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Date: February 7, 2003

To: Brett Cavanaugh, fax 202-456-5104

From: ME-74, Carol Wolf, 202-586-3141,
fax 202-586-0575

Carol.wolf@hq.doe.gov

Brett,

I could not get the e-mail to go through.

Carol Wolf

Wolf, Carol

From: Wolf, Carol
Sent: Friday, February 07, 2003 11:43 AM
To: 'Brett_Kavanaugh@who.eop.gov'
Subject: FW: Draft letters originating in a White House office sent to the Energy Secretary for information.PDF

-----Original Message-----

From: Wolf, Carol
Sent: Friday, February 07, 2003 11:32 AM
To: 'Brett_Kavanaugh@who.eop.gov'
Subject: Draft letters originating in a White House office sent to the Energy Secretary for information.PDF

<<Draft letters originating in a White House office sent to the Energy Secretary for information.PDF>>
Brett,

We spoke earlier this week about the releasability under the FOIA of certain documents in the Department of Energy's custody. I briefly described the documents in question to you and you told me that, for FOIA purposes, they were DOE documents and that DOE could make a determination as to their releasability.

However, the last document I have been able to find that addresses the issue, a Memorandum sent by Associate Attorney General Webster L. Hubbell on November 3, 1993, clearly states that, "records originating with any part of the 'White House Office' should be forwarded to the Office of the Council to the President for any recommendation or comment it may wish to make..."

The documents attached to this e-mail are draft letters from a White House Office that were sent to the Secretary of Energy for his information. Each contains the statements, "I have shared your letter with the President's advisers and the appropriate agencies who are formulating policy recommendations in this area. Your comments are receiving their close and careful attention."

Since we do not have a copy of the final letter that may have been sent by the White House, we wanted to clarify what your position is for draft documents that the Department may have in its custody that originated at the White House. Is it the policy of your office that draft letters that contain statements above, regardless of the subject matter content, sent to the Secretary for his information may be released by the Department under the FOIA?

Carol Wolf
FOIA Analyst
Department of Energy
202-586-3141

2/7/2003

2001-006905 Mar 14 P1:21

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE
REFERRAL

March 09, 2001

TO: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

ACTION REQUESTED: INFO COPY ONLY/NO ACTION NECESSARY

REMARKS: LETTER ALSO REFERRED TO OMB

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 449778

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED JAN 31, 2001

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: THE HONORABLE JOHN TANNER
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

SUBJECT: SEEKS THE PRESIDENT SUPPORT FOR ADDITIONAL LIHEAP ASSISTANCE IN ANY
FUTURE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL THAT THE ADMINISTRATION
MIGHT REQUEST

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS
OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE UNDERSIGNED AT 456-2590.

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE, WORKSHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE (OR DRAFT) TO:
RECORDS MANAGEMENT, ROOM 72, THE WHITE HOUSE, 20500

OFFICE OF RECORDS MANAGEMENT - THE WHITE HOUSE

415430

March 7, 2001

Dear Representative Tanner:

Although this is in response to your January letter, I wanted to let you know that the President sincerely appreciated receiving your comments regarding funding of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

I have shared your letter with the President's advisors and the appropriate agencies who are formulating policy recommendations in this area. Your comments are receiving their close and careful attention.

Thank you for your interest in writing.

Sincerely,

Nicholas E. Calio
Assistant to the President and
Director of Legislative Affairs

The Honorable John Tanner
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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DOE for information

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2001-006956 Mar 14 P4:43

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE
REFERRAL

March 12, 2001

TO: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

ACTION REQUESTED: APPROPRIATE ACTION

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 449858

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED FEB 02, 2001

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: THE HONORABLE JERRY COSTELLO
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES CONCERN REGARDING THE HIGH PRICE OF NATURAL GAS AND
OTHER ENERGY-RELATED CONCERNS

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS
OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE UNDERSIGNED AT 456-2590.

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OFFICE OF RECORDS MANAGEMENT - THE WHITE HOUSE

415 829

March 5, 2001

Dear Representative Costello:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning the high price of natural gas and other energy-related concerns.

I have shared your letter with the President's advisors and the appropriate agencies who are formulating policy recommendations in this area. Your comments are receiving their close attention.

Thank you for your interest in writing.

Sincerely,

Nicholas E. Calio
Assistant to the President and
Director of Legislative Affairs

The Honorable Jerry F. Costello
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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2001-009253 Apr 5 A7:08

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE
REFERRAL

March 30, 2001

TO: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

ACTION REQUESTED: INFO COPY ONLY/NO ACTION NECESSARY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 449556

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED JAN 23, 2001

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: THE HONORABLE ELLEN TAUSCHER
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO EXTEND TWO EMERGENCY FEDERAL ORDERS
PERTAINING TO CALIFORNIA'S ENERGY CRISIS THE ELECTRICITY ORDER
PURSUANT TO SECTION 202(C) OF THE FEDERAL POWER ACT & THE NATURAL GAS
ORDER PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE NATIONAL GAS POLICY ACT OF

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OFFICE OF RECORDS MANAGEMENT - THE WHITE HOUSE

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44756

March 12, 2001

Dear Representative Tauscher:

Although this is in response to your January letter, I just wanted you to know that the President sincerely appreciated receiving your comments regarding ~~extending both~~ *the extension of* emergency federal orders pertaining to California's energy crisis.

I have shared your letter with the President's advisors and the appropriate agencies who have been formulating policy recommendations in this area. Your comments are receiving their close and careful attention.

Thank you for your interest in writing.

Sincerely,

Nicholas E. Calio
Assistant to the President and
Director of Legislative Affairs

The Honorable Ellen Tauscher
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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