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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT - Evening Report

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3. The International Standing Committee on Environment - This morning I chaired the first meeting of the International Standing Committee of the Cabinet Committee on Environment. Secretaries Hardin, Stans, Hickel and Romney, Drs. Seaborg and McElroy and Russell Train attended, along with representatives of a number of other interested agencies. I used the occasion to stress the importance of the international aspects of environmental problems and the relationship with U.S. efforts. I set a target date of 1972 for the production of specific tangible results in the international field. Rus Train reviewed progress in organizing the Council on Environmental Quality; Pat Moynihan

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reported on NATO/CCMS efforts; and Chris Herter reported on the recent meetings of the Preparatory Committee of the 1972 UN Conference on Human Environment and the Economic Commission for Europe 1971 Conference on the Environment. The work of the Standing Committee will be carried out under the leadership of Chris Herter with policy-level alternates from the member Departments and Agencies.

[Omitted here is material unrelated to the committee meeting on the environment.]

William P. Rogers