

TO: THE SENATOR, RICH, AND MITCH

RE: GAS CRISIS

FR: MARY HELEN

I really think that it would be a good idea for the Senator to do some radio calls before the weekend. Frustrations in Massachusetts will be high both this weekend and next. I am sure that the stations will air Paul during prime listening time.

Nance and I are going to Lowell tomorrow morning but we'll be in the office in the afternoon. I could ask her to call the stations today and set up some time for tomorrow afternoon. However, if we set up the time, it will be important for us to follow through in making the calls. The Senator could even relate his own problems with driving to the Cape this weekend. He should show solidarity with the plight of his constituents at the same time that he urges them toward more conservation. They might feel bad about the gas situation this summer but the winter will be even worse with the shortage and price of home heating oil.

This would be a good prelude before we give the state press conference on the Tsongas energy package.