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August 1, 1974

Dr. Philip H. Abelson,
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of Science
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Dear Philip:

Thank you for your letter of July 24. I share your concern that our nation develop a long range policy for conserving energy without unnecessary destruction of our vital natural resources. I have also been concerned with the Nixon Administration's failure to actively involve the scientific community in governmental decisions at the highest level since his abolishment of the Science Advisory Committee in 1972. I believe the President must be continually informed on scientific developments to maintain our nation's technological leadership.

I appreciate your ideas. I am enclosing our issue analysis papers on energy, the economy, and the environment which may be of interest to you. Please let me continue to have the benefit of your thinking.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Carter

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July 24, 1974

Governor Jimmy Carter
1974 Campaign Chairman; Democratic
National Committee
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Dear Governor Carter:

Your good letter addressed to Dr. Bevan has come to my attention. Thank you for your inquiry.

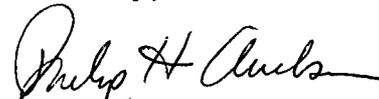
As you know the problem of inflation is now of intense public concern. It affects every one.

Another matter which will be with us a long time is the problem of energy. We are running out of oil and our needs are increasingly being met by high cost imports. Thus the energy and inflation problems interact.

I believe that the biggest contribution we could make to fighting long-term inflation would be to put real steam behind getting hydrocarbon from coal.

Another issue that is troublesome is the reconciling of environmental concern with energy needs. We have not really addressed this problem. Until we do we will experience high costs and lengthy delays in meeting energy needs.

Sincerely,



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