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FEDERAL ENERGY ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20461

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OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Frank G. Zarb *FZ*

THRU: Rogers C.B. Morton

SUBJECT: Forthcoming Energy Decisions

*Handwritten initials*

Last week, we submitted to you the basic strategy we would follow in negotiating an energy compromise with the Congress. Over the next two to three weeks there will be a number of decisions needed on Congressional counter proposals or compromises which we will be submitting for your review and decision. At this time, it appears that new Presidential decisions will be needed in the following areas:

SHORT TERM PROGRAM

- Next administrative actions (e.g. re import fees and old oil decontrol) if insufficient Congressional progress by May 1.
- Additional rebates of or exemptions from fees for fishing industry, airlines and nonprofit institutions.
- Possible compromises on goals, timing and form of short term tax/tariff program.
- Allocation, quotas and purchasing authorities.

LONG TERM PROGRAM

Energy Supply:

- Possible windfall profits tax modifications to account for decontrol phasing and elimination of depletion allowance.

- Natural gas deregulation compromises.
- Additional financial assistance to electric utilities.
- Energy research trust fund.
- Miscellaneous tax incentives for coal production, transportation and conversion.

Energy Conservation:

- Auto emission standards review and 5-year recommendations.
- Auto fuel efficiency standards and taxes.

Energy Measures:

- Strategic reserves authorities.
- Standby emergency conservation authorities.

As we proceed to deal with the Committees during the recess some of these issues may be resolved or new ones developed. The ERC will provide for interagency coordination before decision memoranda are forwarded to you and on selected issues, we will request meetings (as required) with you and the involved ERC members.