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Dear Win

Thank you very much, for a most useful pile.

I find it a little hard to find a clear course among the political competition of the several proposals for legislative management of the environmental problems, and, frankly am as much worried about the subtleties I just know nothing about in trying to make sense out of the various bills (I think of Jackson, Nelson right off hand). And now there is Nixon's new Council; which may just be an ineffectual stall. Another reason I've been hesitant to speak broadside on the political organization angle is that (1) my information tends to be a week late, and (2) my column has to be mailed a week before publication, so I feel very uneasy about being way out of date.

Is there no way the various proposals can be given some common hearing for decision? *

I am sensitive to the pioneering work that Senator Muskie has done on making pollution a matter of national action, and will do all I can to help see that he gets the credit he deeply deserves for this, already acclaimed service.

* Is there any kind of staff memo (off the record if necessary) summarizing the arguments pro and con the various approaches. I read some Libr. Congr. report last year-- it left me more confused than ever.



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