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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: NANCY J. RISQUE

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SUBJECT: Stratospheric Ozone Decision Memorandum

ISSUE: Communication of your decisions to the U.S. delegation.

BACKGROUND: On June 18, the Domestic Policy Council discussed with you their recommendations on the positions the U.S. delegation should take at the June 29 international negotiations on this issue. These negotiations will produce a draft agreement that the delegation will bring back for final approval prior to the plenipotentiary and signing meetings in Montreal in September 1987. Congress, numerous environmental groups, and other countries will be following closely the U.S. positions and results of these meetings.

DISCUSSION: The decisions you have made should permit the U.S. delegation to reaffirm strong measures for protecting the ozone layer, and should not result in major challenges to our past or current positions. However, Council members feel confidentiality is of vital importance in the final stages of the negotiating process. In this regard, the attached classified memorandum has been prepared for communication of your decisions to the State Department for the U.S. delegation, and the Cabinet principals.

One statement has been added for emphasis -- that you expect the U.S. delegation to seek participation in the protocol of "well above a majority of major producing/consuming countries." This was stimulated by the strong argument that a few countries not joining the protocol can easily spoil the efforts of those that do. Thus, this will stress the importance of the negotiators pursuing maximum participation by other countries. This more clearly defines your decision.

RECOMMENDATION: I recommend that you approve the issuance of the attached memorandum containing your decisions for the U.S. delegation, including the statement emphasizing maximum participation.

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Attachment

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