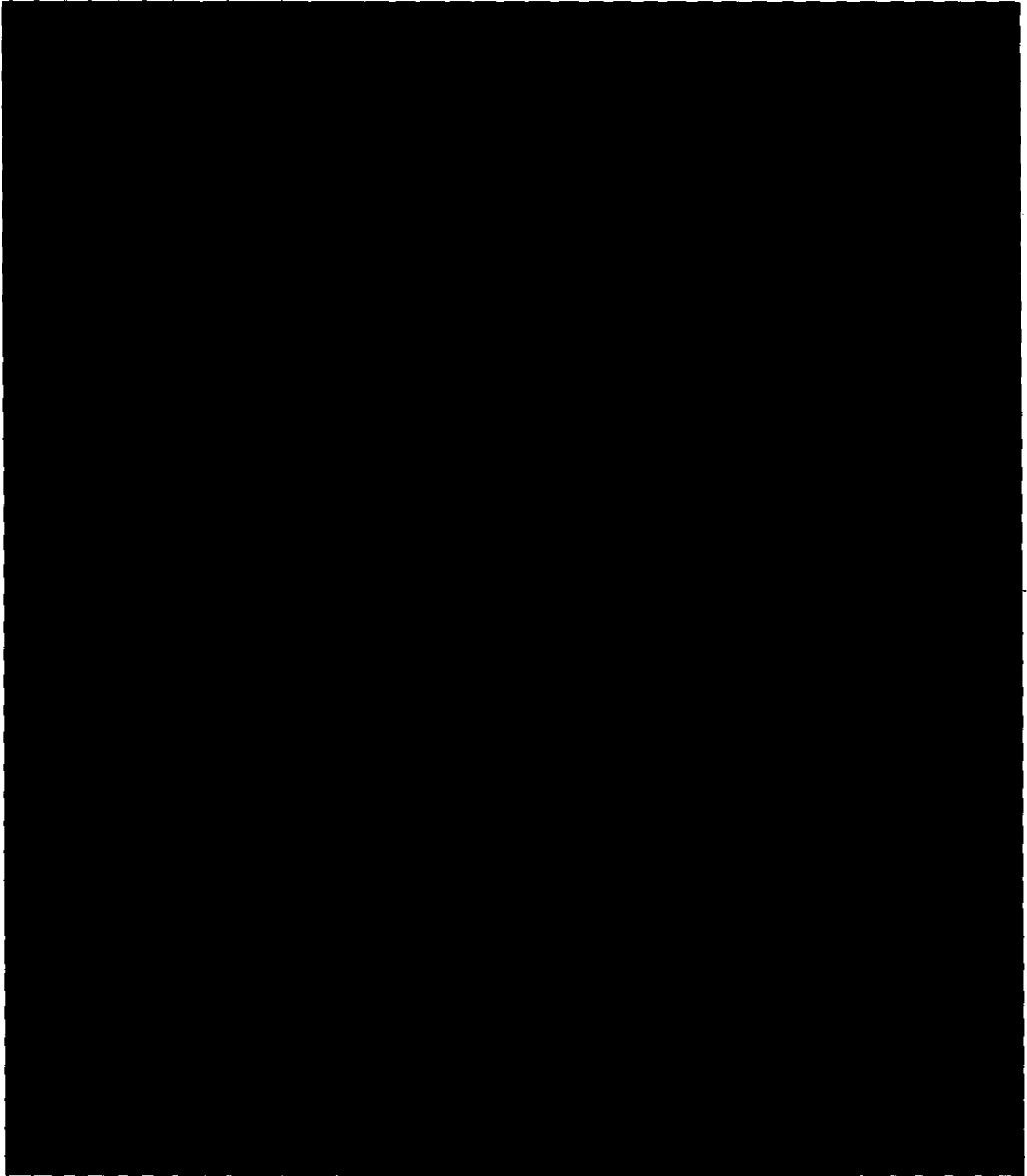
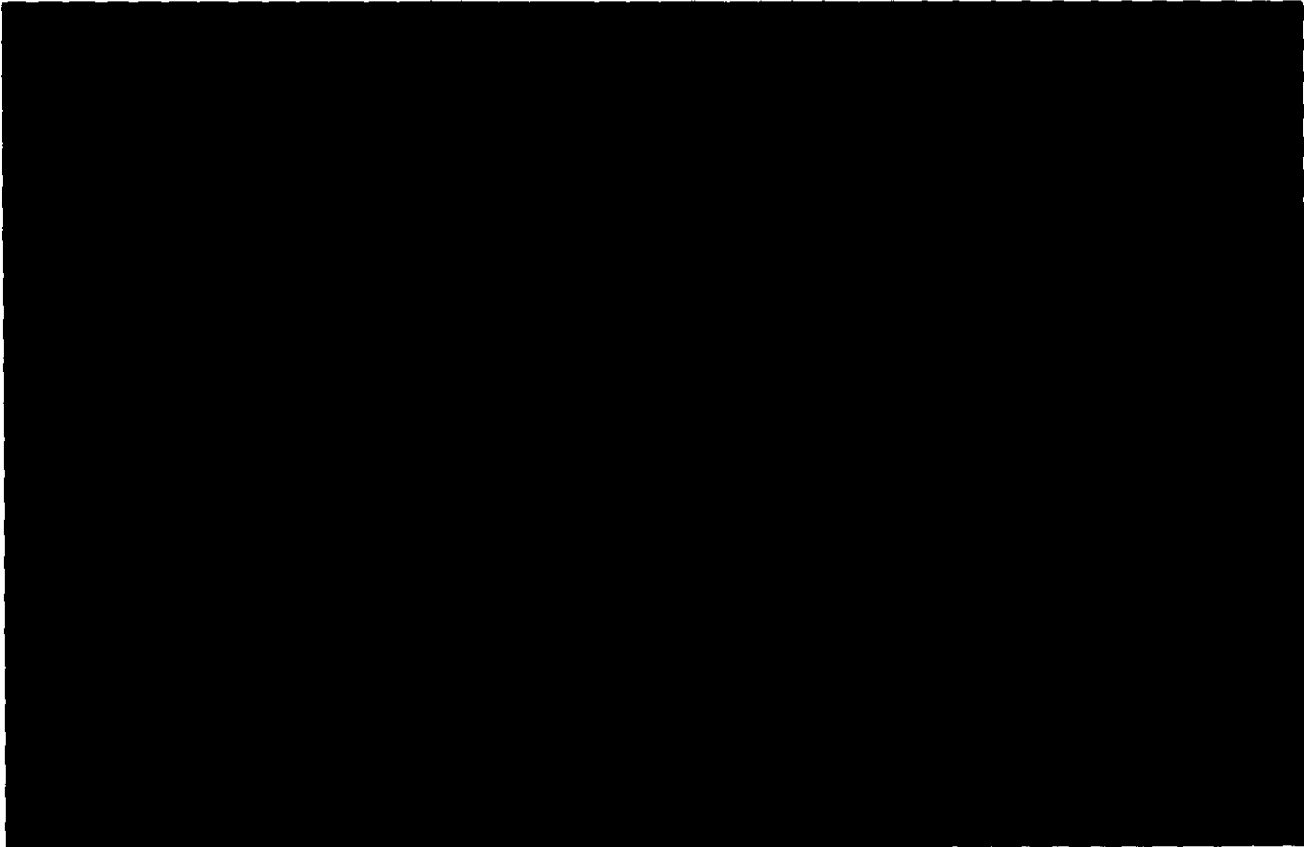


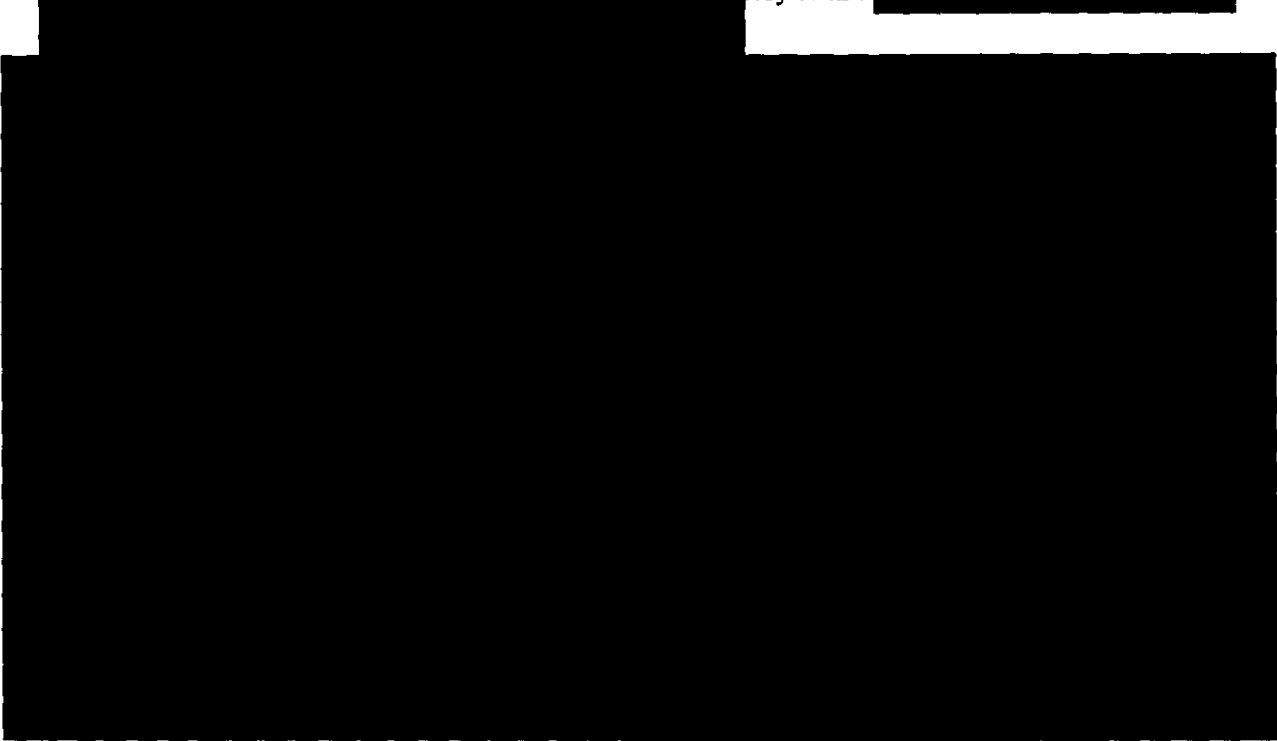
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Scientific Integrity: OSTP staff are working closely with OMB to revise the proposed recommendations to the President in a way that is satisfactory to all. [REDACTED]

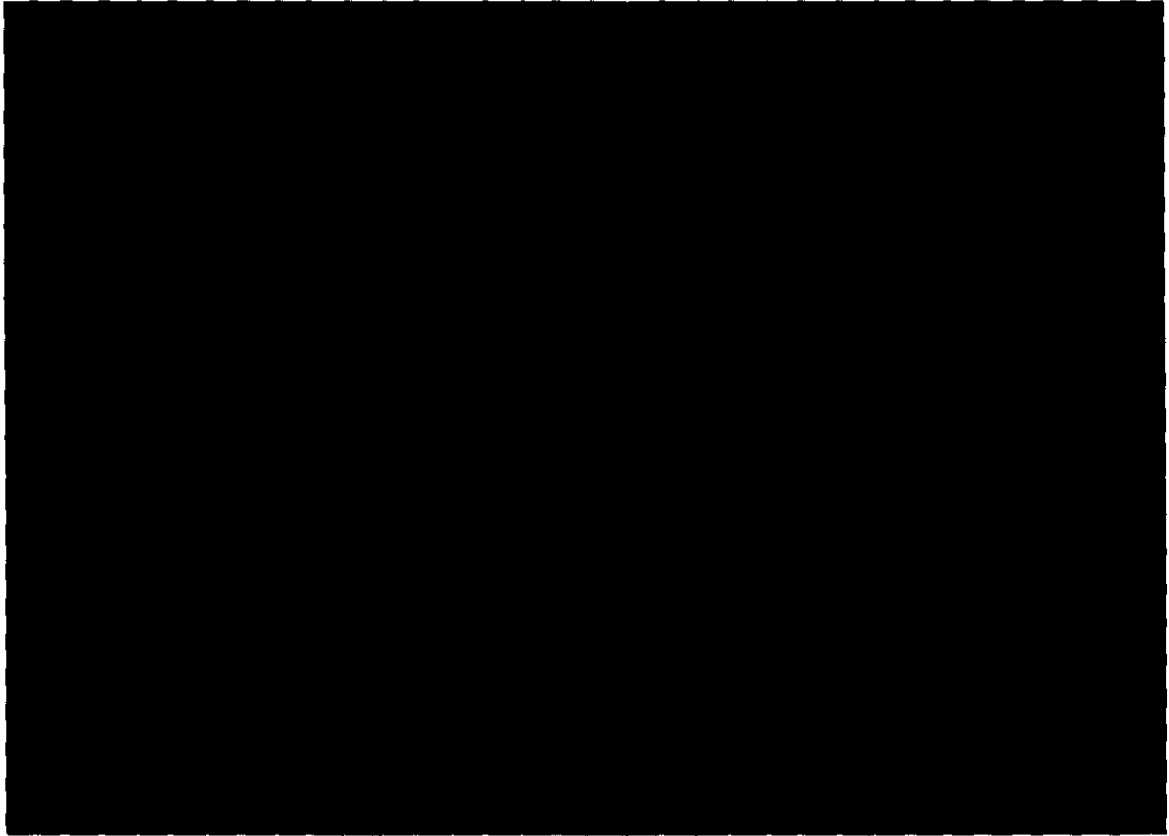


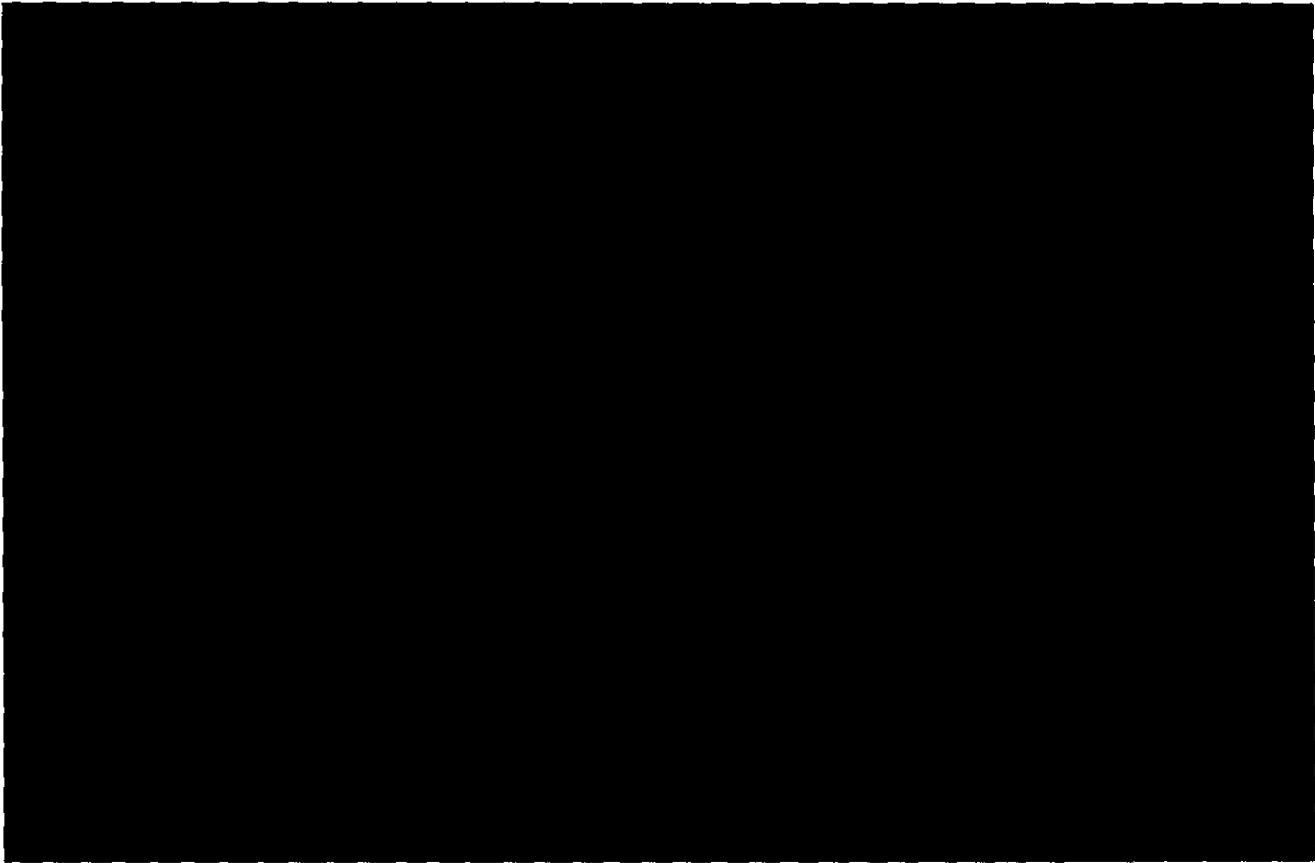
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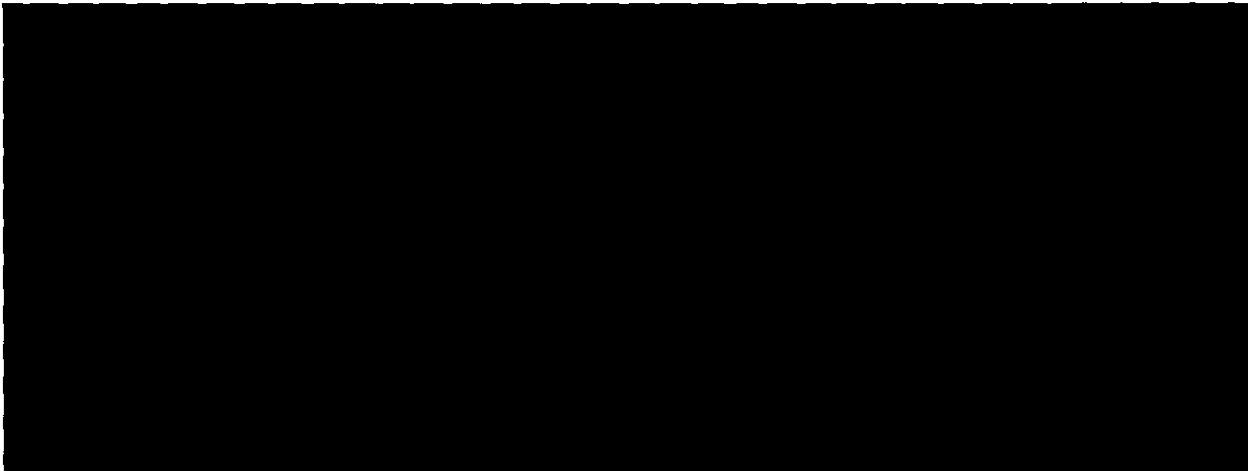




Moving Ahead on Scientific Integrity

OSTP and OMB continue to negotiate a handful of remaining fine points toward fulfillment of the March 9 Presidential Memorandum on Scientific Integrity. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] With luck a draft may be ready for consideration by agency Principals by the end of this week.



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July 10, 2009

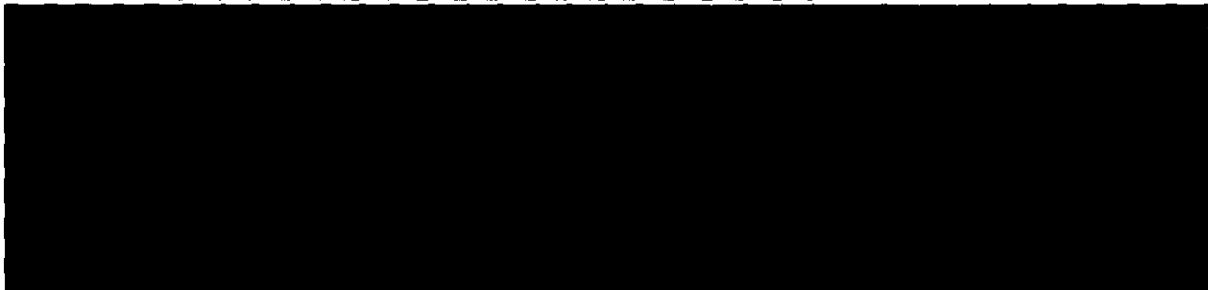
MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF

FROM: John P. Holdren, Assistant to the President for Science and Technology
and
Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy

SUBJECT: Weekly Review, July 6–10, 2009



Presidential Memorandum on Scientific Integrity: Latest draft of Holdren response to the memorandum was sent to OMB for review on July 9th.



Kohlenberger, James C.

From: Cohen, Seth M.
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2009 11:48 AM
To: Wackler, Ted M.; Kohlenberger, James C.; Weiss, Rick
Subject: Task Force Meeting Docs
Attachments: Holdren Remarks v1.doc; 8-11-09 Agenda v3.doc; Cohen Remarks v1.doc

Dear Ted,

Attached is a proposed Agenda, talking points for Dr. Holdren, and updates from me for the SI meeting next week. Please review and provide any comments. I have highlighted talking point I prepared from Dr. Holdren that I believe is important, but you guys may not be comfortable with.

If I could get approval of the agenda ASAP that would be helpful so that I can send it to the group today, giving them time to clear their calendars, and giving me time to gather information for getting WAVES.

Thanks,
Seth

Seth M. Cohen, Ph.D.
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From: Wackler, Ted M.
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2009 10:22 AM
To: Kohlenberger, James C.; Weiss, Rick; Cohen, Seth M.
Subject: RE: Recs and Task Force Meeting

All,

Attached is my slight revision of Seth's input.

Ready for Rick to look it over, thence to Jim/John.

Ted

Ted M. Wackler, P.E.
Office of Science and Technology Policy
Executive Office of the President
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From: Kohlenberger, James C.
Sent: Monday, August 03, 2009 8:41 PM
To: Wackler, Ted M.; Weiss, Rick
Subject: RE: Recs and Task Force Meeting


Ted and Rick -

[REDACTED]
Jim

From: Cohen, Seth M.
Sent: Monday, August 03, 2009 3:54 PM
To: Wackler, Ted M.

Cc: Leonard, Rachael L.; Kohlenberger, James C.
Subject: Recs and Task Force Meeting

Dear Ted,



I can meet anytime to discuss these items. I think this is now a relatively urgent matter and I would like to setup the task force meeting for next week ASAP.

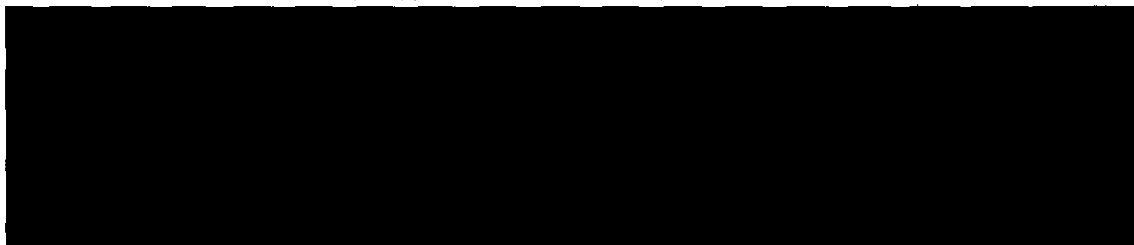
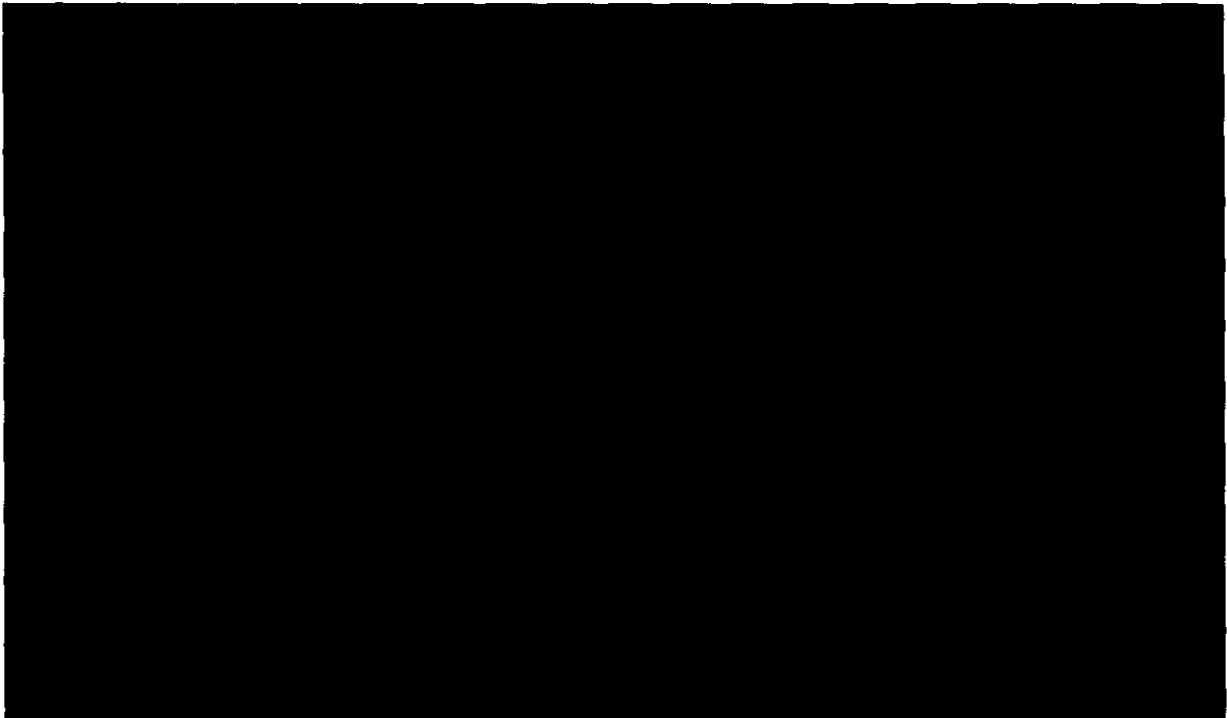
Thanks for your help as always,

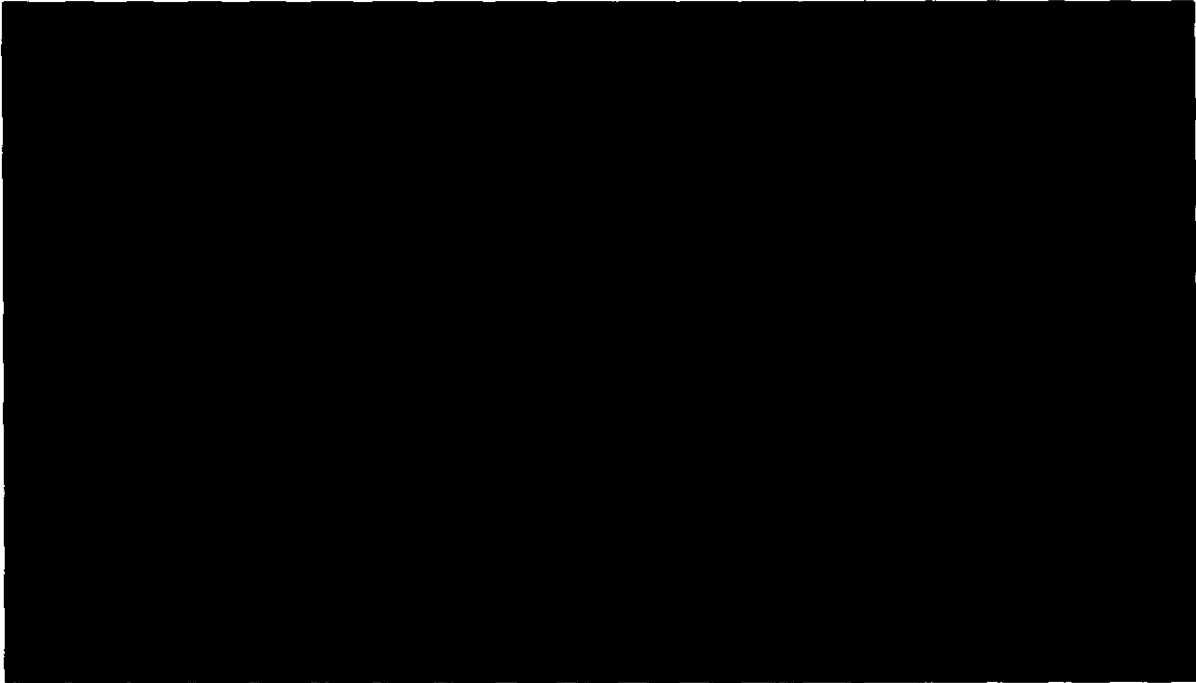
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Holdren Comments at Scientific Integrity Task Force Meeting

- Scientific Integrity is a basic principle of the federal government and is of great importance to Dr. Holdren and the President.
- The role of Agencies, their leadership, and their scientists in maintaining Scientific Integrity is the single most important factor in assuring that policymaking and policies are based on accurate scientific information.
- The work of the Task Force was the primary input for initiating discussions within OSTP and other EOP offices for responding to the President's memorandum.
- The work of the Task Force and the leadership shown by its membership in addressing this Presidential request is greatly appreciated. The gathering of information on current Scientific Integrity practices, the collection and analysis of public input, and the Task Force's own thoughts on the appropriate response to the President were all important in my deliberations.





- Discussions have been taking place at the highest levels at OSTP, OMB, and other EOP offices to resolve these remaining items. Be assured your efforts have received a high level of attention with the EOP.
- Once a draft is ready for review by Executive Agencies, we will make sure you receive a copy in advance, so that you are prepared to discuss it with your leadership.

- To conclude, the work of the Task Force provided the basis for the discussions currently ongoing on Scientific Integrity in my office. You will see when the recommendations are forwarded that your efforts and ideas are strongly reflected in my comments to the President.
- I thank you all for your hard work, dedication, and patience in this process. I have drafted a letter to each one of you, in acknowledgement of your service to the Task Force and thanking you for ongoing role in preserving and upholding Scientific Integrity within the Executive branch.

Agenda for
Ad Hoc Scientific Integrity Task Force
Tuesday August 11, 2009, 1:00-2:30pm
Front Conference Room, OSTP, NEOB 5th Floor

Meeting Objectives

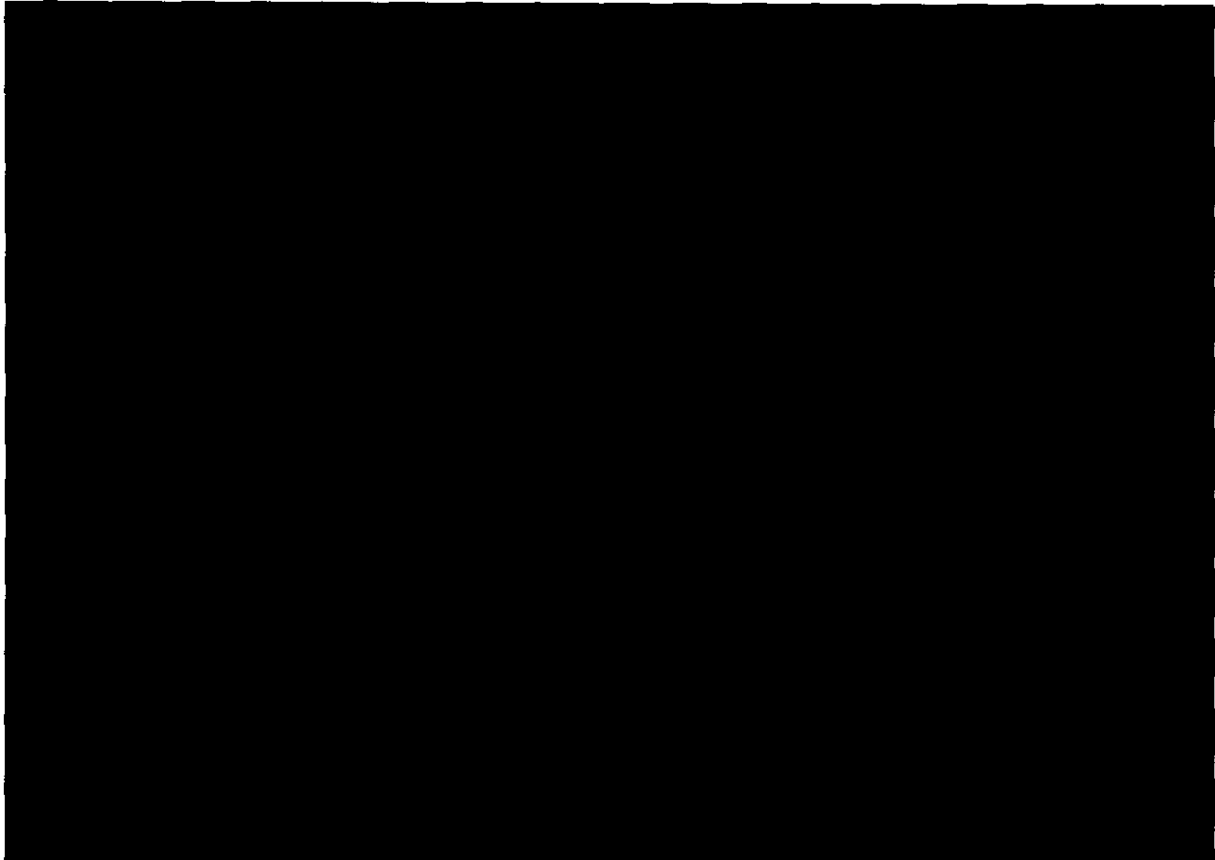
1. Inform task force of progress since June 9 meeting
2. Opportunity for Dr. Holdren to address the Task Force
3. Wrap up with Seth Cohen

Schedule

1:00-1:15pm	Introductions of Task Force Members
1:15-1:20pm	Brief update from Seth
1:20-1:35pm	Remarks from Dr. Holdren
1:35-2:00pm	Questions, Discussion, and Outlook with Seth

Cohen Update at Scientific Integrity Task Force Meeting

- Since the last task force meeting, there have been ongoing discussions between OSTP and other EOP offices including OMB.
- These discussions were based on further developing and moving forward the work of the task force.
- Several meetings have been held with OSTP leadership and leadership from other EOP offices.



- In summary, the work of the Task Force is the basis for the recommendations in development, and the Task Force should be gratified that their work has set the tone and scope of the discussions.

Rebarber, Jessica A.

From: Cohen, Seth M.
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2009 8:41 AM
To: Wackler, Ted M.
Subject: SI Timeline
Attachments: Scientific Integrity Timeline.doc

Ted,

Please see the attached document. It is a rough timeline of the Scientific Integrity process (to the best of my knowledge). I prepared this for both my own recollection, but thought it might be useful to you and the office for future reference.

Best,
Seth

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Scientific Integrity Timeline

March 9, 2009 – President Issues memorandum requesting recommendations from the Director of OSTP on ensuring Scientific Integrity in the Executive branch. Response requested within 120 days (approx. July 9).

March 20, 2009 – Somewhere on or about this date, Cohen was asked by Wackler and Kohlenberger to lead the OSTP effort on Scientific Integrity.

April 1, 2009 – Between March 20 and April 1, Cohen had numerous conversations with Wackler, Kohlenberger, Colby, and others at OSTP, as well as with Schwab at OMB/OIRA about how to proceed with the process. The following decisions were made: a) a Task Force would be assembled to address the issue; b) the Task Force would consist primarily of top career-track (i.e. non-political) scientists; c) Task Force members would be recruited from all agencies with a significant science component, and would include OMB as well. Dr. Jamie Link from STPi was recruited to assist with the Task Force.

April 6, 2009 – First meeting of the Scientific Integrity Task Force (SITF) was held. Participating agencies included: DOE, DoD, NSF, NIH, NASA, NOAA, EPA, USDA, FDA, and others. A complete list of contacts is available in Cohen's files. The first SITF meeting was used for introductions, initial scoping of goals, and setting of deadlines. A tentative June 1 deadline was set for the SITF to complete its work. The group agreed to meet every week for two months to complete the task. Summaries of all meetings and agendas are available in Cohen's files.

April 14, 2009 – SITF meeting. Decision to make an inventory of existing Scientific Integrity practices within agencies and across the Executive branch was made.

April 21, 2009 – SITF meeting. Some ideas for specific recommendations discussed.

April 23, 2009 – A Federal Register Notice (E9-9307) was issued requesting public comment on the President's memorandum on Scientific Integrity. A 21 day period for public comment from April 23, 2009 to May 13, 2009 was provided. Public comments were received via an OSTP Blog (first OSTP/White House Blog, setup by Noveck) and by email at scientificintegrity@ostp.gov (which was forwarded to Cohen).

April 28, 2009 – SITF meeting. Recommendations and inventories discussed.

April 30, 2009 – Cohen and Wackler meet with staff of House Government Oversight and Reform Committee on Scientific Integrity. Approximately five staff in attendance.

May 5, 2009 – SITF meeting. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

May 12, 2009 – SITF meeting. Recommendations and inventories discussed.

May 13, 2009 – Close of public input to Federal Register notice. Hundreds of responses received from both the Blog and emails. Email inputs were far more valuable and responsive on the whole. Most of the input was received in the last 24-48 h from both individuals, but also many professional organizations including: AAAS, ACS, UCS, PEER, and others. Cohen prepared a matrix summarizing public input and how it correlated with recommendations in development within SITF.

May 19, 2009 – SITF meeting. Discussion of public input with respect to impact on recommendations under consideration, as well as for generation of new recommendations.

May 22, 2009 – Meeting with members of the EOP. A meeting called by Schwab, Ericsson, Fitzpatrick, and others to discuss draft Scientific Integrity recommendations from SITF. Meeting is attended by Cohen, Abbott, and Kohlenberger from OSTP and ~15+ individuals from other EOP offices including OMB, CEQ, and others. Decision is made to work with EOP offices to improve recommendations. Further SITF meetings postponed temporarily.

May 26, 2009 – Cohen and Wackler meet with staff of Senator Whitehouse (D-R.I.) on request for testimony about Scientific Integrity in front of Senate EPW subcommittee on Government Oversight. Approximately two staff in attendance.

May 27, 2009 – Meeting with Zeke Emmanuel (who was in attendance at May 22 meeting) to discuss options for improving recommendations.

June 2, 2009 – SITF meeting. Inform SITF of broader EOP involvement in process.

June 9, 2009 – Statement sent to leadership of Senate EPW subcommittee on Government Oversight from Dr. Holdren addressing the issue of Scientific Integrity.

June 9, 2009 – SITF meeting. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

July 1, 2009 – Between June 9 and July 1 several meetings were held with Wackler, Kohlenberg, and Holdren to improve recommendations. Communications were made with other EOP offices on these modifications.

July 2, 2009 – Cohen, with help of Wackler, Weiss, and Kohlenberger produce a substantial overhaul of draft recommendations. Within approx. one day, new draft is reviewed by Holdren and sent to OMB for comment.

July 6, 2009 – Meeting with members of the EOP. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OMB and others will comment and pass back.

July 13, 2009 – Letter sent from office of Rep. Broun (R-GA) requesting response on a variety of Scientific Integrity related concerns. [REDACTED]

August 7, 2009 – Ongoing meetings and drafts have been exchanged with OMB in order to provide response to memorandum.

August 11, 2009 – SITF meeting. Dr. Holdren will attend to briefly summarize efforts to date and thank SITF. Cohen will be available to answer questions.

Leonard, Rachael L.

From: Kalil, Thomas A.
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2009 5:21 PM
To: Leonard, Rachael L.
Subject: RE:

We are currently the bottleneck – not sure we will get a cleared draft before our fearless leader departs for Russia.

From: Leonard, Rachael L.
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2009 10:03 AM
To: Kalil, Thomas A.
Subject:

Tom:

What is happening with the Scientific Integrity memo?

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