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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

June 3, 1992

The Honorable Robert C. Byrd
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Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

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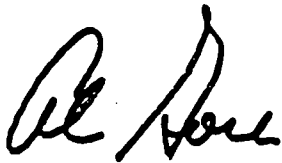
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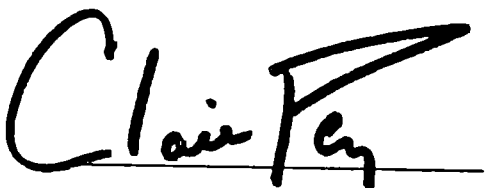
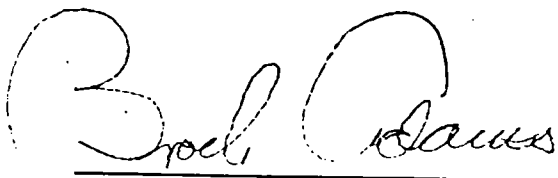
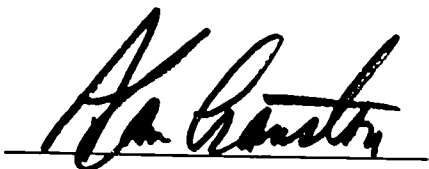
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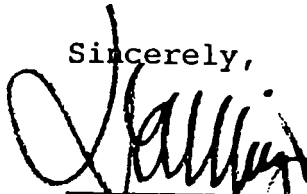
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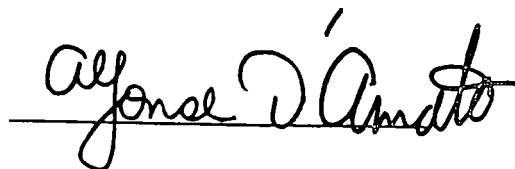
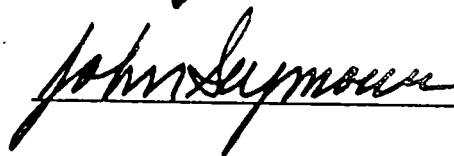
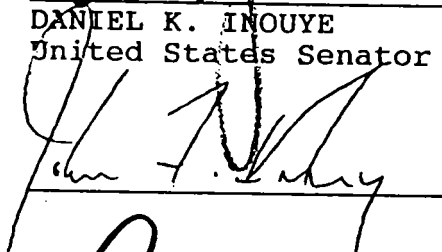
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Sincerely,



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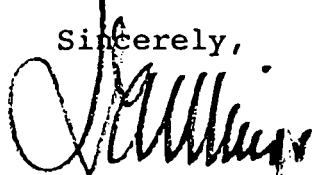
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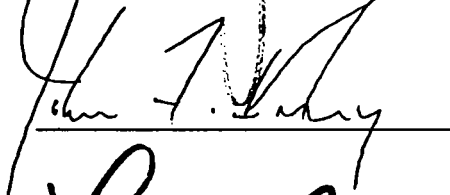
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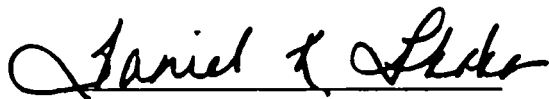

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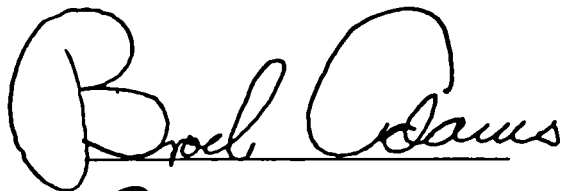


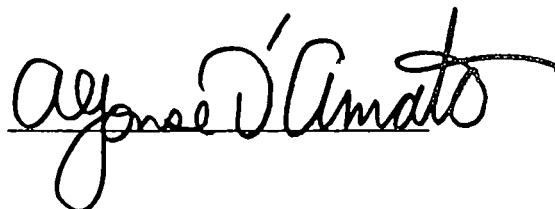












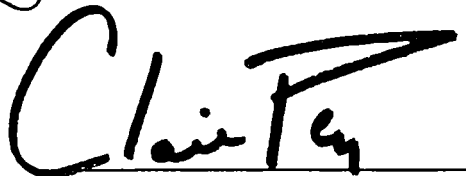


Table 6-12. U.S. GLOBAL CHANGE RESEARCH PROGRAM

(Dollar amounts in millions)

Description	Budget Authority			
	1992 Enacted	1993 Proposed	Dollar Change: 1992 to 1993	Percent Change: 1992 to 1993
Program Component				
Ground-based	733	915	+182	+25%
Oceans	62	85	+23	+37%
Modeling	33	51	+18	+55%
Land Processes	80	92	+12	+15%
Human Dimensions	7	9	+2	+29%
Economics	4	13	+9	+225%
Other	547	665	+118	+22%
Space-based	378	457	+80	+21%
Earth Observing System (NASA)	188	308	+120	+64%
Other Programs (NASA)	190	139	-51	-26%
Energy	—	10	+10	—
Agency				
National Aeronautics and Space Administration	756	891	+135	+18%
National Science Foundation	109	163	+54	+50%
Energy	77	113	+36	+47%
Commerce (NOAA)	47	78	+31	+66%
Agriculture	44	48	+3	+7%
Interior	40	36	-4	-9%
Environmental Protection Agency	24	26	+2	+8%
Smithsonian	6	11	+4	+68%
Defense	6	7	+1	+5%
Health and Human Services	1	1	—	—
Tennessee Valley Authority	•	•	—	—
Total	1,110	1,372	+262	+24%

•Less than \$500 thousand.