

erate much as the present NSC structure; now-existing bodies such as the Council of Economic Advisors could become part of the National Resource Council structure. In actual operation, economic questions, for example, could be dealt with in an NRC subcommittee with a membership representing the CEA, and the Treasury, Commerce, and Agriculture Departments and the Federal Reserve participating on an invitational basis. If environmental problems such as pollution or resource preservation demand attention, a subcommittee representing the Interior (or National-Resource), Agriculture, and Commerce Departments can be convened. And when environmental-social problems come up, say urban-population problems or solving a multifaceted transportation problem, there would be a ready-made context in which high-level task forces could readily be empanelled with the appropriate interdepartmental mix.

The proposed National Resource Council could rally State and local governments and the private sector in a most effective effort at "creative federalism." The Council would provide a more permanent, more continuously integrated, and more timely and responsive context in which to deal with critical national issues. And I do believe that *an ecological subcommittee, or advisory council or task force*, would be an essential element in the proposed NRC structure.

I hope, Sir, that you will forgive this expansive reaction to your excellent initiative. If you find the above ideas useful, either in addition to, or expansion of, your current proposal, please feel free to call on me for more detailed suggestions and support.

Sincerely yours,

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President.