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References and Notes

1. Discussions with Doug Armstrong of the Milwaukee *Journal* have caused me to realize that I should have pointed out that all percentages have to be converted to fractions (by dividing by 100 percent) before they can be used in the second equation in my earlier letter. More important, the "improvement" obtained by using the second equation instead of the first is quite small: If $d = 10$ percent, then $i = 1.5$ percent per month (18 percent per year compounded monthly, a rather high rate) and $K = 0.25$ percent per month (3 percent per year compounded monthly, a rather low rate) and Y only increases by a factor of 1.3. Reversing the values of i and k decreases Y by the same factor. The adjustment for the gasoline inflation rate, g , is a rather weak approximation.
2. All percentages must be converted to fractions (by dividing by 100 percent) before use in equations.

Brown's Administrative Philosophy

Luther J. Carter's article "Carter and the environment" (News and Comment, 14 Mar., p. 1190) leaves the impression that I, among others, might not share the judgment of the League of Conservation Voters that, on the issues, California Governor Brown had the strongest record of any of the candidates. On the contrary, I was extensively consulted by the League in developing the material on Brown and believe that those materials fairly represent his record. His administrative weaknesses are explicitly referred to in a number of places. If, as I believe, certain programs have moved ahead more swiftly in Brown's absence, it should not be overlooked that they have been moved ahead by appointees of the Governor's choosing, as part of an explicit philosophy of public administration. Governor Brown's explicit philosophy is to appoint men and women with whom he is in agreement on priorities and values. This contrasts with President Carter's approach when he appointed James Schlesinger to head the Department of Energy and then tried to steer the Secretary down the path of presidential values. On the record, Brown's approach seems to work better for the environment than Carter's.

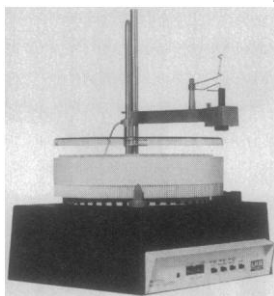
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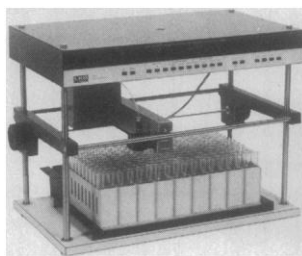
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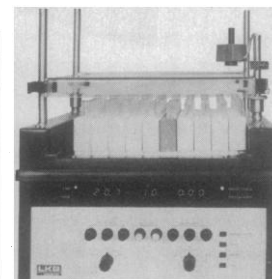
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