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TO: G - Under Secretary Dobriansky
FROM: OES - Ken Brill, Acting
SUBJECT: Your Meeting with Don Pearlman, July 9, 2001, 2:30 p.m.

On Monday afternoon you will meet with Don Pearlman, Executive Director of the Climate Council. Mr. Pearlman is a partner in Patton Boggs (which represents the Climate Council) and he formerly served as Executive Assistant to the Secretary of the Interior and to the Secretary of Energy during the Reagan Administration. Mr. Pearlman also advises Saudi and other participants in the international negotiating sessions.

The Climate Council, (which prefers to keep a low profile) is dedicated to informing policy on domestic and international climate change. It has been one of the most ardent opponents of the Protocol, and on behalf of its coal and other industry members, has actively worked against most U.S. government efforts to address climate change.

Our objectives are:

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

Mr. Pearlman will state that the Climate Council fully supports the President's opposition to Kyoto, but understands the necessity of the U.S. taking a leadership role in responding to climate change. He attended your recent meeting with the Global Climate Coalition and will probably have follow-up questions on your presentation. He is primarily interested in further elaboration of the Administration's international climate change policy and hence will want to know our intentions for the resumed session of COP-6.

Attachments: Tab 1 - Checklist
Tab 2 - Participants List

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Tab 1

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Meeting with Don Pearlman

1. Climate Change is a serious problem: Need for realistic and effective alternatives to Kyoto.
2. Future constructs: Principles expounded by President - flexibility; market incentives and incentives for technological innovation; sustain economic growth; protect U.S. interests.
3. Solicit views in developing an effective market-based response: POTUS believes we need to lead for environmental, domestic and international affairs reasons. What type of international alternative to Kyoto would you support?

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Tab 2

U/S Dobriansky-Don Pearlman Meeting
Participants List

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Climate Council

Don Pearlman, Executive Director
Others TBD