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I am not too sure what you are looking for in the paragraphs for the transition paper, but here are a few words and ideas on EPA"

THE REORGANIZATION OF US ENVIRONMENTAL FUNCTIONS

BY PRESIDENTIAL REORGANIZATION PLAN IN 1971

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was proposed by President Nixon (based on recommendations by the "Ash Council") in 1971 in response to widespread public support (as evidenced by public demonstrations which became known as "Earth Day") and Congressional pressure for organizational action on environmental concerns. Although pieces of environmental programs existed in more than a dozen Federal agencies, there was no organizational focus for a concerted program to reverse environmental damages done over the years by pollution and neglect. The implementation of the Ash Council recommendations for the use of the President's reorganization authority provided a "fast tract" response for a solution to the environmental "crisis" and the political vacuum that existed.

In addition to this legislative proposal offered by President Nixon, the Office of Management and Budget undertook an administration-wide effort to collect and assemble the basic components of the soon to be created EPA. An outline of the program components which would be transferred to EPA was drawn identifying pieces of programs in a half a dozen Federal Agencies (including the Departments of Interior, Health and Human Services, Agriculture and the Atomic Energy) Commission) and some 5600 existing Federal employees were selected to form the nucleus of the new agency. This careful analysis process meant that some resources were immediately available to start this Presidential initiative and to act as a basis for the greater effort and resource which would follow. The establishment of a comprehensive environmental agency was made more complex because no "organic" Act or law existed covering all of the environmental statutes that existed. EPA would face the daunting task of relating to dozens of Senate and House committees of jurisdiction. The EPA had as its focus of attention environmental laws covering air and water pollution, pesticide and radiation hazards.

The agency came into existence on December 1, 1971 with Bill Ruckelshaus as its first Administrator. The agency covered three distinct functional areas: (1) state and local grant programs related to air and water pollution; (2) research and development programs seeking technical solutions to complex environmental hazards and (3) a sophisticated regulatory program for influencing and enforcing environmental regulations. The new agency was organized into the ten Federal standard regions and had a national headquarters in Washington D.C.

Let me hear from you Dwight, if more or different is needed. My best to you two nice folks. Howard

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