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MEMORANDUM FOR D. ALLAN BROMLEY, J. THOMAS RATCHFORD

FROM: NANCY G. MAYNARD ^{NH}

SUBJECT: Environment Update - Week of May 26 and June 3, 1991

The purpose of this memo is to provide you with a brief update on the status of several important environmental activities which are occurring during these weeks.

1. June 5, 1991. 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. - Global Warming Scientific "Skeptics" Meeting.

As requested by Governor Sununu, a meeting between the Governor and a small group of scientists who are somewhat skeptical of the popular approach to the global warming issue has been set up in the Governor's office at 2:30 p.m.

The plan is to have Maynard contact the participants just before the conference and bring them to the meeting without much notice in order to minimize any pre-meeting controversy. One of the participants is presently scheduled to be one of the 2 debaters in a 2-man debate at the exact time of this meeting. Thus, it looks like I will probably have to contact him somewhat earlier and request confidentiality although I fear that the probability of this meeting remaining confidential is close to zero.

- . The participants are: Richard Lindzen (MIT), Patrick Michaels, (UVA), Robert Balling (Arizona St. U), Andrew Solow (WHOI), and Hugh Ellsaesser (Livermore).
- . OSTP attendees: Nancy Maynard, J. Thomas Ratchford, Vickie Sutton
- . White House Attendees: Governor Sununu has invited Bob Grady and Roger Porter.
- . A memo describing a possible agenda to guide the discussion is attached at Tab A.

2. Global Change Regional Institutes - Puerto Rico Workshop:

The planning for the workshop in Puerto Rico, July 15-19, 1991, is in very good shape. The invitation letters from Drs. Bromley and Peck, together with a white paper on the regional institutes, tentative agenda, and logistics summary have all

been sent. Based upon the tentative list of participants from each country, there will be an excellent group of scientists and science policy people attending from the various countries.

As agreed, U.S. delegates will be Tom Lovejoy (Smithsonian) and Mike Hall (NOAA). Tom and Mike provide valuable input from two different aspects of both the science community as well as the science management community. Attending in an advisory capacity will be Paul Risser (U New Mexico/suggested by NAS) and Bob Watson (as chair of Global Environmental Facility).

For your reference, I have attached a copy of the following at Tab B:

1. Letter of invitation from Dr. Bromley
2. Letter of invitation from Dr. Peck
3. Public paper on the regional institute concept
4. Tentative agenda for July workshop
5. List of tentative participants (as of May 10)

Weekly meetings among representatives from Corell's office (conference director), OSTP, CEES WCGG International Task Force, DOS, USGS, and others as appropriate are being held to coordinate the many tasks involved with the logistics of the workshop. I will continue to provide you with updated material regularly between now and the workshop in July.

3. EOS Engineering Review - May 30-31, 1991.

The new Panel set up to carry out the EOS Engineering Review met on May 30 and 31 at NASA Headquarters. Ed Freiman and the Panel members had clearly done a great deal of homework prior to coming to the meeting, and the quality of the discussion during the two days was excellent. There were a number of very good, in-depth presentations by NASA, members of the scientific community, and DOE on various aspects of EOS. The Panel asked many good questions and requested a substantial amount of background information in preparation for the 10-day meeting in July, to be held in La Jolla.

A more detailed report will be prepared for your reference. In summary, however, there appears to be no question that this Panel has taken their charge very seriously and will continue to carry out this review in the most competent, thorough and fair means possible over the next few months.