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TO: G - Under Secretary Dobriansky

FROM: OES - Ken Brill, Acting *KB*

SUBJECT: Your Meeting with members of the Global Climate Coalition, June 21, 2001, 9:10 - 9:50 a.m.

On Thursday morning you will speak to members of the Global Climate Coalition (GCC), a group formed a number of years ago to coordinate the participation of business and industry in domestic and international climate change policy making. GCC members are completely supportive of the Administration's position on climate change and the rejection of the Kyoto Protocol.

Our objectives are:

- To emphasize the Administration's commitment to develop a realistic and effective response to climate change;
- To brief members on the status of the climate change policy review and principles important to policy development; and
- To solicit GCC ideas on alternative to Kyoto as part of continuing dialogue with friends and allies.

GCC participants, some of whom are scientific experts, will state that they are 100% behind the remarks articulated by the President on climate change policy. They will be greatly interested in further elaboration of the Administration's domestic and international climate change policy. In general, GCC favors voluntary actions, flexible market-based mechanisms and the development of cost-effective technologies. They will want to know our intentions for the resumed session of COP6.

Attachments:

- Tab 1 - Talking points
- Tab 2 - Scenario
- Tab 3 - GCC Action Agenda and members

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Talking Points

Climate Change is a serious problem:

- Administration seeks realistic and effective policies.

Protocol was not appropriate response:

- No signal whatsoever that developing countries would have eventually participated.
- Potentially too costly and would never have been ratified. Better to start over now rather than continue charade.

Future constructs:

- Hold to Principles - response must be global, reasoned and flexible; include market incentives and incentives for technological innovation; sustain economic growth.
- Protect U.S. interests in the international negotiations.
- Guard against trade sanctions as means to force Protocol upon the United States.

Solicit views in developing an effective and market-based response:

- POTUS rejected Kyoto, in part, based on input from you.
- POTUS believes, however, we need to show leadership on this issue to advance U.S. domestic and international policy objectives.
- Interested in hearing from you, what type of international alternatives to Kyoto would you support?

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Under Secretary Dobriansky - GCC Scenario

Arrive at meeting place 8:50 am on Thursday, June 21 (American Petroleum Institute, 1220 L St. NW)

Glenn Kelly, Executive Director of GCC, will greet/meet the Under Secretary at the main entrance and escort her and any accompanying staff to meeting room.

(Mr. Kelly previously served as Deputy Chief of Staff for Congresswoman Jo Ann Emerson of Missouri. He got his start in the nation's capital as a Legislative Assistant to Missouri Congressman Tom Coleman.)

Brief introduction by Mr. Kelly.

Under Secretary's opening remarks (approximately 15 minutes).

Discussion facilitated by Mr. Kelly and Mrs. Connie Holmes, VP of the National Mining Association and Chair of Board of Directors of GCC.

Mr. Kelly will call for conclusion to ensure Under Secretary Dobriansky's timely departure.

GCC meeting will continue after Under Secretary's departure (Discussion of domestic developments, COP6.5 preparations, etc.)

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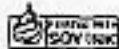
The Honorable Paula Dobriansky
Under Secretary for Global Affairs
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Dear Madame Under Secretary:

Please allow me to begin by congratulating you on behalf of the Global Climate Coalition for your recent confirmation by the U.S. Senate to the position as Under Secretary of State. We look forward to working with you in your new capacity and we hope you will call on us whenever we may be of assistance to you and your staff. In that spirit, it is my honor to invite you to attend a meeting of the members of the Global Climate Coalition on Thursday, June 21st at 9:30 am here in Washington. While we propose this date and time, we are more than happy to make alternative arrangements to accommodate your very busy schedule.

As you may know, the GCC formed in 1989 to coordinate the participation of U.S. business and industry in the domestic and international climate policy debates. We are accredited as an NGO to the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change and actively have been involved in every stage of the international negotiations over climate policy since the very beginning of the debate. Today, we collectively represent more than 6 million large, medium and small businesses through our trade association members in nearly every sector of the U.S. economy, including agriculture, and are the largest and longest-serving American business coalition in the debate.

The meeting on the 21st will provide an opportunity for you to meet with leaders from the American business community who have long been actively engaged in the international climate change negotiations. We also hope for an opportunity for an informal exchange of views on this important issue in the lead-up to the resumption of the 6th meeting of the Conference of the Parties in Bonn, Germany in late July. Lastly, we hope the meeting will afford an opportunity to discuss with you in greater detail the positive, forward-looking approach to climate policy advocated by the GCC and broadly outlined in the attached 21st Century Climate Action Agenda. This policy strategy was developed to articulate the broad climate policy principles that are strongly supported by the business community and we hope it may be of assistance to your office in advance of the forthcoming international discussions in Bonn.



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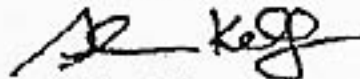
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The Honorable Paula Dobriansky
May 24, 2001
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We anticipate that the meeting will include approximately thirty-five representatives from our member associations (see attached list) in addition to various other business community representatives. It is scheduled to take place at the American Petroleum Institute located at 1220 L Street, NW in Washington. Again, we would certainly be happy to make alternative arrangements in date, time or location to accommodate your busy schedule.

Congratulations again on your confirmation as Under Secretary of State. We look forward to working with you and providing for you and your staff whatever assistance may be appropriate and desirable. In the meantime, we very much hope you will be able to attend the meeting on June 21st and will contact your office in the near future to follow-up.

Sincerely,



Glenn Kelly
Executive Director

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The Global Climate Coalition's 21st Century Climate Action Agenda

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The Global Climate Coalition believes that climate change is a long-term, global issue, and therefore policies to address climate concerns must also be designed for the long-term by all nations. The GCC believes that it is imperative that climate policies focus on responsible voluntary actions, including further research, innovation and deployment of current and potential future technologies in developed and developing nations to address concerns about the climate. Unaffiliated targets and timetables, such as those called for under the Kyoto Protocol, are not achievable without severely harming the U.S. economy and all American families, workers, seniors and children. A new approach to climate policy is needed.

The 21st Century Climate Action Agenda is intended to serve as a living document to help guide the Global Climate Coalition in its continuing partnerships with policy makers in the international community, in the Congress, and in the current and future Administrations to responsibly and effectively respond to global concerns about the climate.

I. Membership Initiatives

A. The GCC will continue to lead by example, aggressively promoting long-term voluntary actions by all to:

1. assess greenhouse gas emissions and sinks
2. encourage sensible actions aimed at limiting, avoiding or sequestering greenhouse gas emissions from all sources
3. research, develop and deploy cost-effective technologies that are environmentally sound and energy efficient

B. The GCC will continue to encourage an open and factual public dialogue on the global climate issue, including:

1. the importance of efforts to reduce uncertainties about the climate system; and efforts to improve current climate models
2. the potential impact humans have upon the climate
3. the economic and societal implications of various policy options to respond to climate concerns.

II. Government/Business/Public Partnerships

A. Reaffirm the goals of key provisions embodied in the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) that recognize the importance of:

1. economic growth in the development of new technologies to address climate issues and the encouragement of technology transfer
2. voluntary actions and the need for climate policies to be cost-effective to ensure global benefits at the lowest possible cost
3. the need to base climate policies on relevant scientific, technical and economic considerations that are continually reassessed and updated
4. acknowledging that the climate is a global issue and therefore policies to address it must include participation by all countries

B. A Comprehensive Dialogue with America: The GCC will work to pursue a comprehensive strategy with the Congress, the Administration and the public to promote a bipartisan approach to climate policies that encompasses the following principles:

1. **Research, Development and Deployment of New Environmentally Sound and Energy Efficient Technologies:**
The GCC favors legislative approaches that lend important support to ongoing research and development efforts to produce new environmentally sound and energy efficient technologies to address greenhouse gas emissions concerns here at home and abroad.

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2. Continued Research for a Better Understanding of the Climate:

The GCC favors forward-looking legislative approaches that can provide for expanded and coordinated research to better understand the world's climate. Such knowledge can provide an evolving framework for future climate policies that are practical and consistent with the improvements in the state of scientific understanding.

3. Federal Budgets that Reflect an Emphasis on Technological Developments, American Ingenuity and Creativity this Year and Beyond:

The GCC is prepared to work with the Congress and the Administration to support federal budget proposals that sustain and improve upon existing policies that emphasize voluntary actions and continued advances in technologies to address greenhouse gas emissions issues.

C. Comprehensive Oversight of Climate Policy Activities to Ensure that the American People Are Being Appropriately Served:

1. The United States Senate voted 95-0 its bipartisan opposition to any international climate change agreement that would harm the U.S. economy and that does not include participation from developing nations (S. Res. 98, 105th Congress - The Byrd/Hagel Resolution). The will of the American taxpayers, as expressed by the U.S. Senate, must be respected and federal funds therefor may not be used to implement the unratified Kyoto Protocol.

2. The Government of the United States of America has a critical responsibility to ensure that all assessment and scientific information it provides to the citizens is of the highest quality and subjected to scientific peer review that uses transparent processes and provides for independent replication. It is therefore critical that this responsibility be respected and observed.

For more information,
please call Frank Rabeiro (202) 625-3077

III. International Initiatives

A. The GCC will continue working with policy makers in support of a balanced international approach to address concerns about the climate that does not harm the U.S. economy or hurt American workers and families. The GCC will continue offering assistance to international policy makers in the development of responsible climate policy initiatives that encourage technology transfer, investment, economic growth and improved environmental and living standards for all nations.

B. Support for Flexible Market-Based Mechanisms Concepts

Consistent with the provisions of the Byrd/Hagel resolution (S. Res. 98) to prevent economic harm to American families and workers, the GCC will continue its strong support for the inclusion of the "flexible mechanism" concepts (Emissions Trading, Clean Development Mechanism, Joint Implementation, and Sinks) in international climate policy discussions. The GCC will also continue to stand behind U.S. government support for unrestricted application of these essential mechanisms.

C. Participation by All Nations

The GCC acknowledges the expressed will of the American people through S. Res. 98 (105th Congress). The GCC further agrees with the Senate that no related international obligation should be entered into absent specific scheduled "commitments for emissions reductions from developing countries," and absent a detailed accounting of the economic costs to the citizens of the United States of America.

D. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

GCC members will continue to participate in IPCC meetings, workshops, as lead authors and expert reviewers of IPCC documents to remain constructively engaged in the important task of gaining a better understanding of the climate system and other issues related to potential climate change.

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