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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Mr. Pardee:

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All records of, or concerning, communications by or to CEQ in 2002 or 2003 concerning either the *U.S. Climate Action Report 2002*, which was submitted to the United Nations in May 2002 (Climate Action Report), or drafts or revisions of the Climate Action Report.

The subject matter of your request concerns the actions and operations of CEQ and certain other agencies (including the Environmental Protection Agency or EPA) with respect to the Climate Action Report, excluding documents published on CEQ's or EPA's public websites or in the Federal Register.

I am overseeing a search of CEQ files and reviewing your request with relevant staff. Your request will require us to review a large volume of documents, including those produced in an e-mail search conducted by another office that was just completed yesterday, on August 11, 2003. In addition, CEQ will be consulting with other agencies regarding determinations regarding release or withholding of documents that may be made by this agency. Because of these unusual circumstances, we hereby notify you that we must extend the time for our response to August 26, 2003.

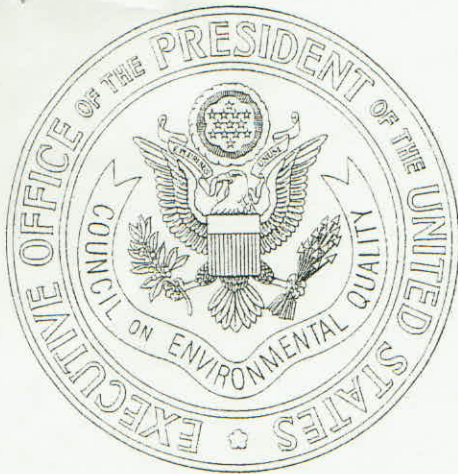
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Please do not hesitate to call me at (202) 395-7421 if you wish to discuss this matter.

Sincerely,

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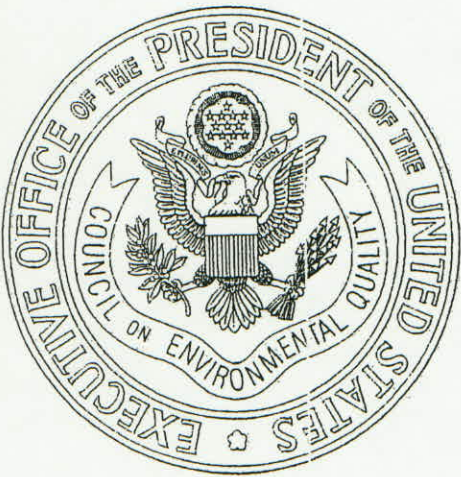
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