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STATEMENT RE: SERI DECISION

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I am, of course, disappointed that New England did not secure a contract with ERDA for the Solar Energy Research Institute. However, I am encouraged that ERDA has announced plans to award a study grant to the New England regional organization which was established to compete for SERI. This energy study grant is an outstanding opportunity for New England to move decisively in the direction of energy conservation and independence. New England's SERI proposal was the only regional proposal received by ERDA and I was proud to have been a part of the New England effort. The participants in the New England plan are to be commended for their genuine commitment to the regional undertaking.