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MEMORANDUM

VIA FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

TO: Ranj Bhatia
White House Office on Environmental Policy

FROM: Deechon Ferris
Environmental Justice Project

DATE: September 28, 1993

RE: Presidential Meeting on Environmental Justice

*Copy
Just to keep
to keep you in the loop
thought you might like
a copy. Ranj*

I have been asked to contact you regarding the invitation list for the upcoming Presidential meeting on environmental justice. Ms. Connie Tucker, of the Southern Organizing Committee (SOC), requests a substitution on the list. Instead of Ms. Mildred McClain, SOC substitutes Ms. Joan Robinnette from Concerned Citizens Against Toxic Waste in Dayhoit, KY. This substitution guarantees that the numbers will remain the same.

Has any progress been made on scheduling a date for the meeting? When last we talked, you mentioned that Ms. Kathy Zoi, OEP Chief of Staff, would join us during our next planning session. However, we have not yet been contacted regarding rescheduling that call. Please give me a call if there is an update on the meeting, grassroots travel arrangements or progress with the draft Executive Order.

I recognize (and empathize) that you are solo on this project with the departure of Vate and Pam. Nevertheless, due to the length of time that has elapsed since we initiated the planning process, I remain concerned about when/if this meeting will ultimately occur. Any information that you can share in this regard is welcomed.

cc: Pat Bryant
Richard Moore
Tom Goldtooth
Larry Wallace
Connie Tucker

Schedule Proposal

Date 8/24/93

☐ ACCEPT	☐ REGRET	☐ PENDING
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TO: Marcia L. Hale
Assistant to the President and Director
of Scheduling and Advance

FROM: Katie McGinty
Deputy Assistant to the President
Director, Office on Environmental Policy

REQUEST: That the President meet with leaders of
the environmental justice and civil
rights communities to discuss
environmental hazards in minority
communities.

PURPOSE: The meeting will be an opportunity for
the President to show his support for
efforts to end the disproportionate
impact of environmental hazards on
minority and low income communities.
The meeting will allow the leaders to
share their experiences and ideas with
the President.

BACKGROUND: This meeting is part of an overall
strategy on environmental justice which
includes a signing of an executive
order. The presidential meeting/signing
will happen immediately after a day long
meeting between Cabinet heads and agency
staff and environmental justice leaders
on specific ways federal agencies can
make environmental protection more fair.
It will be necessary to hold the
presidential meeting in the late
afternoon - after the agency meetings -
or the following morning. We will wait
to schedule the agencies until we hear
about the Presidential meeting.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: Environmental justice was one of the
issues highlighted in the President's
Earth Day address. The Vice President
also has a history of involvement, as he
sponsored legislation in the Senate to
address this issue and has met with
members of the community, including Dr.
Ben Chavis of the NAACP.

DATE AND TIME: Preferably late Sept; late afternoon or morning.

DURATION: 2 hours total. A 1 1/2 hour discussion with the community leaders and a 1/2 hour participation in an executive order signing ceremony in the Rose Garden.

LOCATION: A WH or OEOP meeting room

PARTICIPANTS: Vice-President Gore, Katie McGinty, EPA Administrator Browner, tentatively 20 or so community leaders, including Ben Chavis of the NAACP.

OUTLINE OF EVENTS:

- o Community leaders share background on problem.
- o Discussions of community redevelopment, job retraining, and pollution prevention. POTUS and VPOTUS listen and participate in informal discussion.
- o POTUS/VPOTUS wind up meeting with summary of what Administration will be doing on issue, including pitch for executive order.
- o Meeting ends; group moves to Rose Garden for executive order signing.
- o POTUS makes brief remarks and signs.
- o VPOTUS takes questions if necessary.

REMARKS REQUIRED: No formal remarks. Background briefing materials will be prepared by OEP.

MEDIA COVERAGE: Possibly pool spray, but closed meeting. Signing ceremony would be open press.

FIRST LADY'S ATTENDANCE: No

VICE PRESIDENT'S ATTENDANCE: Yes

SECOND LADY'S ATTENDANCE: No

RECOMMENDED BY: Katie McGinty. Mack McLarty has also agreed with the idea of a meeting.

CONTACT: Cathy Zoi x 6224

NOTE:

I have attached a letter that was sent out last week declining such a meeting. I would like to let the environmental justice community know that we are still interested as soon as possible, even if a date is not set. It would also be helpful, because the attendees are generally from low-income communities around the country, if we could know a fairly precise time and date at least two weeks prior to the meeting, so they can make plans to attend.

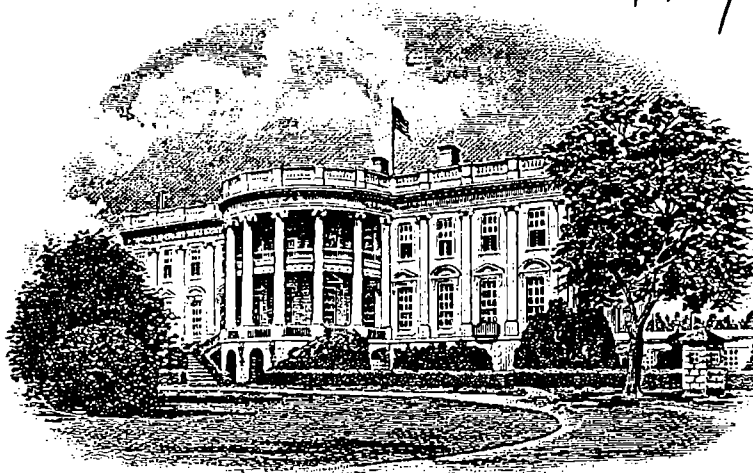
WHITE HOUSE OFFICE ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

TO: PAM McELWEE
FROM: Ranj Bhatta
DATE: 9/10/93
FAX: 913-864-5317

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COMMENTS: PAM,

Attached is the list I promised. I was thinking that
maybe we should offer to pay transportation & expenses
for 25 people. If they want more to attend, they
would be welcome as long as they pay their way.
Ranj



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EPA
meeting
minutes
11/30/92

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THE ADMINISTRATOR

TO:

RanJEET Bhatia

FROM:

Wm. Brooks

COMMENTS:

~~We do~~ I can get you
more people if necessary

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7/13

Pam =

(curry
Shurt)

Jonathan
Wroblewski

from DOT

Office of Civil Rights
will serve on our
interagency task force

hist# is 616-3948
-12

get office of Public Liaison
Susanna Valdez - em. overseas
" please look at list "

Send EO to omb

But task force section

Should be charged to work

from

a person appointed by the
President

ET

9/13

Things to do?

1) Follow up on agenda
Watch State Capital & Power

2) Set conference call

3) Write letter regarding travel

James Cunningham - Committee on Civil Rights

can Ry get copy.

say "hello"

with omg
Distractor

call home back

Lee Schoencker

in early July he attended a CEA
meeting. Please call him when it is
released

~~12,000~~ ~~15,000~~ Expenses from BHA's meetings

\$12-1500 * per person govt rate

\$163 per body

\$110 lodging

\$34 per meals/incidentals

taxes in addition

estimate

net actual
expenditure

1200

~~20~~ total
\$4800

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administrative contact.

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MEMORANDUM
OF CALL

Previous editions usable

TO: Ranjet

☐ YOU WERE CALLED BY - ☐ YOU WERE VISITED BY -

OF (Organization) Colleen

☒ PLEASE PHONE 2823 ☐ FTS ☐ AUTOVON

☐ WILL CALL AGAIN ☐ IS WAITING TO SEE YOU

☐ RETURNED YOUR CALL ☐ WISHES AN APPOINTMENT

MESSAGE

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*NO, Director of scheduling
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Heck love, please, MAFIA

2.5 for Katie —
√ 37 people

Further into armed resistance group
Six or seven are going to make any presentation
what & what will be fairly
defined

Kate believes further into would diminish the
martyr perception of good people

Estimated to know by 300.

~~Call or Katie will~~
~~have to interview~~
~~on scheduling~~ NO

Katie making plans - need to talk 9/10
Katie & Cathy, FAX per Ann:
9/3-864-5317
list of personnel.

1) Scheduling - nightmare
charlie so not justice
mid october? - scheduling

2) Travel - input

3) EO - Ann needs to talk to Cathy
wanted EPA & HUD don't want to
justice
So EPA? & our office
She will try to talk base this afternoon

Katie
this call

↓
What
on
screen
process

not sure to
interview new people
Brown Burke? & to OMB
Mark Reel

Frank Clemente → 8/19/10 → write for Chairman
Mebegan Congress → ~~Hyattsville~~
~~7/24/10~~

Gov. Off Comm: going to hear EPA Cabinet Bill
EPA Cabinet Bill

→ KATE PERAY
WILL DEAL

8-6 he sent suggestions

did his comments get incorporated or accepted

~~congress~~

would like to see the EO in his office.

THINGS TO DISCUSS WITH CATHY

1) TRAVEL - WARREN BANKS, EPA.

"message from top"

1/ done before close of fiscal year

2) SCHEDULING

colleen in schedul

"no directive of scheduling"
haven't got to our

- Health Care, NAFTA, PEACE

Call Shaffer 207 → 514-4231 px
Julia Lawing — 514-2585 ph

→ 208-2690
708-3336

check with Caty - on scheduling request
call ^{presumptive} scheduling
end of September. (copy of request
in summit
"medig")
Tippy to figure out travel. need to put

out if agencies can drop in.
check with FPA how Rein
meeting on the justice center

Chuck Fox - 260-7960
Kate Terry - 260-5203
Claire Gayland - ? Dir. of env equity off.
260-0050
ask how they handled the travel.
end of fiscal year sept 30.
notes from conversation with Anne
9/7/93

→
follow up

Bent is going to call me back
on the subsidiary situation 7560

FPA # 260-4700

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Administrative Board

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Banks. Dec-4724 N.A.
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PHOTOCOPY
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TRAVEL FOR MEETING

~~Invitational travel~~

keep receipts hotel sht, ~~trans, per diem~~

\$110 lodging
\$38 food
1 night, 1 day max

Warren Banks EPA says
"invitational travel"

By pay for tickets, ~~hotel~~ (under GTR)

bill travel office for plane ticket

hotel, trans, per diem

no advances

"money is available"

Danice Triplin 260-6357 she worked with Warren Banks
for meeting

Financial Management
reimbursement from

Katie or should call Aternio or Brummer & suggest

By ~~have~~ do travel arrangements.

see if we should even offer (Clarice)

office of ^{env.} equity

she plans to be invited (1 or 2 in equity)

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19 grass roots (360)

Ann Hardison

(b)(6)

Mary

(b)(6)

• Connie —

o EPA — follow thru

Deohn -

30th — Cong. Hispanic Institute
CBO — 17th

Summit Invitees
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Tuesday August 10, 1993 7:28pm

Dana Alston
 Carl Anthony
 Leimomi Apoliona-Brown
 Wendy Brown
 Pat Bryant
 Bunyan Bryant
 Robert Bullard
 \ Raul Cardenas
 \ Benjamin Chavis
 Deeohn Ferris
 David Hahn-Baker
 Tom Goldtooth
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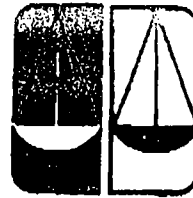
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 David Lujan
 Norris McDonald
 Vernice Miller^N,
 Richard Moore

Jose Morales
 Mariella Puerto
 Juan Rosario
 Gail Small
 \ Damu Smith^N,
 Connie Tucker
 Baldemar Velasquez
 Terry Williams
 Sam Winder
 Beverly Wright

- o Cherokee Nation, SE
- o Asian
- o Willie Rudd - Labor - B, M, SE
- o NE Network - Peggy Shepard - B, NE, F
- o Black Ministn - Rev. Connolly B, N, SW
 R.T.

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 Urban Habitat Program
 National Committee for Radiation Victims
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 Gulf Coast Tenants Organization
 University of Michigan
 U. CA-Riverside
 National Council of La Raza
 NAACP
 Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
 Inside Out/NWF
 Indigenous Environmental Network A, N, NW
 United Church of Christ Commission for Racial Justice
 U. CA-Berkeley F, A, DW
 Tonantzin Land Institute A, L, SW
 Center for Environment Commerce and Energy
 Natural Resources Defense Council
 Southwest Network for Environmental and Economic Justice M, L, SW
 Toxic Avengers
 Environmental Careers Organization
 Puerto Rico Industrial Mission - R. A, L, R
 Native Action F, N, NW
 Greenpeace
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TO: Vate Powell
White House Office on Environmental Policy

FROM: Deohn Ferris, Program Director
Environmental Justice Project *[Signature]*

DATE: August 16, 1993

RE: Upcoming Presidential Environmental Justice Meeting

As we discussed via conference call with environmental justice activists last Thursday, the following consists of a list of additional invitees and topics for discussion at the upcoming Presidential environmental justice meeting. The list of invitees reflects gender, racial, regional and issue diversity, and includes activist youth.

List of Invitees

Scott Morrison, Indigenous Environmental Network SE Region *M, N, NW*
Beneshe Albert, Indigenous Environmental Youth Circle - *F, N, Y, NW*
Neelak Butler, Indigenous Womens Network *F, N, SW*
Jackie Warledo, Greenpeace Indian Toxics Campaign
David Harrison, Alaskan Sovereignty Network *M, N, AK*
Angela Brown, Leadership Initiative Project *M, N, Y, SE*
Lynn Battle, Total Awareness Group *B, F, SE*
Ron Nixon, Citizens Local Environment Action Network *B, M, SE*
Tierso Marino, Farmworkers Association of Central Florida *L, M, SE*
Mildred McLain, Citizens for Environmental Justice *B, F, SE*
Rose Augustine, Tusconians for a Clean Environment *F, L, SW*
Robin Cannon, Concerned Citizens of South Central LA *B, F, SW*
Carletta Tilousi, Havasupai Tribe, Supai, Arizona *F, N, SW*
Young Shin, Asian Immigrant Women Advocates *F, A, SW*
Border Representative -- to be named *F, L, SW*
Adjoua Aiyetoro, National Conference of Black Lawyers
Dana Alston, Public Welfare Foundation

Discussion Topics

General discussion areas and recommendations: Elimination of poisoning of communities of color and low-income communities should be the central focus of the meeting.

Themes: Environmental issues cut across all federal, state and county governmental agencies. Two overarching concerns are the racist application of zoning laws and practices in this nation and building Native American infrastructure to implement and enforce environmental programs.

Sub-issues:

cleanup of contaminated communities, including Superfund cleanups
economic development, jobs, job training and utilization of contractors of color
enforcement (lack of federal enforcement, lower fines in under-protected communities, widespread state noncompliance with enforcement mandates)
ameliorating health impact and providing health care to affected communities
worker protection, including farmworkers
federal funding for environmental education
government procurement, i.e., role in purchasing non-harmful products

Recommendations:

- the President should endorse year-long process of state and federal hearings
- the government should issue a report on the state of environmental justice in this nation at the end of the hearings process
- at end of yearlong process, the President should convene an environmental justice Summit involving environmental justice activists, federal and state agencies, including representatives from the Cabinet and state and local governmental officials

We appreciate your assistance and look forward to our next conference call on Wednesday, August 18 at 8 pm EDT. Please call if you have questions.

To Katie
From Pam

Well, I just found out our meeting with Aterno is moved up a day so this is a pared down version of the issues we discussed tonight that are outstanding.

Outstanding issues with the E.O.:

-- Who chairs the Task Force?

Arguments against:

- * Justice leaders don't necessarily want
- * Agencies may see it as applying only to agencies with an environmental mandate, when we want to affect all agencies with an environmental impact.
- * EPA is not subject to NEPA -- will agencies want an agency to tell them what to do on this?
- * Weird precedent. Since when does WH share co-chairing?

Kathy's args for:

- * They have more staff; they have more expertise
- * Its a high priority to Browner (what isn't?)

-- They want the E.O. to reference all of the Civil Rights Act. I am advised by Justice that it could mean litigation if we expand beyond Title VI. For instance, we would extend this to employment practices which I think is beyond what we are trying to do here.

-- I think I have addressed all their other concerns which were mostly editing and fooling with words.

Issuance of the EO

-- We need to discuss the "summit" as the forum for issuing the ex. order. See the letter attached from Kathy that she enclosed with EPA's comments - she doesn't want them at the same time. I think if we phrase to the community leaders the idea of the summit and signing as just a first step, we address her concerns of minimizing the bigger agenda sought by the leaders. But we need to discuss this with her tomorrow.

-- We need an outreach plan on the issuance. We should ask for her help in identifying key grassroots leaders and seek advice on how to handle the congressional end.

-- Will Browner be able to announce some administrative actions on env. justice at the summit? I've discussed the idea with Kathy but haven't seen anything concrete yet.

Long Term Strategy

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I think we have to seek some sort of independent env. justice legislation in the long run -- and we should also be very sure that there are discussions about environmental justice whenever we reauthorize CWA, Superfund, and RCRA.

There are substantive problems with both env. justice bills in Congress now. The question is whether we work with Baucus to schedule a hearing and work out our problems with the Baucus/Lewis bill, or if we introduce a separate administration bill. I favor the former because it is quicker and makes Baucus have a vested interest in moving the bill forward, whereas he might feel like an administration bill is in competition with his efforts.

I would be interested in Kathy's views on the approach. I could do a analysis of both bills in the Congress now so you can see what the problems might be, but I think at this stage we could just discuss strategy and tactics and not substantive issues related to possible legislation. The summit will be good for all of us in that it will highlight what else community leaders are going to want after they know what's in the Ex. order. That can help kind our legislative efforts.

TO: Katie
From: Pam

Catch up on environmental justice. Some unrelated thoughts:

1) Rob Fairwether called. EPA is asking for a FACA advisory committee of citizens to advise it on env. justice policies. This is an outgrowth of the Cabinet bill negotiations where EPA committed to doing this. Fairwether is prepared to approve the FACA but did want to sync it with our executive order. He raises if it makes sense to have a FACA for EPA -- but not for the other agencies -- who we say in our executive order should address env. justice.

I think he is right -- for once -- in that it would be nice to have all agencies responsive to a FACA and open up citizen participation. But I have two concerns:

One, do we really want a federal-wide FACA on env. justice reporting to us or the Task Force? The role of citizens might just ante up the concerns you have about getting into another WTI. Having the FACA report to EPA would insulate us from that. Obviously, the recommendations of the FACA would be looked at from our agency task force, but do we want a formal relationship?

Point two is that EPA would flip if we tried to appropriate their FACA. They are already nuts about the Task Force.

 My suggestion is that we let the EPA FACA go forward and Browner can announce its formation at the justice meeting.

2) We still need to think about EPA's role in the Task Force. We need to resolve this before you go off to Ecuador. I am attaching the very last round of the Executive Order for you to look at the Task Force section. It is up to you if you think it would be appropriate to formalize EPA's role. Options here:

Formalize EPA as co-chair.

Formalize EPA as Technical Subgroup chair

Formalize EPA, DOE and HUD as Communications subgroup.

Any others?

Let me know what you thinking is and I will hook you up with Kathy Aterno so we can reach closure on this and get the Order to OMB.

3) I have received a request from the Environmental Careers Organization (ECO) -- the group that gave us Vate and with whom I am working to secure funding for diverse interns of color in the future -- which provides numerous opportunities through internships, training, schooling, otherwise to get people of color and others into environmental fields. It's a big group with several regional offices and contracts with most federal agencies. Their annual conference for students, schools and agencies is in October this year. They would like you to keynote. In light of your speech on env. education in Ecuador

and our work on env. justice, I thought you might be interested. Downside (or maybe upside) is that it is in Tampa. The conference is on a Friday so you could do a long nice weekend. I know you don't committing that far in advance, but would you be the slightest bit interested? ECO wants to just get a sense of if there is a possibility before sending the official invitation. I think highly of this group and know they are well organized. I think it would be worth your time and certainly great for the students involved.

4) I have attached a fax from Deeohn Ferris, with whom Vate and I have been discussing the Presidential meeting. She has been designated the lead on negotiating the meeting by the justice community. You'll see she highlights three points. One is the list of invitees. Vate and I will continue to handle this. Second is a list of topics the env.justice folks would like to tell the POTUS in the meeting. I think several of the points are ones that are "winners" in the sense that not only can the President enthusiastically speak to them, but that we are or can do something proactive in this area. Namely, economic development, job training, worker protection, env. education and procurement. We are trying to sway the tenor of the meeting away from just NIMBY situations into a constructive policy dialogue and we are having some success with the community on this.

The final point Deeohn makes is more troublesome. The justice community is dead set on a 'summit' -- if not this meeting then later on. You can see the process they lay out in which they want a series of local hearings culminating in another Presidential meeting. I have tried to lower expectations, but I wanted to get your sense if there would be any possibility in the future about a local meeting/hearing(s) with agencies -- perhaps coordinating by the new Task Force. The hearing(s) would not focus on a NIMBY site but rather i.e. how to get people of color communities involved in job retraining to clean up environmental sites, or how to the new pesticide policy will affect farmworkers, etc.

I think generally it would be a good idea to do some sort of outside the Beltway type outreach, but wanted to know where you think a process like this might go. Undoubtedly there are dangers with it as well.

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MEMORANDUM FOR PAT BRYANT
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CONNIE TUCKER

DEEJOHN FERRIS
RICHARD MOORE
LARRY WALLACE

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FROM: VATE POWELL/ PAM MCELWEE, OFFICE ON
ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PRESIDENTIAL MEETING

This is to follow-up on our conference call and in preparation for the next one. The next call will be Thursday August 12th at 5:00 p.m. E.S.T. We will ^{continue to} discuss the agenda for the Presidential Meeting and the list of invitees ~~(a copy of which is attached)~~. The agenda should focus on broad policy concepts/issues that the President should be made aware of. The invitees should be as balanced as possible, with the exception of being heavily weighted in favor of community people.

We would also like to discuss the draft executive order.

We look forward to talking to you on Thursday, and continuing to work with you. If you have any questions, we can be reached at (202) 456-6224. Thanks.

AGENDA

FEDERAL AGENCY ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE MEETING

JULY 14, 1993

- 1:00 o Welcome/Introductions -
- Tad McCall, Acting Deputy Director for Federal
Facilities Enforcement and
Ed Hanley, Deputy Assistant Administrator for
Administration and Resources Management
- o Videotape - Bob Knox, Deputy Director, Office of
Environmental Equity
- o Message from the EPA Administrator - Kathy Aterno,
Chief of Staff, EPA
- o Report on draft Environmental Justice Executive
Order - White House Staff
- o Federal agency reports on internal justice projects
- Agency Representatives
- o April 22 meeting follow-up - Sherry Milan/Bob Knox/
Agency Representatives
- Comments on draft federal agency principles
- Comments on draft federal sector strategy outline
- Update on Joint EPA/federal agency justice projects
- 3:30 o Next Steps/Options
- 4:00 o Closing

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Date 8/24/93

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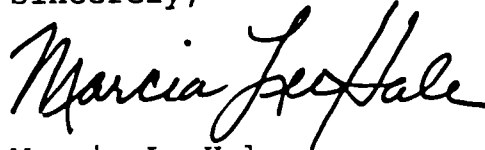
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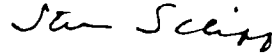
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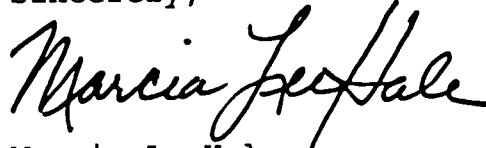
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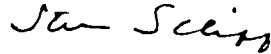
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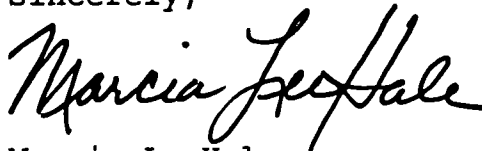
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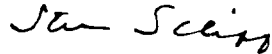
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Summit Invitees
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Friday July 9, 1993 4:22pm

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Carl Anthony	Urban Habitat Program
Leimomi Apoliona-Brown	National Committee for Radiation Victims
Wendy Brown	Tulane University
Pat Bryant	Gulf Coast Tenants Organization
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