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Background for News Conference
12:30 p.m., Friday, June 16, 1972
NCAR Fleischmann Building

Principals:

Dr. H. E. Carter, Chairman of the National Science Board and Coordinator of Interdisciplinary Programs, University of Arizona, Tucson

Dr. H. Guyford Stever, Director, National Science Foundation, Washington, D. C.

Dr. Frederick P. Thieme, President, University of Colorado, Boulder

Dr. Walter Orr Roberts, President, University Corporation for Atmospheric Research (UCAR), Boulder

Occasion:

Annual meeting of the National Science Board, June 15-16, at the Mesa Laboratory of the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR). This meeting is being held in Boulder at the personal invitation of Dr. Thieme, who is a member of the Board.

Background:

The National Science Foundation (NSF), an agency of the Federal Government, has the mission of providing generally for the progress of science in the United States. The National Science Board, the policy-making body of the Foundation, is made up of 24 part-time members and the Director of NSF, who is a member ex officio. Members of the Board are selected for their contributions to the basic sciences, medical science, engineering, agriculture, education, public affairs, and industry.

NSF supports research primarily through grants to colleges and universities. It also supports five national research centers, of which the National Center for Atmospheric Research is one. NCAR is operated under NSF sponsorship by the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research (UCAR), a nonprofit consortium of 37 universities with graduate programs in the atmospheric sciences. The University of Colorado, Colorado State University, and the University of Denver are all members of UCAR.

The National Science Board is required by law to hold one meeting annually in May and holds other meetings at its own discretion. The Boulder meeting is being held in executive session to consider long-range program and planning issues. This is the fourth time that the Board or one of its committees has met at NCAR.

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