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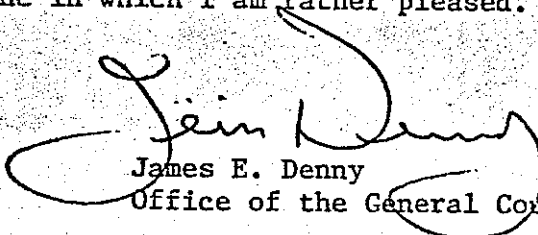
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Attached is a copy of the request from OMB for comments on the proposed draft decision paper intended for the President. OMB requested our comments on the draft paper, as well as on the options set forth in the draft which this agency supports.

My suggested response is enclosed for the signature of Mr. Fygi, with an attachment which supplies more basic detailed comments. Also attached is the draft letter which I proposed for the signatures of Messrs. Fygi and Deutch, which I believe should be sent to Dr. Press, with a copy to OMB.

I know that the Press letter is probably longer and more detailed than either of the two proposed signers may desire. However, this issue is not susceptible to simple resolutions and I believe some policy/philosophy/factual information, appropriately mixed, is the best way to address the issue. The Press letter is my best attempt at this effort and, I don't mind saying, one in which I am rather pleased.


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Attachments:
As stated

*P.S. OMB has given us until
March 17 to respond*

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