

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA,
Berkeley, Calif., November 20, 1967.

HON. JOHN V. TUNNEY,
Longworth House Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. TUNNEY: I appreciate the opportunity of reading your proposed "Ecological Advisors Act" and your speech explaining the purpose of the act.

Pollution of the environment, air, land and water, is of the greatest importance. It poses a threat to the health and even the life of all living things, including man.

The threat of radioactivity is so dramatic that it is carefully monitored. The dangers from pesticides, herbicides, toxic fumes, detergents and many other products of civilization are equally great, but in contrast to radiation the effects are insidious, slow and undramatic. It is for this reason that, as you suggest, a central agency whose sole duty would be the study of pollution in general would serve a very useful purpose.

With best wishes for the success of your bill, I am

Sincerely,

JOHN H. NORTHROP.

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