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“It appears that DOE is making excuses for its own anticipated failures. NEPA, which I authored, does nothing to prevent the Department from issuing regulations for public comment. If DOE is asking for vigorous oversight to ensure it performs its duties, we will be happy to oblige. I hope this statement is not a sign of continued indifference to the U.S. auto industry on the part of the Bush Administration in its waning days. I would like to work cooperatively with the Administration to see to it that the loans are delivered with all deliberate speed.”

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