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Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller and Senator Edward M. Kennedy today announced their agreement to hold a White House Science Advisory Conference on Friday, June 6, 1975. Senator Kennedy, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Science will host the Conference which will be attended, in addition to the Vice President, by Senate leaders in the field of science policy to lay the groundwork for the legislative establishment of a Science Adviser to the President. The Vice President, who was requested by the President to make Science Advisory recommendations, plans to present the Administration views to the Senators and informally discuss the various issues involved with them.

The Conference is an outgrowth of a meeting on science policy between the Vice President and Senator Kennedy last March. Since then they have continued consultation on this issue and recently concluded that this Conference would provide valuable impetus and background for specific legislation to be developed in subsequent hearings. These will be held jointly by the Science Subcommittee of the Committee on Labor and Public Welfare (chaired by Senator Kennedy); the Science Subcommittee of the Commerce Committee (chaired by Senator Tunney); and the Committee on Aeronautical and Space Sciences (chaired by Senator Moss).

The Vice President and Senator Kennedy hailed the Conference as an innovative step toward improved cooperation between the Executive and Legislative Branches. They affirmed their belief "that the nation's superb scientific skills should serve the needs of all our citizens, and that science advice to the President is above partisan consideration."

In addition, Senator Kennedy made the following statement: "I commend the Vice President for his leadership in science policy and greatly appreciate how forthcoming he has been in working together on this issue. I am also very pleased that the President has accepted Vice President Rockefeller's recommendations for a White House Science Adviser, and has encouraged the Vice President to participate in this historic Conference."

The Conference, which will be open to the public, will be held in Room 1318 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building on Friday, June 6, 1975 at 10:00 a.m.

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