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Method for cooperation between the Commission and the Govern-  
ment of the United States in environmental matters - exchange of  
letters







ANNEXE I

Mr. Carlo Scarascia Mugnozza  
Vice-President  
Commission of the European  
Communities  
Brussels

Dear Mr. Vice-President :

I should like to express my satisfaction at the agreement in principle reached during our meetings of 3 and 4 June, regarding the fields of action that are of common interest, and the means of cooperation between the Commission of the European Communities and the United States Government in environmental matters.

The following areas of common interest have been noted as most appropriate for cooperation at this stage :

- exchange of information on methods of analysis and measurement of certain air and water pollutants, and on the state of knowledge of their harmful effects, including the harmful effects of noise;
- exchange of information in establishment of criteria and quality objectives;
- exchange of information on pollution problems posed by certain industries;
- exchange of information on possible US-EC trade problems resulting from environmental measures;
- exchange of knowledge on the effects of the production of energy on the environment;
- study of the possibility of conducting jointly epidemiological investigations;

- exchange of information on procedures for testing the toxicity of certain pollutants;
- exchange of information about toxic wastes;
- exchange of information concerning the impact of certain agricultural activities on the environment;
- exchange of information on programmes for public awareness and education;
- joint organization of conferences and symposia.

It is understood that the aforementioned list of topics may be added to later, in the light of new knowledge.

To plan, coordinate and review cooperation in the areas described above and in such new areas as may be agreed upon, officials at a policy level could meet alternately in Brussels and Washington or elsewhere as appropriate, in general twice a year. At the same time technical experts might also meet for detailed discussions on previously agreed topics. It may be desirable to convene additional meetings of experts from time to time or to exchange information in other ways. The results of all such technical exchanges would be brought to the attention of the policy-level officials. It would also seem to me worthwhile to continue informal discussions between those responsible for environmental matters at our level.

Since we consider this cooperation an important part of overall relations between the Community and the United States, it would be desirable to review its progress from time to time in the periodic high-level consultations between the Commission and the United States Government.

If you would be good enough to confirm your concurrence in the above, we can both consider this exchange of letters as outlining the scope and form of our present cooperation on environmental matters.

Sincerely yours,

Christian A. Herter, Jr.

ANNEX II

Mr. Christian A. HERTER Jr.

Special Assistant to the Secretary  
for Environmental Affairs

Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Herter,

I was very glad to receive your letter of June 4, 1974 concerning the agreement in principle reached during our last meeting in Washington on environmental matters; the text of the letter is the following :

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On behalf of the Commission and myself, I am pleased to confirm our agreement on all the above points and thank you most heartly for your cooperation in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Carlo SCARASCIA MUGNOZZA

