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Comments by Senator Edmund S. Muskie
On President Nixon's statement in connection with his signing
of the Environmental Quality Act (S. 1075), in which the Pre-
sident said he didn't want or need the Office of Environmental
Quality, Title II of S. 7

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The President's statement isn't based on an understanding of the legislative history of the two proposals. It was made clear in both the Senate and House discussions of the Conference Reports on S. 1075 that the Council and the Office of Environmental Quality represented an integrated approach to environmental problems. The Office is designed to provide staff support for the Council. There is no surplus of staff involved. If the Council is to do the substantive job contemplated by the Congress, it will have to have the Office of Environmental Quality.
