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OFFICE OF
THE ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. William D. Ruckelshaus
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
401 M Street, S.W.
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Dear Mr. Ruckelshaus:

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Environmental Health Committee of the Science Advisory Board.

"Members of the Environmental Health Committee take this opportunity to offer you a warm welcome as Administrator of EPA and to wish you success in this very difficult and challenging position.

"During the past year the members of the Environmental Health Committee in their service to EPA have devoted the vast majority of their deliberative efforts both at public meetings and in critical review of documents at home in preparation for public meetings, to reviewing Health Assessment Documents generated by the Office of Health and Environmental Assessment in the Office of Research and Development. These documents will serve as guidance documents for program staff in the Agency, and they have the potential for usefully serving the Agency in its promulgation and enforcement of regulations, provided the subject chemicals are high on the list of the Agency's priorities.

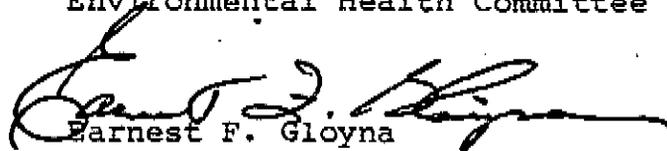
"However, the Committee cannot help but be acutely aware of major health related issues demanding your resolution in the near future. Among these are the following:

1. Resolution of the risks to health associated with hazardous waste sites;
2. Resolution of the risks to health of public exposure to asbestos, particularly in public buildings;
3. Determination of the risk to public health of dioxins in the environment.

"We wish to inform you of our desire to assist with the scientific evaluation of these urgent and important matters by bringing to bear the varied expertise of the Health Committee. We suggest that our collective efforts for the Agency in the near future would be best utilized by assignments of a significant portion of our time to these urgent and complex matters, rather than almost exclusive concern with the ongoing review of Health Assessment Documents."



Herschel E. Griffin
Chairman
Environmental Health Committee



Earnest F. Gloyna
Chairman
Science Advisory Board