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Dr. Charles Schultze Chairman Council on Economic Advisers Executive Office Building Washington, D.C. 20015

Dear Mr. Schultze: Charle

The Senate Subcommittee on Environmental Pollution has periodically reviewed the important steps in the process for developing federal environmental regulations and policies. As part of this continuing oversight, the Subcommittee is currently reviewing Executive Office involvement in the regulatory process of the Environmental Protection Agency. The activities of the Regulatory Analysis Review Group and the Council on Wage and Price Stability, for example, have added a new dimension to this process.

To facilitate this review, the Subcommittee requests that you provide a record of all contacts, meetings, phone conversations, and exchanges, whether on or off the public record, in which you have discussed with other Federal officials, as well as representatives of interest groups, regulations being developed, proposed or promulgated by the Environmental Protection Agency. Specifically, we ask that you provide, in calendar form, a list of persons consulted, and regulations and issues discussed.

It would be useful if the Subcommittee staff could meet with your staff soon to develop the information needed. This meeting would also review your procedures in dealing with the Federal environmental regulatory process and comments you have received from the public concerning environmental regulations and policies. Also, with respect to environmental regulations, we request that you supply the staff with copies of documents your office has produced that relate to this review.

It would be appreciated if the information could be provided by Friday, January 26. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

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