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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. MICHAEL BALY III

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COMMENTS: ENCLOSES A COPY OF THEIR PRESS RELEASE,
"A NATIONAL ENERGY STRATEGY OFF TO A GOOD
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 12, 1991

Dear Mr. Baly:

The President has asked me to thank you very much for your thoughtful letter and your generous words about last Wednesday's speech.

We greatly appreciate the American Gas Association's support for the Administration's National Energy Strategy. The Strategy is a balanced plan that will provide for a more efficient, less vulnerable, and environmentally sustainable energy future.

Again, thank you for your letter, and best wishes in all your many activities.

Warmest regards,



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March 7, 1991

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The President  
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Dear Mr. President:

Congratulations on a superb speech last evening to the Congress and the Nation. We are all very proud of you and your leadership as Commander-in-Chief. We all pray for peace and a final conclusion to the conflict.

I also extend congratulations upon the announcement of your National Energy Strategy. Our highest compliments to your domestic and economic experts and Secretary Watkins and Deputy Secretary Moore for an excellent review and roadmap of the Nation's energy conditions and where our country should be headed in energy policy. We also appreciate FERC Chairman Martin Allday's leadership in helping expedite needed gas pipeline approval. Thanks to Chairman Allday, we're seeing the biggest gas pipeline construction boom since the 1950s.

I thought you would like to see my bullish statement on your plan (enclosed).

I commend your strong desire to make the country less vulnerable to oil disruptions while addressing environmental and economic concerns. The American Gas Association is prepared to play a key role in helping natural gas provide cleaner air and reduce oil imports from unstable nations. I was pleased you mentioned the NES in your remarks to the Nation last evening.

Please know of our industry's strong support of the NES. We look forward to working with you for enactment of the national energy strategy legislation that was introduced this week, along with your other important domestic priorities.

Respectfully,

*Mike Baly*

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Enclosure

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## A National Energy Strategy "Off To A Good Start," A.G.A.'s Baly Says

Washington, D.C., Feb. 20 -- The National Energy Strategy Act released today is a major step toward an effective and balanced energy policy, according to Michael Baly III, president of the American Gas Association. "President Bush and Congress have the opportunity to chart a course where never again will our country have to rely on unstable oil nations," Baly said.

Baly said that, with a comprehensive national energy strategy, the amount of oil displaced by natural gas could reach 1.7 million barrels per day in 10 years, or more than the amount the United States currently imports from the Middle East.

"A.G.A. applauds President Bush and the administration for developing an energy strategy to attack the gridlock -- the paralysis by analysis -- that has prevented expeditious development of energy projects," Baly said. "This comprehensive National Energy Strategy Act will serve as the starting point for an agreement on the course of our energy future, much like the president's clean air legislation did to address environmental concerns."

Baly also commended Martin Allday, chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, for his leadership in speeding up the approval process for natural gas

pipelines. "This needs to continue," Baly said. "Americans want clean air, they care about oil imports and they want natural gas in their homes. So it is encouraging that one of the goals of the new legislation is to accelerate the progress that Allday has already made."

The national energy strategy bill contains numerous goals that the natural gas industry favors, Baly said. Specifically, he pointed out provisions that would: expedite the approval process for new natural gas pipeline projects and minimize other regulatory reviews; expand the use of clean-fuel fleet vehicles and encourage their production; reform the Public Utility Holding Company Act; and encourage exploration and development of the natural gas resource base in the Outer Continental Shelf and in the Arctic Coastal Plain.

"The goals of the bill coincide with principles that A.G.A. has long endorsed," Baly said, "including a renewed emphasis on energy security, efficiency and conservation, balanced with concern for the environment. Natural gas is the energy that addresses all these concerns simultaneously, so we are pleased that DOE Secretary Watkins, in submitting the National Energy Strategy legislation, specifically recognized the increased use of natural gas as one way to achieve its goals."

Baly said that the A.G.A. Board of Directors and the Government Relations Committee will meet soon to consider the language of the legislation. "Although there are many aspects of the bill that we favor, there will be some provisions that A.G.A. will work with Congress to modify as the legislation progresses toward enactment," he said.