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Date: November 29, 1977

MEMORANDUM

## FOR ACTION:

Hamilton Jordan  
Jim Gammill

## FOR INFORMATION:

FROM: Rick Hutcheson, Staff Secretary

SUBJECT: Adams memo dated 11/29/77 re Recommendation for  
Appointment to the National Transportation Policy  
Study CommissionYOUR RESPONSE MUST BE DELIVERED  
TO THE STAFF SECRETARY BY:

TIME: 12:00 Noon

DAY: Thursday

DATE: December 1, 1977

## ACTION REQUESTED:

 Your comments

Other:

## STAFF RESPONSE:

 I concur. No comment.*Please note other comments below:*

There are two vacancies on the National Transportation Policy Study Commission. Both vacancies will be addressed in a memo for the President from Hamilton sometime before Christmas.

William Tucker has received strong support from the Hill and from many people in the transportation field. He will, in all likelihood, be a leading candidate.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

4/26/78  
Done - Per Gammill

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

NOV 29 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Attention: Mr. Rick Hutcheson, Staff Secretary

From: Brock Adams

A large, handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Brock Adams", is written over the typed name. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Subject: Recommendation for Appointment to  
the National Transportation Policy  
Study Commission

It is my understanding that Senator Kennedy and Speaker O'Neill have recommended William Tucker for appointment to the National Transportation Policy Study Commission. I support this recommendation. Mr. Tucker was an excellent member of the Interstate Commerce Commission where he was a strong spokesman for the consumer. His appointment to the National Transportation Policy Study Commission would add a good Democratic voice to a commission now heavily weighed in favor of the Republicans.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

4/26/78  
Done - Per J...  
Jordan

Date: November 29, 1977

MEMORANDUM

**FOR ACTION:**

Jim Gammill - *also from (B) before  
K... ..*

**FOR INFORMATION:**

Hamilton Jordan

**FROM:** Rick Hutcheson, Staff Secretary

**SUBJECT:** Bergland memo dated 11/29/77 re Appointments to the  
Rural Telephone Bank Board

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20250

NOV 29 1977

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH Rick Hutcheson  
Staff Secretary

SUBJECT: Appointments to the Rural Telephone Bank Board

Section 405 of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, added by Public Law 92-12, provides that three of the thirteen members of the Board of Directors of the Rural Telephone Bank shall be officers or employees of the Department of Agriculture but not officers or employees of the Rural Electrification Administration and two of whom shall be from the general public and not officers or employees of the Federal government.

My recommendations for the three vacancies from within the Department of Agriculture are: Sarah Weddington, General Counsel; Alex Mercure, Assistant Secretary for Rural Development; and Cliff Ouse, Assistant to the Secretary.

For the two public seats on the Board I am recommending Robert Lee Stanton, Rockport, Missouri and Eileen Grevey, Tesuque, New Mexico.

Resumes are enclosed on all candidates. Complete FBI checks and Conflict of Interest forms have been filed for Sarah Weddington and Alex Mercure. A full field Civil Service Commission investigation on Cliff Ouse has been completed and USDA Conflict of Interest forms have been cleared.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Bergland".

BOB BERGLAND  
Secretary

Enclosures



ROBERT LEE STANTON  
800 Stanton Drive  
Rock Port, Missouri 64482

Born June 8, 1925, Hamburg, Iowa

Attended Watson, Missouri public schools  
University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo 1942-43

Member of Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Watson, Missouri

Married Cassalow Fischer August 17, 1946

Farmer and cattle feeder

Manager of Stanton Grain Company at Rock Port, Watson  
and Phelps City, Missouri, 1948 - 61

Manager, part owner of Kawaihae Elevator Company,  
Kawaihae, Hawaii, 1961 - 64.

Presently President of Rock Port Telephone Co., Rock Port,  
Missouri

Vice-President of Stanton Grain Co.

Director, Atchison County Levee Board, Rock Port, Missouri

Member, Rock Port Board of Public Works

Director, Bank of Atchison County, Rock Port, Missouri  
(Total deposits of over \$19,000,000.00)

Farming 750 acres of irrigated land and 600 acres of grass  
land with 150 head cow herd

Founder, Assistant Secretary and Director of Missouri Beef  
Packers, now MBPXL Corp., Wichita, Kansas, a cattle  
slaughtering and fabricating company with subsidiaries:  
Midwest Beef, Inc., Missouri Beef Cartage Co.;  
Santa Fe Foods, Inc.; Circle E Ranch, Inc.;  
MBPXL International, Inc.; Kansas Beef Industries  
of Philadelphia, Inc.; Jay Lines, Inc.; Jay  
Lines Transport, Inc.

MBPXL sales in 1976, \$814,747,000.

Circle E Ranch, Inc. feed lot fed 58,000 head of  
cattle in 1976

MBPXL slaughtered 1,400,000 head in 1976, fabricated  
930,000 carcasses, 1976

In the year of 1977, MBPXL will be able to slaughter  
2,000,000 head and fabricate 1,500,000 carcasses

R E S U M E  
of  
EILEEN J. GREVEY  
Post Office Box 403  
Tesuque, New Mexico 87574  
505 982-1551

PERSONAL

Date of Birth: May 1, 1949  
Place of Birth: Albuquerque, New Mexico  
Marital Status: Single

EMPLOYMENT

1/77 to Present           New Mexico Public Service Commission  
Santa Fe, New Mexico  
  
Commissioner  
  
1/75 to 12/1976           New Mexico Energy Resources Board  
Santa Fe, New Mexico  
  
Special Assistant to the Administrator  
Federal-State Liaison Officer  
  
7/1973 to 12/1974        U. S. Senate Committee on Interior and  
Insular Affairs  
Washington, D.C.  
  
Professional Staff Member

EDUCATION

M. A. American University, Washington, D.C., 1974  
Public Law and Public Administration  
  
B. A. Colorado College, Colorado Springs, Colorado, 1971  
Political Science  
Teaching Certificate in French

ORGANIZATIONS

Electric Power Research Institute Advisory Council  
  
Federal Energy Administration State Regulatory  
Advisory Committee  
  
Federal Power Commission Advisory Committee on the  
Regulatory Aspects of Substitute Gas  
  
National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners-  
Electric Committee  
  
New Mexico Solar Users Network  
  
YMCA - State Youth and Government Committee

EMPLOYMENT DETAILS

1/1977 to Present - New Mexico Public Service Commission  
Bataan Memorial Building  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503

Commissioner

Primary responsibilities: regulating and supervising 75 water, gas and electric utilities operating in the state so as to ensure that adequate and proper services shall be available at fair, just and reasonable rates. The regulatory ratemaking process requires the balancing of the consumer interest, public interest and utility interest. Energy considerations have become an increasingly critical ingredient in the attempt to achieve sound utility regulation.

1/1975 to 12/1976 - New Mexico Energy Resources Board  
John F. O'Leary, Administrator  
Post Office Box 2770  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503

Special Assistant to the Administrator  
Federal-State Liaison Officer

Primary responsibilities: in charge of all agency coal policies. In this capacity represented the Governor on working Committees of the Western Governors' Regional Energy Policy Office (WGREPO), National Governors' Conference (NGC), Federation of Rocky Mountain States (FRMS), and the Federal Power Commission (FPC). Represented New Mexico and WGREPO working with and testifying before the U.S. Department of Interior.

Handled all water-for-energy staff work for the agency, working with and through the above-mentioned entities.

Served as liaison with Navajo Tribe governmental agencies on various energy issues.

In charge of setting up Governor's Energy Impact Task Force and getting local, state, federal, and Indian support for meeting its objectives.

Served on Governor's reorganization team in establishing framework for Department of Energy and Minerals.

Served as staff person for Energy and Science Subcabinet.

In line with above-mentioned duties, gave speeches before various technical and governmental organizations; represented the state participating in seminars on financial, technical and socio-economic aspects of energy development.

RESUME of Eileen J. Grevey

7/1973 to 12/1974 - U. S. Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs (now Energy and Natural Resources)  
U. S. Senator Henry M. Jackson, Chairman  
Jerry T. Verkler, Staff Director  
Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20024

Professional Staff Member

Primary responsibilities: all committee staff work relating to solar energy, including legislative drafting, organizing hearings, staffing Executive Sessions, Senate-House Conferences, writing Committee Reports, floor statements, etc. Committee representative at and participant in numerous professional and technical conferences pertaining to research and development of non-nuclear energy sources.

Liaison work with federal agencies regarding energy legislation and agency programs.

June to August, 1972 - New Mexico State Planning Office  
David W. King-State Planning Officer  
Executive-Legislative Building  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503

Planner (Intern Position)

Primary responsibilities: assisted New Mexico Cultural Properties Review Committee in specific projects through research, writing, staffing of field trips and meetings.

Aided in preparation of New Mexico Historic Preservation Plan.

June to August, 1971 - U. S. Senator Joseph M. Montoya  
Legislative Aide (Intern Position)

Primary responsibilities: assisted in legislative drafting, floor statements and handled legislative correspondence in the area of natural resources.

PUBLICATIONS

Co-authored with Mr. Robert Beauvais "The Dorsey Mansion," New Mexico Architecture, Santa Fe, New Mexico, November - December, 1972.

"Energy, Water and the West," Case Studies in Regional Energy Planning, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Washington, D.C., 1976.

Named contributor to several different energy studies and reports. Citations available upon request.

## ALEX P. MERCURE

## ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

## Biographical Summary

Alex P. Mercure was nominated by President Carter to be assistant secretary for rural development for the U.S. Department of Agriculture on March 30, 1977. He was confirmed by the Senate on April 6 and sworn into office April 8.

Mr. Mercure was born and raised in the small northern New Mexico mountain town of Lumberton. He has been known variously as a farmer, rancher, shepherd, businessman, rural development director and an educator.

As assistant secretary, Mr. Mercure is responsible for the Farmers Home Administration, the Rural Electrification Administration and the Rural Development Service. In this position, he says he is committed to a comprehensive and coordinated approach to rural development which does not attempt to once again impose national solutions for local problems.

"There is no magic dividing line between urban and rural America, and as the quality of life improves in one area other areas will benefit as well. Farming, housing and community programs which provide realistic options for more rural Americans and which require a minimum amount of paperwork and processing will be an early priority," he says.

Mr. Mercure, 45, came to USDA from the University of New Mexico where he was vice president and associate provost for public service, community and regional affairs. He has also served as: president of the New Mexico Technical Vocational Institute at El Rito; as executive director of the New Mexico Home Education Livelihood Program--where he was instrumental in establishing a statewide nonprofit agency for training migrant farmworkers, and in expanding opportunities and services for rural New Mexico residents; as a school teacher and counselor and a businessman. In each of these positions, he was directly involved in rural development and community action through local and national associations.

Mr. Mercure has served on the board of the Center for Community Change. Among his other board memberships are the Opportunity Funding Corporation, National Rural Center, Siete del Norte, Presbyterian Medical Services, Presbyterian Hospital Center, National Council of La Raza, Governor's Commission on Public Broadcasting, Associated Southwest Investors, National Public Broadcasting Service and Levi-Strauss and Co.

A graduate of the University of New Mexico, Mr. Mercure received his master's degree from New Mexico Highlands University and is in the process of completing his doctorate at the University of New Mexico.

He and his wife Margie, have five children.

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Holcomb (202) 447-4917  
McDavid (202) 447-4026

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# NEWS

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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## PRESIDENT CARTER NOMINATES SARAH C. WEDDINGTON AS USDA GENERAL COUNSEL:

WASHINGTON, July 15--President Carter today nominated Sarah C. Weddington of Austin, Texas as general counsel of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Nomination is subject to U.S. Senate confirmation.

Ms. Weddington has been a member of the Texas House of Representatives since 1973. In 1971, Ms. Weddington opened her own law office for the general practice of law and since 1975 has been certified as a family law specialist by the Texas Bar Association. Her experience in federal law has included a case argued successfully before the Supreme Court.

Born in Abilene on February 5, 1945, Ms. Weddington obtained her B.S. degree, magna cum laude, at age 20 from McMurry College in Abilene, and her law degree from the University of Texas, Austin, two years later.

She then served three years as assistant reporter for an American Bar Association special project to reevaluate ethical standards. She practiced for a year as assistant city attorney for Fort Worth, resigning to begin her own practice and to prepare for oral arguments for a U.S. Supreme Court case.

She was elected to the Texas House in 1972 to represent approximately 350,000 voters of Travis county, and was reelected in 1974 and 1976. The Texas Monthly magazine named her as one of the 10 best state legislators in 1975. State legislation she successfully sponsored includes a law giving the School Land Board control of state owned submerged land so as to monitor its use for compliance with environmental safeguards, and an amendment to the Veterans Land Program to enable issuance of bonds to give financial aid to veterans seeking to participate in the land program. Ms. Weddington

cosponsored a bill to provide for the taxation of agricultural land based on its productivity rather than its market value.

She has been active in a number of organizations, including Women's Political Caucus, Women's Equity League, American Association of University Women, Business and Professional Women, Sierra Club, and Delta Kappa Gamma Society, international society of women educators. She was a delegate to the American Council of Young Political Leaders to the National Atlantic Treaty Alliance meeting in Denmark in 1976 and was one of 16 young U.S. political leaders who spent two weeks in China this year under sponsorship of the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations.

As general counsel, Ms. Weddington would supervise legal services provided by the Office of the General Counsel (OGC) for all department programs. She also would be counsel for the department's Commodity Credit Corporation and Federal Crop Insurance Corporation. OGC lawyers handle legal services required to formulate and conduct department programs and enforce laws under USDA jurisdiction.

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Status Sch C

Veterans' Preference No

Optional Retirement Eligibility No

NAME: Clifford M. Ouse

GRADE: GS-15

POSITION & LOCATION: Confidential Assistant to the Secretary, Washington, D.C.

Personal Data

Date of Birth: 02 05 30

Place of Birth: Rothsay, Minnesota

Marital Status: Married

Experience Data (Last 15 years, beginning with most recent)

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Positions</u>	<u>Organization</u>
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1949 to Present	Farmer	Self employed
1971 to 06/76	Part-time Fieldman	U.S. Congress

Education (Beyond High School)

Significant Awards, Citations or Special Assignments

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These Presidential Appointments will be addressed shortly in a memo to the President from Hamilton. There has been a good amount of comment on these appointments from members of Congress and others throughout the country. The Presidential Personnel Office has not finished collecting and checking these comments.

We are in touch with the Agriculture Department on this one.

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