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DATE: 16 DEC 80

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FRAN VOORDE

PHIL WISE

SUBJECT: GUS SPETH MEMO RE GLOBAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT TASK
FORCE -- COMPLETION OF WORK

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+ RESPONSE DUE TO RICK HUTCHESON STAFF SECRETARY (456-7052) +

+ BY: 1200 PM THURSDAY 18 DEC 80 +

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ACTION REQUESTED: YOUR COMMENTS

STAFF RESPONSE: () I CONCUR. () NO COMMENT. () HOLD.

PLEASE NOTE OTHER COMMENTS BELOW:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
722 JACKSON PLACE, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20006

December 15, 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

INFORMATION ONLY

FROM: Gus Speth, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Global Resources and Environment Task Force --
Completion of Work

You will remember that in creating the Task Force on Global Resources and Environment (Muskie, Eizenstat, McIntyre, Press and myself as chair) on July 24, 1980, you directed us to report to you within six months on ways to strengthen and improve Federal programs in the areas of the globe's population, resources, and environment. Aided immeasurably by thirteen interagency task groups and by extensive assistance from many sectors of the public, we are drawing toward the conclusion of the process, which has attracted great interest.

All task force members agree that we should complete our report in December or January at the latest and issue it publicly then. The report would contain the analysis and responsive options developed over the past half year. We would take steps to see that it is as favorably received as possible by the incoming administration. This effort could include a memorandum from you to the President-elect, conveying the substance of our efforts and the task force report, and urging that the importance of the problems dictates a continuation of the bipartisan work that has been carried out. It would indicate that there is a logical break between your efforts to raise the issues and those of the new administration to formulate a response and that the report of the task force provides excellent material on which to base the next step.

We also agree that you should make a public statement of concern and direction. The purpose of this statement would be to advance public understanding of the way that the interrelated problems of global poverty, underdevelopment, population growth, resource destruction and environmental contamination could define and threaten the prospects for mankind in this century. The statement would strike a hopeful note, stressing your confidence that we can meet these challenges. You would set a tone, but would not attempt to predetermine President-elect Reagan's decisions. Special care would be taken to encourage a positive response from the new administration.

WASHINGTON

DATE: 24 NOV 80

FOR ACTION: AL McDONALD

JACK WATSON

FRAN VOORDE

PHIL WISE

INFO ONLY: RICK HERTZBERG

SUBJECT: SPEECH MEMO RE YOUR WISHES RESPECTING GLOBAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT TASK FORCE

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+ BY: 1200 PM THURSDAY 27 NOV 80 +

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ACTION REQUESTED: YOUR COMMENTS

STAFF RESPONSE: () I CONCUR. () NO COMMENT. () HOLD.

PLEASE NOTE OTHER COMMENTS BELOW:

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
722 JACKSON PLACE, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20006

November 24, 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Gus Speth, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Your Wishes Respecting Global Resources and Environment Task Force

In consultation with the other members of the Global Resources and Environment Task Force, I am writing to seek your direction on the next stage of our work. You will remember that in creating the Task Force (Muskie, Eizenstat, McIntyre, Press and myself as chair) on July 24, 1980, you directed us to report to you within six months on ways to strengthen and improve Federal programs in the areas of the globe's population, resources, and environment. You simultaneously directed all the relevant line agencies to cooperate with us. Aided immeasurably by thirteen interagency task groups and by extensive assistance from many sectors of the public, we are drawing toward the conclusion of the process, which has attracted great interest. Our report should be complete in December.

The issue now is how to conclude the process, particularly the type of involvement you would like to have. The options appear to us as follows:

1. Presidential Decision Memorandum. We had initially intended to present you with a Presidential decision memorandum that addressed the entire range of issues. We would have presented you with a series of legislative recommendations, executive orders, and policy directives designed to provide the basis for a major message to Congress in January, 1981. We know this is now not something you would want to do since it would be preemptive of the incoming administration's responsibilities.

2. Release a Public Report. Under this option the Task Force would simply make public its report containing the analysis and responsive options developed over the past half year. We would take steps to see that it is as favorably received as possible by the incoming administration. This effort could include a memorandum from you to the President-elect, conveying the substance of our efforts and the Task Force report, and urging that the importance of the problems dictates a continuation of the bipartisan work that has been carried out. It would indicate that there is a logical break between your efforts to raise the issues and those of the new administration to formulate a response and that the report of the Task Force provides excellent material on which to base the next step.

3. Presidential Statement. A third option, which we join in recommending to you, would incorporate option 2, but you would also make a public statement of concern and direction. The purpose of this statement would be to advance public understanding of the way that the interrelated problems of global poverty, underdevelopment, population growth, resource destruction and environmental contamination could define and threaten the prospects for mankind in this century. The statement would strike a hopeful note, stressing your confidence that we can meet these challenges. You would set a tone, but would not attempt to predetermine President-elect Reagan's decisions. Special care would be taken to encourage a positive response from the new administration. The statement could be given as a separate on-camera item or as an important part of your Farewell Address.

Decision:

Option 1: Presidential Decision Memorandum

Option 2: Release of Public Report

Option 3: Presidential Statement
(CEQ, Stu, OSTP, State, OMB)

WASHINGTON

DATE: 17 DEC 80

FOR ACTION: STU EIZENSTAT

ZBIG BRZEZINSKI

JIM MCINTYRE

FRANK PRESS

concur

see attached

Hold

don't submit; no copy sent

INFO ONLY: JODY POWELL

FRAN VOORDE

PHIL WISE

SUBJECT: GUS SPETH MEMO RE GLOBAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT TASK FORCE -- COMPLETION OF WORK

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STAFF RESPONSE: () I CONCUR. () NO COMMENT. () HOLD.

PLEASE NOTE OTHER COMMENTS BELOW:

Some of these thoughts can be dropped into the farewell address but no separate speech should be necessary —

Phil.

WASHINGTON

15 DEC 80

FOR ACTION: GUS ELZENSTAM

ZBIG BRZEZINSKI

JIM MCINTYRE

FRANK PRESS ✓

INFO ONLY: TONY POWELL

FRAN VOORDE

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I do not believe that all members of the Task Force are in agreement on the report and its release. Moreover, I am reluctant to commit the President to a statement until its content can be determined. Hence, this "information only" memorandum as to progress seems premature.


Frank Press
12/18/80