

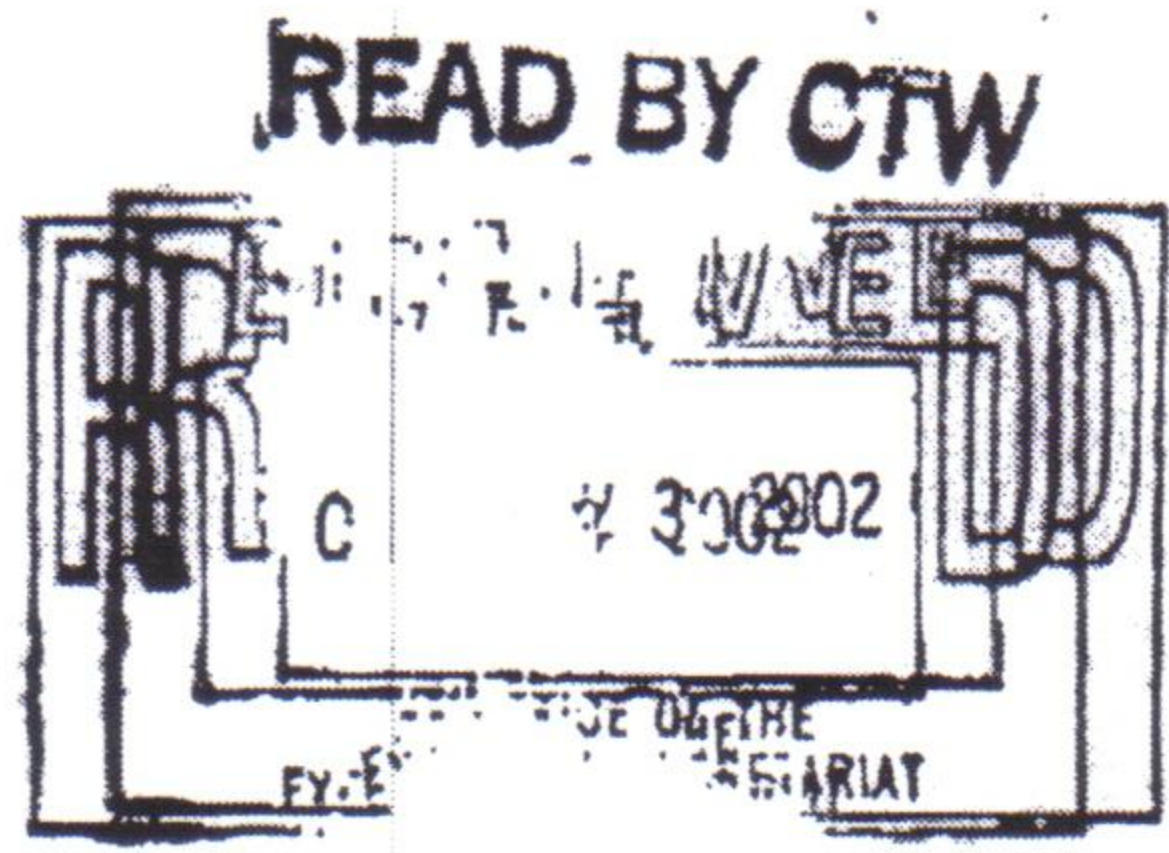
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 11, 2002

Dear Ernie,



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There is a keen awareness within the Administration of the importance of addressing the environmental, economic, energy, and small business impacts of such a proposed action. Safe and environmentally sound production and transportation of domestic energy sources are key components of our ability to reduce dependence on foreign sources.

The EPA has agreed to work closely with the other interested federal entities and with impacted stakeholders in crafting a solution that will not unduly restrict energy production and transportation and address any true environmental issues of concern.

I appreciate your bringing this to my attention. Please call Jim Connaughton, Chairman of the White House Council on Environmental Quality, at 202-456-5147 if you would like to discuss this issue in greater detail. I've shared your letter with him.

Sincerely,

Karl Rove
Senior Advisor to the President

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Secretary Christie Whitman