Rocky planning science advice scheme

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executive director of the Vice President's Commission on Critical Choices, and formerly commissioner of Environmental Conservation for the State of New York, is considering Rockefeller's tenure as governor.

Diamond confirmed late Wednesday that he had done "some staff work" for Rockefeller, but declined to discuss the nature of the work or the substance of any recommendations contained in his report.

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The Tech that Diamond's recommendations were submitted to Rockefeller, then forwarded to the White House Domestic Council and to the Office of Management and Budget for comment. One source said "everyone thought the proposal was crazy" and one staff member reported characterized the Diamond report as "silly."

A spokesman for Rockefeller said the science advisory question was "under consideration," but he added that he was not certain whether Diamond or Rockefeller aide Oscar Leibhausen, a New York attorney, had submitted a report for consideration by either the Vice President or Ford.

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