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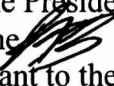
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October 24, 2000

SCHEDULING PROPOSAL

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TO: Stephanie Streett
Assistant to the President and
Director of Presidential Scheduling

REQUESTED BY: Neal Lane 
Assistant to the President for Science and Technology
Roger Ballentine 
Deputy Assistant to the President for Environmental Initiatives

REQUEST: For the President to deliver an address on global warming prior to the start of the next round of international negotiations on the Kyoto Protocol in The Hague November 13-24. The President made a similar address on the eve of the last set of negotiations of this importance (1997).

PURPOSE: For the President to outline the U.S. commitment to making progress toward a global climate change agreement in The Hague, to highlight the Administration's accomplishments on climate change, and to focus on the seriousness of the problem by releasing the final National Assessment of Climate Change Impacts. The President would discuss recent scientific findings indicating that worldwide temperatures are rising much faster than previously thought -- and that real impacts will be felt in the lifetimes of our children, as evidenced by the report.

BACKGROUND: The climate talks in The Hague are the most anticipated and high profile discussions on the subject since the Kyoto meetings in 1997. Most of the world sees this meeting as the make or break moment for the Kyoto Protocol. Domestic constituencies are also extremely focused on the talks. Leading newspapers, including *The New York Times* and *The Wall Street Journal*, will be writing high-profile stories (likely to appear November 12-13) about the opening of the negotiations, and The President's speech would establish a context for these stories. Since the President took

office, the science of climate change has become overwhelmingly compelling. New data indicates that worldwide average mean temperatures have been rising at a rate of .35 degree Fahrenheit per decade since 1976, or the equivalent of nearly 4 degrees per century. Other new science finds show that the thickness of arctic ice has decreased 40% over the last several decades, that the Greenland ice sheet is melting and that ranges of plants and animals are shifting. The National Assessment is a government sponsored study, ordered by Congress, on how climate change might affect the United States. It shows that while food production is unlikely to be harmed, some species and rare ecosystems might be lost, New York's subways will likely flood, and droughts and floods may both increase. The release of a draft of the report earlier this year garnered considerable attention, including stories on the network newscasts.

DATE & TIME: November 9 or November 10

DURATION: 20 to 30 minute address.

LOCATION: Georgetown University, National Geographic, or similar venue.

PARTICIPANTS: The President

REMARKS: Yes

PRES
PARTICIPATION: Yes

STAFF CONTACT: Roger Ballentine (6-1782), and
Rosina Bierbaum (Associate Director for Environment,
Office of Science and Technology Policy, 6-6077)

cc: John Podesta
George Frampton
Gene Sperling

September 6, 2000

SCHEDULING PROPOSAL

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TO: Stephanie Street
Assistant to the President and
Director of Presidential Scheduling

REQUESTED BY: George T. Frampton, Jr. *MTL*
Chair, Council on Environmental Quality
Roger Ballentine *DEM for RSM*
Deputy Assistant to the President for Environmental Initiatives

REQUEST: The President and Indian Prime Minister Vajpayee would drop by a meeting of leading U.S. and Indian energy company CEOs in the Roosevelt Room, perhaps being hosted by Secretary Richardson. The drop by could immediately follow the bilateral meeting. The President and Prime Minister would make brief statements in support of this opening session of the Joint Indo-U.S. Private Sector Working Group on Clean Energy and the Environment that grew out of the President's March trip to India. The President would emphasize that rapidly emerging worldwide clean energy markets and technologies can profoundly reduce greenhouse gas emissions and help fight global warming while helping grow stronger economies. But, in order to do so, the U.S. and the rest of the world must invest in key clean energy technologies. Finally, the President will congratulate the CEOs on their joint initiatives and, time permitting, could witness signing of additional new project and bilateral cooperation MOUs.

PURPOSE: To highlight the commitments of the President, the Indian Government and leading energy corporations in both the U.S. and India to clean energy partnerships with developing nations in an effort to reduce global climate change while improving economic growth. India is one of the most significant developing country players in a long-term solution to climate change. To draw attention to the opportunities for American industry in developing clean technologies for export and domestic markets.

BACKGROUND: The meeting of American and Indian CEOs is a direct follow up to the announcement of a range of new cooperative ventures and the signing of a major joint U.S.-Indo clean energy statement at Agra during the President's March trip. In conjunction with that event, the President emphasized the importance of the private sector in meeting clean energy and environmental objectives. The U.S. India-Joint Statement on Cooperation in Energy and Environment, signed by Secretary Albright and FM Singh, builds upon an earlier Richardson-Singh joint statement to emphasize the desire of the two countries to increase cooperation in energy and environment. Since March, we have deepened our bilateral cooperation on these issues, but need to maintain the momentum with India.

Much of the groundwork for this agreement and portions of the President's budget request was detailed in a June report by the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST). The US is now exporting roughly \$6 billion in clean energy technology and investment but has a chance to capture the huge new export market now emerging. This initiative would help expand US markets share while assisting developing countries in reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and complements the President's budget initiative on clean energy development. The President has repeatedly said how important this issue is to him. John Podesta also hosted a similar meeting with Indian CEOs, organized by CEQ, in the Roosevelt Room last year.

DATE & TIME: September 15, 2000

DURATION: 20 minutes

LOCATION: Roosevelt Room

PARTICIPANTS: The President, George T. Frampton, Jr., Roger Ballentine, Prime Minister Vajpayee of India, Secretary Richardson, 10-20 CEO's of major energy companies from the U.S. and India, representatives of State Department, AID, and NSC.

REMARKS: Yes

PRESS

PARTICIPATION: Limited – Pool or still shots.

STAFF CONTACT: George T. Frampton, Jr., 6-5147
Roger Ballentine, 6-1782
Nathan Hurst, 5-7419

June 21, 2000

SCHEDULING PROPOSAL

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TO: Stephanie Streett
Assistant to the President and
Director of Presidential Scheduling

REQUESTED BY: Neal Lane 
Assistant to the President for Science and Technology
Roger Ballentine 
Deputy Assistant to the President for Environmental Initiatives

REQUEST: For the President to lead a roundtable discussion with energy corporation CEOs and others regarding rapidly emerging worldwide clean energy markets and technologies which can profoundly reduce air pollution and help fight global warming. Alternatively, the President would meet with the CEOs and then proceed to the South Lawn to view clean energy technologies and make remarks.

PURPOSE: For the President to highlight his climate change budget request, our overall energy policies and our win-win solutions to fighting global warming. The speech would demonstrate the President's foresight and decisiveness in taking action against global warming while maintaining strong economic growth and draw attention to the strides American industry has made in developing clean technologies for export and domestic markets.

The CEO's would emphasize the importance of clean energy exports to the US economy, describe steps they have taken to promote such exports, stress the critical role of government R&D and export programs in improving the competitive position of U.S. industry, and endorse the approach laid out in the PCAST "Powerful Partnerships" Report. The President would highlight his \$200 million International Clean Energy Initiative and his \$4 billion Climate Change Technology Initiative tax package, announce his Executive Memorandum on promotion of clean energy exports, challenge the federal agencies and private sector to work together to double US clean energy exports by 2005, and challenge other industrial countries and international institutions to establish environmental standards and financial mechanisms for clean energy technologies. If cleared, the President might also propose changes in OECD trade and environment policies and other related announcements in lead up to the G-8.

BACKGROUND: Much of the groundwork for the International Clean Energy Initiative was detailed in June report by the President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST). The US is now exporting roughly \$5 billion in clean energy technology equipment but has a chance to capture a large portion of the huge new export market now emerging. This initiative would help U.S. firms capture a large portion of the \$10 trillion (2000-2020) global energy supply market as it increasingly focuses on clean energy technologies while assisting developing countries in reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

DATE & TIME: TBD -- July.

DURATION: One hour

LOCATION: East Room or Roosevelt Room and/or South Lawn.

PARTICIPANTS: 8-12 CEO's of major clean energy/advanced technology companies who are exporting US technology to help establish cleaner energy infrastructures worldwide; 1 leading environmental expert on clean energy technology; Dr. John Holdren of Harvard, Chair of the PCAST report committee; 1 expert in developing country energy infrastructures. Possible Cabinet or other (USAID, EX-IM) officials.

REMARKS: Yes

PRESS
PARTICIPATION: Open press

STAFF CONTACT: Roger Ballentine, 6-1782, and
Rosina Bierbaum,
Associate Director for Environment,
Office of Science and Technology Policy, 6-6077

Powerful Partnerships

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Ballentine
(sent book)
Podesta

R. Ballentine

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Let's do as many
good specific things
as possible before we go

THE PRESIDENT ~~AND SEN~~
4-24-00

The Federal Role in International Cooperation on Energy Innovation

A report from the Panel on International
Cooperation in Energy Research, Development,
Demonstration, and Deployment
The President's Committee of Advisors
on Science and Technology



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 4, 2000

SCHEDULING PROPOSAL

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TO: Stephanie Street

REQUESTED BY: Neal Lane 
Roger Ballentine 

PURPOSE: To meet with members of the President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology, as well as key corporate leaders, to discuss our successes in existing public- private initiatives, to discuss new international clean energy markets, to sign/announce a new Executive Memorandum, and to press Congress to support our clean energy budget, pass our tax credits and become a partner in seizing the opportunities of a clean energy future.

REQUEST: The President would meet with PCAST and industry leaders to discuss new actions that can build on the success of Administration-industry partnerships in cars (PNGV), buildings (PATH), and trucks. This discussion would help define additional near-term actions the Administration could take to improve America's energy security, increase exports of new clean energy technologies to developing nations, including China, reduce air pollution, and fight climate change. The meeting would include/be followed by a Rose Garden statement on the meeting, the EM, and include the challenge to Congress (and perhaps criticism of appropriations riders). This event could increase industry support for Administration policies and highlight the Administration's commitment to creating economic opportunity by addressing climate change (through measures like R&D and government-industry partnerships), in contrast to the do-nothing/block action posture of Congress.

To help U.S. companies tap these markets and help fight climate change, the President's budget includes inter-agency funding for an International Clean Energy Initiative. In addition to the increased funding, we have prepared for the President an Executive Memorandum which would create an interagency effort to evaluate and recommend reforms to how the federal government serves U.S. companies seeking assistance in tapping these markets.

DATE & TIME: May 18 or May 19

DURATION: 30 minutes

LOCATION: Roosevelt Room

PARTICIPANTS: The President
PCAST members
Industry leaders (about 10 in all)
John Podesta
Senior staff

REMARKS: Yes

PRESS PARTICIPATION: Press Opportunity after the meeting.

STAFF CONTACTS: Roger Ballentine, 6-1782, and
Rosina Bierbaum,
Associate Director for Environment,
Office of Science and Technology Policy, 6-6077

CC: George Frampton

March 29, 2000

SCHEDULING PROPOSAL

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TO: **Stephanie Streett**
Assistant to the President and
Director of Presidential Scheduling

REQUESTED BY: Roger Ballentine, Deputy Assistant to the President for
Environmental Initiatives

REQUEST: ABC News will be broadcasting an hour-long prime-time special about global warming on Earth Day, April 22, 2000. They have requested an interview with the President at The White House to discuss the Administration's global climate change program and the "Greening of the White House."

ABC wants Leonardo DiCaprio, co-host of the program and Earth Day 2000 Chairman, to be part of the interviewing of the President, but ABC states that the interview would have to take place between March 30 and April 2 for DiCaprio to participate. They hoped the President could take a very short walk around some part of the West Wing, discuss the energy efficiency upgrades made at the White House, then sit down in the Oval and talk more broadly about climate change and the Administration's programs to fight it.

PURPOSE: To highlight the President's climate change initiatives and to reach out to a large and young audience regarding the challenges of global warming.

BACKGROUND: Global warming is the official theme of the 30th Anniversary of Earth Day, and much of the press attention in the days around April 22 will focus on climate change issues. The overall ABC program format will involve DiCaprio and Chris Cuomo travelling the country and visiting spots that are being or will be impacted by global climate change and meeting people working to prevent it. Sites include: Florida Keys (Reefs), Glacier National Park and

parts of Alaska (Glaciers), the National Climatic Data Center, Asheville, NC (Climate Science), Coastal Flooding (New Orleans) and perhaps others.

DATE & TIME: TBD

DURATION: 30 minutes. 10 minutes for short walk in West Wing to see White House energy improvements. 20 minutes for interview in Oval Office or Rose Garden.

LOCATION: Oval Office, Rose Garden (?)

PARTICIPANTS: The President; ABC Correspondent; Leonardo DiCaprio (possible)

PRESS

PARTICIPATION: No; other than ABC.

STAFF CONTACT: Roger Ballentine, 6-1782

CC: Joe Lockhart
John Podesta
Loretta Ucelli
George Frampton

SCHEDULING PROPOSAL

TODAY'S DATE: 1/24/00

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TO: Stephanie Streett, Director of Scheduling

FROM: George Frampton, Jr., Acting Chair, CEQ *W B GTF*
Roger Ballentine, Deputy Assistant to the President for
Environmental Initiatives

PURPOSE: To highlight major new budget initiatives to address global climate change. Options include highlighting new program to promote the export of clean energy technologies to developing countries and/or announcing tax incentives for purchase of energy-efficient cars.

REQUEST: For the President to participate in an event underscoring the growing evidence of global warming and outlining new Administration initiatives to address this 21st century challenge.

One option is to tour a major solar technology manufacturer in Maryland; highlight our new international clean energy program, which will boost U.S. exports and jobs while helping developing countries grow in environmentally sustainable ways; and announce the signing of an Executive Memorandum to coordinate federal government efforts to promote these exports.

Another option is to hold an event at the White House with new energy-efficient cars shown at the recent Detroit auto show; announce our proposed tax credit for the purchase of these cars; and challenge the auto makers to achieve broader improvements in fuel economy.

BACKGROUND: The President's budget includes \$100 million for an international "Clean Energy for the 21st Century" initiative. This initiative is meant to back up the President's frequent assurance that we can fight climate change while growing the economies of both the U.S. and the developing world. The new initiative includes streamlining federal agencies that are tasked to develop such markets and assist U.S. business in tapping them. This would be done with a new emphasis on clean energy technology. At the

same time, the President could announce the release of a major new Department of Energy study highlighting the enormous potential of advanced technology in addressing climate change.

The budget also will propose \$2.1 billion over five years for a tax credit of up to \$3,000 for the purchase of highly energy-efficient cars like those displayed at the Detroit auto show. These prototypes incorporate advanced technology developed in collaboration with the auto makers through our Partnership for a New Generation of Vehicles. As part of this event, it would be important for the President to press the auto makers to move these cars from the laboratory to the showroom floor, and to challenge them to incorporate other fuel-saving improvements across the entire fleet as soon as possible.

DATE AND TIME: TBD (February 2nd?)

DURATION: One hour

LOCATION: Under first option: Solarex, Inc., a photovoltaic manufacturing facility in Frederick, MD. The firm employs over 400 and exports 2/3ds of its product to the developing world through the port of Baltimore. The plant features good visuals, including large solar panels. A similar company is located in Delaware.

Under second option: The White House.

PARTICIPANTS: TBD

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: TBD

REMARKS: Yes

MEDIA COVERAGE: Open press

CONTACT: George Frampton, 6-5147
Beth Viola, 6-6533

ROUTING SLIP

DATE: 11/2/99

FROM: Stephanie Streett

Assistant to the President and Director of Presidential Scheduling

File REGRET

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SUBJECT: RELEASE A REPORT ON "GREENING
OF THE WHITE HOUSE"

Kris Balderston	_____	Joe Lockhart	_____✓
Paul Begala	_____	Sean Maloney	_____
Lisa Berg	_____	Capricia Marshall	_____
Samuel Berger	_____	Thurgood Marshall Jr.	_____
Sidney Blumenthal	_____	Minyon Moore	_____
Charles Burson	_____	Bob Nash	_____
Mary Beth Cahill	_____	Beth Nolan	_____
Davis/Emrich	_____✓	Jennifer Palmieri	_____
Maria Echaveste	_____	John Podesta	_____
Terry Edmonds	_____	Steve Ricchetti	_____
George Frampton	_____✓	Bruce Reed	_____
Nancy Hernreich	_____	Dan Rosenthal	_____
Mickey Ibarra	_____	Patti Solis-Doyle	_____
Ben Johnson	_____	Doug Sosnik	_____
Joel Johnson	_____	Gene Sperling	_____
Neal Lane	_____	Larry Stein	_____
Sara Latham	_____✓	Carrie Street	_____✓
Ann Lewis	_____	Loretta Ucelli	_____✓
Bruce Lindsey	_____	Melanne Verveer	_____
Mark Lindsay	_____		

BETH VIOLA _____✓

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TO:

Stephanie Streett, Director of Scheduling

FROM:

George T. Frampton, Jr., Acting Chairman, CEQ
Roger Ballentine, Deputy Assistant to the President for
Environmental Initiatives

REQUEST:

For the President to release a report on "Greening of the White House" highlighting EOP efforts to save energy and taxpayer money and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

PURPOSE:

To release the new "Greening of the White House Report", detailing almost \$300,000 in annual taxpayer savings, and announcing future efforts involving the whole White House complex to use a variety of measures designed to lower energy costs, make use of renewable resources and reduce waste while improving air quality and building comfort.

BACKGROUND:

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DATE:	TBD
DURATION:	TBD
LOCATION:	White House
PARTICIPANTS:	The President and CEO's of home supply retailers (such as Sears or Home Depot) or producers of home products (such as Philips, Panasonic or Sylvania).
OUTLINE OF EVENTS:	The President tours the Oval Office, and the Rose Garden with reporters to point out several money saving measures in the White House: increased use of compact fluorescent lights and overhead fixtures in the White House saving well over \$100,000 per year in electric bills; ENERGY STAR office equipment, which reduces energy consumption by 50-60%; and the new heating and air conditioning system which saves \$32,000 each year. The President walks to the Rose Garden where he can mention windows (98% of the OEOB windows were replaced, saving \$8,000 each year); the composting system in the Rose Garden which uses shredded White House documents; and the watering system which saves 15,000 gallons of water each year. He makes brief remarks accompanied by several CEO's of home supply retailers or producers of home products who will amplify the event by announcing corporate promotions of products available for the home and office like those used in the White House.
REMARKS REQUIRED:	Yes
MEDIA COVERAGE:	Open press
FIRST LADY'S ATTENDANCE:	No
VP ATTENDANCE:	No
CONTACT:	George Frampton, 6-5147 or Beth Viola, 6-6533

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REMARKS REQUIRED: Yes

MEDIA COVERAGE: Open press

FIRST LADY'S ATTENDANCE: No

VP ATTENDANCE: No

CONTACT: George Frampton, 6-5147 or Beth Viola, 6-6533

November 9, 1999

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO: Senator Mary Landrieu (D-LA)

DATE: As soon as possible

RECOMMENDED BY: John Podesta
George Frampton
Larry Stein
Roger Ballentine

PURPOSE: Senator Mary Landrieu (D-LA) wants to speak with you about our efforts to secure permanent funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund. She strongly objects, and believes that we must either abandon these efforts or include her bill, "The Conservation and Reinvestment Act" (S. 25), as part of any deal. She has threatened to block consideration of any appropriations bills until this issue is resolved to her satisfaction.

BACKGROUND: As you know, the centerpiece of your Lands Legacy Initiative is the proposal to permanently and fully fund the Land and Water Conservation Fund. While we did not propose specific legislation, the vehicle in the Senate that we had hoped might ultimately accomplish this goal was S. 25, sponsored by Landrieu and Energy Committee Chairman Murkowski. That bill would take one-half of offshore oil royalties, which currently go into the general treasury, and permanently spend them on three things: 1) "coastal impact assistance" -- block grants to the states, heavily weighted toward oil-producing states, particularly Louisiana, for unrestricted use; 2) the Land and Water Conservation Fund; and 3) federal payments to state fish and wildlife agencies. Senator Landrieu's primary and perhaps exclusive interest is in the first section of the bill.

Through testimony and numerous other communications, we have told Senator Landrieu that we do not support her bill in its present form. Her bill places new restrictions on federal land acquisitions, and the “coastal impact assistance” money is unrestricted and could be used in environmentally damaging ways. We have, however, worked closely with her to move the process forward so that we can eventually get a bill that we could support (i.e., one that includes permanent and full funding of LWCF, without new restrictions).

She has been unable to move the bill out of committee, largely because of objections from Western “property rights” senators, who oppose any additional money for land acquisition. Companion legislation on the House side is doing slightly better (a bill could be reported out of committee tomorrow). Because of the three distinct sections of the bill, a broad coalition of coastal state Members, environmental groups, mayors, governors, sports and parks advocates and others have supported moving this process forward. The long-term prospects for comprehensive legislation, however, are challenging at best.

In an effort to secure some success for your Lands Legacy Initiative, your advisors are attempting to secure the crown jewel of that proposal: permanent and increased funding for LWCF. Because of the overall budget constraints, we have proposed a narrow initiative consisting essentially of only LWCF that would ramp up in funding over five years and that would provide guaranteed appropriations. Senator Landrieu believes that we should include her entire bill (for which we simply could not pay), and that if we move LWCF independently, it will destroy her coalition and doom prospects for her bill. While removing LWCF would greatly narrow her coalition, it is not clear that it would doom her bill, especially since conservative opposition to LWCF has been the primary hold up.

TALKING POINTS:

- You know how important this issue is to her and to Louisiana. She has worked as hard for this as any Senator has worked for a bill this year.

- You are committed to working with Sen. Landrieu on her bill. As you know, you and the Senator have some differences, but also have a lot in common. You want to help you pass a good bill that helps Louisiana and helps you.
- You are committed to doing that -- *whether or not* the Land and Water Conservation Fund is in there.
- You have, from the very beginning, said that LWCF is the centerpiece of the Lands Legacy Initiative and that it must be permanently and fully funded – it is the single most important thing we could accomplish for conservation.
- Your staff has put forward a proposal that is fully paid for and within the caps. We have laid out our offsets. You are doubtful that we will be successful, but strongly believe that we must seize any opportunity we can to do this. It is that important.
- Again, you know that the rest of her bill is important too, and commit to continue to support Sen. Landrieu and push for good legislation that builds on anything we accomplish this year.

**CONTACT PERSON
AND TELEPHONE
NUMBERS(S):**

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 17, 2000

MEETING WITH DR. JOHN HOLDREN

DATE: Friday, February 18, 2000
LOCATION: Oval Office
TIME: 10:45 AM – 10:55 AM
FROM: Neal Lane
Roger Ballentine 

I. PURPOSE

You will meet with Dr. John Holdren to briefly congratulate him on being the 2000 recipient of the Tyler Prize for Environmental Achievement and to thank him for his recent work, including that pertaining to energy and climate change.

II. BACKGROUND

You have appointed Dr. Holdren to a number of important positions. He chaired a PCAST study on cooperation with Russia on nuclear materials (1995); he chaired a review panel on the U.S. government's fusion energy program (1995); he chaired a bilateral commission with Russia regarding plutonium disposition (1996); he chaired the PCAST report on federal energy research and development that led to your Climate Change Technology Initiative (1997); and he chaired the PCAST committee that looked into international cooperation on energy innovation ("Powerful Partnerships") that formed the basis of your international clean energy initiative (1999). He currently chairs a National Research Council committee on U.S.-India energy cooperation.

Dr. Holdren will receive the 2000 Tyler Prize for Environmental Achievement on April 14. The prestigious award honors worldwide achievements in environmental science, energy and medical discoveries. He was honored for his work on sustainable development, climate change and nuclear materials.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President
Dr. John Holdren
Neal Lane
Roger Ballentine