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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 20, 1975

MR. PRESIDENT:

The attached memorandum has been staffed and generated the following comments:

Buchen (Hills) -- We have nothing to add to the memorandum.

Cannon -- Concurs with Lynn recommendation.

Marsh -- Choice #2 "no legislation".

Friedersdorf -- Concurs with OMB.

Scowcroft -- No objection.

Seidman -- Agrees.

Don



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

THIS PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

MAY 13 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JAMES T. LYNN (Signed) James T. Lynn

SUBJECT: Department of Energy and Natural Resources

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Recommendation

- ° That DENR legislation not be submitted at this time and that affected agencies be informed of such decision.

Decision

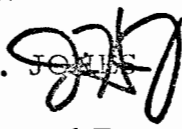
- That DENR legislation be readied for early submission.
- That DENR legislation not be sought at this time.
- Other

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 22, 1975

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM LYNN  
FROM: JERRY H. JOHNS   
SUBJECT: Department of Energy  
and Natural Resources

Your memorandum to the President of May 13 on the above subject has been reviewed and the following was approved -- that DENR legislation not be sought at this time.

Please follow-up with the appropriate action.

Thank you.

cc: Don Rumsfeld  
Rod Hills  
Jim Cannon  
Jack Marsh  
Max Friedersdorf  
Brent Scowcroft  
Bill Seidman

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ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO.:

Date: May 13, 1975

Time:

FOR ACTION:

Phil Buchen *[Signature]*

~~or for information~~

Jim Cannon *[Signature]*

Brent Scowcroft *[Signature]*

Jack Marshall *[Signature]*

Bill Seidman *[Signature]*

Max Friedersdorf *[Signature]*

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: Thursday, May 15, 1975

Time: cob

SUBJECT:

Lynn memo (5/13/75) re: Department of Energy and Natural Resources

ACTION REQUESTED:

For Necessary Action

For Your Recommendations

Prepare Agenda and Brief

Draft Reply

For Your Comments

Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

5/16 - Normats signs off for NSC  
5/16 March WCB  
Cannon WCB  
5/20 - W/P

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Jerry H. Jones  
Staff Secretary

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ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

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Date: May 13, 1975

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FOR ACTION: ~~Phil Buchen~~  
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Jack Marsh  
Max Friedersdorf

~~cc (for information):~~

Brent Scowcroft  
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REMARKS:

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memo.*

*R. H.*

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LOG NO.: 5/15/75

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Time:

FOR ACTION: ~~Phil Buchen~~ ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~  
Jim Cannon                      Brent Scowcroft  
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Max Friedersdorf

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: Thursday, May 15, 1975                      Time:      cob

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- Draft Reply
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- Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

Concur with the Lynn recommendation.

JAMES M. CANNON

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If you have any questions or need assistance  
in submitting this material, please call  
Lynn at (202) 456-4141 or (202) 456-4142.  
Jerry H. Jones  
Staff Secretary

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WASHINGTON

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LOG NO.: 5/15/75

ACTION MEMORANDUM

Date: May 13, 1975

Time:

FOR ACTION: ~~Phil Buchen~~  
Jim Cannon  
Jack Marsh  
Max Friedersdorf

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ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO.: *due: 5/15*  
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Date: May 13, 1975

Time:

FOR ACTION: Phil Buchen  
Jim Cannon  
Jack Marsh  
Max Friedersdorf

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Brent Scowcroft  
Bill Seidman

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: Thursday, May 15, 1975

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REMARKS:

*Choice #2*  
*"no legislation"*  
*JM*

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May 14, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: JERRY JONES  
FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF *M.L.F.*  
SUBJECT: Lynn memo (5/13/75) re: Department  
of Energy and Natural Resources

The Office of Legislative Affairs concurs with subject memo.

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ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO.:

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FOR ACTION: Phil Buchen  
Jim Cannon  
Jack Marsh  
Max Friedersdorf

~~exp. 5/13/75~~  
Brent Scowcroft  
Bill Seidman

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: Thursday, May 15, 1975

Time: cob

SUBJECT:

MAY 14 REC'D

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of Energy and Natural Resources

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- Draft Reply
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REMARKS:

*agreed  
fws*

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