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FROM: RICHARD W. PORTER *RWP*
SUBJECT: Paper for Today's Meeting

A one-page summary paper prepared by Rob Reinstein at State for discussion at our meeting this afternoon at 2:00 P.M. in room 180 is attached.

The purpose of today's meeting is to review and approve a proposal for the climate convention negotiations. This proposal has already been considered and approved by the Climate Change Task Force, which is chaired by Dr. Bromley.

CLIMATE CONVENTION NEGOTIATIONS

The December negotiating session may determine what kind of climate convention will be agreed to for signing at UNCED in Rio de Janeiro in June 1992. There are two basic possibilities: (1) a convention containing specific legal commitments such as targets and timetables for reductions of CO₂ emissions, or (2) a convention which establishes a long-term process for cooperation between parties, including submission of national reports and review by other parties. The latter alternative is clearly preferable to the U.S., given that at this stage a "bare-bones" framework convention, containing essentially nothing but general commitments to cooperate on research and share information, is not considered adequate by any group of countries participating in the negotiations.

National Reports. Each country would be expected to prepare a report containing: (1) a background section laying out its national circumstances, energy mix, security considerations, etc.; (2) its current GHG emissions patterns reflecting these circumstances; and (3) a description of the actions it is taking or proposes to take to reduce emissions, enhance sinks or adapt to climate change, with estimates of the net changes in emissions relative to current levels. The actions would be chosen based on technical and economic feasibility as well as other factors, such as consumer preferences and national security considerations.

Review Process. National reports would be reviewed by other parties from a technical point of view to see whether the actions identified would actually result in the estimated changes in GHG emissions, based on sound methodologies. A party could also note if another party's actions seemed less than ambitious and request an explanation of why certain actions might not be included. Conversely, a party might also note that another party's actions seemed overly ambitious and could request an explanation of the feasibility assessments for these actions. No party would be under any obligation to change its policies or national actions based on the comments of any other party.

Developing Countries. One benefit of this approach is that it should encourage maximum participation by developing countries, since it requires relatively little from them. Some assistance in preparing their national reports, either bilateral or multilateral (GEF), would be needed, and projects could be identified in their reports that could contribute to reducing net emissions, depending on availability of funding (bilateral or GEF) and technology (on a commercial basis). Technology cooperation would be available to help identify these options.

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Date: 10/9/91

October 8, 1991

TO: EOB

FROM: JAMES A. FITZHENRY
Associate Director
Office of Cabinet Affairs
Room 239, OEOB, x2800

Re

Meeting with the Members of the
work

Comments that the President not
work regarding the upcoming United
States and Development (UNCED), to be
held in 1992, is a very controversial issue,
and the national planning process in
progress is far from clear. At this stage
the details for UNCED are confidential.

Request for a meeting should be
at CEQ would be an appropriate

GIVEN THE IMPORTANCE OF
THIS TOPIC, I THINK YOU
AGREE THAT WE SHOULD
OPPOSE THIS REQUEST... STATE
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April 17, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR EDE HOLIDAY

FROM: RICHARD PORTER 
JAMES A. FITZHENRY 

SUBJECT: UNCED Steering Group Meeting -- April 12, 1991

Attendees: Messrs. Porter (DPC), Struhs (CEQ), Holmstead (WH Counsel), Chairman Deland (CEQ), Grady (OMB), Bohlen (State), Ryan (State), Hartness (OMB), Gibbons (OMB), and Fitzhenry (OCA) and Meses. Gorman (OPD) and Maynard (OSTP).

The UNCED Steering Group met to discuss CEQ's preparation of the National Report, begin defining U.S. objectives for the Conference and receive a briefing from Buff Bohlen, who recently returned from the Second Preparatory Committee meeting in Geneva.

CEQ's National Report. Chairman Deland is scheduled to testify on Thursday, April 18, 1991 before the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Organizations on CEQ's preparation of the 20-year National Report and U.S. preparations for UNCED. It was decided that draft copies of the National Report will not be made public at the 5 roundtables CEQ has scheduled around the country to discuss UNCED and the Report. Rather, a detailed agenda will be submitted permitting general discussion about the issues. In addition, the draft Report will not be made available to Congress. Revisions to Deland's testimony were suggested and written comments will be submitted early this week.

U.S. Objectives. There is a need to better define and prioritize U.S. objectives for the UNCED. Generally, the U.S. is committed to developing a separate forestry convention, as announced by President Bush at the G-7 summit in Houston last year. Of a lower priority, but still important, is an agreement relating to oceans. In addition, the U.S. will emphasize the interrelationship between environment and development by highlighting the triumph of capitalism and describing how free market mechanisms have enabled Western countries to improve their environment.

Second PrepCom Debriefing. Buff Bohlen discussed the Second PrepCom held earlier this month in Geneva. Bohlen reported that over 140 nations were represented. Unfortunately, no agreement was reached on the substantive issues. Most of the participants have given little thought about what should come out of the conference and are relying on the Secretariat to take the

appropriate action. The Secretariat, a Canadian named Maurice Strong, will play a dominant role at the conference and seeks from the UNCED the creation of an "earth charter" and an "Agenda 21" action plan to implement whatever principles are agreed to at the conference. To date, the Secretariat has not submitted written material outlining these proposals. While the U.S. has its own agenda for the conference, the lesser developed countries have two main goals: increased technology transfer and new financial assistance.

From Bohlen's perspective, the positive outcomes from the Second PrepCom included the creation of a third working group to discuss legal mechanisms, an agreement on the participation of non-governmental organizations, the low-key nature of the financial resources discussions, and the focus on technology transfer. The negative outcomes included a continued focus on procedural matters rather than substantive ones, the short time period remaining before the conference, the emergence of a strong Secretariat whom the U.S. cannot rely upon and an overemphasis on climate change issues.

Suggested Follow-up. We will work with Roger, Bob and Teresa to pull together a meeting at the appropriate level to clarify U.S. objectives for UNCED. This guidance is essential to bring to focus U.S. preparations and State's preliminary negotiations with the UNCED Secretariat.

cc: Roger Porter
Teresa Gorman
Bob Grady