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ACTION
October 28, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger *pa B*

SUBJECT: Message to the Environmental Committee of the
Organization for Economic Cooperation and
Development

Chairman Russell Peterson of the Council on Environmental Quality has asked that you send a message to the Environmental Committee of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) which he would deliver on the occasion of the Committee's ministerial meeting in Paris on November 13-14, 1974.

The OECD Environment Committee has done effective work since 1970 in harmonizing national environmental policies. It has not only contributed to the preservation of environmental values in industrialized Western states but also has helped prevent trade distortions which might occur as the result of differing national pollution programs.

A major U.S. objective at the forthcoming meeting of the Committee will be to demonstrate to the other OECD members that we are continuing our national effort to protect the environment, and that we expect the other nations to maintain their commitment also. A message from you would be an appropriate and useful gesture emphasizing this point.

The message for your approval at Tab A would praise the collaborative efforts of the OECD in the environmental area; reaffirm the U.S. commitment to its environmental goals and its resolve to make rapid progress toward environmental improvement; note the opportunity provided by the ministerial meeting for all members of the OECD to reaffirm their commitment to environmental protection; and wish the participants success in their deliberations.

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Your message has been coordinated with Paul Theis.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you approve the message at Tab A.

Approve MR3 Disapprove _____

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