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INFORMATION

WASHINGTON

January 14, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT
THROUGH: KEN COLE *C*
FROM: MIKE DUVAL *D*
SUBJECT: FEA ENERGY STATISTICS

MR7

In the attached paper, Frank Zarb states that total demand for petroleum in December was below your conservation target although automobile gasoline was over the goal.

Some of this reduced demand for heating oil may have been due to weather. Overall, temperatures in the United States averaged slightly above normal for the month of December. However, in the energy intensive areas of the East Coast and the Great Lakes, temperatures during December were significantly above normal by an amount ranging from 2 to 6 degrees.

The outlook for January as a whole is for a continuation of the same temperature patterns, with above normal temperatures in the East and the Great Lakes. There has, of course, been colder than normal weather in other parts of the country.

I have asked Frank to indicate in future reports -- to the extent possible -- the impact of weather on demand.

