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*Handwritten note:*  
To Barbara Ackerman  
11/09/73

IN MY MESSAGE TO YOU YESTERDAY, I ASKED FOR YOUR PERSONAL HELP IN SOLVING A VITAL NATIONAL PROBLEM; THE SHORTAGE OF ENERGY. BECAUSE THIS PROBLEM AFFECTS EVERY FAMILY IN AMERICA, I AM WRITING TO YOU AGAIN TODAY TO RECOMMEND MORE SPECIFIC ACTIONS THAT SHOULD BE TAKEN.

FIRST, WE NEED EXECUTIVE ACTION -- THE ACTION THAT CAN BE TAKEN BY MAYORS AND OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS WITHOUT LEGISLATION. I HAVE ALREADY ORDERED CUTBACKS IN ENERGY CONSUMPTION AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL. IT IS MY INTENTION TO REDUCE FEDERAL DEMANDS BY MORE THAN SEVEN PERCENT. NOW I APPEAL TO YOU TO CONSIDER THE STEPS THAT MIGHT BE TAKEN BY YOU AS A MAYOR:

-- THERMOSTATS IN OFFICE BUILDINGS CAN BE REDUCED TO A LEVEL BETWEEN 65-68 DEGREES, THE SAME STANDARD WE ARE SETTING FOR FEDERAL OFFICES,

-- WORKING HOURS FOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES CAN BE STAGGERED.

-- UNNECESSARY LIGHTING CAN BE CURBED IN HOMES AND OFFICES.

-- GREATER USE CAN BE MADE OF MASS TRANSIT AND CARPOOLING.

-- SCHOOL SCHEDULES CAN BE ALTERED, HOLDING MORE CLASSES DURING THE SPRING AND SUMMER MONTHS.

-- AND AS I URGED YESTERDAY, THE GOVERNMENT VEHICLES UNDER YOUR JURISDICTION CAN BE RESTRICTED TO SPEEDS NOT TO EXCEED 50 MILES PER HOUR.

BEYOND THESE EXECUTIVE MEASURES, WE ALSO NEED LEGISLATIVE ACTION, BOTH IN WASHINGTON AND IN YOUR STATE. SPEED LIMITS ON ALL MAJOR HIGHWAYS SHOULD BE REDUCED TO 50 MILES PER HOUR. THE STRICT POLLUTION CONTROL LAWS ENACTED IN MANY STATES SHOULD BE RELAXED ON A TEMPORARY, CASE-BY-CASE BASIS TO BALANCE OUR ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL INTERESTS. OTHER ACTIVITIES WITHIN INTRASTATE COMMERCE SHOULD ALSO BE EXAMINED. I HAVE WRITTEN TO THE GOVERNOR OF YOUR STATE, APPEALING FOR SUCH ACTION.

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QUALITY OF LEADERSHIP FROM EVERY SINGLE PERSON HOLDING EXECUTIVE OFFICE, THROUGHOUT AMERICA THE SPIRIT OF SACRIFICE MUST MATCH THE MAGNITUDE OF OUR PROBLEMS, THAT SPIRIT IS WITHIN EVERY AMERICAN, AND WITH POSITIVE AND VIGOROUS LEADERSHIP, THE BEST IN ALL OF US CAN BE BROUGHT OUT. WE CAN PULL TOGETHER NOT ONLY TO OVERCOME THE IMMEDIATE ENERGY CRISIS BUT TO REACH OUR EVENTUAL GOAL OF BECOMING SELF-SUFFICIENT IN ENERGY.

AS YOU MOVE FORWARD IN YOUR COMMUNITY, I WOULD BE HIGHLY APPRECIATIVE IF YOU WOULD KEEP ME PERSONALLY INFORMED ON YOUR PROGRESS, THE ACTIONS YOU TAKE IN THE WEEKS AHEAD CAN BE CRUCIAL, AND THEY CAN SERVE AS BOTH AN INCENTIVE AND AN INSPIRATION FOR OTHERS.

WITH WARMEST REGARDS

RICHARD NIXON

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