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Mr. Douglas Crostell
President's Advisory Council
on Executive Organizations
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Crostell:

Recently I met Mr. Egils Milbergs at a gathering here in Washington who gave me your name and suggested I get in touch with you. For many years I have been extremely interested, and to some degree active, in supporting the cause of environmental protection in this country. I have been avidly interested in conservation and the outdoors since childhood, and attempt to practice what I preach on my farm in the West Virginia mountains. I was formerly a lawyer in New York, and have spent my entire career with the Government in the Foreign Service overseas, specifically with the Agency for International Development since 1962.

Because of my general background and intense interest in the subject, Mr. Milbergs suggested I inform you of this interest and at least raise the possibility of trying to be of some help in the new Environmental Protection Agency which he stated you were in the process of putting together. Whereas foreign policy and international affairs seemed to me to be the most absorbing aspect of Federal Service during the period since World War II, now I believe that our national focus has changed, and that improving the quality of life in the United States including the safeguarding of our natural environment will be possibly the most important single issue confronting us for the next several decades. Since my natural conviction and interests coincide with this new governmental thrust, I might possibly be of use to you.

I enclose a very brief resume which I previously forwarded to Chris Herter in the State Department. If you wish, I would be glad to meet with you and discuss the matter further. I am presently director of one of the divisions of the Foreign Service Institute here in Washington, and my telephone number is 557-0700, in case you would wish to contact me.

In any case, I hope that the new organization which you are putting together will be able to redirect some of our national habits in ways which will lead to a better stewardship of the natural heritage which we still possess. I believe that legislation and litigation will probably be the cutting edge in this effort.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure