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April 16, 1981

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Frank Hodgson  
FROM: A. Alan Hoffman  
SUBJECT: CEQ and NEPA Regulations

I understand from a press inquiry that someone may be at work within the Interior Department on an Executive Order transferring responsibility for the National Environmental Policy Act from CEQ to Interior. Staff has told me that similar efforts have been made repeatedly over the past decade. Such a proposal, unless approved by the White House, is a mistake for the following reasons:

- It is my understanding that the NEPA regulations are the responsibility of the CEQ. Jim Watt and I agreed to review the regulations during our meeting on March 17.
- My confirmation hearings will be soon. I do not particularly want to face questions on this issue. Defending the budget action will be difficult enough.
- The NEPA oversight function is one of acting as a check and balance on the operating agencies throughout the government.
- It may not be in the White House's interest to lose all control over a government-wide process to one department.
- A major part of my job will be to boost the President's environmental image. This proposal would make that job immeasurably more difficult.
- The regulations have been upheld by a unanimous U.S. Supreme Court (Sierra Club v. Andrus), which sustained the regulations' provisions (put in at the urging of OMB) that environmental impact statements need not be prepared on budget provisions. It may not be in the Administration's interest to undercut this holding.
- Business applicants rely on the certainty the regulations have provided. Upsetting that certainty would be a mistake.

Give me a call if there are any questions.

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March 24, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR MALCOLM BALDWIN

FROM: Ernie Minor

*Ernie*

SUBJECT: Congressional Correspondence


In Al Hill's absence, I would like to see all incoming Congressional correspondence and any responses thereto before they are sent out.

cc: Frank Hodsoll

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March 12, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR AL HILL

FROM: Thomas J. Delaney  
Administrative Officer 

SUBJECT: Secretarial Staff Meeting

Mr. Minor met with all the secretaries on Wednesday, March 11, 1981 to discuss the future and functions of the Council. Also present at this meeting were Malcolm Baldwin and the Administrative Staff (Tom Delaney, Bernice Carney and Donna Clark).

Mr. Minor started the meeting by explaining to everyone that the staff and funding for the Council had been greatly reduced. He explained that these reductions would most probably impact everyone present. Since the staff was going to be cut to 16 people this would mean that it was not possible to retain all of the secretarial staff.

Mr. Minor stressed that everyone should be looking for employment elsewhere since it was not clear at this time how the future Council would be staffed. What Mr. Minor was trying to stress to the secretarial staff, and I suspect to all staff, was that if everyone looked and some of the more senior secretaries should be able to locate employment elsewhere, this would allow the junior secretaries a better opportunity of having a chance to stay if they had not been fortunate enough to obtain employment elsewhere.

Never during this meeting was the word "fired" mentioned. In all fairness it was never implied that everyone would be fired. Mention was first made of the fact that there would be a reduction-in-force (RIF). I told the secretaries I would let them know where they ranked. Ranking for bumping purposes is determined by years of service and competitive level.

This meeting, of course was a very emotional one. Therefore, it is understandable that some people might have gone away with an incorrect impression of exactly what was said.

Mr. Minor and I assured all employees that every effort would be made to place them and that every legal benefit to which they are entitled would accrue to them.

Frankly, as a personnelist for seventeen years, I feel Mr. Minor more than traveled the extra mile in defense of the situation he inherited.