

THE WHITE HOUSE

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MEMORANDUM FOR GOVERNOR SUNUNU

FROM: D. ALLAN BROMLEY
EDE HOLIDAY

SUBJECT: Climate Change Framework Convention Meeting at
9:30 Wednesday morning

A meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 23 at 9:30 A.M. in your office to obtain your approval, in concept, of the DPC paper on Global Climate Change and a brochure highlighting the environmental achievements of the Bush Administration. If you approve, we will distribute these papers to members of the DPC for their written comments and clearance.

Thereafter, we suggest that you meet with a group of advisers on Friday to give final approval to the strategy for the Framework Convention, to approve the final draft of the accomplishments brochure and to consider the more sensitive strategic questions raised by the upcoming negotiations -- questions we did not think it prudent to raise in the DPC paper, such as:

- o Will publishing a brochure highlighting U.S. accomplishments towards stabilizing emissions of greenhouse gases actually undercut the Administration's position that there is insufficient scientific and economic evidence to justify negotiations over targets and timetables?
- o What would have to change in the science, economics or politics of global climate change to warrant reconsidering our opposition to some form of targets and timetables?
- o If the U.S. ultimately acquiesces to some regime of targets and timetables, when should the Administration make this concession -- and how should it be portrayed?
- o What should the U.S. do if other countries do not support the comprehensive approach or if other countries support the comprehensive approach without granting any credit to the U.S. for phasing out CFCs under the Montreal protocol?
- o Should the President address the opening session of the climate change negotiations either in person or by video tape?

Participants in this morning's meeting will include Dick Darman, Boyden Gray, Roger Porter, Michael Deland, Bob Grady, Ken Yale, Teresa Gorman and Richard Porter. Bob Grady took the initiative to prepare the draft U.S. accomplishments brochure, with the assistance of OSTP and other agencies.