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MEMORANDUM FOR:

JIM CANNON

FROM:

JIM CONNOR JEF

The attached clipping was returned in the President's outbox with the following notation:

"Detroit Free Press - front page daily Question"

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THE QUESTION

A bill that would have established a federal program to develop an electric car was vetoed by President Ford on the grounds that private industry is better suited to undertake the project. Do you agree with the president's decision?

cc: Dick Cheney

HOW YOU VOTED

YES, 71.1 percent. COMMENTS: "President Ford made a wise choice. The government isn't in the car building business" ... "If the government builds an electric car you can be sure it will be messed up" ... "Maybe if the Big 3 develop it I can get a job" ... "If the government builds the car, the taxpayers will pay for it" ... "Let private industry waste its money."

NO, 28.9 percent. COMMENTS: "The auto makers don't want the competition of an electric car" ... "Big business or the government, what's the difference?" ... "There are too many special interest groups that will prevent development of the electric car" ... "I don't agree with the president on any issue."

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