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CABINET AFFAIRS STAFFING MEMORANDUM

Date: 7/29/88 Number: 490,769 Due By: -----

Subject: Domestic Policy Council Meeting -- Monday, August 1, 1988

-- 2:00 p.m. -- Cabinet Room

	Action	FYI		Action	FYI
ALL CABINET MEMBERS	☐	☐	CEQ	☒	☐
Vice President	☒	☐	OSTP	☒	☐
State	☒	☐		☐	☐
Treasury	☒	☐		☐	☐
Defense	☒	☐		☐	☐
Justice	☒	☐		☐	☐
Interior	☒	☐		☐	☐
Agriculture	☒	☐		☐	☐
Commerce	☒	☐		☐	☐
Labor	☒	☐		☐	☐
HHS	☒	☐	Powell	☒	☐
HUD	☒	☐	Cribb	☒	☐
Transportation	☒	☐	Bauer	☒	☐
Energy	☒	☐	Dawson (For WH Staffing)	☒	☐
Education	☒	☐		☐	☐
Chief of Staff	☒	☐		☐	☐
OMB	☒	☐		☐	☐
UN	☐	☐		☐	☐
USTR	☐	☐		☐	☐
CEA	☒	☐		☐	☐
			Executive Secretary for:		
CIA	☐	☐	DPC	☒	☐
EPA	☒	☐	EPC	☐	☒
GSA	☐	☐		☐	☐
NASA	☐	☐		☐	☐
OPM	☐	☐		☐	☐
SBA	☐	☐		☐	☐
VA	☐	☐		☐	☐

REMARKS:

The Domestic Policy Council will meet on Monday, August 1, 1988 at 2:00 p.m. in the Cabinet Room. The agenda and background materials are attached for your review.

RETURN TO:

☒ Nancy J. Risque
Cabinet Secretary
456-2823
(Ground Floor, West Wing)

☐ Associate Director
Office of Cabinet Affairs
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(Room 235, OE08)

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July 29, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DOMESTIC POLICY COUNCIL

FROM: RALPH C. BLEDSOE 
Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: Domestic Policy Council Meeting on August 1, 1988

Enclosed are an agenda and materials for the Domestic Policy Council meeting with the President scheduled for Monday, August 1, 1988 at 2:00 p.m. in the Cabinet Room. The issue to be discussed is the NOx protocol. The enclosed paper is based on the July 19 Council discussion of this issue.

Enclosures

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DOMESTIC POLICY COUNCIL

Monday, August 1, 1988

2:00 p.m.

Cabinet Room

AGENDA

1. NOx Protocol -- Lee M. Thomas
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency

John C. Whitehead
Deputy Secretary
Department of State

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 08/02/88 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: C.O.B. 08/03/88

SUBJECT: THE NITROGEN OXIDES (NO_x) PROTOCOL

	ACTION FYI			ACTION FYI	
VICE PRESIDENT	☐	☒	HOBBS	☐	☐
DUBERSTEIN	☐	☒	HOOLEY	☐	☐
POWELL	☒	☐	KRANOWITZ	☒	☐
MILLER - OMB	☒	☐	MASENG	☒	☐
OGLESBY	☐	☒	RANGE	☐	☐
BAUER	☐	☐	RISQUE	☐	☒
CRIBB	☒	☐	RYAN	☐	☐
CRIPPEN	☐	☐	SPRINKEL	☐	☐
CULVAHOUSE	☒	☐	TUCK	☐	☐
DAWSON	☐	☒	TUTTLE	☐	☐
DONATELLI	☐	☐	BLEDSON	☐	☒
FITZWATER	☐	☒		☐	☐

REMARKS:

Please provide any comments/recommendations directly to Ralph Bledsoe (Rm. 200, x6640) by close of business on Wednesday, August 3rd, with an info copy to my office. Thanks.

RESPONSE:

Mr. Cribb was unavailable for comment -

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August 2, 1988

1988 AUG -2 PM 7:40

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: NANCY J. RISQUE

SUBJECT: The Nitrogen Oxides (NOx) Protocol

Issue: Whether the United States should sign the NOx protocol negotiated among parties to the Convention on Long Range Transboundary Air Pollution (LRTAP).

Background: NOx is an air pollutant that adversely affects the health of individuals and quality of the environment. NOx emissions are currently controlled under the provisions of the Clean Air Act. A protocol that will limit future NOx emissions in Canada, Europe, and the United States has been negotiated and is scheduled to be signed at a late-October ceremony in Sofia, Bulgaria. At the June 1988 Toronto summit you signed an economic declaration that included a statement that the NOx protocol should be "energetically pursued."

Discussion: You discussed with your Domestic Policy Council the reasons for and against signing such a protocol. On balance, your negotiators and Lee Thomas, Administrator of the EPA, believe that this is a positive step to take, with little risk of realizing the problems raised by Energy, Commerce, and Interior. The recommendation to sign the protocol with specific qualifications has been strengthened to reflect and alleviate remaining concerns. Failure to sign the protocol could undermine the United States' credibility as a world leader in environmental action at a time when environmental issues are becoming increasingly globalized.

Additionally, during your discussion with the Domestic Policy Council yesterday, the members raised their concerns that there was not timely and sufficient involvement by the domestic agencies prior to entering into international negotiations on issues that affect their work. (These concerns were raised specifically in the context of disagreement over the issue of full or partial credit for previous emissions reductions.) Therefore, they recommend that you direct such involvement in the future. If you agree, the Attorney General will issue a memorandum calling upon the agencies to implement your decision.

Recommendation: That you approve Option #1 to sign the protocol as an executive agreement with qualifications; and

____ Approve ____ Approve As Amended ____ Disapprove ____ No Action

that you approve the Domestic Policy Council recommendation to direct inclusive discussions relating to international negotiations that affect domestic matters.

____ Approve ____ Approve As Amended ____ Disapprove ____ No Action

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August 2, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: THE DOMESTIC POLICY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: International Environmental Negotiations

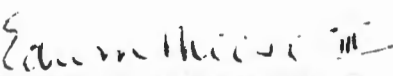
Issue: Policy discussions regarding the domestic implications of international environmental negotiations.

Background: Several air quality issues have recently been the subject of international environmental negotiations. These cover such topics as acid rain, stratospheric and ground-level ozone, global climate change, and include such air pollutants as sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, carbon dioxide, and volatile organic compounds. The United States has participated in these, along with countries from practically all parts of the globe. Some of the recent international negotiations have begun with minimum participation of domestic agencies in formulating the U.S. positions and goals to be achieved. This has resulted in the Domestic Policy Council becoming involved too late in the process to have a significant influence on the outcomes. Several cabinet members have expressed concerns that appropriate policy guidance has been lacking for the U.S. delegation at early stages of the negotiations.

Discussion: At the August 1, 1988 Council meeting, members agreed to recommend that you:

direct that, prior to entering into international negotiations on issues that affect domestic matters, an interagency process involving policy level officials in all concerned domestic agencies be followed, including discussion of the issues by the Domestic Policy Council.

If you concur in this, departments and agencies involved in these negotiations will be asked to provide information about pending negotiations. This will permit appropriate scheduling of needed policy discussions. At present, the international focus on global climate warming, sometimes called the "greenhouse effect," is one such issue.



Edwin Meese III
Chairman Pro Tempore

Decision:

___ Approve ___ Approve as amended ___ Reject ___ No action

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CABINET AFFAIRS STAFFING MEMORANDUM

Date: 8-5-88 Number: 490-773 Due By: _____

Subject: Presidential Decision -- The Nitrogen Oxides (NOx) Protocol

	Action	FYI		Action	FYI
ALL CABINET MEMBERS	☐	☐	CEQ	☐	☒
Vice President	☐	☒	OSTP	☐	☒
State	☐	☒	_____	☐	☐
Treasury	☐	☒	_____	☐	☐
Defense	☐	☒	_____	☐	☐
Justice	☐	☒	_____	☐	☐
Interior	☐	☒	_____	☐	☐
Agriculture	☐	☒	Powell	☐	☒
Commerce	☐	☒	Cribb	☐	☒
Labor	☐	☒	Bauer	☐	☒
HHS	☐	☒	Dawson (For WH Staffing)	☒	☐
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Transportation	☐	☒	_____	☐	☐
Energy	☐	☒	_____	☐	☐
Education	☐	☒	_____	☐	☐
Chief of Staff	☐	☒	_____	☐	☐
OMB	☐	☒	_____	☐	☐
UN	☐	☒	_____	☐	☐
USTR	☐	☒	Executive Secretary for:		
CEA	☐	☒	DPC	☐	☒
CIA	☐	☐	EPC	☐	☒
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VA	☐	☐	_____	☐	☐

REMARKS: The attached memorandum from Edwin Meese III is to inform you of the President's decision on The Nitrogen Oxides (NOx) Protocol.

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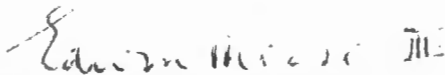
August 5, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DOMESTIC POLICY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: The Nitrogen Oxides (NOx) Protocol

Pursuant to Domestic Policy Council meetings on this subject, the President has authorized the State Department to proceed with concluding negotiations on the NOx protocol.

The President has also approved the recommendation of the Domestic Policy Council that prior to international negotiations on environmental issues that affect domestic matters, an interagency process involving policy level officials in all concerned domestic agencies will be followed, including discussion of the issues by the Domestic Policy Council. Nancy Risque and Colin Powell will direct discussions to ensure such a process.



Edwin Meese III
Chairman Pro Tempore