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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Mr. W.K. Reilly
President
Conservation Foundation
1717 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear Mr. Reilly:

One of the carry over items that I am glad to have been able to clear up over this last weekend, having just now started on my responsibilities in this office, was the allocation of the Fairfield Osborn Lectureship for 1978. I do not know whether Mr. Brooks had time to communicate my letter of June 29 to you in which I promised to make an expeditious inquiry as to the University's responsibility in this matter. Having had an opportunity to review that file and discuss the question with my staff, I concluded that we should enthusiastically accept the proposal by Mr. Brooks and Mr. Conway that this year's lectureship be delegated to the Conservation Foundation. To that end I have instructed our comptroller to transmit a check in the amount of \$8500 to you representing the current annual income on the lectureship fund.

As I also indicated in my letter to Mr. Brooks I have been a grateful follower of the work of the foundation for many years and am again pleased that this allocation can be joined with the foundation's anniversary celebration and I certainly wish you every success in the outcome of that event in a most worthy cause.

I would also like to suggest a regularization of the procedure for the annual disposition of the lectureship income: A matter that my predecessor, Fred Seitz, has also discussed with Laurance Rockefeller. We agree that the most efficient way to achieve the aims of the original gift would be to rotate the responsibility to each of our three institutions rather than attempt in each given year to reach a consensus. I believe that you and Mr. Conway have concurred in this proposal. I assume then that it would also be agreeable if the New York Zoological Society were to have this responsibility for 1979, The Rockefeller in 1980 and thenceforth in the same cyclical pattern.

If I hear no further dissent, and hardly expect to, I will instruct our comptroller to respond accordingly in future to instructions for payment from the relevant executive officer in a given year.

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Among the current activities of the foundation, I was particularly interested to see mentioned in your Annual Report of your efforts in connection with TSCA and I would be most interested to get more details about that. There are many ways in which, I believe, the scientific resources of The Rockefeller University could make important contributions to dealing with knotty dilemmas in social policy and high on my own agenda is the seeking out of effective inter-institutional connections to help bridge the science/policy poles. I will also be taking a more active role, than was possible before, as a member of the board of NRDC when I have settled in New York City. Your suggestions about other institutional bridgeheads along this axis would be most welcome.

Yours sincerely,



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P.S. Please, at your convenience, let us have a report on the expenditure of the allocation, for the files on the lectureship which are maintained here.

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