ability of law-abiding nations to work together to protect the weak from the strong. //

The agreement we sign today is added proof that the challenges we face require a new partnership among nations. Last year, at the Houston Economic Summit, we agreed to give this effort priority. Our negotiations gained momentum with the passage in the U.S. of our landmark environmental legislation: the Clean Air Act of 1990. Credit for this accord belongs to the

EPA, and its able Administrator, Bill Reilly. And of course, credit goes to the negotiators on both sides for the spirit in which they completed this task. Let me thank our special negotiator, Dick Smith, and his colleagues -- as well as their counterparts across the table on the Canadian side for a job well done. //

Beyond our common interest in our shared environment, this agreement says something about our overall relationship. The fact that Canada and the U.S. were able so quickly to craft a wide-ranging and effective agreement on such a complex subject says a lot about the extraordinarily strong relationship between our two countries.

Mr. Prime Minister, I recall our own discussions on environmental issues -- and especially our meeting back in January of 1987. I made a comment then that made its way into more than a few Canadian news reports, that I'd gotten "an earful" from you on acid rain. // So now you see, I was listening. Mr. Prime Minister, you were a strong and articulate advocate for action. / The treaty we sign today is testimony to the seriousness with which both our countries regard this critical environmental issue. //

This agreement is a significant step forward for air quality on both sides of the border. I want to mention just a few of the key provisions:

- o This agreement commits both our nations to deep reductions in nitrogen oxides and sulphur dioxide -- the principal pollutants that cause acid rain. //

Meeting this goal is no mere promise -- since for the U.S. the levels set in this agreement parallel the ones established in the Clean Air Act of 1990. The reductions agreed on here have the force of law. //

- o This agreement provides the means to measure our progress -- by requiring accurate monitoring of the pollutants that contribute to acid rain.
- o Finally, this agreement looks beyond the acid rain problem: It strengthens the formal framework for dealing with future cross-border air quality concerns of all types. //

In doing so, this agreement on air quality reflects a greater sense of shared environmental awareness. In our two countries and in many others, we've moved from seeing pollution as a problem that involves individual sources, to one that can affect regions, nations -- or even the entire planet. Progress begins when we recognize one simple fact: Pollution is never stopped by a line on a map. Progress begins when we act on the understanding that transboundary pollution requires cooperative global stewardship among all nations. //

But behind the science and all the technical details, let me focus for a moment on what this agreement means for our lakes and streams and forests. Whether it's the red spruce of White Face

Mountain on our side of the border -- or the great trout fishing of the Muskaka [Mus-KO-kuh] cottage country on yours -- the commitment we make here today will help preserve this precious inheritance of nature, for our children and for all who come after. //

Once again, thank you all for this warm welcome -- and may God bless the people of our two nations.

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**AIR QUALITY AGREEMENT SIGNING CEREMONY
OTTAWA, CANADA \ MARCH 13, 1991 \ 3:45 PM**

**MR. PRIME MINISTER. MINISTER OF THE ENVIRONMENT,
ROBERT DECOETRET [DUH-COH-TRAY]. MEMBERS OF THE
PARLIAMENT. AMBASSADOR NEY. IT'S A GREAT PLEASURE TO
BE HERE TODAY, TO ADD MY NAME -- AND WITH IT, MY
COUNTRY'S COMMITMENT -- TO AN AGREEMENT OF GREAT
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPORTANCE. //**

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**BUT BEFORE I SPEAK ABOUT THIS AGREEMENT, LET ME
MAKE JUST A BRIEF COMMENT -- TO UNDERSCORE MY
APPRECIATION FOR THE KEY CONTRIBUTION MADE BY CANADA TO
THE COALITION'S RECENT VICTORY IN THE WAR TO LIBERATE
KUWAIT. MR. PRIME MINISTER, I THANK YOU -- AND I THANK
THE CANADIAN PEOPLE -- FOR STANDING IN PARTNERSHIP FOR
THE PRINCIPLES THAT GIVE JUSTICE REAL MEANING IN THE
WORLD. //**

THIS VICTORY HAS DEMONSTRATED THE WILL AND ABILITY OF LAW-ABIDING NATIONS TO WORK TOGETHER TO PROTECT THE WEAK FROM THE AGGRESSORS. //


THE AGREEMENT WE HAVE JUST SIGNED IS ADDED PROOF THAT THE CHALLENGES WE FACE REQUIRE A NEW PARTNERSHIP AMONG NATIONS. LAST YEAR, AT THE HOUSTON ECONOMIC SUMMIT, WE AGREED TO GIVE THIS EFFORT PRIORITY. OUR NEGOTIATIONS GAINED MOMENTUM WITH THE PASSAGE IN THE U.S. OF OUR LANDMARK ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION: THE CLEAN AIR ACT OF 1990.

CREDIT FOR THIS ACCORD BELONGS TO THE EPA, AND ITS ABLE ADMINISTRATOR, BILL REILLY. AND OF COURSE, CREDIT GOES TO THE NEGOTIATORS ON BOTH SIDES FOR THE SPIRIT IN WHICH THEY COMPLETED THIS TASK. LET ME THANK OUR SPECIAL NEGOTIATOR, DICK SMITH, AND HIS COLLEAGUES -- AS WELL AS THEIR COUNTERPARTS ACROSS THE TABLE ON THE CANADIAN SIDE FOR A JOB WELL DONE. //

BEYOND OUR COMMON INTEREST IN OUR SHARED ENVIRONMENT, THIS AGREEMENT SAYS SOMETHING ABOUT OUR OVERALL RELATIONSHIP.

THE FACT THAT CANADA AND THE U.S. WERE ABLE SO QUICKLY TO CRAFT A WIDE-RANGING AND EFFECTIVE AGREEMENT ON SUCH A COMPLEX SUBJECT SAYS A LOT ABOUT THE EXTRAORDINARILY STRONG RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

MR. PRIME MINISTER, I RECALL OUR OWN DISCUSSIONS ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES -- AND ESPECIALLY OUR MEETING BACK IN JANUARY OF 1987. I MADE A COMMENT THEN THAT MADE ITS WAY INTO MORE THAN A FEW CANADIAN NEWS REPORTS, THAT I'D GOTTEN "AN EARFUL" FROM YOU ON ACID RAIN. //



SO NOW YOU SEE, I WAS LISTENING. MR. PRIME MINISTER, YOU WERE A STRONG AND ARTICULATE ADVOCATE FOR ACTION. / THE TREATY WE SIGN TODAY IS TESTIMONY TO THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH BOTH OUR COUNTRIES REGARD THIS CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE. //

THIS AGREEMENT IS A SIGNIFICANT STEP FORWARD FOR AIR QUALITY ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER. I WANT TO MENTION JUST A FEW OF THE KEY PROVISIONS:

0 THIS AGREEMENT COMMITS BOTH OUR NATIONS TO DEEP REDUCTIONS IN NITROGEN OXIDES AND SULPHUR DIOXIDE -- THE PRINCIPAL POLLUTANTS THAT CAUSE ACID RAIN. //

MEETING THIS GOAL IS NO MERE PROMISE -- SINCE FOR THE U.S. THE LEVELS SET IN THIS AGREEMENT, PARALLEL THE ONES ESTABLISHED IN THE CLEAN AIR ACT OF 1990. THE REDUCTIONS AGREED ON HERE HAVE THE FORCE OF LAW. //

0 THIS AGREEMENT PROVIDES THE MEANS TO MEASURE OUR PROGRESS -- BY REQUIRING ACCURATE MONITORING OF THE POLLUTANTS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO ACID RAIN.

0 FINALLY, THIS AGREEMENT LOOKS BEYOND THE ACID RAIN PROBLEM: IT STRENGTHENS THE FORMAL FRAMEWORK FOR DEALING WITH FUTURE CROSS-BORDER AIR QUALITY CONCERNS OF ALL TYPES. //

IN DOING SO, THIS AGREEMENT ON AIR QUALITY REFLECTS A GREATER SENSE OF SHARED ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS. IN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND IN MANY OTHERS, WE'VE MOVED FROM SEEING POLLUTION AS A PROBLEM THAT INVOLVES INDIVIDUAL SOURCES, TO ONE THAT CAN AFFECT REGIONS, NATIONS -- OR EVEN THE ENTIRE PLANET. PROGRESS BEGINS WHEN WE RECOGNIZE ONE SIMPLE FACT: POLLUTION IS NEVER STOPPED BY A LINE ON A MAP. PROGRESS BEGINS WHEN WE ACT ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT TRANSBOUNDARY POLLUTION REQUIRES COOPERATIVE GLOBAL STEWARDSHIP AMONG ALL NATIONS. //

BUT BEHIND THE SCIENCE AND ALL THE TECHNICAL DETAILS, LET ME FOCUS FOR A MOMENT ON WHAT THIS AGREEMENT MEANS FOR OUR LAKES AND STREAMS AND FORESTS. WHETHER IT'S THE RED SPRUCE OF WHITE FACE MOUNTAIN ON OUR SIDE OF THE BORDER -- OR THE GREAT TROUT FISHING OF THE MUSKAKA [MUS-KO-KUH] COTTAGE COUNTRY ON YOURS -- THE COMMITMENT WE MAKE HERE TODAY WILL HELP PRESERVE THIS PRECIOUS INHERITANCE OF NATURE, FOR OUR CHILDREN AND FOR ALL WHO COME AFTER. //

ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU ALL FOR THIS WARM WELCOME --
AND MAY GOD BLESS THE PEOPLE OF OUR TWO NATIONS.

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