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January 29, 2001

MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT  
THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY  
THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR  
THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE  
THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE  
THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION  
THE SECRETARY OF ENERGY  
THE DIRECTOR OF THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
AGENCY  
THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
AGENCY  
THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND DEPUTY CHIEF  
OF STAFF FOR POLICY  
THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR ECONOMIC  
POLICY  
THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: National Energy Policy Development Group

One of the greatest challenges facing the private sector and Federal, State, and local governments is ensuring that energy resources are available to meet the needs of our citizens and our economy. To help address this challenge, I am asking the Vice President to lead the development of a national energy policy designed to help the private sector, and government at all levels, promote dependable, affordable, and environmentally sound production and distribution of energy for the future. Accordingly, I direct as follows:

1. Establishment. There is hereby established within the Executive Office of the President an Energy Policy Development Group, consisting of the following officers of the Federal Government: the Vice President, Secretary of the Treasury, Secretary of the Interior, Secretary of Agriculture, Secretary of Commerce, Secretary of Transportation, Secretary of Energy, Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, Assistant to the President and Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy, Assistant to the President for Economic Policy, and Assistant to the President for

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Intergovernmental Affairs. The Vice President may also invite the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to participate. The Vice President may invite the participation of the Secretary of State when the work of the Energy Policy Development Group involves international affairs and, as appropriate, other officers of the Federal Government. The Vice President shall preside at meetings of the Energy Policy Development Group, shall direct its work, and may establish subordinate working groups to assist the Energy Policy Development Group in its work.

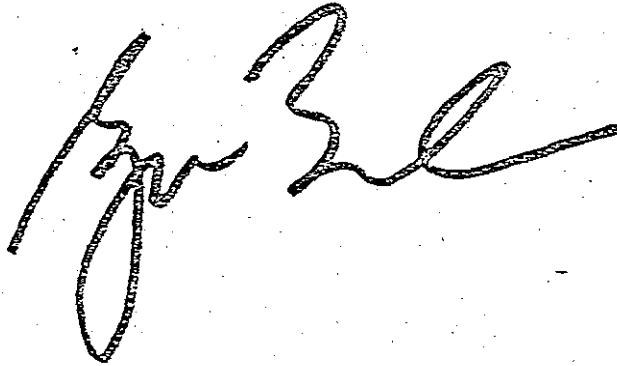
2. Mission. The mission of the Energy Policy Development Group shall be to develop a national energy policy designed to help the private sector, and as necessary and appropriate Federal, State, and local governments, promote dependable, affordable, and environmentally sound production and distribution of energy. In carrying out this mission, the Energy Policy Development Group's functions shall be to gather information, deliberate, and, as specified in this memorandum, make recommendations to the President. Its activities shall not supplant the authority and responsibility of State and local governments for handling energy production, purchase, and distribution difficulties.

3. Reports. The Energy Policy Development Group should submit reports to me as follows: (a) in the near-term, an assessment of the difficulties experienced by the private sector, and State and local governments in ensuring that local and regional energy needs are met, and (b) as soon thereafter as practicable, a report setting forth a recommended national energy policy designed to help the private sector, and as necessary and appropriate State and local governments, promote dependable, affordable, and environmentally sound production and distribution of energy for the future. The recommended national energy policy should take into consideration, among other things, (i) the growing demand for energy, locally, regionally, and nationally, in the United States and in the world, (ii) the potential for local, regional, or national disruptions in energy supplies or distribution, and (iii) the need for responsible policies to protect the environment and promote conservation, and (iv) the need for modernization of energy generation, supply, and transmission infrastructure.

4. Funding. The Department of Energy shall, to the maximum extent permitted by law and consistent with the need for funding determined by the Vice President after consultation with the Secretary of Energy, make funds appropriated to the Department of Energy available to pay the costs of personnel to support the activities of the Energy Policy Development Group. If a situation arises in which Department of Energy appropriations are not available for a category of expenses of the Energy

Policy Development Group, the Vice President or his designee should submit to me a proposal for use, consistent with applicable law, of the minimum necessary portion of any appropriation available to the President to meet the unanticipated need. The Vice President may also obtain, through the Assistant to the President for Economic Policy, such assistance from the National Economic Council staff as the Vice President deems necessary.

5. Termination. The Energy Policy Development Group shall terminate no later than the end of fiscal year 2001.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "G. W. Bush", written in a cursive style.

cc: Secretary of State  
Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission