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ENERGY CONSENSUS QUESTIONS

I. How much?

What do you think the nation's energy growth rate can and should be?
1. _____ % by 1985? 2. _____ % by 2000?

II. What shall we use?

From now to the year 2000 what mix of energy sources should we use?

More Than Now Same As Now Less Than Now

1. Conservation:
2. Domestic oil:
3. Domestic gas:
4. Imported oil:
5. Imported gas:
6. Coal:
7. Nuclear (NWR):
8. Solar:
9. Others:

Beyond the year 2000 to what energy sources do you want the federal government to give priority?

Priority

- Decentralized Systems: Hi Med Low No
10. Conservation
 11. Bioconversion
 12. Geothermal
 13. Solar
 14. Wind
 15. Cogeneration
 16. District heating
 17. Others:

- Centralized Systems:
18. Plutonium breeder
 19. Fusion
 20. Coal-fired electric
 21. Solar electric
 22. Others

III. How?

What policies and regulatory actions should the federal government use to bring about the growth rates and the sources you favor?

Consumers

Business/Industry

1. Federal R & D
2. Tax incentives
3. Tax disincentives
4. Loan guarantees
5. Direct subsidies

- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Undecide</u>
11. Do you favor mandatory federal standards for energy conservation?	---	---	-----
12. Do you favor governmental action to limit imports?	---	---	-----
13. Do you favor deregulation/decontrol of oil and natural gas immediately?	---	---	-----
14. Gradually?	---	---	-----
15. In the event of deregulation do you favor taxing windfall profits?	---	---	-----
16. Do you favor energy stamps or similar specific assistance for low income people?	---	---	-----
17. Do you favor rationing or other allocation measures?	---	---	-----
18. Should federal standards for the protection of the environment be relaxed?	---	---	-----
19. Would you favor timetable for extending compliance?	---	---	-----

IV. Intergovernmental Relations:

What should be the division of responsibilities between federal and state governments in developing and implementing energy policies? How should regional interests be balanced against each other and against the national interest?

The basic purpose of the energy consensus is to reach agreement on:

- a. the optimum mix of energy sources the United States should use;
- b. the energy growth rate targets we deem advisable for 1985 and 2000;
- c. the policies and regulatory actions we think necessary to bring about these (above) objectives.

WHAT LUV HAS DONE IN THE PAST ABOUT ENERGY

1. The 1974 national convention established an Energy Task Force (ETF).
2. During its two years of existence the ETF developed an understanding of the complexities and produced publications and conferences.
3. In May, 1975, through ETF efforts, the national board announced the following position:
 - a. Energy conservation must be a part of any national or state energy policy;
 - b. Public understanding and cooperation are essential to the success of any program of energy conservation; citizens should be involved in the difficult choices that must be made;
 - c. Implementation of energy conservation must:
 - (1) take full account of economic consequences;
 - (2) distribute costs and hardships as fairly as possible without bearing unduly upon the poor;
 - (3) give full consideration to the environment.
 - d. Wise use of energy resources will:
 - (1) buy time to decide on other long-range energy-related policies and programs
 - (2) enable Americans to act as responsible citizens of the world community.