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Amory Bradford, Director
Study Group on Environment and Natural Resources
President's Advisory Council on Executive Organization
Room 200, Executive Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Bradford:

Many thanks for allowing representatives of the APHA Section on Environment to meet with you and your staff last week.

If we may provide you with further information, either verbally or in writing, please let us know and we will respond promptly.

As a follow-up on some of our points of discussion, I am taking the liberty of sending you a copy of a paper that deals with some of the points we discussed.

Very sincerely,

Larry J. Gordon, Director Environmental Services Division and
Chairman, Section on Environment APHA

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cc: Mr. Terry Davies Mr. Doug Costle

Representatives of the APHA Section on Environment met with members of President Nixon's Study Group on Environment and Natural Resources in Washington on February 26th. The Section on Environment representatives requested the meeting in order to make recommendations regarding the organization and mission of programs of environmental management and consumer protection at the Federal level. Among issues discussed were that the environmental protection organization should:

- 1) have a mission of protecting man in his environment on the basis of multiple program objectives of health, safety, comfort, and well-being.
- 2) be public service and public protection oriented rather than supporting or promoting narrow special interests.
- 3). have a mission of environmental protection rather than environmental utilization and development.
- 4) address efforts to the total environment including air, water, land, housing, food, environmental injuries, radiation, insects and rodents, liquid wastes, solid ,wastes, noise, environmental chemicals, water supply, and space.
- 5) Establish environmental quality standards and regulations based on the needs of man in his environment rather than being based on the latest limits of technology or "state-of-the-art".
- 6) administer such programs as air quality, water quality, safe drinking water,, health and environmental effects of pesticides; land pollution including solid waste management; environmental injury control, insect and rodent control, radiation protection, occupational health and safety, noise pollution control, product safety, hazardous substances and poison control; population dynamics, recreational sanitation and safety, institutional sanitation, and food protection.
- 7) Promulgate minimum health standards for environmental protection programs in other departments.
- 8) Evaluate progress in environmental improvement as affects man's health and well-being regardless of the Department responsible for action.

Section on Environment representatives included Larry Gordon, Chair; Tom Gable, Vice-Chair; William V. Hickey, Secretary; George Kupchik, APHA Deputy Executive Director for Environment; Noble Swearingen, Director of APHA's Washington Office; and Wesley Gilbertson, Chair, APHA Committee on Environment.