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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 6/4/91 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: ----

PRESIDENTIAL TELECONFERENCE: EDISON ELECTRIC INSITUTE
 VIDEO TAPING SESSION: REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE
 SUBJECT: TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 1991

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REMARKS:

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RESPONSE:

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

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

91 JUN -3 PM 6:59

June 3, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH:

TONY SNOW *TS for TS*

FROM:

MARK LANGE *ML*

SUBJECT:

EDISON ELECTRIC INSTITUTE TELECONFERENCE

On Tuesday, June 4, at 12 noon in the OEOB TV studio, you will participate in a two-way video conference with the annual convention of the Edison Electric Institute.

You will have about four minutes of remarks, followed by two questions. Deputy Energy Secretary Henson Moore will have spoken to the conference about the National Energy Strategy prior to your appearance.

(Lange/Simon)
June 3, 1991
6:30 P.M.
[ENERVID.TS]

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O.E.O.B. STUDIO, ROOM 459
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Thank you, Jim [Harlow, Chairman]. To you, to Secretary Watkins, who's doing an outstanding job; to the EEI hosts, and to all assembled -- I'm sorry I couldn't be there in person -- but they tell me I look bigger this way, anyway. \\

[[And after the thyroid trouble, this way you're all protected from that dose of radioactive iodine I took. \\ \\]]

Well, even at a distance, it's a pleasure to offer a few words to a group vital to our nation's wellbeing. By meeting three-quarters of this nation's electricity needs safely and reliably, you help sustain our standard of living, and -- quite literally -- fuel our long-term economic growth.

As you know, increasing electricity use in the U.S. economy promotes both our economic and environmental interests. Just look at the evidence: In spite of rapid economic growth, we use 25 percent less energy per unit of G.N.P. now than we did 30 years ago. Thanks to the ever-greater efficiencies by your industry and by customers, America does more, does it better, and does it with less. And we will do even more and even better for the rest of this decade and into the next century.

I don't believe we face a stark choice between a strong economy on the one hand, and efficient energy use on the other. By the year 2010, our economy will grow by nearly 80 percent,

adding jobs for millions of Americans. Yet the amount of energy needed to create a unit of GNP will fall by more than 20 percent.

But we won't achieve efficiency by imposing new government regulations. No, we will become more efficient because of the power of the free market and the ingenuity of your engineers and scientists.

Our National Energy Strategy makes ample room for even greater "energy, efficiency, and ingenuity" by your industry. The Senate Energy Committee, with the leadership of Senators Johnston and Wallop, has done an excellent job with the legislation necessary to implement that Strategy. I understand Henson Moore has gone over the details of that legislation, and I think the bill demonstrates a genuine bipartisan commitment to balanced, realistic and comprehensive energy legislation.

I'm particularly pleased that legislation does not rely on heavy-handed regulations, such as higher CAFE levels or import fees, which would cost American jobs and hurt American consumers.

The right legislation can help ensure an energy future in which we generate more energy cleanly and efficiently -- a future in which producers and consumers will enjoy unprecedented choice and flexibility.

So through the passage of this legislation -- and with your continued efforts -- we're certain to meet America's energy needs in the years ahead: affordably, cleanly and securely.

And now I think we have time for a couple of questions.

QUESTION:

Mr. President -- we are concerned that debate in the Congress continues to focus on broad-based energy taxes as a means of raising new revenues.

Would you give us your views on the advisability and the likelihood of broad-based energy taxes, not just gasoline taxes, in the foreseeable future?

Recommendation for response:

This is a two-part question. In the first place, let me simply say that any new Federal spending programs should be paid for with cuts in other Federal spending, not tax increases.

Secondly, we already had one energy fee -- an increase in the gas tax of 5 cents -- in last fall's budget agreement. I do not favor any additional taxes beyond that. And we specifically rejected this option in the development of our National Energy Strategy.

QUESTION:

Mr. President -- we very much appreciate your support for electric vehicles, both to reduce our dependence on oil and to benefit the environment. Your experience with electric vehicles has largely been on the golf course, where we understand you play in record time.

Did you know that new electric vehicles can now go over 60 miles an hour for sustained periods of time -- and would you be interested in taking a ride on one?

Recommendation for response:

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In any case, we are excited about the prospects for electric vehicles and are making a substantial commitment to bring them to the marketplace more quickly. The Department of Energy is entering into a consortium with the big three auto companies and with the electric utility industry -- to develop new batteries that will increase performance, reduce costs and reduce waste.

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Snow\Cawley
June 3, 1991
Draft Two
RNC

PROPOSED VIDEO MESSAGE FOR THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE

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Public office is where leaders grow, where ideals take direction on their way to improving lives. It's also the place where Republican leadership gets the chance to test its mettle, to shape the policies and create the partnerships that will move this nation forward, state by state, community by community, neighborhood by neighborhood.

Today, I'm asking you to help recruit the best candidates for our party in 1992, and to support their bids for office. You can bring American ideals home by bringing Republican leadership to every community -- by leading this nation forward to a better, brighter future.

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Please forward your comments directly to Tony Snow, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 4:00 p.m., TODAY, MONDAY, JUNE 3, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

MASTER

RESPONSE:

See comments. Thanks,
Holly Williamson
6-3-91

PHILLIP D. BRADY
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and Staff Secretary
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(Lange/Simon)
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Sec. Watkins + great job he's doing (Kaufman)

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Well, even at a distance, it's a pleasure to offer a few words to a group vital to our nation's wellbeing. By meeting three-quarters of this nation's ^{electricity} ~~energy~~ needs safely and reliably, you help sustain our standard of living, and -- quite literally -- fuel our long-term economic growth.

As you know, the increasing electrification of the U.S. economy promotes ^{our (EEI)} economic growth -- and environmental interests ^(CEE) simultaneously. Just look at the evidence: while our economy ^{has grown rapidly since WW2, ... (CEE)} ~~stewardship~~ ^{25%} ~~has grown rapidly since WW2, ...~~ ^{now than we did 30 years ago.} We use ^{less} energy per unit of G.N.P. ~~than ever before.~~

Thanks to the ever-greater efficiencies ^{by} of your industries, ~~both~~ ^{and by consumers (CEE)} ~~traditional and nuclear,~~ America does more, does it better, and

does it with less. ^{over 40% (Porter)} ~~(No wonder experts expect electricity to~~ ^{delete (CEE)} ~~account for 46 percent of our energy use by the year 2010.~~ ^{it's 41%.}

Our National Energy Strategy makes ample room for the ~~even~~ ^{greater (CEE)} "energy, efficiency, and ingenuity" ^{by} of your industries. ^{Energy Committee (CEE)}

The Senate, ^{excellent} with the leadership of Senators Johnston and Wallop, has done an ~~admirable~~ ^{necessary to implement the strategy. (Porter)} job with the legislation, I

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Our office wanted to delete this sentence + add insert A - attached. Also 46% is incorrect.

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-- add to paragraph: "And we will do even more and even better for the rest of this decade and into the next century. I don't believe we face a stark choice between a strong economy on the one hand and efficient energy use on the other. By the year 2010, our economy will grow by nearly 80 percent, adding jobs for millions of Americans. Yet the amount of energy needed to create a unit of GNP will fall by more than 20 percent.

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Best of all, while it ~~calls~~ ^{recognizes and} for new generating capacity nationwide, ~~it~~ ^{this legislation} puts the power to make the decisions where it belongs -- in your hands. } delete - redundant (EO)

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And now I think we have time for a couple of questions.

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* (Insert B -- add somewhere at the top of page 2 - the Pres. can use these remarks to attach some provisions that will likely be added to the bill as it moves through Congress);

"I am particularly pleased that legislation does not rely on heavy-handed regulations such as higher CAFE levels or import fees, which would cost American jobs and hurt American consumers."

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Recommendation for response:

Delete Insert (Crackly-OMB)
(Measure)
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Set (OMB)
~~What's more, such taxes put us at a serious competitive disadvantage with our trading partners.*~~ They make goods and services of every kind more expensive for Americans;

delete (OMB)
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* (Germany, Japan and France, for example, have much higher energy taxes.) CEA

unless balanced w/ tax reduction elsewhere, (CEA)

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Recommendation for response:

Porter Answer Attached

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COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20500

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JUN 3 15:03

Michael R. Deland
Chairman

(202) 395-6080

June 3, 1991

MEMORANDUM TO TONY SNOW

FROM: MICHAEL DELAND *Michael Deland for*

RE: REMARKS FOR EDISON ELECTRIC TELECONFERENCE

EEI Teleconference:

- 1) After reviewing the draft remarks with our economics and legislative staff, most of our proposed revisions are for style, diction, and greater clarity.
- 2) Unless the Administration has explicitly decided to endorse Johnston/Wallop, the passage on energy legislation should be clarified to plug our National Energy Strategy proposals.
- 3) The utilities are enthusiastic about electric vehicles and we should remind them that the Administration's budget proposes increased R&D in this area (up 40 percent).

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[Best of all, while it calls for new generating capacity nationwide, it puts the power to make the decisions where it belongs -- in your hands.] *good line but redundant with above.*

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MEMORANDUM FOR TONY SNOW

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP/CMS*

SUBJECT: Edison Electric Institute Teleconference and
Proposed Video Message for the Republican
National Committee

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cc: Phillip D. Brady

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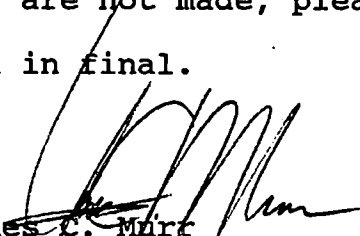
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RESPONSE:

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PROPOSED VIDEO MESSAGE FOR THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE

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