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The Honorable Jordan Baruch  
Assistant Secretary for  
Science and Technology  
Department of Commerce  
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Jordan:

Here are the views of the Department of Justice regarding the Thornton Bill. I incorrectly told you that the response was to OMB. The bill was referred jointly to the Science and Technology Committee and Government operations. These comments went directly back to Representative Rodino.

OMB has also asked Justice for views, along with other agencies.

Sincerely,



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Assistant Director  
Natural Resources and  
Commercial Services

cc: Frank Press

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