Statement on National Science Policy
August 3, 1994

The return from our public investment in fundamental science has been enormous. The principal sponsors and beneficiaries are the American people. Our scientific investments are an important national resource which we must sustain and build on for the future.

NOTE: This statement was included in a White House statement announcing the release of the national science policy report, "Science in the National Interest."

Appointment for the President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology
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The President today announced the membership of a private-sector committee to advise him on major science and technology issues and to help guide Federal investments in science and technology toward national goals. The 18-member President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) is composed of top-level representatives from industry, education and research institutions, and nongovernmental organizations.

"I am very pleased to name these eminent scientists, engineers, business leaders, and educators as some of my key advisers," the President said. "Drawn from a cross-section of America, they will help ensure that our science and technology policies reflect our Nation's needs: health, prosperity based on long-term economic growth and technological investment, national security, environmental responsibility, and improved quality of life."

The appointment of private-sector advisers to the President highlights the administration's goal of fostering public/private partnerships to achieve national science and education goals. "To achieve our goals, we must strengthen partnerships with industry, with State and local governments, and with schools, colleges, and universities across the country," said the President. "My goal for this committee is to help encourage those partnerships."

NOTE: The following persons were appointed to PCAST:

John H. Gibbons, Assistant to the President for Science and Technology (Cochair)
John A. Young (Cochair)
Norman R. Augustine
Francisco J. Ayala
Murray Gell-Mann
David A. Hamburg
John P. Holdren
Diana MacArthur
Shirley M. Malcom
Mario J. Molina
Peter H. Raven
Sally K. Ride
Judith Rodin
Charles A. Sanders
Phillip A. Sharp
David E. Shaw
Charles M. Vest
Virginia V. Weldon
Lilian Shiao-Yen Wu

Biographies of the appointees were made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

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