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MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CANNON

THROUGH: ED SCHMULTS

FROM: BARRY ROTH

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I spoke with Mr. James Spensley, Counsel to the Subcommittee on Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation and the Environment, concerning the Subcommittee's request that you testify on June 30 concerning long-range planning in the Federal Government. I explained that as one of the "immediate staff assistants" provided to the President by law, it is customary that you not appear before a Congressional Committee to testify with respect to the responsibilities assigned to you by the President. Mr. Spensley understood and agreed that the Subcommittee would not push for you to testify. He also indicated that they were primarily interested in having Jim Lynn or Paul O'Neill appear to discuss, in part, the idea of establishing an Office of Strategic Policy Assessment in the Executive Office of the President. However, both Lynn and O'Neill have declined the invitation to appear.

Spensley plans to go ahead with the hearings with CEQ participation and to come back to us after the hearings to see what interest there might be at the White House and OMB on this issue. While I indicated that later participation by you in a hearing situation posed a problem, I left open the possibility that there could be some means of informal communication with respect to the Domestic Council's views on long-range planning. Mr. Spensley appreciated our call and indicated that this satisfied their request for the time being.

I have prepared for your signature a suggested response to this effect.

cc: Phil Buchen ✓  
Max Friedersdorf

