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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: C. BOYDEN GRAY
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

Original signed by CBG

SUBJECT: Independent Agency Initiative

Attached is a draft memorandum from you to the President outlining, and seeking the President's approval for, several specific initiatives designed to further the Administration's substantive policy goals while increasing the President's effective control over independent agencies. Except for a brief discussion of telecommunications policy (which I did not draft and as to which I express no opinion), the memorandum embodies my own current thinking about the most effective way to proceed. Please feel free to use part or all of it in whatever way you think appropriate.

I have also attached a memorandum from myself to the President explaining why the Reagan Administration was not more aggressive in seeking control over independent agencies, and also explaining why I think we should be more aggressive now. Because the President has personally asked me for such a memorandum, I would like to get it to him soon. However, if you intend to submit your own memorandum within the next few days, I think it makes sense to give the President both memoranda as a single package.

Please let me know if I can assist you further.

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¹ As you know, I recuse myself from all matters involving the FCC.