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WASHINGTON

April 17, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

JIM CANNON

SUBJECT:

Domestic Council Study of U.S. Environmental Policy

I recommend that the Domestic Council undertake a study of domestic environmental programs and policies, to determine their effectiveness, consistency with other national objectives, direct and indirect costs, and impact on the creation of new jobs and on productivity.

### SUBJECT OF STUDY

The study would review existing Federal programs on air and water pollution and land use, including their impact on the consumer and on the economy as a whole, their consequences for specific major industries, and their interplay with State and local priorities.

#### **OBJECTIVE**

The objectives of the study are:

- To produce a thorough-going analysis of Federal, State and local environmental programs in operation;
- -- to assess the efficiency of current environmental programs in meeting national objectives in air and water quality and sound land use, to see if they need improvement; and,
- -- if warranted by the conclusions of the study, to formulate for your consideration a series of policy options for modifying existing programs and policies to better serve the national interest.

#### ORGANIZATION

The review group for this study should include appropriate representatives of the following Departments and Agencies:

Treasury
Interior
Agriculture
Commerce
Labor
HUD
Transportation
OMB

Council of Economic Advisers
Environmental Protection Agency
Council on Environmental Quality
Economic Policy Board
Federal Energy Administration
Energy Research and Development
Administration
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Office of Consumer Affairs, HEW
Council on Wage and Price Stability

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Vice President, Secretary Morton, Phil Buchen, Max Friedersdorf, Alan Greenspan, Bob Hartmann, Jim Lynn, Jack Marsh, Russ Peterson, Bill Seidman, Russ Train, and Frank Zarb have reviewed this memorandum and recommend approval.

DECISION

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#### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 19, 1975

#### ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JIM CANNON

FROM:

JERRY H. (C

SUBJECT:

Domestic Council Study of U.S. Environmental Policy

Your memorandum to the President of April 17 on the above subject has been reviewed and your recommendation -- that the Domestic Council undertake a study of domestic environmental programs and policies, to determine their effectiveness, consistency with other national objectives, direct and indirect costs, and impact on the creation of new jobs and on productivity -- was approved.

Please follow-up with the appropriate action.

Thank you.

cc: Don Rumsfeld